

BAGILLT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Comments



Welcome to the sixth Bagillt Community newsletter, this is the second since I was elected Chairman in May 2009. I hope you will enjoy reading the content. In January the Council will decide whether to continue providing the newsletter and would welcome the views of local residents on this issue. The Clerk can be contacted by e-mail on gareth@garethroberts62.entadsLcom In this edition we have articles from Ysgol Merllyn, Bagillt Branch Library, Community Policeman and Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods, as well as information on Condis Community Angling Club, Community Centre, Bagillt Royal Stars, Church Services and preparing yourself for Swine Flu issued by NHS Direct Wales.

Since the last newsletter the summer play schemes have taken place with the financial support of the Council. It has also been decided to mark the 25th anniversary of the inception of the Council in 2010 by way of community awards with the co-operation of Ysgol Glan Aber and Ysgol Merllyn and to revamp the Council website to bring it up to date and make it more user friendly. Christmas lighting is again being provided in the centre of the village with the co-operation of the owners of the premises for which the Council is extremely grateful.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Community Council to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Andrew Griffiths

NHS Direct Wales - Preparing yourself for Swine Flu

Check the symptoms by calling the information line on 0800 1 513 513 or visit www.nhsdirectwales.nhs.uk Stay at home, drink plenty of fluids and take medication such as paracetamol to control fever and pain. If your symptoms are severe or continue to get worse, phone your GP for further advice. For general advice call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47. Do not go to your GP surgery, A&E, or other healthcare premises as you may pass on the infection to other people. Make sure you have normal flu remedies such as paracetamol for adults and children, food and drink, extra supplies of tissues and a supply of regular prescriptions.

This newsletter is distributed free - Community Councillors will be delivering copies to many properties in Bagillt and others will be available at the Branch Library and Post Office at Boot Garage, Bagillt Road.

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Focus on a local organisation - Community Centre, High Street

The centre now has its own Entertainments licence which allows bars throughout the year. Contact Jean Sewell on 01352 730576 or Maureen Jones on 01352 733399 for details or Maureen to make bookings.

There will be a charity concert at the centre on New Years Eve with entertainment by Exit. Contact John Evans on 01352 733768 or Rob Davies on 01352 732189 for more details of tickets. There is a Dog training club held at the centre on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm with beginners from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Contact Jill on 01352 700422 for further details.

Focus on a local organisation - Bagillt Library

Situated at the junction of Sandy Lane and Gadlys Lane, opening hours are Tuesday 2 - 7pm: Thursday 10 am - 1 pm: Friday 2 -5 pm: Saturday 10 am - 12 noon.

The Library Service can provide all kinds of books for your enjoyment and information. Once inside the Library in Bagillt you will be able to find fiction to provide entertainment and a lovely escape from the real world, non-fiction to help with studies and books for hobbies such as gardening and DIY. We have all sorts of books for children ranging from board books for the tiny ones to the latest horror stories for teenagers and also plenty for anyone who may need a large print volume or an audio book. In fact the Library Service will try to find something for everyone and can order things in from other libraries in the Flintshire and Denbighshire area free of charge or put in a countrywide search for a small fee.

The Library Service also offers an online catalogue, accessible from your own home computer, where you can order titles, renew your books and browse the many items available. All the local libraries can order DVDs , videos and CDs for borrowers from the various branches to suit all musical tastes both popular and more specialised items. We also offer a free computer and internet service for public use; there is a just a small charge for any printing you may do.

Contact Ann Partridge on 01352 733167 or call if you have any questions or queries.

Message from the Community Policeman

Well, here we are, near Christmas once more, and before anything further, festive greetings to all. Well, overall, 2009 has been a very good year crime wise with both East and West seeing a significant reduction in crime. Something which has come to light recently however, is the evening influx of youths from neighbouring towns, who to say the least have been causing one or two problems. Extra patrols have been allocated to assist in policing the village over the festive period, which to date seems to be having a profound impact on the number of disorderly incidents which we, as a community have been subjected to.

