

Colwinston News & Views

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St. Michael's Church

Services in May

- 5th May
- 18th May

All services start at 9.15am.

Everyone is Welcome

The Soup Lunch held at Pam Haines's house on the 1st May was very successful. The diners were treated to the delights of carrot and ginger soup and a hearty minestrone soup and delicious chunks of bread, followed by home made chocolate biscuits, Welsh cakes and Pam's famous shortbread. There was lots of opportunity for catching up with old and new friends. Thank you from the Church Team for supporting this event. The sum of £236.50 was raised through donations and book sales this will be paid into the Church Restoration Fund.



Diary Dates to note

6th July is Fete Day the church team will be running the book stall. Anyone who has books they would like to donate to the stall, Pam and Liz are collecting. Please drop them off at Old School House or 4 Beech Park.

13th July a spectacular choir from Stratford upon Avon called "Tarantara " will be putting on a concert in Colwinston Village Hall. This is the 3rd time they have visited and all money raised will go towards St. Michael's Church Restoration Fund. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

31st August Colwinston Craft and Produce Show the schedules will be out soon. Liz Stone needs helpers

to run this event. If you are available, please contact her on 01656 669089. More details will be forth coming but start planting the beans and tomatoes. Also pop a few pumpkin seeds in, who can grow the heaviest one?

The Church Team send their best wishes to All.

The Colwinston & Llysworney Hive

The inaugural meeting of Colwinston & Llysworney Hive was a fashion evening with Samantha B of Ewenny, held on Monday 8th April. Attended by 80 people it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with our lovely models, Sharon, Linda, Karen, Deb, Cherry and Carol modelling a total of 36 different outfits.



Colwinston & Llysworney Hive is now fully set up and an interesting year of talks, and events is now in place. Membership forms are available for everyone wishing to become a member, if you have not received a form, they will be available at the next meeting or contact Myf for an emailed copy. myf.edwards@gmail.com.

As well as our monthly meetings we have a walking group that walks every Monday, one week 'a stroll' and the next more challenging. We have enjoyed some great walks around some of our lovely Vale villages this past month and particularly all the beautiful churches.



Our next meeting is Monday 13th May at 7.00 pm at Colwinston Village Hall, when we are having a games and social evening with wine and nibbles. A fun evening of getting to know each other. Everyone welcome, look forward to seeing you all there.



Community Council

The Community Council

This year the Council celebrates 50 years of existence since its establishment as a successor to the Parish Council in 1974. As some may have seen, the Local Government Democracy and Boundary Commission have changed their draft proposal to keep Colwinston and Llangan Councils separate but have bowed to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's desire to reduce the numbers of Community Councils and it is likely that we will be merged in 2026. It means that the council tax raised from residents in Colwinston will then go into a larger pot covering the two areas and there is no guarantee that the money will be spent within Colwinston.

The Vale Council cites the lack of elections in our area as one of the main reasons why. (What they **omit to say** is when an election is held the costs are passed on to the Community Council which is a sizeable bill.)

It is quite disappointing to learn that the 7 elected members for Colwinston will be reduced to **3 members** in the proposed new Council of 7 representatives. Even more disappointing when the Welsh Government have decided this week to **increase their numbers by 33 members**. It appears that we are living in a time of wrong priorities!!

A separate note will be circulated to everyone soon, as we have until the 15th May to make individual protests concerning the merger of the community councils. Please email your opposition to the address on our leaflet copying in our Senedd Members.

Old Ford Project

Congratulations to the Group who have a successful bid for money from the Stronger Communities Grant. Well done all!!

Dog Fouling

There are on-going concerns about dog fouling in and around the village. The Community Council will be running a campaign of awareness shortly and a leaflet will be circulated to everyone.

Facebook

The Council now have a new Facebook page. This is being managed by Cllr Rachel Cronin. We will be updating everyone in the village about important events in addition to the Village Newsletter. This is the new page:

- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557385656152>)

Little Hill

The Council have made arrangements for a contractor to rebuild the steps on the Hill using some non slip concrete kerbs to improve the safety on the steps. A hand rail will be installed at the same time. We will let everyone know when the work is to continue so that you can avoid this path.

Did you know?

Many local businesses prefer customers to pay in **CASH** as it is cheaper for them compared with the charges the Banks make for card transactions. Please remember this and try to use cash rather than allow the Banks to make even larger profits for greatly reduced services locally. The last Bank in Cowbridge (HSBC) closes its doors early in August. We must fight back!!

St. David's CiW Primary School Newsletter

It's been a busy few weeks at St. David's, and we have plenty of exciting updates and upcoming events to share with you. Let's dive right in!

