



## Proms and Pedals!

### This month sees the return of two major national events to the Caerphilly county borough.

On **Saturday 8th September** BBC Cymru Wales, in partnership with the council, brings an evening of magical music to Caerphilly for this year's **BBC PROMS IN THE PARK**.

BBC One Show presenter Alex Jones and Only Men Aloud Musical Director Tim Rhys-Evans will co-present the event at Caerphilly's Owain Glyndŵr Playing Fields, on Saturday 8 September at 7.45pm.

Tickets can be bought in advance for £10 (with children 12 and under free), and can be booked through Blackwood Miners Institute (**01495 227206** / [www.blackwoodminersinstitute.com](http://www.blackwoodminersinstitute.com)); the BBC National Orchestra of Wales Audience

Line (**03700 10 10 51**); or in person through the 'Visit Caerphilly' centre. Tickets are also available on the day for £12.

Then on **Friday 14th September** the **TOUR OF BRITAIN** bike ride returns to the area as we welcome over 100 elite cyclists from across the world as they speed through the streets of the county borough.

They will enter the county borough near Nelson and travel down to Ystrad Mynach and then follow the old road through Llanbradach.



The competitors then head into Caerphilly and face TWO gruelling climbs to the top of Caerphilly mountain before coming back down into the town for the stage finale at Caerphilly Castle.



For more information about these and other events call **02920 880011** or visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk)



## School meal prices frozen

**For the third consecutive year, the Council's Catering Services are freezing the price of school meals for the new school year in September.**

Primary school meals will cost just £1.80, with secondary school meals just £2.05, but children will still benefit from quality products from local suppliers. As well as working with local suppliers, recent links with Birds Eye have resulted in a healthier fish finger. Already in primary schools in Caerphilly, and reaching secondary schools in September, the new fish finger complies with nutritional standards and won't strain budgets.

Cllr Dave Poole, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services, said, "The authority is committed to providing nutritious and exciting meals for our school children. We can assure parents that all food and drink available at school are first class and meet specifications that are outlined by Welsh Government, despite budgetary restraints."

## Job hunting made simple with CCBC

**Caerphilly Leisure Centre will host a Recruitment and Information Event on Tuesday 25th September between 10am and 1pm.**

Caerphilly County Borough Council have linked up with Job Centre Plus to deliver the event, which will see 25 companies advertising their latest part time and full time job opportunities.

There will also be various representatives available from the Council to discuss work placement and apprenticeship opportunities, as well as guidance on application form writing and job searching skills.

Local Colleges and learning providers will also be available to discuss any learning needs. There will also be Job Centre representatives on hand for any detailed help and advice needed. If you would like more information about the event, please contact Maggie James, HR Officer on **01443 866752** or e-mail [jamesmf@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:jamesmf@caerphilly.gov.uk)



## Bargoed Bowls Pavilion rises from ashes

**A popular community facility in Bargoed has reopened to the public after being restored to its former glory.**

Bargoed Bowls Pavilion has been completely redeveloped after arsonists destroyed the old building for a second time in February 2011. The old modular buildings had been subject to two attacks in 10 years, leaving the pavilion beyond repair. The new structure is a traditional style building making it more secure and less susceptible to any arson attempts in the future.

Cllr David Poole, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services welcomed the new building, "I am delighted to announce the re-opening of the Bargoed Bowls Pavilion. The new premises are not only more secure, but also boast better facilities and are more accessible. It is important that local people have community facilities and green spaces such as this to enjoy."

The new pavilion will enable residents to continue using the bowling green and the building for a variety of functions in the future. Cllr. Tudor Davies, President of Bargoed Bowls Club said "On behalf of the members I wish to express their great appreciation for those council officers who's efforts and support enabled the new pavilion to be built."



### Your Newslines

"Newslines is produced by the council to bring you all the latest news and information from across the county borough. We are keen to hear your views about the publication and we welcome any feedback.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the information featured in Newslines and I will pass on your comments to the relevant department. Don't forget – Audio and large print versions of Newslines are also available on request."

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# New Welsh school plans on track

## Exciting plans to develop a new Welsh school for children living in the Caerphilly basin area are pressing ahead.

Cllr Rhianon Passmore, Cabinet Member for Education said, "Demand for Welsh Medium education has been steadily increasing over recent years and there is now an urgent need to provide additional Welsh secondary places within the county borough."

