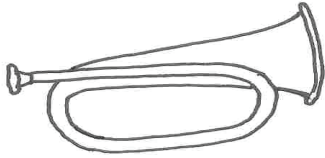


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# Helgorn Taf Bugle



The newsletter for the communities of Llanfallteg, Henllan Amgoed, Cwmfelin Boeth, Hiraeth, Llangan and Rhydywrach.  
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## COMMUNITY ENERGY SURVEY

**Next edition will be published at the end of June 2012. Last date or submission for inclusion is Saturday 16th.**

This edition of the Helgorn Taf Bugle has been sponsored by your Community Council. Sponsors are always welcome and will receive a mention in this space of the front page, together with a photo. Sponsorship of one edition is £50 which goes towards the cost of printing. Compilation and distribution is done by a team of willing volunteers. Contributions are always welcome.



Henllanfallteg Community Association has run over the past year or so a well supported Energy Workshop and Energy Trail.

The Association has received grant funding to run a community wide survey over the next few weeks to find out what the communities approximate energy usage is. Once this information is available it will then be possible to pursue community wide activities/actions to help reduce our energy bills and consumption, both individually and collectively, and also reduce our carbon footprint.

To help gather accurate and useful information a brief questionnaire with guidance will be distributed in the **February** "Helgorn Taf Bugle" to each community property.

### Cardi Bach

It is fifty years ago this September since the last passenger train ran on the Cardi Bach. The History Society and Community Association are planning an exhibition, competitions and a "Shindig" to commemorate the occasion during the last week of Aug and first week of September. Details will be in the June edition. Construction of a "N" gauge working model of Llanfallteg Station has commenced and is planned to remain as a permanent exhibit in The Millennium Hall. Games night children will be constructing their own version over the next few weeks. This years show also has opportunities to support this event with classes with a railway theme. See Dave King for more information.

### COUNTRY CARS SCHEME

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All information provided will be kept in the strictest of confidence and only be used for the purposes of helping to identify ways to reduce our energy bills and also reduce our carbon footprint. Completed forms can be returned in either the prepaid envelope provided with the survey form or on line. Full details are with the guidance letter accompanying the survey form.

It is very important that as many responses as possible are received from the community as we can then be sure that we are acting in line with what you tell us and doing the best things to reduce our energy use and our costs. A summary of the survey's key findings will be in the June "Helgorn Taf Bugle" newsletter.

### CLUB PAGE

If you have a local club or group or team with news of interest, please pass this to the editors in good time for the next edition.

**BOWLS**—Members of the short mat bowls club enjoyed a visit from their friends at Clynderwen in December. The return match is on 15th February

**CRAFT**—The group continues to thrive on Wednesday afternoons.

**MORRIS DANCERS**—Heb Enw meets on Wednesday evenings in The Millennium Hall and visitors are always welcome.

**DANCE GROUP** 'Jive Llanfallteg', or more accurately 'Dance Llanfallteg', is a small club that practises most types of 'partner dancing' in The Millennium Hall once a week, from Argentine Tango through all Ballrooms & most Latins to 1940's Jive. If you haven't partner danced before but are interested in learning, while we can't instruct (we are still learning), we can demonstrate a few steps to give you a flavour and suggest instructors in the area. If you have danced before, then the evening is an opportunity to practise and brush up on steps as well as catch up on the very varied and lively dance scene in this area. We try to meet at 19:30 on a Tuesday but work often gets in the way so please ring Andy beforehand on 01437 563151 or email [a.ryder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:a.ryder@hotmail.co.uk) for our next practice.

**FRIDAY CLUB** Children from a wide area enjoy their evenings in the hall. Extra helpers always welcome.

**CHURCH** The Saturday Church Group is now part of "The Living Church of God" which has its international headquarters in North Carolina. It now meets in Llanfallteg Millennium Hall on the first Saturday of each month.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS**

The Community Council has been quietly ticking along. Following Gideon's resignation as reported in the last edition, and no other candidate putting their name forward, Wendy Heron rejoined the Community Council as a co-opted member. Business of the Council has been sparse, with few planning issues and a noticeable drop in circulars from both CCC and The Assembly, no doubt reflecting the restraints on spending.

