

YOUR COUNCIL WISHES ALL RESIDENTS A HAPPY NEW YEAR....



Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Feralllt
Bishopston Community
Council Newsletter
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Traditions in Wales on New Year 2018

First footing – A man with dark-hairs walking into the house is considered lucky. Just before midnight on New Year's Eve, the man leaves the house by the back door and on the stroke of midnight; he knocks on the front door to give silver for wealth, salt for seasoning, bread for sustenance, coal for warmth and a match for kindling.

Never Lend Anything on New Year's Day – Another Welsh tradition to be observed on New Year Eve in Wales.

Mari Lwyd, the Grey Mare – People go to their neighbours' houses and abuse and ridicule them. They are reciprocated in the same way by the host. After the friendly banter is over, the host invites the visitors for drinks and refreshment.

Calennig - small parties of boys would receive the, calennig – small copper coins, as they carry twigs of evergreen plants and cups or jugs of water and use the twigs to splash water at people.

"HEDGE-LAYING AT MURTON GREEN"

Your council is negotiating with the Gower Landscape Partnership (GLP) to have the hedges, bordering Murton Green Road and Northway, laid to improve the quality of the shrubbery. This will help to thicken and stimulate growth. It is intended that the work, if possible, will be undertaken by local contractors. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to undergo training to help keep this craft alive. There will be courses on hedge laying at the Murton Playing fields during the months of February and March alongside other Hedge laying Community programmes. For further information please contact Mr Vince Price Clerk of the Council on 01792 449959.

Short Mat Bowls at Murton Methodist Church Hall.

Tuesdays 2.00pm. to 4.00pm.

Fridays 10.00am to 12 noon.

All welcome for further details please contact,
Dennis Reed on 232153 or Joan John on 23216

Falls Prevention Awareness raising.

Falls are the number one cause of injury and injury-related deaths for older people. Last year more than 4,000 people aged over 75 were admitted to ABMU hospitals after suffering a fall, Swansea Council alongside Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University health Board (AMBU) are raising Falls Prevention awareness in an attempt to try and keep people safe on their feet.

Jeanette Munn Planning Officer Older People

Oldway Centre Swansea Tel: 01792 636057

Community Health Councils are looking for members

Do you have an interest in your local NHS?

Do you have 3-5 days free per month to become a volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers from all walks of life - to help us improve the NHS locally and nationally. If you want to know more about becoming a CHC member please contact:

www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments

02920 825 454

www.communityhealthcouncils.org.uk

02920 235 558

BATS Presents

"ARE YOU BEING SERVED" by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft Directed by Ian Evans

At St Teilo's Church Hall, The Glebe, Bishopston

At 7.30pm on Friday 16th (1st night BOGOF)

Saturday 17th Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th Tickets £6 available from Philippa Webb

On 07805 362546 or email tickets@batsgower.co.uk
COME AND SUPPORT LOCAL LIVE THEATRE

The Swansea Rural Community Voice Project has arrived in Bishopston. The aim of the project is to ensure all residents have the opportunity to have their ideas and opinions heard. This is primarily an online process and we would be grateful if you would visit www.vocaley.es.org to register. This will give you access to a closed group that is only for residents of Bishopston. Here you can rate ideas inputted by other residents and also add your own. The process is completely anonymous and produces a list of priorities for the ward which anyone can act on to make positive changes in our community. In addition to the online process, there are monthly gatherings at The Lamplighter where all are welcome to pop in and have a free cuppa and some cake, chat about the project and find assistance with the online bit if you need it. These "Coffee, Cake & Communicate" meetings are run every first Wednesday of the month at 11am and are a great way to get to know other residents too. Please register today to help us make the differences you want to see in Bishopston.

About Us The Community Council

The Community Council is made up of Bishopston residents (who must be registered voters). Its role is:

- to ascertain, co-ordinate and reflect the views of the community which it represents, to liaise with other community groups within the area, and to fairly express the diversity of opinions and outlooks of the people;
- to express the views of the community to the Local Authority for the area, to public authorities and other organisations;
- to take such action in the interests of the community as appears to it to be desirable and practicable;
- to promote the well-being of the community and to foster a community spirit;
- to be a means whereby the people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, their welfare, their environment, its development and amenity.

The Community Council operates to a defined Constitution and Standing Orders which define our aims and objectives and ways in which our meetings are conducted.

Where and when does the Community Council meet?

Meetings are usually held in the Bishopston Community Hall on the last MONDAY of each month, the meetings starting at 7.30pm and (usually!) finishing by 9.00 pm.