The current Welsh secondary school at Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni has reached full capacity and is projected to exceed capacity by 900+ pupils by 2021. The council submitted a successful 21st Century Schools bid of £20m to the Welsh Government last year. The bid was to make provision for up to an additional 900 secondary places on the former St.Ilan school site in Caerphilly, as well as relocating YGG Caerffili into the site.

"This ambitious proposal involves expanding Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni at the former St. Ilan site, in addition to its present location at Fleur de Lys, to accommodate the continuing increasing demand for Welsh education. This will form part of an overall strategy to develop a 3-19 campus with impressive facilities, such as a four court sports hall and many other shared facilities on the site," added Cllr Passmore.



Consultation will take place in November for all interested parties to find out more and have their say on the plans. School pupils, staff, governors and parents will get the chance to attend special meetings, but the main public meetings are as follows:

Consultation Meeting	Date/Time	Venue
Drop-in session	Tuesday 13th November. 9am - 5pm	YGG Y Castell
Public/community meeting	Tuesday 13th November. 7pm	YGG Y Castell

For more information about the proposal please contact Julian Williams **01443 864817** or email [willijn@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:willijn@caerphilly.gov.uk). A consultation document will also be available from October 1st and can be found at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/wmconsultation](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/wmconsultation)



## Caerphilly celebrates Green Flag success

### Two attractive country parks in the county borough have been awarded prestigious Green Flags.

The popular Parc Cwm Darran near Deri and Cwmcarn Forest are the latest sites in the Caerphilly area to win the much sought-after accolade. Cllr Ken James welcomed the news, "We are delighted that Parc Cwm Darran and Cwmcarn Forest are the latest attractions

to receive this prestigious green award. This helps highlight the fantastic open spaces we have here in the county borough."

Three local parks already have a Green Flag - Morgan Jones Park in Caerphilly, Waunfawr Park in Crosskeys and Nelson Wern Park - but these are the first country parks to receive the award, which is a sign to visitors that the site is well-maintained and well-managed, with excellent facilities.

For more information about attractions in the county borough visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk)

## Proposals to tackle poverty approved

### Caerphilly County Borough Council has officially supported proposals to introduce a Living Wage, which will be implemented from 1st October 2012.

At a meeting of Council recently, members agreed to the ambitious plans to eradicate the problem of those living below the poverty threshold in the area - by ensuring that council employees are paid a minimum of £7.20 per hour.

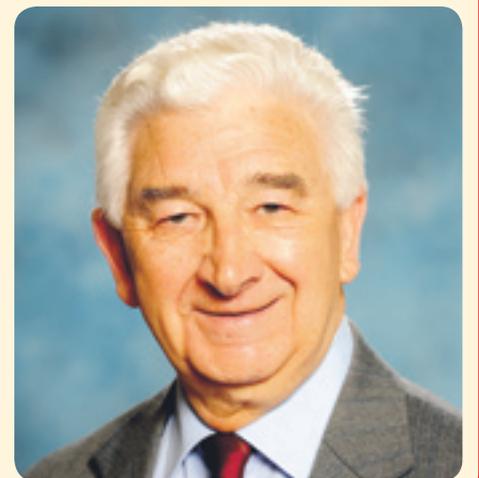
Cllr Harry Andrews, Leader of the Council said, "This significant decision, which received overwhelming support from members, really fits in with our vision to tackle poverty and improve living standards for our lowest paid employees."

He continued, "This decision illustrates that we are taking a stand for the 3,000+ employees on low wages, the majority of whom are female, frontline staff, by ensuring that none of our workforce earn below the minimum wage."

While the primary benefits of the initiative are to ensure all employees wages are increased above the poverty line, other benefits evidenced from research include a

reduction in absenteeism, easier recruitment and retention and improved morale, motivation and commitment.

Cllr Keith Reynolds, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Corporate Services added, "This far reaching initiative forms a key part of our wider regeneration plans for the whole county borough. As a community leader, we will also work hard to promote the benefits of implementing the Living Wage to other employers in the area."