The Community Council this year has raised the precept compared with last, as there are no reserves left in the kitty to support the minimum expenditure that has been agreed.

**SUNFLOWERS**

The free sunflower competition is again being run by Josie Thomas and Beth Hermitage. There will be cash prizes for the tallest flower and the biggest flower and judging will take place around mid September. BUT you must let them know before then if you want to enter.

**FETE AND SHOW**

Enclosed with this newsletter is the schedule for the 2012 Show to be held on 21st July. Classes reflect the two big national events of the year – the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games as well as our more local event – the fiftieth anniversary in September of the Cardi Bach. By the way there will be a children's fancy dress competition to start the Fete plus an adult's patriotic headgear event. Further details in the June newsletter

**Volunteers Wanted  
of All Ages**

**YOUR FETE NEEDS  
YOU!**

If you can help make the 2011 village Fete as successful as 2010  
**Call John Cooper on 01437 563938 for a chat**

We would also welcome your ideas for new stalls and events.

**Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Following on from last years Royal Wedding BBQ in the park the 'Village Committees' would like to invite everyone to come along and enjoy the Village's celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Whether you are a royalist or not we have put together 3 different events to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to join in the celebrations.

The theme of the weekend is about bringing the local community together.

Apart from a small ticket fee to cover the costs of the entertainment on the Saturday evening the Village Committees are funding the three events.

Each Child under 18 years old residing in Henllanfallteg Community will receive a commemorative Jubilee Mug to remember the celebration. Mugs will also be available for purchase by anyone who fancies one.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1950's Themed Evening**

The Village Hall will go back in time to the 1950's

Come along and 'do the Twist' or 'jitterbug'. Learn to jive.

Put on your poodle skirts & bobbie socks. Slick back that hair like Elvis!

Hula Hoop your way over to the soda parlour or tuck into the tasty refreshments of the 1950's

This event will incur a small entry fee.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Children's Tea Party**

All children under 18 years old and residing in the Community Area are invited to come along and receive their Diamond Jubilee Mug. The afternoon will include an afternoon tea party followed by old fashioned games.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June BBQ & Fireworks in the Park**

Free BBQ just bring yourselves, a plate of food to share and your favourite tippie.

Entertainment to include Boules competition, music & hopefully plenty of laughter before the evening ends with a Firework display at nightfall.

Anyone wishing to help in with any of the three events please contact:

Karen Fisher on 01994 241050 or email [davidand-karen.fisher@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:davidand-karen.fisher@mypostoffice.co.uk)  
 or Sylvia Powell on 01437 563605

**MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD**

The trustees have applied for The Playing Field to be designated as one of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Playing Fields. This would ensure that the field was safeguarded for the local community for all time. Part of the Jubilee celebrations are likely to include having a special plaque placed in the field. Chris and Audrey from the "West End" will be leaving us soon, so many thanks to you both for your help and generous support in recent years to the Park and Hall.

**Llanfallteg Meat Draw**

Lamb or Beef or Gammon all from local producers. Home made cake for the second ticket drawn.

Proceeds to Llanfallteg Memorial Playing Field Funds

Held alternate weeks. Tickets on sale during the week before see Mike or Silvia, Swallow Cottage.

Would you be prepared to sponsor a future edition of the Helgorn Taf Bugle?  
 Please contact the editors.

