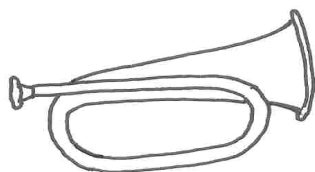


June 2009

Helgorn Taf Bugle



This edition of Helgorn Taf Bugle has been sponsored by your Community Association. Henllanfallteg Community Association is a charity with responsibility for working for the benefit of everybody in our area. Its objects include providing facilities for recreation and leisure-time and it is, of course, responsible for running the Millennium Hall. Amongst many other things it oversees the production of this Newsletter and hosts the village web site; it combines with the Park Association to run the annual Fete; and it organises the annual village trip. Our community has every reason to be grateful for the work done by the Association and its voluntary trustees.



*The newsletter for the communities of Llanfallteg, Henllan Amgoed, Cwmfelin Boeth, Hiraeth, Llangan and Rhydywrach.
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Produced by Henllanfallteg Community Association.

Future Events

Put these in your Diaries NOW!

Village Walks - August BH Monday—others ad hoc as weather and interest allows. Details on the Millennium Hall Notice Board nearer the time. Leader DK

Armed Forces Day—Flag raising at The Millennium Hall on Monday June 22nd at 10.00, and lowering on Saturday 27th at 21.00.

Open Gardens and Scarecrow judging Sunday July 5th

Fete and Duck race Saturday July 18th

Village trip – Cardiff Sunday August 9th (See separate entry for details)

Quiz night Millennium Hall Saturday September 19th at 19.00. Cash prizes.

Next edition will be published at the end of September 2009. Last date for submission for inclusion is Sat 19th .

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.

PLASH DARTS

The pub team finished a respectable sixth in the Narberth Darts B League after their 18 match winter season. Shirley Duxberry was third lady in the league with 8 wins from 17. Matthew Freeman came 2nd in the Masters League with 12 wins out of 18.

BOWLS

The short mat bowls club are enjoying a summer break after a enjoyable series of Monday evening sessions. The bowlers lost a recent friendly by 3 games to 1 on the very tricky floor at Clunderwen. Opening night of the new season will be 7th September when new members of any ability will be very welcome (bowls provided).

CRAFT GROUP

The group meets in the Millennium Hall on Wednesday afternoons. Members practice their own particular craft skills in a friendly supportive atmosphere.

HEB ENW

The Morris Dance group that meets on a Tuesday evening in the Millennium Hall is going from strength to strength. As well as playing at our Fete on 18th July the group has bookings at Haverfordwest and Simpsons Cross on 20th June; Two Rivers Festival, Chepstow 3rd to 5th July; Goodwick Lions 25th July; Templeton 8th August; and the Narberth Festival 5th December.

FRIDAY CLUB

The club for young people meets at the Hall every Friday evening in term time. Full use is made of the Park at this time of year for organised games. New members and helpers are always welcome.

Cheap rail travel.....yes really!

You usually get discounts on rail travel if you are under 25 or over 60. So what about all of us in the middle?

Well, yes there is a rail card for you too. Residents of any age in Pembrokeshire and the fortunate few who live in the SA34 post code area of Whitland and Llanfallteg area are able to buy the superb Pembrokeshire railcard for the princely sum of £5 per year. The railcard will give you 30% off all rail journeys west of Swansea.

This means that a day return with a Pembrokeshire railcard from Clunderwen to Haverfordwest is currently only £3.05 whilst a day return from Whitland to Carmarthen is only £3.10. Bargain. You can also use it to cover part of the cost of rail travel to other eastern destinations such as Bridgend or Cardiff. A day return to Cardiff using the railcard will set you back only £14.70 at peak travel time. Trains run hourly from Whitland eastwards and are direct to Carmarthen, Swansea, Cardiff and Manchester. Car parking is usually available in Whitland. The poor reputation that the train service has had in the past is not really deserved now as punctuality and journey times have certainly improved.

The Pembrokeshire railcard can be bought from Dai at Haverfordwest station office. (For those who remember Ivor the Engine, yes there really is a Dai Station!). Take along a two passport photos, proof of ID and a utility bill to show your postcode. Save cash and reduce your carbon footprint...try the train.



Village Walks

There have been 3 walks since the last edition of the Helgorn Taf.