Meetings are *open to any member of the public*, and there is always an opportunity for residents to give their views and to join in the discussions. All councillors must stand for re-election after 4 years. The Community Council operates to a defined Constitution and Standing Orders which define our aims and objectives and ways in which our meetings are conducted
IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH

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Murton, Swansea. SA3 3AG. Tel No. 01792-449959. e-mail :- bishopstoncc@yahoo.co.uk**



Many thanks to the Salvation Army who played Christmas Carols so beautifully, the W.I. who made the delicious mince pies, and all those fine voices who made the evening a special night to remember



Please

- 1) It has been brought to the attention of the Community Council, that Residents have been seen depositing house hold waste (including food waste) into Council litter bins. There have been problems at, Withy Park, The Community Centre, Murton Green and Manselfield Green. The result of this behaviour is rubbish strewn over pavements, roads and grass verges. Foxes, birds, dogs and rats, do not take long to realise that this is a food source, and after they have broken into the bags, and rubbish has been strewn everywhere, someone, then has to clean up the mess. We have a re-cycling policy so please re-cycle your waste as most of us do.
- 2) It has been brought to our attention that people are not complying with past requests about keeping hedges and shrubs etc. trimmed within their boundaries. This can be a nuisance for everyone but especially the disabled and those with sight impairments. Your cooperation would be much appreciated.
- 3) It can be deemed an offence to park a vehicle on the pavement or with two wheels on the pavement and two wheels on the road; it is an offence and an obstruction. Mothers with children and prams, pedestrians, and again the disabled (especially with wheelchairs), will understand this! So please have some thought when parking a vehicle, for people using the pavement, and keep on the road!
- 4) As everyone knows by now, it is an offence to allow your dog to carry out its business in a public place. It is also well known that dog faeces can cause disease in humans and especially children. We can all appreciate how unhygienic it can be if stepped in outside and walked into the house. So please use some common sense and keep our villages as clean and healthy as we can. Your cooperation would be appreciated on all these items.

PLEASE KEEP OUR ENVIRONMENT AS CLEAN, HEALTHY AND SAFE AS WE CAN.

Here's a quick update on the dual use path across the common;

Since our last update GAP (Gower Access Path) team have met Mark Childs, Swansea City Councillor for West Cross and cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing. Mark is a keen supporter of the path and is working with us to find ways to have a council run feasibility study carried out to establish how the path can be delivered. He will be liaising with all of the councillors in the area who support our objectives, including our own councillor Lyndon Jones to complete this study which will as well as telling us whether the path can be provided should let us know how much it will cost. The GAP team are also investigating methods of funding the path, both commercial and social enterprise sourced so that we can make progress as soon as we have these figures. Our petition now stands at approximately 1600 signatures, our intention is to deliver this to the City Council early next year. The GAP team would welcome any support from readers of the newsletter, practical and moral, to help deliver what will be a great asset for our and surrounding communities. In case of any enquiries or offers of help we can be contacted at goweraccesspath@gmail.com.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR LYNDON JONES THE BIG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

As the local Councillor for Bishopston, I'm pleased to announce that this year we had a Christmas tree with over one thousand lights, in Murton Village Green, which is something I'm proud to have been able to deliver for the community. The official light switch-on was at Bishopston Community Centre at 6:30pm on Friday 1st December, where one lucky pupil from Bishopston Primary school officially switched-on the lights to kick off the local festivities. I launched a competition in the Primary School to draw a Christmas tree and the winner switched on the Christmas tree lights. There was also live music provided by the Bishopston Jazz Orchestra, which has been formed by a group of young people who played Christmas carols and music to get everyone in the festive spirit. The Jazz Orchestra is a new initiative for young people to get involved with music and I am delighted to have been able to help them buy equipment to set them off, on what I hope will be a great future and great asset to the local community. I hope you agree.

SOUTH GOWER RUGBY CLUB I was pleased to join South Gower RFC before the Chairman's XV the Club XV, which was a match between past and present youth players South Gower RFC are the biggest junior club in the Ospreys Region, so as the local Councillor, I was delighted to be able to fund their new playing strip for the 2017/18 season from my community fund, because vibrant grass roots Rugby is so important for our national game.

MANY THANKS TO THE CO-OP I was very pleased to join Steven Britten, the co-op manager in Bishopston and representatives from Forest Seedlings, Bishopston Play Association and XL Wales, who received £16,900 split almost equally between them, at a membership celebration at the Co-op in Bishopston Grateful thanks to the Co-op in Bishopston for the great support they give to the local community.

FLOODING ON BISHOPSTON ROAD I am pleased that this problem is being resolved and the work is near completion, because this has been a real headache for local people". Following concerns raised by local residents, I held a meeting on site with members of the highways and drainage team from the City & County of Swansea Council, to discuss flooding in Bishopston Road, Bishopston, which had been a problem for many years, with no action taken I am pleased to say the drains have now been unblocked and cleaned out through to the soakaway in the park and a CCTV camera was then used to identify any further work that was needed, which has now been completed. Additional work on Bishopston Road is now going to be done to improve one gully and put one additional gully in, which will complete the job.