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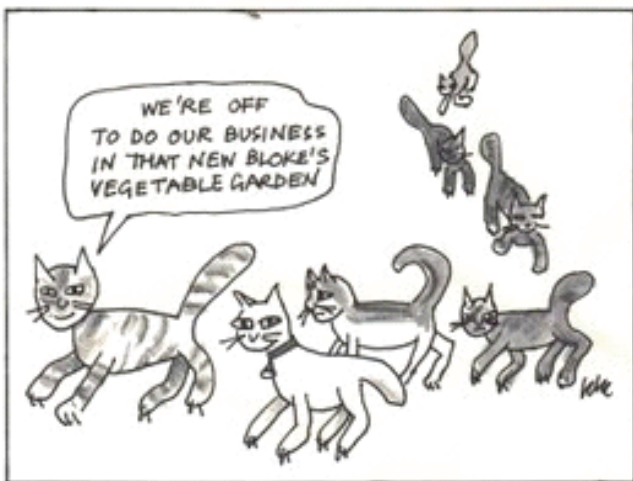


### RACE NIGHT

A very successful race night was held on 19th November and £396 was raised for Community Association funds. Special thanks go to the race sponsors, Josie Thomas and her family for organising the tote and Dennis Crowton the MC

### Remembrance Day

A small crowd gathered on a very wet Remembrance Day back in November but there were a few more present on a sunny Remembrance Sunday. A two minute silence was observed on both occasions.



### MAY ELECTIONS

This is a special year when we get the chance to exercise our democratic rights and vote for local councillors. The date is Thursday 3rd May and the polling booths in The Millennium Hall are open from 7a.m. to 10p.m. Sue Allen is our County Councillor. She tells us that she intends to stand for another term and thinks there could be several candidates on the ballot paper. Sue has served our community well over the last four years and built up a good relationship with our community councillors.

The terms of office of our seven community councillors also come to an end in May and anybody who lives in the parish of Henllanfallteg or within three miles of it is eligible to stand. In the past people have been very reluctant to come forward and in fact there hasn't been an election with crosses being put on ballot papers within living memory. Normally less than the required number put their names forward and they automatically become councillors without anybody voting for them. They then co-opt some people from within the community area to make up the numbers. This is not an ideal situation and not how democracy should work. Let's hope that this year at least eight brave people put their names forward and we have a proper election.

If you would like to take on the role of a Community Councillor, please contact the Clerk, Ella Beattie. e-mail [henllanfallteg.cc@btinternet.com], Bwthyn yr Afon Llanfallteg Whitland SA34 0UN Tel 01437 563149

### Community Website

The site has had a significant boost recently to bring it up to date. The task is ongoing, but do drop in and see what's new now and again.  
Web site <http://www.llanfallteg.org/>

### The Splash news!

.Happy New Year Everyone & we hope Santa bought you everything you asked for!

Well, we finished 2011 with a flurry of activity starting with Guy Fawkes Night. This has been getting progressively more popular since we started in 2007 and this year saw almost 130 people attend the display and with the vast majority back at The Splash after we realised we need a bigger pub for this year!! We are aiming for a much bigger, brighter & longer display this year, so mark it in your diaries now!

The Christmas period always throws up the opportunity for some fun events and this year was no exception and kicking off was the Christmas Quiz. 10 rounds of Festive Brain-testing with the "Boys & Girls" coming out on top, well done to them. Then came Carol Night with the superb Piano skills of Mr. Reg Mathias who has now given up trying to tune our Piano (there's only so much Guinness you can pour into a Piano before it starts to get grumpy!), a great turn out with Derrick, Jim and Eddie giving it some, Choir-style, towards the end of the evening made for a splendid night. Next up was the Turkey Shoot, a chance for budding "Phil Taylor's" and the like to save on buying a Turkey for Christmas Day by throwing some Darts! We had contestants from as far a field as Narberth and Whitland (!!) turn up this year to add to the throng of keen eyed arrow chuckers and whilst our congratulations go to Alan Harries for taking home the Turkey, the game of the evening has to go to an "amazing" performance by Haydn which resulted in the first round exit of Neil Jolly, a very accomplished Darts Player in the Narberth League, well done Haydn, where did that Double 14 come from?!?! Then Christmas arrived. Christmas Eve saw the Draw for the Hamper (which we ended up re-drawing in a Free Raffle on New Years Eve due to no-one claiming it) and much Mince Pie munching and then Christmas Day attracted a great crowd full of festive happiness and by 2 o'clock full of festive happiness & beer!