Easter Monday produced 7 eager walkers who set off up the hill to Mount Pleasant, (where the Gnomes used to live). A sharp right brought us down the hill and behind Lan. A fine display of primroses along the lane led us back to the house, and eventually the road and home.

Early May only brought out three walkers on a wet and drizzly day. However the weather did not spoil the walk to Glanrhyd and Castle Dwyran, and the day was brightened by a cheery lass out walking her dogs who gave us directions around a completely overgrown section at the rear of the courthouse. Thanks Ruth.

Late spring holiday Monday we had ten plus a dog. Away to Penyralt on a very clear day, then to Penclippin Hill, around Henllan Amgoed, down to Mount Pleasant, and again down to Lan and home. An exceptionally clear day where the Milford refinery stacks seemed to be but a mile away. Next walk August—but watch out on the new swing-board outside the Hall for ad hoc evening walks now the long days are with us. DK



MILLENNIUM HALL NEWS

LOGO No entries were received from young people for the Hall logo competition so it has been decided to use the one above which was done by one of the trustees.

SINGALONG The Mama Mia Evening in March proved very popular and £67 was raised for Hall funds.

WINDOWS £3000 has recently been spent replacing some of them.

DECORATION Outside painting should be starting soon.

MIKE CHANT Gave a concert on Good Friday. There was only a handful in the Hall, but dozens cursed they missed this superb entertainer on the Didgeridoo after hearing his later performance at The Plash. The Trustees are planning to get him to come again.

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS As we go to press The Hall is one of thousands all over Europe being used for selection our next Euro MPs

Llanfallteg History Society

Since the last edition of the Helgorn Taf, "the book" was finally finished and a very successful launch evening held in The Millennium Hall. More than 90 people attended, and to date over 300 books have been sold.

Nearly 30 have been donated to local schools and libraries. Copies available at £10 each at the Post Office, Plash, society members and elsewhere.

Future activities

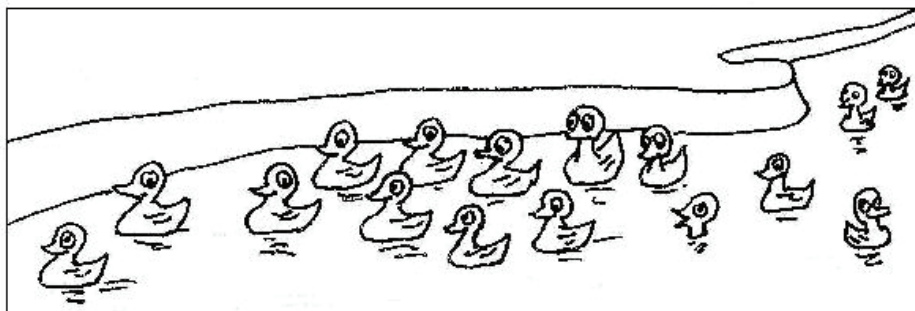
Day trip Tuesday 16th to Foel Drygarn and the axe factory or If the weather is inclement Scolton Manor Museum and gardens.

Wednesday afternoon 15th July Cresselly House

Non members and new members welcome
For further information contact any member
Tel 01437 563342

FETE, SHOW & DUCK RACE

We've had duck races in the past but we've never had a duck race on fete day before. It's going to be an exciting climax to the afternoon. Ducks will be launched from the footbridge at 4.30 and the finish will be in the shallows opposite the archery ground on Tony and Lyn's lawn. The ducks will be on sale after 22nd June at £1 each and there should be some left to buy on fete afternoon.



There are many new classes at the Show this year and the up-to-date schedule is included with this newsletter. The team of judges is looking forward to seeing what you do in the new Calligraphy class where you provide the first verse of Cwm Rhondda in your best writing, and the new Wood Special class where they're waiting to see what you can make from one pallet (pallets still available from the Hall). On the children's side there's been a late entry to the schedule where you're asked to build a small boat that will be judged in the hall and then will be taken to the river and raced over the duck race course. There's also a chance in the Art classes for you to have your drawing on the cover of next year's fete programme.

On the Fete field all your favourite activities will be there again with archery competition, water slide, bouncy castle, dunking stool etc. You will be able watch our local Morris dancers or bid for the fantastic prizes on offer in the silent auction. Last year you showed how much you appreciated the cream teas on offer as well as the burgers and hotdogs from the BBQ.

