

Rushlight

Your village Community Newsletter

October/November 2019

Cllr Bryn Lloyd Stands Down from ACC

After serving three terms on Aberdyfi Community Council, and twice as Chair, a long term friend and enthusiastic supporter of the Village, Bryn Lloyd, is standing down from Aberdyfi Community Council, wishing to devote more time to his family.

Bryn's energy and total commitment has been, and will always be, recognised as a model of how an individual can make a difference, as a Councillor, to the well-being and prosperity of a community.

His dedication, energy and enthusiasm have been uplifting, something which all those who have worked with Bryn can testify.

We wish you, Jan, and family all the very best, you can be very proud of what you have been able to achieve over the years.

Neuadd Dyfi Car Park and Playing Field Leases

It is seven years since negotiations were finalised for the community to take over the Neuadd Dyfi car park and the school playing field. They are both now playing their part in village life. The playing field plays host to the annual Food festival and the pay & display car park has raised over £25,000 since we took it over to help fund village projects. However, obtaining the appropriate leases, endowing the community with legal ownership, have taken somewhat longer to sort out. Time to celebrate, we now have the leases and confirmation that we finally have legal ownership.

Welcome Signs

The eagle-eyed have noticed that the Aberdyfi welcome signs have disappeared. Worry not—they are in the process of being restored to their former glory and it is hoped that they will be in place for Christmas.

New Website for Aberdyfi Community Council

The new Aberdyfi Community Council website, under development, and a legal obligation under Government regulations, is looking good and will do credit to the community. It reflects the character of the village and fingers crossed, it is planned to be ready for launch by Christmas.

AA&I Secretary/Treasurer Vacancy

The Aberdovey Advertising and Improvements Committee will shortly have a vacancy 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 next year.

Full details of the vacancy will appear in next month's Rushlight but in the meantime, if the post is something in which you may be interested, e-mail Avril on aandmrichards@btinternet.com.

Wolverhampton Aberdyfi Bike Ride

The Wolverhampton to Aberdyfi Bike Ride in June proved a great success again, with 700 riders taking part, and with the money still flowing in, Bob Nickless has been able to confirm that to date £152,424.09 has been banked for charitable causes. And there is still more to come. Aberdyfi can be proud to be part of such a successful and worthwhile event.

Remembrance Service Sunday 10th November

The parade will gather in The Square by 10.50am, to assemble around the Memorial just before 11.00am, followed by The Service of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths.

Please do come along and attend if you are able to. A big 'THANK YOU' to Brian Mole who, after over 25 years, has retired from arranging the sound system for this Service. His past input has contributed so much in making this such a special Village Service of Remembrance.

I am very grateful to Terry Loftus & Colin Grainger for agreeing to take over this very important role. Poppy collection boxes are located throughout the Village and your support would be very much appreciated. David Richardson - British Legion Poppy Organiser

Community Lunches

The Neuadd Dyfi Community Lunches will take 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 (except at Christmas) so just come along! The lunches are organised by Aberdyfi Churches and Chapels. Any profits go into the local community. Look forward to seeing friends old and new this winter.

Give Blood - Save a Life

The mobile blood transfusion service is back in the village for the winter, to be held as usual in the Neuadd Dyfi. Make a difference, book your appointment now on 0800 252266 or go online at www.welsh-blood.org.uk

Do something amazing - give blood and save a life.

Wednesday 15 January 2020 2.00pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 May 2020 2.00pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 23 September 2020 2.00pm to 7.30pm

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MRS PEACHUM'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MARRIAGE

Saturday 16th November



Following *A Spanish Hour's* sell-out tour, Mid Wales Opera's Small Stages team romps back onto stage with a radical reworking of John Gay's 1728 ballad opera *The Beggar's Opera*. Join Mrs Peachum, her daughter Polly and The Beggar in their bawdy, ballsy take on relationships and the relative virtues of virginity.

Horried to learn of Polly's illicit marriage to an errant highwayman, Mrs P contrives to get the rascal hanged so Polly can claim the reward. Loyalty and love are put to the test as murder, rage and fury drive this rumbustious tragicomedy towards its conclusion. Will things really be left so unhappily and will Polly remain true to her man and abandon her mother to the lure of London Gin?

MWO are delighted to premiere this new one act opera, adapted by Richard Studer, in a new musical version by Jonathan Lyness, accompanied by MWO's SmallStages Ensemble and starring Northern Irish mezzo Carolyn Dobbin as Mrs Peachum and Welsh soprano Alys Mererid Roberts as her feckless daughter.

With melodies both familiar and new, from *Lillibolero* to *Greensleeves*, our trio of characters may live in the gutter but musically they are looking to the stars... After the interval, join the team for a medley of delights exploring love and marriage in all its forms.

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