

**Summer  
Events  
Spectacular**

Full details inside

## New Leader Announced

**Cllr David Poole, the long-standing ward member for Pengam and former Deputy Leader of the Council, has been elected as the new Leader of the authority.**

The appointment was announced at the recent Annual Meeting of Council and follows May's local election result which saw Labour retain control of the council with a total of 50 seats. Plaid Cymru took 18 seats and the Independents have 5 seats.

The selection of a new Leader was required due to the sad passing of the former Leader of Council, Cllr Keith Reynolds.

Cllr David Poole said, "I am honoured and humbled to be elected as the Leader of the Council and I would like to acknowledge and

build upon the outstanding legacy that was created by my friend and colleague Cllr Keith Reynolds."

**"We are in a good position to navigate through these turbulent economic times thanks to the effective way this council has been run ..."**

"I'm also pleased to have the support of a capable team of dedicated Cabinet Members and together we will deliver a clear vision for the authority over the next five years."

"Caerphilly, like all other local authorities in Wales, faces a number of significant challenges, but we are in a good position to navigate through these turbulent economic times thanks to the effective way this council has been run to date."

"I have a number of key aspirations for the future and we will now focus our efforts on protecting frontline services, protecting jobs and building better communities for our residents across the area," he added.



**Cllr David Poole,**  
Leader of the Council

# Carers' Week 2017

Caerphilly is celebrating Carers Week this week (w/c 12th June) by holding a series of **FREE events and activities** for carers throughout the county borough to take part in.

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, as well as highlighting the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to their families and communities across the UK.

**Events will be taking place across Caerphilly county borough:**

## Monday 12th June 2017

The team will be in local supermarkets promoting support for carers and hopefully meeting with carers we don't yet know.

## Tuesday 13th June 2017, 10am – 2pm

Relaunch of carers' emergency card, plus information, advice and assistance for carers at **Shappelles, New Cottage, The Boot, Maesycwmmmer, CF82 7PR**. Food, refreshments and pampering provided.

## Wednesday 14th June 2017

In the morning, the team will be in **North Resource Centre, Rhymney** promoting support for carers and hopefully meeting with carers we don't yet know.

## Wednesday 14th June 2017, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Afternoon tea at **The New Forge, Oakdale, NP12 0LG**. Please contact us to book a place, as spaces are limited.

Please contact us on **07808 779367** or email: [carers@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:carers@caerphilly.gov.uk) or to let us know if you are coming along and for further information about the event.

[www.caerphilly.gov.uk/carers](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/carers)



## FREE eDigital Services

**Did you know that you can access your local library from the comfort of your own home, by using our eDigital Services?**

Caerphilly's Library Service currently has over **24,500** eBooks, **284** eZines (magazines) and over **4,000** eAudiobooks for residents to choose from - and they can all be accessed for **FREE**. These can all be downloaded for free to a laptop, tablet, e-Reader or Smartphone.

**How? It's simple.** All you need is your Library Smartcard and PIN number. If you need help accessing the services or getting online, visit your local library and speak to a member of staff or alternatively get in touch with the team by emailing: [libraries@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@caerphilly.gov.uk)

**For more information about services offered by Caerphilly's Library Service, please visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/libraries)**



## Objectives Published

**The council has recently published its Wellbeing Objectives for the forthcoming year.**

Every year, the council agrees a set of Wellbeing Objectives, which are priorities to help to the council improve lives and communities across the area.

**The objectives are:**

- To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts.
- To improve outcomes for all learners, with a particular focus on those vulnerable to underachievement.
- To promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.
- To take steps to reduce the council's carbon footprint and inform and assist others within the borough to do the same.
- To take steps to ensure the physical standard and condition of our housing stock be improved and maintained to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS), helping to improve the quality of life for the people who live in those homes.

Council Leader Cllr David Poole said, "Having these objectives does not stop us from carrying out and trying to improve the many things we already do, but they are helpful to prioritise areas that will improve our residents' quality of life in a sustainable way. We'll review these objectives later on in the year to make sure they remain current and are what our communities want."

**Details of the council's Wellbeing Objectives are available on the council's website [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) and hard copies are available from council office receptions and libraries.**

## Air quality - Have your say

**Residents are invited to contribute their views to a consultation about air quality in Hafodyrnys.**

Air quality monitoring in Hafodyrnys began in 2009, and following a detailed assessment of air quality, part of Hafodyrnys Road was designated as an 'Air Quality Management Area' in November 2013 after higher than normal levels of nitrogen dioxide (a traffic related pollutant) were present in the area.

The council, with its partners, and taking into account feedback gained so far from local residents, has developed a draft Air Quality Action Plan which contains some key ideas and outline proposals aimed at reducing levels of nitrogen dioxide within the area. Residents are being encouraged to give their views on the contents of this important document.

Cllr Eluned Stenner said, "With the support of the local community and our partners, we remain fully committed to doing all we can to help improve the air quality situation, and I'd encourage our residents to contribute their views on the contents of this draft action plan taking part in this consultation."