Each year many of you are kind enough to give us things we can sell on the stalls, like bottles, plants, cakes, and books. This year there will be a "Cash in the Attic" stall where we can sell those treasures you know you'll never use again, to somebody who will really love them. We would also be very grateful any draw prizes and items for the silent auction in the afternoon and the special auction held in The Plash in the evening.

The fete organisers thank you once again for the support you give on this special day in the year. The proceeds will be divided between the children's play area and the hall. The hall has big maintenance bills this year and the play area trustees are looking to providing an assault course and aerial runway.

Will Penybont

On Friday 15th of May a charity night was held at the Millennium Hall in memory of Willie Reynolds (Will Penybont). Music was provided by Sherri & Steel, The Plash provided the bar and Bethesda Farm Meats "apparently" served up some delicious pork rolls (not that I managed to sample one personally since a very enthusiastic cleaner upper threw mine in the bin !!! thanks Myrddin.)

The Evening was very well attended, and a grand total of £875 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to the hall committee for providing the Hall, and for all the help we received from our neighbours which helped make the evening such a success.

Sherri Naylor.

Henllanfallteg Community Council—Chairman's report 2008-09

The Council year began with the May 2008 County and Community Council elections. It was a tentative start as only four residents put their names forward for membership, below the total of seven seats that were available. This ruled out the need for any hard fought election campaigns and automatic Council membership was granted. Myrddin Pynn was welcomed as new member joining Clive Mortlock, Dave King and me.

Thankfully Eve Edwards and Penny Jones were co-opted onto the Council shortly after the 'elections' bringing us up to a more healthy six members and avoiding the need for the County Council to put us into receivership. Ella Beattie has continued in the essential role of Clerk to the Council.

The County Council elections also brought in change with a new County Councillor, Sue Allen.

Having pretty much a full compliment of members in place we were able to move on to business.

The most time consuming activity this year has been trying to make progress on a mains sewerage scheme for Llanfallteg village. Following our failure to meet the criteria for a first time sewerage scheme, we decided to take an alternative approach. The Drainage Committee had several meetings with the County Council, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's consulting engineers and our Assembly Member, Angela Burns to pursue the matter. They successfully culminated with a recent offer from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to carry out an engineering study to propose design options and costs for a scheme. This is an achievement and a positive step forward in finding a solution to the drainage problems here.

We have had mixed success with traffic calming measures in the community. Having secured match funding from the County Council for the work, green road marking was put down at Llanfallteg village boundaries. The colour was poor and the horse and rider signs agreed for other parts of the community failed to materialise. We have been in discussions with the County Council to rectify the signage problems and enhance the village boundaries with better road markings.

The County Council is currently preparing the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Carmarthenshire. We recognise the important opportunities that we have to contribute to this process and to have our say on both community and county scale development issues. With this in mind Councillors have contributed to LDP sessions with the County Council and met to consider the options for local development in the community. The main strategy is to be published by CCC in the summer. We look forward to seeing it.

Other council business during the year has included Code of Conduct training, representation at Community Network Forums, responding to consultations on health, fire and rescue, policing, town and country planning, ongoing work with CCC to improve our footpaths and bridleways and of course the deliberations to set the annual precept.

County engineers have given us the option to turn off our street lights (all seven of them) between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. to save money. Lighting costs are one of the major components of the precept. A decision on this will be made shortly. In the meantime we have been able to reduce the precept anyway now that the majority of costs for traffic calming have been covered.

During the next year we need to carry on the momentum on working towards a drainage solution for Llanfallteg. We have the LDP to consider for the whole of Henllanfallteg and the traffic calming work to draw to a close.

I am particularly pleased with the open-minded, positive and constructive contributions that the members have made to Community Council business throughout the year, for which I thank them. This includes the time they give, on an entirely voluntary basis, for meetings and training. I am also grateful for the support we have received from Sue Allen who has certainly flown the flag for Henllanfallteg at County level.

Our biggest challenge remains to engage residents interest more, particularly those outside Llanfallteg village, and increase their awareness of the role of local government and how it can benefit the community. I would be keen for residents to know more of what we do and encourage them attend a meeting to see for themselves. In fact we still have one vacancy on the Council if anyone is interested.....