Celebrating Our Achievements

First and foremost, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our talented students who participated in the First Lego League STEM Competition on March 8th in Swansea. They showcased their skills and worked tirelessly, competing against students from across South West Wales, including those from comprehensive schools. Their dedication and efforts are truly commendable. We're also incredibly proud of our Year 5 dancers, who delivered an outstanding performance of 'Best

Foot Forward' at the Barry Memorial Hall on Tuesday, April 23rd. A massive thank you to Miss Marla Ellis for her exceptional choreography and guidance, as well as to Miss Lewis, Mrs. Baker, and the staff who supported our talented dancers throughout the process.

Our school choir members also deserve a round of applause for their remarkable performance alongside the Ogmere Vale Male Voice Choir on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Village Hall in Colwinston. Their confidence and talent shone through, and we're grateful to Mrs. Stone for organising this wonderful event and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Potter for getting the choir ready to perform. Mrs. Stone has sent this through to share with the school and the community;

“Thank you to the members of St. David's School Choir who were able to support the recent concert to raise funds for St. Michael's Church Restoration Fund. The children sang independently and with The Ogmere Valley Male Voice Choir.

Patrick Sheppard, an ex pupil of St. David's school, played for the children however Mrs. Jones's good training gave the children confidence and without a practice before hand, to sing Calon Lan with the Male Voice Choir. This was met with a big applause from a sellout audience. Experiences like these do not come very often, the children were a credit to their school.

I have since spoken to the choir secretary who told me how much the male voice choir members had enjoyed their visit and look forward to further collaboration concerts in the future.

Thank you to Mr. Sinnett and parents for their support with this event. The £1425 raised will go into a Restoration Fund to repair the Church tower roof and provide better heating so that the whole Community can benefit.” Liz Stone

School Updates

I must bring to your attention the current situation regarding our Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, we have been without a breakfast club supervisor for the past term and a half, resulting in the children not receiving their breakfast. Despite advertising both internally and externally, we have not been successful in finding a replacement. If you know of

anyone who would be interested in taking on this role, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The hours would be from 7.45am until 9am.

We kindly request your cooperation in avoiding the use of the school car park at the end of the day, unless you have received prior approval from myself or the main office. This measure is in place to prevent accidents and ensure the safe movement of school buses.

Furthermore, we appreciate your support in maintaining an 'unofficial' one-way system when dropping off and picking up your children. By driving in a one-way system through the village (passing the school on your left), we can help alleviate traffic congestion and ensure a smoother flow during these busy times.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can create an environment where our students can thrive and reach their full potential.

Warm regards,
Marc Sinnett Headteacher

GRANT SUCCESS FOR OLD FORD PROJECT

We are delighted that our application has been successful and the Strong Communities Grant Fund has awarded a grant to the Old Ford Project. This means that further work can go ahead straightaway particularly in the meadowland and wetland areas on the right-hand side of the road leaving the village. We will be able to provide more seating, improve the paths and construct a bridge over the stream to make the whole area more accessible to villagers. Please keep an eye out for the improvements and if you have any spare time on a Sunday morning, lend a hand. We will keep you updated.

Pamela Haines

Charlie's Shop & Café Colwinstone



Charlie's Shop and Cafe

Opp. Mae's yr Bryn Colwinstone

For daily provisions, Cooked food and beverages,
on/off Licenced premises

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Have you booked your tickets yet for the Cabaret Night On Saturday 7th September?? You can reserve your table for £50.00 ten people per table. Table price to include a fantastic Ploughman supper. Contact Julie Lloyd to reserve your table. Plus of course to make the night work we need you to show off your skills, and grace the stage for a mere few minutes. Come on grab your 15 minutes of Fame....



The next Oil delivery will be from **1st August 2024**

Suppliers

- Emma Hall Designs: Give your wedding the designer touch! Chair covers, centrepieces, candy bars, stationery & favours, handmade jewellery & tiaras. 01656 750706
www.emmahalldesigns.co.uk
- Ty Tanglwyst Dairy: They deliver 3 times a week and provide milk, butter; 01656 745656 or through their Facebook page
- Cowbridge Farmers Market: Every Saturday morning 9.00am till 1.00pm providing a wide range of locally produced fresh fayre
www.valefarmersmarket.com
- Ewenny Village Shop: Wide range of groceries, papers, magazines and freshly prepared takeaways. 01656 719655 or through the Facebook page

GEMMA GRIFFITHS PHOTOGRAPHY

OUTDOOR SCHOOL PORTRAITS - 18th May, in my garden at (Windlesham House)
10 mins | Includes 2 images | £30

MINI HEADSHOT SHOOTS - 7th June - Tramshed Tech in Barry
20 mins | Includes 2 images | £99

BOOKING LINKS FOR BOTH EVENTS ON MY INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK PAGES.

PLEASE NOTE, I HAVE LOST ACCESS TO MY BUSINESS FACEBOOK PAGE AND ALTHOUGH IT'S STILL THERE, I'VE HAD TO CREATE A NEW ONE. I CANNOT SEE ANY MESSAGES TO THE OLD PAGE, SO PLEASE RESEND IF YOU'VE TRIED TO CONTACT ME.