**We can all do our bit to help reduce pollution and help improve air quality. Some simple tips include:**

- Avoid using a car for short journeys where possible.
- Avoid revving the car engine unnecessarily.
- Avoid allowing the car to idle where possible, only start the engine when ready to move off.
- Why not give public transport a go?
- Avoid burning materials of any kind.

A copy of the draft 'Air Quality Action Plan' and details of how residents can have their say can be found at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) The closing date is 31st August 2017.

**For further information, or to request a hard copy of the consultation, please call **01443 811346** or email: [godfrm@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:godfrm@caerphilly.gov.uk)**

# School facilities for the future

## It's full steam ahead for a number of ambitious school development projects across Caerphilly county borough.

The coming weeks will see pupils and teachers move into their brand new £25.5 million Islwyn High School. The impressive three storey building, creatively designed by the council's Building Consultancy Team, is to become the permanent home for pupils of the former Pontllanfraith and Oakdale Comprehensive Schools.

Contractors Wilmott Dixon handed the keys to the brand new school development over to Headteacher Tim Williams recently, with pupil ambassadors having been at the forefront of the building process, visiting the site regularly to update their peers on the progress.



Islwyn High School

Pupil Ambassador Daniel Greenway said, "It's fantastic to see the building finished. We have been really lucky coming to see it at different stages and it was hard to imagine how it would look but it has all come together. I think all of the pupils will like the design."

The school has impressive features such as modern teaching spaces, state of the art technology workshops, science labs and IT suites spread across three floors. The outdoor space boasts a 3G pitch and multi-use games area, as well as outdoor learning spaces and an amphitheatre.

Headteacher Tim Williams said, "To say we are excited to reach this stage is an understatement. We have been gearing up to merge the schools and move for a long time. I have been to the site so many times, so I feel like I know the layout inside out; however I feel it will truly become a school when all of our pupils arrive. The teaching spaces and outdoor facilities are first class, and it will be a pleasure to see them in use."

Works also continue at quite a pace on the construction of a state-of-the-art replacement primary school in the Upper Rhymney Valley. The £8 million development, which is being funded jointly by the council and Welsh Government through its 21st Century Schools and



■ Ian Jones of Wilmott Dixon (right) handing over the keys to Headteacher Tim Williams.

Education Programme, will provide pupils from Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary Schools with a modern facility which is expected to open in January 2018.

Contractor Wilmott Dixon is progressing work on the development site, which is located next to Rhymney Comprehensive School. The single storey development will consist of a primary school, a nursery and a Flying Start unit. The school will also benefit from an external grassed area for infants and junior with play equipment, a gravelled zone including a planting area for a garden club and an amphitheatre for outdoor teaching and events.

The school will also boast an 'Integrated Children's Centre' offering childcare provision. This is expected to support Flying Start part time places, as well as deliver 'wraparound' and after-school provision for working parents and to help support economically inactive parents to return to work.



Rhymney school development

Blackwood Comprehensive School is also currently working with the council on a two-year improvement project, funded by 21st Century Schools. This exciting project will see vast improvements made to the school buildings and facilities in order to provide pupils and teachers with a fit for purpose environment for teaching and learning.

Over the length of the project, six science labs will be refurbished, as will

the schools main hall with a new roof and windows replacing the original metal ones. Also on the cards is the renewal of the windows, doors and roof of the gym and changing areas.

Investing in 21st century technology will also be a key element of the project, with an ICT group having already been convened to work to embed digital competency within the school, ensuring pupils are digitally literate, not only for the present but for the future too.

Another area which will see a major overhaul will be the kitchen/dining areas - currently the school has two dining areas, which seat approximately 250 pupils. Plans are being drawn up to join the two rooms, providing much needed space.

Cllr Philippa Marsden commented, "We continue to deliver significant investment in school projects, which will be of huge benefit to our pupils and teachers for many years to come. These projects will provide our pupils with cutting edge facilities and modern teaching spaces which will really enhance their learning experience. I greatly look forward to seeing these works - and others - progress over the coming months."

**FFILIFEST**  
Gŵyl Gymraeg / Welsh Language and Cultural Festival

**CASTELL CAERFFILI**  
MEHEFIN 17 JUNE, 2017 | 11:00-19:00  
DIWRNOD AM DDIM I'R TEULU!  
FREE DAY OUT FOR THE FAMILY!

**DAWNSIO GWERIN - FOLK DANCING | 11:00AM**  
**CYMERIADAU CYW S4C - S4C CYW CHARACTERS | 12:00PM**  
**PERFORMIADAU YSGOLION - SCHOOL PERFORMANCES | 1PM-2PM**  
**CERDDORIAETH BYW - LIVE MUSIC | 2PM-7PM**  
**MC STEFFAN ALUN (RADIO CYMRU / S4C) YN CYFLWYNO - PRESENTING**  
Allan yn y Fan / Beth Celyn / John Nicholas / **Band Nantgarw**  
**Adwaith / Hyll / Mobinagi / CANDELAS**

