

# Rushlight

*Your village Community Newsletter*

*January 2020*

## The New Dyfi Bridge

Plans have been backed to replace the 200-year-old Dyfi Bridge. The £46m Dyfi bridge project on the A487, north of Machynlleth, will improve transport links, according to the Welsh Government.

Expected to be completed by summer 2022, the controversial project includes the building of a viaduct across a wider floodplain as well as a river bridge. The planned work will also include traffic calming and improved drainage north of the 19th Century bridge to protect existing cottages, with a path for cyclists and walkers.

Transport Minister Ken Skates said the A487 was a key route, linking Gwynedd, Powys, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire, and improvements would benefit the economy and tourism. "It is clear to me that action needs to be taken to improve this section of the A487 so that there is a safe and reliable route linking the communities around Machynlleth," he said.

## Aberdyfi Public meeting

**Thursday February 13th, 6.30pm - Neuadd Dyfi**

Previous public meetings have been both stimulating and productive and our next one represents an opportunity to have your say, share ideas for the community's future, and engage further with your Community Council.

Topics for discussion include:

- The Wharf redevelopment project
- The Village storage unit
- Refurbished village welcome signs
- Playground Lottery application
- Affordable Housing update
- Osprey tree sculpture project
- Village website
- Community Council Clerk position
- Picnic Island bridge
- and anything else you may wish to discuss.

## Clerk Vacancy

We thought we had found a candidate for the position of Clerk to Aberdyfi Community Council, but they withdrew their application at the last minute. Neil decided to stand down from his official position last year and the Community Council consequently is still on the lookout for a suitable replacement. The role is demanding and of significant responsibility, both from a community and also day to day management point of view, but can ultimately prove very fulfilling. Interested? Give Neil a call on 01654 767816 for an informal chat.

## AA&I Secretary/Treasurer Vacancy

The Aberdovey Advertising and Improvements Committee is still looking for a new Secretary/Treasurer. After serving the community at large for many years as Clerk and more recently as Secretary/Treasurer of AA&I, Avril Richards is standing down and her last meeting will be the May AGM. This is an important post and if you interested in finding out more, e-mail Avril on [aandmrichards@btinternet.com](mailto:aandmrichards@btinternet.com).

## Councillor Vacancies

Following Bryn Lloyd's retirement from Council in the Autumn and Cllr Mike Richards decision to stand down as he feels that he will be unable to attend sufficient council meetings this year, as he and Linda intend to travel extensively over the summer, your Community Council is looking possibly to co-opt replacements. We are keen to hear from any of you who might consider joining the Council and ask that interested parties contact the Clerk for more details regarding how the process works.

Call Neil Storkey on 01654 767816 for an informal chat, or e-mail him at [aberdyficcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:aberdyficcouncil@btconnect.com).

# Aberdyfi Diary

Dates and information

## Food Festival 2020

We can confirm that once again the village can look forward to one of its prized events, the annual Food Festival on Saturday 15th August, now under the stewardship of Rhian Cooper and Eirlys Stoddard. More details to follow and Rhian and Eirlys will keep us all up to date via Facebook and our new community website which is not far from launch.

## Community Lunches

The Neuadd Dyfi Community Lunches are taking place on the 2nd Friday of each month until Easter. This is definitely not an "old folks" do! Everyone from the community is welcome. Bring your own wine if you wish. This is an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends once a month during the long winter months. No need to book - just come along! The lunches are organised by Aberdyfi Churches and Chapels. Any profits go into the local community. We look forward to seeing friends old and new.

## Keep giving Blood – Save a Life in 2020

The mobile blood transfusion service wishes to thank over 50 donors who gave blood this January at the Neuadd Dyfi. Make a difference, book your appointment now on 0800 252266 or go online at [www.welsh-blood.org.uk](http://www.welsh-blood.org.uk)

Do something amazing - give blood and save a life.

**Wednesday 27th May — 2.00pm to 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 23rd September— 2.00pm to 7.30pm**

## Village Map

The annual village brochure, in its current format, has been shelved for 2020 and a fresh initiative is underway. In the meantime the Village Map is being refreshed and updated for 2020 and will be distributed throughout the village during February. The new village website will further fulfil village communication requirements.

## Have your say CYNLLUN ERYRI

### National Park Partnership Plan for the future of Snowdonia 2020-2025

Open for comment from 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

[www.eryri.llyw.cymru/cynlluneryri](http://www.eryri.llyw.cymru/cynlluneryri) or visit your local library to read a paper copy.

## It's Pantomime Season!

This year's pantomime at the Neuadd Dyfi is Hansel & Gretel and will be performed on:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm and 7.30pm**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm and 7.30pm**

Enquiries please call 07415 437625 or email [tickets@aberdyfipanto.co.uk](mailto:tickets@aberdyfipanto.co.uk). Adults £10 / Under 12s £5

Aberdyfi Players Proudly Present an original Pantomime script by Alan P. Ryan

## Hansel & Gretel

At Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi

Saturday 1st Feb @ 2pm & 7.30pm  
Sunday 2nd Feb @ 2pm  
Friday 7th Feb @ 7.30pm  
Saturday 8th Feb @ 2pm & 7.30pm

Ticket Prices: Adults £10 Under 12s £5

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Online ticket sales: [Aberdyfipanto.co.uk](http://Aberdyfipanto.co.uk)  
Tickets also available online at your local library where they will be happy to help

If you would like to advertise any Aberdyfi fundraising activities, coffee mornings, concerts, etc. please contact the Clerk to the Community Council on 01654 767816 or e-mail [aberdyficcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:aberdyficcouncil@btconnect.com)

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