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GEMMA GRIFFITHS
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Colwinston Cinema

The Holdovers 15 133 minutes



Saturday 18th May 2024

Colwinston Village Hall

Doors & Bar 7.30pm for 8pm start

Pay on door: £5 (under 18s £4) Cash or Contactless

In this good-natured comedy drama, set in the 1970s, an unpopular teacher, a rebellious student, and a recently-bereaved school cook form an unexpected bond while stuck together over the Christmas break.

Nominated for 5 Oscars and 7 BAFTAs - if you missed it in the cinemas don't miss it this time!

"brilliant Paul Giamatti hits the happy/sad sweet spot" The Guardian

Audience Guidance: strong language, brief nudity

Colwinston Cinema now has an improved sound system. Come along and let us know what you think.

Colwinston Village Community Website

(www.colwinston.info)

Our web address is at www.colwinston.info and the site is well designed by Robin Moore.

Please send us photos of any recent Village events for inclusion.

If you have any news, views and other photographs, then please email them to me at:

colwinston.web@hotmail.co.uk

Terry Morgan 655493

Colwinston Youth Club

It's been a busy few weeks at youth club with many of our activities moving outdoors and several new members joining us.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers have now completed their volunteering hours. Three have moved on to other activities but we're really pleased that the remainder have stayed with us for a bit longer. They really are a great help to us.

As well as our Friday nights we're busy planning trips and activities for Whit and Summer Holidays and, of course, our stall at the Fete. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details or pick up a leaflet in the club.

Conway

Colwinston Petanque Club Update

I know it doesn't feel like it at the moment but....Summer is around the corner and we plan to have some fun up on the piste when it does, eventually, arrive! 🙌

Weekly club sessions from 20th May, turn up and play - **Tuesdays** between 6-7:30pm, **Thursdays** 2-4pm and **Sundays** 6:30-8pm. Hopefully, most will be able to turn up to at least one of these sessions. We will monitor the popularity of sessions and modify as necessary.

Monthly Melee, end of month club get-together random pairs competition. Will be on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon (depending on weather and availability of members). Bring drinks (hot/cold, beer, wine) and snacks for a more social event. I will look to organise the first Melee for the 25/26 of May.

CPC Summer Pairs Comp #2 - As last year, I will run a pairs knock out competition for the Byron Davies Dragon trophy with a plate competition for first round losers. This will run from the **1st of July**. Look out for my email in the next month for entries for this **prestigious trophy!**

CPC Singles Competition - This will be a new competition, for another **prestigious trophy**, to find the club singles champion(s) for 2024. This will run from **1st of June**.

Martin has very kindly agreed to organise this competition, the format for which has not yet been decided (M, F or mixed) so look out for an email from Martin soon with details. In the meantime, WhatsApp the group for games and get some practice in ready for some fun and competition over the summer.

Questions, comments always welcome,
See you on the piste,

Brett

07780993196

Colwinston Philosophical Society

The eighth and final meeting of our 2023-24 season will be at 8.00 pm on Wednesday May 15th in the Sycamore Tree Inn.

Megan Vaughan, Professor of African History and Health at University College, London, will be speaking on

Gut resistance: How Malawian villagers managed the demands of colonialism

All welcome. No membership or any other fee.
Many thanks to Mark Hall. Enjoy a good dinner in the Sycamore before the meeting.

Enquiries to andrewmaclehose@hotmail.com

Colwinston Fete 2024 - Fete Programme

This year's Fete is taking place on Saturday 6th July preceded by a number of Fete Week events. To support the fund-raising plans of the Fee, each year we produce a programme in which local businesses advertise support of the Village Hall Committee's activities. We are always looking for more advertisers so if you represent a business that would like to support the Committee's fund raising, please contact me for advertising rates on

alan@thetlc.co.uk

Sycamore Tree

Remember every Thursday is Steak Night! That's 2 x 10oz Rump steaks and a bottle of house wine for £42.95.

Our next quiz night is Sunday 12th May at 7pm - All money raised will be donated to St. Johns Ambulance who were a massive help when my Dad had his fall.

We will also be showing all the Euro 2024 football games in our bar area from Friday 14th June.

We will be closed Wednesday 29th May and reopening 5pm Wednesday 5th June

We look forward to seeing you all.

Team Sycamore



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Looking for a new challenge? Meet new people? Gain new skills?

Can you spare a few hours a week?

Our shop volunteers are helping us beat cancer right now!

At Cancer Research UK Cowbridge you too could make a real difference to what we can achieve.

Nothing we do would be possible without amazing volunteers.

Volunteering is open to everyone and no experience is required. we'd love to hear from you!

Please Contact Amanda or Cindy 01446772084 or apply online at www.cruk.org