**BWYD A DIDD - PIZZA - CREMPOG - BYRGERS - HUFEN IÂ - COCTÊLS - CWRW - SEIDR**  
**FOOD AND DRINK PIZZA - PANCAKES - BURGERS - ICE CREAM - COCKTAILS - BEER - CIDER**

**ARDAL GEMAU FIDEO RETRO A VR VR AND RETRO VIDEO GAMES AREA**  
**CHWARAEON SPORTS | GWEITHDY CERDDORIAETH MUSICAL WORKSHOP**  
**PABELL GREFFT CRAFT TENT | STONDINAU STALLS | A MWY AND MORE**

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# The Bryn Meadows CAERPHILLY 10K

## 10am, SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2017



### Road closures Key

- Fully closed from 7.00am to 1.00pm
- Fully closed from 9.00am to 10.15am
- Fully closed from 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Fully closed from 9.30am to 12.00pm
- a ⊘ B4600 at Piccadilly Square closed from 9.00am to 10.15am
- Fully Closed from 9.30am to 10.45am
- Closed to eastbound traffic (Cedar Tree Roundabout to Bedwas Bridge Roundabout) from 9.00am to 11.30am
- b ⊘ No access to Gallagher Retail Park from 9am to 11.30am from the A468
- Fully Closed from 9.30am to 12.00pm
- Access available between Mornington Meadows and Lansbury Park

**Thousands of runners will gather in Caerphilly on Sunday 18th June for the Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k**

**To sign up or for further information, please visit:**

**[www.caerphilly10k.co.uk](http://www.caerphilly10k.co.uk) or call 029 2088 0011**

The 6.2 mile course will lead participants in and around Caerphilly town centre, with the start and finishing line located on Crescent Road, set against the backdrop of Caerphilly Castle. A number of road closures and traffic restrictions will need to be put in place between 7.00am and 1.00pm in order to allow the event to run safely. Every effort will be made to re-open roads as soon as it is safe to do so, but it is inevitable that there will be some disruption in and around the town centre.

Residents are urged to take note, and motorists planning to travel through the area on the morning of **Sunday 18th June** should use alternative means. The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k is open to participants of all abilities aged 15 and over. Registration costs £18.50 per person for unaffiliated entrants and £16.50 for affiliated club/welsh athletics entrants and concessions. Entrants must be at least 15 years of age on the day of the event to participate.

Also returning this year is the Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 2k event, which is £6.50 per person and starts at 9.15am. Entrants must be at least 8 years old on the day of the event to take part.

## Thanks to our supporters

**The Caerphilly 10k returns under its new name, the 'Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k', with the family owned local business being named as the title sponsor for the event.**

Gary Mayo, Director of Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel and Spa said, "We are delighted to sponsor this event for 2017. Health and wellbeing is at the heart of what we do at Bryn Meadows; whether it be being active on the golf course, working out in our newly refurbished gym or relaxing in the spa. Being a market leader within the

Caerphilly tourism and hospitality sector, as well as being a family owned business, it is integral for us to support local events to engage with residents and attract visitors to the region."

Also supporting the event again this year is local car dealership Griffin Mill, which is providing the official cars which will lead participants around the course.

Mark Pardoe, Managing Director at Griffin Mill commented, "We are thrilled to be supporting the Caerphilly 10k again this year. As a local dealership servicing the area for over 55 years, we feel it's important to support local events and the community."



Kidney Wales have been announced as the official charity partner for the Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k. All money raised for the charity goes towards supporting families affected by kidney disease in Wales. From hosting support groups to funding equipment for renal units, Kidney Wales works towards supporting families and changing lives.





## £5.1 million affordable housing investment

**In 2016/17 £5.1 million was invested into affordable housing in the Caerphilly county borough through Welsh Government's Social Housing Grant Programme.**

The money was secured by the council's Housing Strategy Team and, through working with partner housing associations Pobl and United Welsh, has helped deliver a number of affordable housing developments across the county borough.

These include developments on the sites of former Fire Stations in Bargoed and Cefn Fforest. As well as creating a new use for these sites, the homes are being developed as part of Welsh Government's Smaller Properties Programme; aimed at helping those who need to downsize as a direct result of the "bedroom tax".

There are also a number of affordable housing sites currently under development in the county borough, including the former Navigation School in Crumlin and Oakdale Hotel, located in the centre of the former mining village.

**For more information on housing options available in the Caerphilly county borough visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/housing](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/housing)**

## Making a house a home



**Care homes and day centres across the county borough have revolutionised the way they deliver care thanks to the Dementia Care Matters model.**

The 'Butterfly' model shifts the focus for care workers from task allocation, targets and efficiencies and creates a culture conducive to person-centred care. This involves an importance placed on people's emotional wellbeing, identity and creating a sense of belonging within the residential home.

Residents are now able to contribute to the running of their home, which includes preparing meals and taking part in domestic chores, typical of that in a 'normal' home life.

Creating a home environment has been vital to the successful implementation of the care model creating a familiar and comforting environment for those who use and live in the facilities.

