

December 2021

New Year Fireworks Cancelled

The Aberdyfi Advertising & Improvements Committee had planned a bigger than ever fireworks display on new year's eve but sadly, new covid restrictions placed on outdoor gatherings prevent it being held. Instead of cancelling the show completely, we have postponed it for now and hope to schedule it when allowed and at a suitable event next year.

Brian Kelly, Chair of AA&I Committee

Advent Windows

At the time of writing, 24 local households in Aberdyfi have revealed their Advent Windows. Aberdyfi Advent Windows 2021 has proven to be as creative and popular as our inaugural year last year.

A wonderful way to count down the days to Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has so willingly taken part, bringing light, joy and fellowship to our village.

We look forward to what 2022 Advent Windows will bring.

Happy New Year to you all
The Advent Windows team

Village planting

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have very kindly helped plant out both the Summer & Winter Bedding in tubs located throughout the Village.

Our willing band of volunteers have been allocated specific tubs to nurture and water throughout the Summer - a valiant undertaking producing a spectacular show well into October.

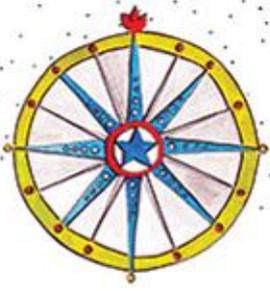
The Church Bay Group: Diana Osborne, Keith & Margaret MacGregor Bowen, Libby Andrews, John & Megan Reynolds, Mark & Kate Bygott and David Garner.

The Wharf: Alun Stedman and Doris O'Keefe
The Fire Station: Sandra Prescott
Opposite the Post Office: Gareth & Gaenor Pugh
Copperhill Street: Bob & Kath Hall
Balkan Hill: Judy Bloxidge, Kim Astley & Abby Waldock
The Church: Eluned Fowles and David & Kathy Rynn
Cliffside: Stephen & Vicky Davies
Penhelyg Park: Lizzie Dinsdale and all around Penhelyg by us!

Best wishes to you all.
David & Gay Richardson

Happy New Year!





Aberdyfi Community Projects

The recent Community Needs Survey has been a wonderful insight into the needs and aspirations of Aberdyfi people. If you would like to read the report, please go to the Community Council website or pick up a physical copy from the Neuadd Dyfi. Two of the main issues that arose in the survey were those of housing and the need for business premises in which to create year-round, well-paid incomes.

Penrhos Garage and Post Office has been on the market for a number of years, it is an integral part of village life, providing many services that are so important to any community. Aside from the existing businesses there are also offices, workshops and living accommodation. To date the only offers on the property have been from developers wishing to demolish it and build housing. These have been turned down as the current owner does not want the community to lose one of its most important amenities. Therefore, a plan has been put together by members of the Community Needs Survey group to bring the property in to community ownership, thus safeguarding the future of the existing businesses and accommodation but also, with some re-development, create spaces for new businesses to thrive.

A not-for-profit organisation has been created called Aberdyfi Community Projects and with the guidance of the Wales Co-operative Centre (nothing to do with the supermarket chain) we are in talks with the Welsh Government, Gwynedd Council and Snowdonia National Park to see how funding can be raised to purchase the property.

Another project highlighted in the Community Needs Survey was the importance of developing and improving our community hall. The Neuadd Dyfi committee are exploring some big ideas for the hall which include over-cladding the main hall roof, additional insulation and increasing our green energy production with integrated photovoltaic cells and exploring the possibility making the main hall more flexible by flattening the floor and installing a retractable seating system.

If you would like to know more about any of these projects or get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch via: mail@neuadddyfi.org

Tyfu Dyfi - Nature Food and Wellbeing Project

Would you like to be more sustainable in growing and eating your own local food, supporting nature and that the act of achieving these, benefits your health? The Tyfu Dyfi project (*growing Dyfi*) in the Dyfi Biosphere area between Llanymawddwy and Aberystwyth and Carno and Tywyn wants to find those who are seeking ways to achieve this.

This year-and-a-half long project hopes to support growing food for residents and creating long-term roots for a local and sustainable food system for the future. We are looking for existing or new sites in your community for growing food.

The growing season is on the horizon and as the Communication officer for the project I would like to reach out to communities and growers to consider if they have suitable sites of interest in their community to be part of the Tyfu Dyfi scheme.

A community and site can receive financial support, training and experts to start the process. More information is available on our website at <https://www.dyfibiosphere.wales/tyfudyfi> and a form to provide details and expressions of interest is also available.

If you are a farmer, landowner or commercial grower we will soon be making another call for expressions of interest for larger sites. Look out for a publication or contact me in the meantime. Arfon Hughes Ecodyfi, Y Plas Machynlleth SY208ER or arfon@ecodyfi.cymru / 01654 703965.

Useful contacts

Tywyn Health Centre: 03000 843 200. Community Connector service: Bethan Roberts 01341 424 572
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