ROAD MARKINGS The white road markings in Mansfield have now been re-painted. This is a road safety issue and was particularly important at the Reigate Lane junction, to stop drivers cutting the corner.

PAVEMENT REPAIR I am pleased that the repair to the pavement on the right hand side of the road as you enter Copley Lodge has been scheduled for repair. This is in a dangerous state.

BLOCKED DRAINS I have asked for work to be done to unblock drains near the bus stop on Bishopstyon Road, on Oldway, opposite the junction with Killfield, on Caswell Road and on Northway, where water runs down onto the junction with Bishopston Road and Church Lane.

THE LANE TO PROVIDENCE! I am pleased to say that Swansea Council have agreed to fill the potholes in Providence Lane, off Bishopston Road. In addition, the hedge has been cut right back in the area behind Eastlands Park on Footpath 8.



City and County of Swansea

Bus-shelter outside No.153 Bishopston Road - end panel installed. Size is restricted by available width of footway.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Considered by your council from September to November 2017:

2017/1664 - Willow Court, Mayals Road, Clyne Common - change of use of part existing building from Care Home (Class C2) to Day Nursery (Class D1)

2017/1808/FUL - 2 Oldway - 2 x storey parts 1x storey rear/side extension, is incorporating garage. Installation of roof-light and side decking.

2017/1945/ADV - land at Brandy Cove - installation of free-standing information panel (Gower Landscape Partnership)

2017/1967/FUL - 1 Woodside Close - part 1x two-storey, part 1x one-storey side and 1x one-storey rear extensions

2017/1987/RES - 8 Oldway - detached dwelling - details of access, etc., pursuant to outline permission

2014/1467 granted 19/2/2015

2017/2141 - "Seacroft" Reigit Lane - 1x one-storey side/rear extension and installation of bi-fold doors to rear elevation.

2017/2160/FUL - 46 Pyle Road - front gable extension, alterations to bay window, fenestration, side lean-to roof and installation of roof lights

2017/2255/TPO - 9 Northlands Park - fell 1x sycamore, 2x horse chestnut trees. Lop 1x sweet chestnut and 6x horse chestnut trees covered by TPO No.68

2017/2263 - 32 Hareslade - 1x one-storey extension and solar panels

2017/2283/TPO - 90 Mansfield Road - lop 1x oak tree covered by TPO No.159

2017/2295/FUL - Broadley Lodge, Clyne Common - 2x storey rear extension, rear/side conservatory and side dormer

2017/2421/FUL - 8 Headland Close - 1x storey rear extension.

SCAMs

The following SCAMs have been reported since the last issue of the "NEWSLETTER".

1 DVLA - TAX REFUND SCAM - 20 NOV 2017

Reports are being taken from members of the public who are receiving texts and telephone calls purporting to be from the DVLA informing them that they are due to receive a rebate. These are SCAMs, and the DVLA is aware.

Do NOT open the link, but delete the text message or e-mail. The DVLA do NOT telephone, send e-mails or text messages with links to web sites requesting confirmation of your personal details.

2 MURKY WORLD OF FACEBOOK RAFFLES - 20 NOV 2017

Be aware! Facebook is being used by scammers who are taking money from unsuspecting people who are purchasing tickets in the belief that money raised is going to charities and other good causes. In many cases this is not so. As many as 10 - 20 sites are being set up DAILY.

See the BBC link at - http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41124992?mc_cid=bdd1075ef4&mc_eid=939697c0b5

3 GOOGLE E-MAIL - 16 NOV 2017

E-mail alleges recipient e-mail address has won "2016 Google Smart Cash Bonanza". Requested to supply details for US \$1,272,000 to be paid into bank account. This is a SCAM! Never pass Bank or personal details over phone, or via e-mail. Information is valuable so make sure you protect it.

4 BT TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS - 11 OCT 2017 & 18 SEP 2017

Residents receiving calls allegedly from BT informing them of a rebate that is due. Various reasons given including, as stated by scammers, there is a problem with recipient's internet service.

Don't type anything into computer, install software, visit any web sites or follow any other instructions unless you are confident that the call is genuine

5 iTUNES - 11 SEP 2017

Scammers involved with iTunes cards. A string of SCAMs over the telephone requesting payments for items such as, taxes, hospital bills, bail money, debt collection and utility bills. It is important to know that iTunes Gift Cards can be used ONLY to purchase goods and services at iTunes Store, App Store, iBooks Store and for iTunes Music Membership. If outside these items, it could be that you are the target of a SCAM! Should you believe this to be the case, you are advised to report it immediately to Action Fraud. (Further details at the end of SCAMs item) For further information and to report possible SCAMs contact:

Ray Foulston, Enforcement Trading Standards Officer, on 01792 635600 or email: ray.foulston@swansea.gov.uk