Cabinet Member Cllr Carl Cuss said, "Embracing Dementia Care Matters has had an enormously positive impact on the way we deliver care. The once clinical facilities have become comfortable and welcoming homes and staff have become more than carers they are friends to those who need it most. We are proud to have embraced the model and will continue to learn and strive to deliver the highest quality care."

## Boost for inward investment

**The council has welcomed recent decisions by a number of major businesses to invest in the county borough and locate their operations within the area.**

The BBI Group, based in Oakdale, is to centralise its operations at one major site within the county borough as part of a £8.5million investment programme supported by Welsh Government. As well as safeguarding existing jobs, the announcement will also see the workforce increase from 180 to 366 by 2020. The firm offers a range of products and services that are provided to the diagnostic, healthcare, research, defence and food industries.

In Rhymney, a major biotech company is creating 73 jobs as it moves to a new European

HQ in the town. Sharp Clinical Services (UK) is expanding and investing £9.5m in a new base that will see staff numbers double.

Leading manufacturer, IG Doors, is also investing in the county borough by building a new 18,000 square metre factory on a 25 acre site at Oakdale. The prestigious development, which has financial backing from Welsh Government, will bring new jobs to the area and is a welcome new addition to Oakdale

Business Park site. Chris Burns, CCBC's Interim Chief Executive said, "This is fantastic news for our local economy and is also a major vote of confidence in the Caerphilly county borough as a key strategic location for inward investment."

**This is fantastic news for our local economy**

## SINGLE PERSON COUNCIL TAX REVIEW

**The council has recently carried out a review of residents receiving a 25% discount on their council tax.**

Single Person Discount (SPD) is claimed when an adult is the sole occupant of a property. Earlier this year, the council wrote to some residents asking them to confirm their current circumstances. This gave residents the

opportunity to notify the council if there had been a change in their circumstances. As a result, the total amount being awarded as Single Person Discount has reduced by £184,000 because more than one adult is now living in the household.

Cllr Barbara Jones said, "We continually review the amount of council tax payable by each household, and would encourage residents to tell us of any household changes straight away."

**To speak to the Council Tax team, please call 01443 863 002 or email: [counciltax@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@caerphilly.gov.uk)**

# Velothon Returns

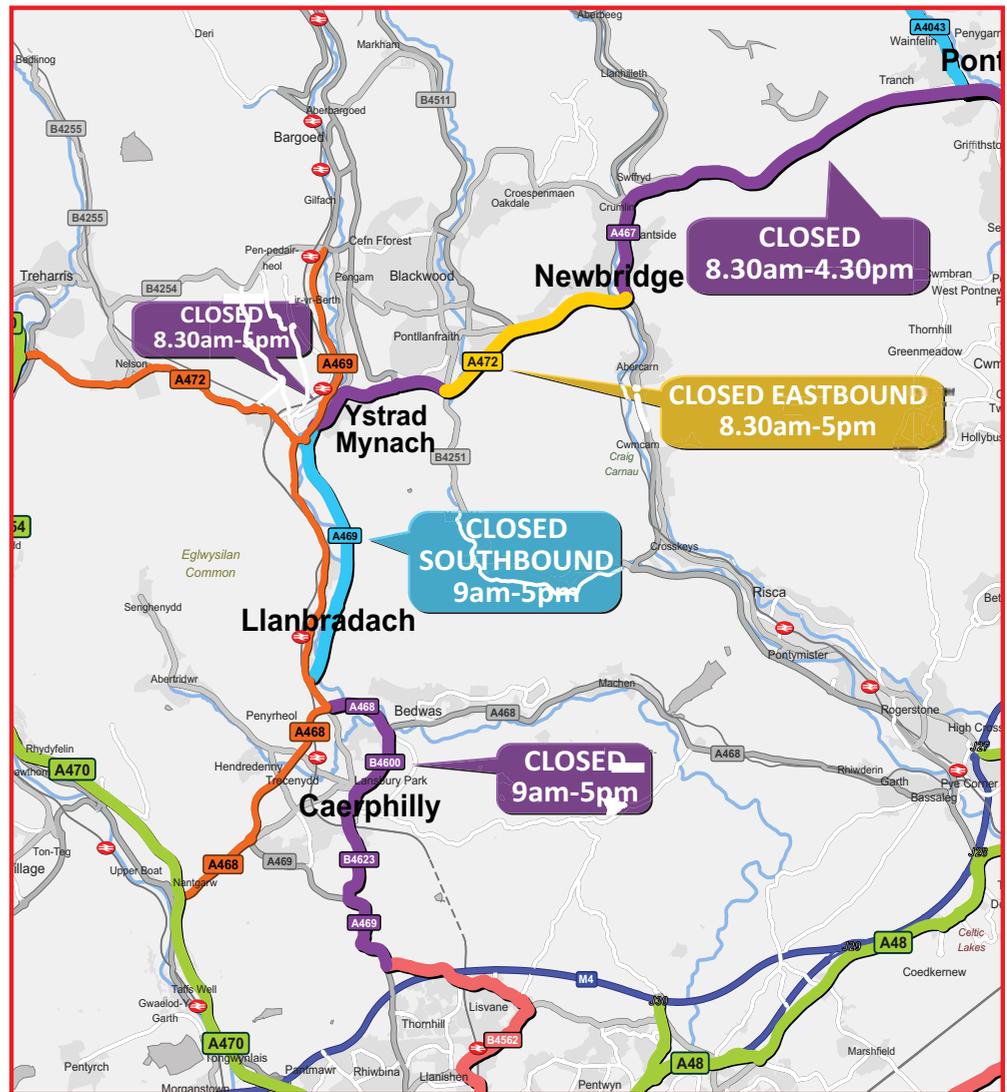
## Sunday 9th July Important Information

On Sunday 9th July the annual Velothon cycle race will return to the roads of South Wales, welcoming some of the world's best professional cyclists as well as thousands of recreational riders and charity fundraisers.