New Years Eve was a great night with great people, food, The Hamper Draw (again!) Congratulations to The Young family for being the first ticket out and Karaoke. A bit of a slow start on the Karaoke but once it's going...it's going! Champagne at midnight said goodbye to 2011 and a warm hello to 2012.

We hope to see you all in the New Year and wish you all the very best for 2012,

Cheers , Steve & Christie

### Forthcoming Events:

#### Quiz Night:

Tuesdays 8pm, Every Fortnight  
Now starting it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year and still remains as popular, with prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, £1 per person and free food at half time.  
Dates: ; February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>;  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Spring Beer Festival:

May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Beers & Ciders,  
Bouncy Castle BBQ,  
Entertainment.

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## CHILDREN IN NEED

On November 11th Games Night had a fund-raising event to raise money for Children in Need. The children organised stalls with games and sweets and cakes for sale, and sold tea and coffee to the parents. Sylvia Powell very kindly joined us and donated all the money from her Meat Draw to the appeal. She had worked very hard to get lots of raffle prizes and lots of people left the hall with good prizes. The event raised £388.83. Thank you everyone. Josie Thomas



## Future Community Events

Thursday May 3rd  
Thursday 17th May 2012 at 19.00  
Date in May to be decided  
Saturday 2nd June

Sunday 3rd, June  
Tuesday 5th June

Saturday 21st July  
Saturday August 25th to Monday September 10th  
Saturday September 8th

Elections for Community and County Councillors  
Community Association AGM  
Community Council annual meeting  
50s theme dance in The Millennium Hall. Catering to be in line with 50s..  
Tickets to be priced to be cost neutral.  
Children's event on the Park with party and presentation of Mugs or similar  
BBQ Boules on the park, supported by donations for the tables and bring your own drinks. Fireworks at sundown in place of a beacon.  
Queens Jubilee plaque unveiling at the Memorial Playing Field  
Fete and Show  
Cardi Bach 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of closure Exhibition in The Millennium Hall  
Cardi Bach closure "Shindig"

## Community Association News

A fire risk assessment was commissioned on The Millennium Hall by the Association to meet the requirements of the County Council and Hall license. No issues were identified, other than a requirement to keep records of all inspections and tests carried out in the future.

There has been slow progress on obtaining notice board about the Vortipor Stone. The County Council have promised funding for the design and manufacture, but progress is "laboured"! The front page of this issue carries information about the energy survey. This is part of a wider project being undertaken by The Association and Community Council to investigate and better the living standards for the residents of Henllanfallteg, by reducing the consumption and costs for the energy that is used, be it at home, on the farm or for home workers. The survey is the first step and the Association are very hopeful that they will be able to make a positive impact for everyone in our community.



## Llanfallteg Weather this past quarter.

When I last reported back in September it was looking like a drier than average year. As I'm sure you will all remember, the rains came in November and December, with a result that at the year end we were only 10 mm down on the 20 year average for this area. Back in June we were about 300 mm behind the average, after a very dry period right through from January until early May.

The up side of course was it was no where near as cold as the previous winter; on only five occasions was a frost recorded up to the end of 2011. Indeed it has only been in the past few days that a severe frost has been encountered at minus 6 for one night only. There has been no snow recorded and part from a couple of very blustery days very few gales. What will 2012 bring I wonder?



## VILLAGE TRIP

**Where shall we go this year?**

**Please let us have your ideas  
before the end of March so  
the arrangements can be  
made!!!**

## FRUIT TREES

As mentioned in a previous edition of the Helgorn Taf Bugle, sponsors have provided 4 fruit and nut trees. On a wet and very sticky day the sponsors all came along and helped planting out the trees which are part of the Transition scheme to bring about community sustainability. The fruit from these trees is for everyone to use and enjoy, with the aim of increasing local resilience. Liz O'Neil is shown planting a hazel tree outside The Millennium Hall.