Everybody is familiar with 999 in cases of emergencies, but for those who are as yet unaware, North Wales Police now has very memorable "non-emergency" telephone number, 101. This puts you in direct contact with the NWP control room. As every year, Christmas will be a time of merriment and festivities, this also means that the police drink drive campaign will soon be in effect, making sure our roads are a safer place for all. So, to all, a Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Chris Byron - Flint Police Station - 07896 172294

Focus on a local organisation - Ysgol Merllyn, Foel Gron, Bagillt

I am reminded of a famous assembly story in which different people meet outside a school building and each in their turn states that it is *their* school, which leaves a child listening at the gate slightly confused. Each person has a part to play in the life of the school in *their own way*. The wide variety of people that walk through our gates, to work, to play, to deliver goods, to repair things, to collect their child, to volunteer, to fund raise and the list could go on... is quite remarkable. Many parents rightly regard the school as theirs, especially if they were indeed pupils themselves.

Think of the life of Bagillt, a busy village with its own character. Now imagine how different it would seem if the school was no longer there. We feel the impact of not having a post office or a shop, factory or garage. A school has an almost unique part to play in the past, present and future of the people of Bagillt and beyond. The children see themselves as the centre of the school and we would all expect that. Whatever work is undertaken here at Merllyn and whatever the events are in the life of our community, I'm certain that we all see the part the school plays in building a future for Bagillt through the lives of our youngsters.

A school is not isolated from the world in which it is placed and each one of us has a part to play in shaping local events. It is for this reason that we welcome the support from other members of our community and remain open to ways in which we can play our part as Ysgol Merllyn Community Primary School.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from all here at the school. We will be holding our Christmas Service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 15th December and Father Christmas will, I'm sure, be popping in sometime before the end of term to deliver presents to the children, kindly provided by the Community Council.

Steve Lewis - Headteacher - Ysgol Merllyn, Bagillt - November 2009

Focus on a local organisation - Condis Community Angling Club Bagillt Foreshore

There is extensive work being undertaken on the foreshore in the vicinity of the old mine at Bettisfield. I would like to point out that due to the work on the footpaths and cycle path, some remedial work has been carried out at Condis pond. We have had a couple of work parties to clean out the excessive weed and reeds and also some cutting of trees. This now enables you to see the true potential of the pond and turn it back to what it used to be like.

We need to secure a permanent water source to ensure adequate supplies at all times, as it is losing water. This will hopefully enable us to introduce people both old and young to angling. I will be letting you know about this in the near future. Until then please make an effort to go down to the cob and see the good work being carried out and enjoy the efforts.

Contact Ray Moyden - 01352 714523

Focus on a local organisation - Bagillt Royal Stars Dancing Troupe

Congratulations to the Bagillt Royal Stars in winning the overall troupe of the year by both the seniors and juniors in the recently held end of season championships. After competing the girls entered a fun talent competition where they came second in their category. Anyone interested in joining or like more information about Bagillt Royal Stars should contact Cheryl on 07943 452849 or Kayley on 07910 743483.

Church Services - Parish of Bagillt

Service times are St. Peter's, Boot End Family Eucharist 9.45 am and St. Mary's Parish Church, Bagillt Sung Eucharist 11.15 am.

Christmas Services are as follows: Sunday 21st December St. Mary's Candlelit Carol Service 6.00 pm: Thursday 24th December Crib Service St. Mary's 4.00 pm a service for all the family: St. Mary's Midnight Mass 11.30 pm: Friday 25th December Christmas Day St. Peter's Family Eucharist 9.45 am: St. Mary's Family Eucharist 11.15 am.

Holywell Communities First

Communities First is a community regeneration project funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and set up in order to improve the physical and social well-being of areas across Wales. Holywell Neighbourhoods covers the following five areas - Boot End (Bagillt), Holway, Greenfield, Strand and Pen y Maes. We have a team of five staff who report to an elected Partnership Board which oversees our work.

Communities First exists to provide local people with opportunities to play an active role in shaping the future of their community. Partnership Board members have included representatives of Bagillt Community Council, Boot End Tenants & Residents and Trem Afon Friendship Club. Currently there are two vacancies on the Board for community members from the Boot End.

Communities First is about supporting communities to find their voices and use their skills and experiences to change, challenge, negotiate, persuade and jointly plan for the benefit of their communities. We can support community groups to access grants of up to £5,000 from the Communities First Trust Fund for local activities and projects (we have helped to bring in over £15,000 to Boot End over the years). The Board can now also apply to the new Communities First Outcomes Fund for larger projects (above £5,000 and up to £250,000).

We work closely with North Wales Police, Flintshire Youth Service, Housing and local community groups to tackle problems of anti-social behaviour and provide young people with constructive opportunities for personal and community development.

For more information contact David McKnight, Co-ordinator on 01352 712483.