To allow the event to proceed safely, it will be necessary for the organisers to implement a range of road closures and parking restrictions along the route.

**Important note:** If you are aware of anything that will impact you on 9th July such as formal events, carer responsibilities or holiday travel, please let the event organisers know on **02921 660 790** or visit [www.velothon.com/wales](http://www.velothon.com/wales) where you will find advice on navigating road closures with diversionary routes.

If you are not taking part, we encourage you to turn out to join the thousands of spectators who will be cheering the cyclists. You'll find details about participating in the event, spectating and activities taking place on the day and in the lead up to the event at [www.velothon.com/wales](http://www.velothon.com/wales)



## ROUTE & ACCESS OVERVIEW SUNDAY 9 JULY 2017

All routes highlighted in GREEN offer alternative travel throughout the event

All routes highlighted in ORANGE offer access to properties in the local area

**Hotline: 02921 660 790**

[velothonwales@ironmanroadaccess.com](mailto:velothonwales@ironmanroadaccess.com)

The organisers would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience & hopes that disruption will be kept to a minimum on the day of the event.

**Thank you very much for your support!**

## Childcare offer



### Caerphilly is one of six local councils to pilot the Welsh Government three and four year childcare offer for parents working more than 16 hours per week.

If your child is aged three or four and you live in one of the following areas; Argoed, Blackwood, Cefn Fforest, Crumlin, Newbridge, Pengam, Penmaen or Pontllanfraith you could be entitled to up to 20 free hours of childcare in addition to the 10 hours already provided by the Foundation Phase. For nine weeks of the year, outside of term time, parents will be able to access 30 hours of childcare.

The pilot area has sufficient existing childcare provision as well as a large number of primary schools, (both English and Welsh medium) offering Foundation Phase nursery provision. Parents who live in the pilot areas are able to choose any registered childcare setting that suits their personal and family circumstance, whether inside or outside of county in agreement with the provider and the local authority. The childcare does not have to be delivered by the same provider as the Foundation Phase provision. Eligibility checks and the application form are available on the Caerphilly website [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) for children going to part time Foundation Phase in September 2017.

**For more information about the scheme, and what childcare is available please contact the Family Information Service on 01443 863232**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

# Support our Heroes!

**With less than two weeks to go until South Wales Armed Forces Day returns to Caerphilly, final preparations for the day of celebrations are underway.**

The event, organised by a dedicated committee of volunteers and supported by Caerphilly County Borough Council, takes place in and around Caerphilly town centre on Saturday 24th June.

The day will begin at 11am with a spectacular military parade through the town centre – from St Martins School, along Cardiff Road, to Piccadilly lights and onto Nantgarw Road before coming to a halt on Crescent Road. People are encouraged to line the route to show their support for the hundreds of participants in the parade.

The day will continue at midday with a special Drumhead Service, which will take place on Owain Glyndwr Playing Fields on Crescent Road, before the area is taken over in the afternoon for a family day of fun, where visitors will have the opportunity to view displays and visit stalls, as well as enjoying a full programme of entertainment in the events arena and on the main stage.

The highlight of the day will be a Spitfire flypast and a breath-taking display by the Jump 4 Heroes Parachute Display Team.

Phil Hubbard, Chair of the South Wales Armed Forces Day Committee said, "I have no doubt that we will once again receive a warm welcome from Caerphilly. We have a full schedule of events and entertainment taking place throughout the day to encourage residents and visitors alike to join us and celebrate Armed Forces Day."

**Also available for this year's event is a FREE Park and Ride service from St Cenydd School, Caerphilly and a free Park and Walk facility from Y Gwyndy School, Pontygyndy Road.**



For more information on South Wales Armed Forces Day, please visit [www.southwalesarmedforcesday.org/](http://www.southwalesarmedforcesday.org/)

## Another boost for recycling efforts

**Residents are being thanked for their recycling efforts - but are also being reminded that there's still more work to do!**

Latest figures show that 65.65% (\*awaiting verification) of all Caerphilly county borough waste is now being recycled or composted, which is already surpassing the Welsh Government target which councils must meet by 2019/20 of 64%. Monitoring of food waste recycling participation has also shown a 9% increase when compared to figures from the same period in 2016.