G Carpenter

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SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

How tall is your sunflower? Don't forget we are once again giving out cash prizes for both the tallest sunflower in the area and the one with the biggest flower. There's no charge for entering - all you have to do is let Josie Thomas know where your sunflower is so that she can come and measure it in early September

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

The first Armed Forces Day will be held on 27th June 2009, and is an opportunity for the nation to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces currently serving troops to Service families, and from veterans to recruits.

Across the county people are getting involved: communities are holding local events, businesses are showing their support through promotional offers. To kick off the proceedings, our Community Association is holding a flag-raising ceremony at 1030 on Monday 22nd June outside the Millennium Hall. There will be a short address at 10.00 inside.



The flag will fly all week and be lowered on Saturday 27th June at 21.00 to the "last post" Please come along.

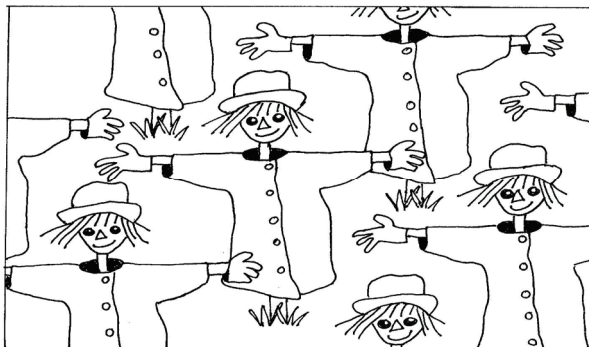
OPEN GARDENS

We've already had seven kind volunteers who are prepared to open their gardens to the public on Sunday 5th July and more might come forward. This is always a very popular event and visitors come from far and wide. Tickets and maps will be available from the Millennium Hall from 1.30 onwards. Cost is £2.50. Cream teas will be available at Meander in the heart of the village. Don't forget to look out for scarecrows as you go from garden to garden.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

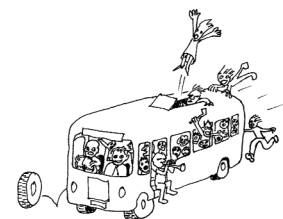
Is this going to be the start of something big? Something that will really put Llanfallteg on the map. We want everybody who gets this newsletter to make a scarecrow and put it by their gate, or in their hedge, or by their house; in fact anywhere where it can be seen from the road. We hope to start seeing the scarecrows on July 1st and then by Sunday July 5th when people come to our area to see the open gardens they'll also have the fun of seeing hundreds of scarecrows in all sorts of places. If you live in an isolated spot off the beaten track you may prefer to put your scarecrow in either The Plash beer garden or in the Millennium Hall side garden.

If you're proud of your scarecrow we're sure you'll want to enter our competition. Anybody who wants to do so should complete the tear-off slip in this newsletter and send it with their £1 entry fee to Christine Young at Compton House, Llanfallteg by Wednesday July 1st. Scarecrows at The Plash or The Hall will need a label. On the day of the open gardens the judges will be touring the area looking for the best scarecrow the owners of which will get a £10 prize.



**VILLAGE TRIP
9th August**

For the free village coach trip this year the Community Association have booked Cardiff for our day out. The coach will leave the Millennium Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday August 9th and families will be able to choose to spend all day or part of the day at such places as St Fagans Museum of Welsh Life, Techniquet Interactive Discovery Centre or National Museum of Wales or any of the other fascinating venues around Cardiff or the City centre. Bus will do a shuttle around the venues so you can fit in at least two of them. Bus will leave around 5.00 p.m. from St Fagans to come home.



To book seats on the coach for all your family we ask you to pay a £5 deposit at the fete which you get back on the day. The offer of a free day out is extended to all families who receive this newsletter.

Entry charges are not included. St Fagans is free. Techniquet charges, and the National Museum of Wales is also free, but there is a charge for the guided tour at 14.30 "Early Welsh life".

TO CHRISTINE YOUNG, COMPTON HOUSE, LLANFALLTEG

I ENCLOSE £1 ENTRY FEE FOR THE SCARECROW COMPETITION

MY SCARECROW IS AT MY PROPERTY, THE PLASH, THE HALL (please tick)

MY NAME.....ADDRESS.....

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