Here in Caerphilly county borough we're doing very well, but there is still lots more to be done. The council has recently invested in a new fleet of specialist collection vehicles. The 'twin pack' vehicles now allow for the separation of food and garden waste within the same vehicle so they can be treated separately.

Food waste is now treated using the Welsh Government's preferred method - a process called Anaerobic Digestion, which is a cleaner method and results in the generation of electricity. Garden waste continues to be composted. This system is expected to generate annual savings for the council of over £345,000.



The Welsh Government has set councils ambitious targets of recycling/composting 70% of all waste generated by 2025. As part of the council's efforts to help achieve this figure, participation monitoring exercises will be undertaken from time to time to determine which areas and households are participating in recycling and food waste recycling.

From here, targeted campaigns can be carried out to support those households who don't currently recycle, with guidance and support to those residents who may need extra assistance in order to recycle. Appropriate enforcement action against those who don't recycle – or those who place incorrect items in their bins - is very much a last resort, but may be used in future if necessary.

Cllr Nigel George said, "With the ongoing support of our residents we can, I'm sure, continue to be among the best performing areas in Wales when it comes to our recycling efforts."

**To request a food waste caddy, please visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) or call 01443 866533. Residents looking to find out their bin collection day should visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk)**

## Looking for work?



**Let us help you!**

**FREE courses and support**

For more information, ring us on

**01495 237921** or e-mail:

[bridgesintowork@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:bridgesintowork@caerphilly.gov.uk)

# What's ON

Sign up to receive regular information about local events by e-mailing:  
[events@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:events@caerphilly.gov.uk)

## A Children's Mid-Summer Night's Dream

20/06 • 6pm

**Parc Cwm Darran amphitheatre**

Experience a wonderful dance performance of the Shakespeare classic, with dancers from 'Ballet Cymru' and children from Aberbargoed Primary School. £10 adults, £7 per child. Event is weather dependent and booking is essential.

**01495 227 206**



## Risca Summer Festival

15/07 - 12-5pm **Tredegar Park**

A host of family fun with food and craft stalls, children's crafts and children's funfair rides. New for 2017 is an events arena with displays from Rockwood Dog Display - Dangerous Steve and more.

**029 20 880011**



## Craft Club

Starts 28/07 • 11am - 12pm

**Winding House**

Popular craft club changes topic from week to week. Join the team on a Friday morning for activities including Tudor Soaps and Smells, Dinocrfts and more. £2.50 per child.

**01443 822666**

## The Big Cheese Festival

28/07 - 30-07 **Caerphilly**

Celebrating its 20 anniversary this year, The Big Cheese promises to offer something for everyone. To celebrate the anniversary, organisers are offering half price funfair rides between 3pm and 6pm on Friday 28th July.

**029 20 880011**



## We're going on a bear hunt...

19/08 • 11am - 3pm

**Cwmcarn Forest**

Are you brave enough to cross the raging stream or face the blizzard to find the bear in his cave? Follow the clues and claim your prize. Suitable for age 3+. Steps and mud may be involved - £3 per child includes gift.

**01495 272001**



## Blackwood Beach Party

01/07+02/07

**Blackwood Town Centre**

The FREE event returns with food and craft stalls, funfair rides, music, children's crafts – and of course the beach. The annual carnival also takes place on the Sunday.

**029 2088 0011**

## Caerphilly Flower Festival

14/07 - 16/07 **Caerphilly Town**

Now in its 12 year, a group of local churches join forces to provide a fantastic festival with impressive floral displays around the town centre. Courtesy bus on 15+16th July from Twyn Community Centre will transport visitors to the various churches. Buses operate from 10am until 3pm. Supported by Caerphilly Town Council.

**029 20 888777**



## A Head in the Clouds

19/07 • 11am, 1pm, 3pm

**Blackwood Miners' Institute**

Fire young imaginations with this interactive show. Designed for 0-4 year olds and their families to enjoy together, surrounded with sound, touch & visual treats. £3.50

**01495 227206**



## Activity Days

Starts 27/07 **Llancaiach Fawr**

Themed children's activity days, games, crafts and fun all day. £5 per child, first adult free of charge + additional adults £1 each.

**01443 412 248**

For more events visit: [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/events](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/events)

For information about upcoming talks, book clubs & craft sessions at your local library visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) or call **01443 864068**

## Useful Numbers

**MAIN SWITCHBOARD**

**01443 815588**

**Minicom**

**01443 873626**

**Emergency Number for Council Services:**

**01443 875500 (OUT OF HOURS ONLY)**

**Children's Social Services**

**0808 100 1727**

**Adults' Social Services**

**0808 100 2500**

**StreetPride**

**01443 866566**

**Consumer Advice**

**03454 040506**

**Council Tax Enquiries**

**01443 863002**

**Furniture Recycling**

**01685 846830**

**Blue Badge**

**01443 866571**

**Housing & Council Tax Benefits**

**New Claims:**

**01443 866567**

**Existing Claimants:**

**01443 864099**

*We welcome calls in Welsh.*



## Foster Appeal

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# Meet your Cabinet



Left to right: Eluned Stenner, Nigel George, Barbara Jones, Carl Cuss, David Poole, Colin Gordon, Sean Morgan, Lisa Phipps & Philippa Marsden

## Joining Cllr David Poole as Cabinet Members are:

Cllr **Barbara Jones** - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance

Cllr **Sean Morgan** - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure, Sustainability and Wellbeing of Future Generations

Cllr **Colin Gordon** - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Cllr **Eluned Stenner** - Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection

Cllr **Nigel George** - Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Cllr **Philippa Marsden** - Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement

Cllr **Carl Cuss** - Cabinet Member for Social Care and Wellbeing

Cllr **Lisa Phipps** - Cabinet Member for Homes and Places

## Cllr David Poole, long standing ward member for Pengam and former Deputy Leader has been elected as the new Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

David said, "We really are a council which is looking to the future, which I hope is demonstrated from the team of very capable Cabinet Members I have appointed. The age profile of the current Cabinet has reduced considerably – with our youngest Cabinet Member, Cllr Carl Cuss aged just 27.

"Residents will also have noticed that I've taken the decision to reduce the number of people on the Cabinet from 10 to nine. In these financially challenging times I feel it is important that we all do our bit to make financial savings wherever possible and I'm sure this decision will be welcomed. With the support of my fellow Cabinet Members, we will deliver a clear vision for the authority over the next five years."

In discussing their aspirations and priorities for the coming years, Cllr Poole says "Caerphilly, like all other local authorities in Wales, face a number of significant

challenges, but we are in a good position to navigate through these turbulent economic times thanks to the effective way the council has been run to date.

"We have our ambitious project to bring our council homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, which continues to progress at quite a pace. Bringing this huge project to fruition will continue to be a key priority for us over the next few years, as is facilitating the delivery of new affordable homes and ensuring the most vulnerable people in our communities are protected and given the support they need.

"The development of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will also remain a key priority – and with ten local councils working together with a shared goal of bringing prosperity to our communities, it's certainly a real opportunity which we're obviously keen to play a leading role in bringing to fruition.

"Protecting frontline services, protecting jobs and building better communities for our residents across the area have also been key areas for this council over the last five years, and we have an excellent footing to continue with this work moving forward."

# John Bevan is new Mayor

## The Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council has been announced as Cllr John Bevan.

John accepted the position of civic head at the recent Annual Meeting of Council. Cllr John Bevan said, "I am honoured to be serving as Mayor for the forthcoming year. I was fortunate enough to serve as Mayor in 2005 and I understand the demands of the role and also how rewarding it can be."

He continued, "I feel humbled to be able to undertake the role for the second time and I am very much looking forward to meeting local residents and representing the county in all of the exciting civic engagements already in the diary."

Growing up in Phillipstown John studied in New Tredegar Technical College, followed by the mining department in both Crumlin



and Crosskeys College before taking employment in mining, ending in Deep Navigation Colliery where he worked until it closed in 1991.

John has held the position as local member for the Moriah Ward since 1996 but started his political career more than 43 years ago when he took up a position on the Rhymney Community Council. John is close to his family and has 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who all live close by. His hobbies include watching sport and socialising in his local community.

John has chosen to raise funds for the charities Cancer Research Wales and CRY In Memory of Jack Thomas during his year in office.

The Deputy Mayor has been announced as Cllr Mike Adams, who represents the Pontllanfraith ward.

# Cynghorwyr Councillors

**Cyfansoddiad Gwleidyddol • Political Composition**

50	Llafur • Labour
18	Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales
5	Annibynnol • Independent

<b>ARGOED</b>  Walter Williams ☎ 07788 131633	<b>BARGOD BARGOED</b>  Carol Andrews ☎ 07522 222109	<b>BARGOD BARGOED</b>  Tudor Davies ☎ 01443 832169	<b>BARGOD BARGOED</b>  Dianne Price ☎ 01443 836679	<b>BEDWAS, TRETOMOS a MACHEN BEDWAS, TRETOMAS &amp; MACHEN</b>  Elizabeth Aldworth ☎ 029 2086 6929	<b>BEDWAS, TRETOMOS a MACHEN BEDWAS, TRETOMAS &amp; MACHEN</b>  Lisa Phipps ☎ 07811 104389	<b>BEDWAS, TRETOMOS a MACHEN BEDWAS, TRETOMAS &amp; MACHEN</b>  June Gale ☎ 01633 441409	<b>BEDWAS, TRETOMOS a MACHEN BEDWAS, TRETOMAS &amp; MACHEN</b>  Derek Havard ☎ 029 2086 6079	<b>COED DUON BLACKWOOD</b>  Kevin Etheridge ☎ 07572 585063	<b>COED DUON BLACKWOOD</b>  Nigel Dix ☎ 01495 227908	<b>COED DUON BLACKWOOD</b>  Andrew Farina-Childs ☎ 07707 096983	<b>CEFN FFOREST</b>  Graham Simmonds ☎ 01443 838504	<b>CEFN FFOREST</b>  Tom Williams ☎ 01443 830731	<b>CROSSKEYS</b>  Julian Simmonds ☎ 07788 861848
<b>CRYMLYN CRUMLIN</b>  Carl Thomas ☎ 07737 957339	<b>CRYMLYN CRUMLIN</b>  Mike Davies ☎ 01495 247971	<b>CWM DARRAN DARREN VALLEY</b>  David Hardacre ☎ 01443 831202	<b>GILFACH</b>  Lindsey Harding ☎ 01443 834835	<b>HENGOED</b>  Donna Cushing ☎ 07974 796515	<b>HENGOED</b>  Teresa Parry ☎ 01443 814826	<b>LLANBRADACH</b>  Rob Gough ☎ 029 2086 7982	<b>LLANBRADACH</b>  Colin Mann ☎ 029 2086 2460	<b>MAES-Y-CWMWR MAESYCWMMER</b>  Vincent James ☎ 01443 815201	<b>MORGAN JONES</b>  Phil Bevan ☎ 029 2086 6185	<b>MORGAN JONES</b>  Shayne Cook ☎ 07854 908838	<b>MORGAN JONES</b>  James Pritchard ☎ 029 2088 3257	<b>MORIA MORIAH</b>  David Harse ☎ 01685 841634	<b>MORIA MORIAH</b>  John Bevan ☎ 01685 843578
<b>NELSON</b>  Brenda Miles ☎ 07875 379965	<b>NELSON</b>  Sean Morgan ☎ 07973 989721	<b>TREDEGAR NEWYDD NEW TREDEGAR</b>  Mark Evans ☎ 01443 838727	<b>TREDEGAR NEWYDD NEW TREDEGAR</b>  Eluned Stenner ☎ 01443 839287	<b>TRECELYN NEWBRIDGE</b>  Adrian Hussey ☎ 07815 554759	<b>TRECELYN NEWBRIDGE</b>  Leeroy Jeremiah ☎ 07398 185064	<b>TRECELYN NEWBRIDGE</b>  Gary Johnston ☎ 07739 326005	<b>PENGAM</b>  Kevin Dawson ☎ 01443 821492	<b>PENGAM</b>  David Poole ☎ 01443 832545	<b>PENMAEN</b>  Roy Saralis ☎ 01495 443987	<b>PENMAEN</b>  Ben Zaplatynski ☎ 07513 857809	<b>PEN-YR-HEOL PENYRHEOL</b>  Steve Skivens ☎ 029 2088 8798	<b>PEN-YR-HEOL PENYRHEOL</b>  Jon Scriven ☎ 029 2088 0106	<b>PEN-YR-HEOL PENYRHEOL</b>  Margaret Sargent ☎ 029 2088 2910
<b>PEN-YR-HEOL PENYRHEOL</b>  Lindsay Whittle ☎ 029 2083 1076	<b>PONTLLAN-FRAITH PONTLLANFRAITH</b>  Mike Adams ☎ 01495 225511	<b>PONTLLAN-FRAITH PONTLLANFRAITH</b>  Colin Gordon ☎ 07854 410137	<b>PONTLLAN-FRAITH PONTLLANFRAITH</b>  Gez Kirby ☎ 07875 150990	<b>PONTLOTYN PONTLOTTYN</b>  Gaynor Oliver ☎ 01685 844615	<b>DWYRAIN RHISGA RISCA EAST</b>  Nigel George ☎ 07816 980093	<b>DWYRAIN RHISGA RISCA EAST</b>  Philippa Leonard ☎ 07507 670118	<b>DWYRAIN RHISGA RISCA EAST</b>  Arianna Passmore ☎ 07415 955686	<b>GORLLEWIN RHISGA RISCA WEST</b>  Bob Owen ☎ 01633 612393	<b>GORLLEWIN RHISGA RISCA WEST</b>  Ross Whiting ☎ 07564 646072	<b>CATWG SANT ST. CATTWG</b>  Carmen Bezzina ☎ 07552 329292	<b>CATWG SANT ST. CATTWG</b>  Wynne David ☎ 01443 832278	<b>CATWG SANT ST. CATTWG</b>  Ann Gair ☎ 07507 656819	<b>SANT IAGO ST. JAMES</b>  Christine Forehead ☎ 029 2086 8941
<b>SANT IAGO ST. JAMES</b>  Elaine Forehead ☎ 029 2088 8894	<b>SANT IAGO ST. JAMES</b>  Barbara Jones ☎ 029 2088 3740	<b>MARTIN SANT ST. MARTINS</b>  Colin Elsbury ☎ 07891 925578	<b>MARTIN SANT ST. MARTINS</b>  James Fussell ☎ 07725 191365	<b>MARTIN SANT ST. MARTINS</b>  Steve Kent ☎ 029 2088 6362	<b>TWYN CARNO</b>  Carl Cuss ☎ 01685 844860	<b>YNYSDDU</b>  Philippa Marsden ☎ 01495 445620	<b>YNYSDDU</b>  John Ridgewell ☎ 01495 272387	<b>YSTRAD MYNACH</b>  Alan Angel ☎ 07935 272163	<b>YSTRAD MYNACH</b>  Martyn James ☎ 01443 813694				