# Our Improvement Objectives 2012-13

**Each year we set a number of priorities from across all council services, where we focus our efforts on areas where we want to achieve improvements more quickly.**

We call these our Improvement Objectives. These are chosen based upon a range of information such as; what you told us you wanted; where there is an unmet need or a gap in the service provided; how we are performing; the economic climate, amongst other things.

Our objectives do not replace, nor stop us carrying out, all the many other things that we do, but in this time of financial constraint it is helpful to focus on a set of specific outcomes and to tell you, our residents, where you can expect us to improve.

**Anthony O'Sullivan**, our Chief Executive said "In the coming year we must focus on how we engage with our citizens and respond to what they tell us about our services. We know from our earlier research that jobs, a vibrant economy, good homes and a safe place to live feature strongly with our citizens. So we are delighted to build upon these needs and present our 8 Improvement Objectives."



**Anthony O'Sullivan**  
Chief Executive

## How you can be involved?

We hope you enjoy reading about how your Council is working to make a difference on your behalf. You can read the full plan of our Improvement Objectives on [http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/pdf/Council\\_Democracy/improvement\\_objectives\\_2012-13.pdf](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/pdf/Council_Democracy/improvement_objectives_2012-13.pdf) We welcome any feedback you may wish to give us about the things contained in this plan. You can have a say in whether you believe these are the right things for us to work on by emailing us on [pmu@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:pmu@caerphilly.gov.uk) or by contacting the Performance Management Unit on **01443 864238**.

## 1. Improvement Objective

**Ensure the citizens of Caerphilly County Borough understand why, when and how to engage with us and the impact their engagement will have in helping us to improve services.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- To improve the way we engage and feedback to citizens.
- Our citizens will have a better understanding of their engagement role with the council and understand how they can influence and shape policy and services.
- In 2013 the council's Household Survey will show an improvement in customer perception of our services.
- To have a good representative mix of citizens that take part in all our consultation/engagement activities which match the local population demographics.
- Through our corporate complaints process, we will gather intelligence and this helps us improve the way we do things.

## 2. Improvement Objective

**Make Caerphilly a safer place to live.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- To increase public perception of the effectiveness of partnership work with regard to decreasing anti-social behaviour in our communities.

## 3. Improvement Objective

**Sustain the range of employment opportunities for residents.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Support businesses particularly micro, small and medium sized businesses to maintain or protect as best we can the number of jobs that we can create through the provision of grants and the specialist advice given to businesses.
- Help increase employment opportunities by working in partnership with programmes that help provide adults and young people with the necessary skills and education to obtain employment.

## 4. Improvement Objective

**Improve the skill level for children & young people.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Improve the skills levels of all our learners through the aims laid out in the Caerphilly Skills strategy, to improve access to learning.
- Reduce the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET).
- Reduce the number of young adults who leave education without a qualification.
- Reduce the number of children and young people who are permanently excluded from primary and secondary schools.

## 5. Improvement Objective

**Promote the benefits of a healthy & active lifestyle.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Increasing the number of all people taking up leisure activities and participating in physical activity across our county borough.
- Improve health and well being for people in our county borough over the long-term.

## 6. Improvement Objective

**Adults who are in the social care system are able to lead full, active and independent lives.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Users of our service will receive a more timely and appropriate response, and the number of assessments completed within the timescale will increase.
- Improve the quality of assessments.
- Speed up how long you have to wait from the time you were assessed to the time you receive the services agreed.
- Standards of care we provide will improve the quality of life for all service users.
- We will take action resulting from complaints intelligence and improve.

## 7. Improvement Objective

**Agencies will work together to help children, young people and families who are experiencing difficulties.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Using "Team around the Family" we will support families with emerging needs to prevent those needs escalating to the point of statutory involvement.

## 8. Improvement Objective

**Reduce our carbon footprint and improving our sustainability.**

### The Outcomes you can expect are:

- Reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from our buildings and street lighting.
- Reduce the impact of fuel poverty on householders in Caerphilly County Borough.
- Raise awareness of climate change issues with our staff and residents of the borough to enable them to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Reduce the impact of our travel and transport on the environment.

A greener place to live, work and visit  
Man gwyrddach i fyw, gweithio ac ymweld



# Highway improvements completed

## A major £14million scheme to improve the road network around the new hospital development in Ystrad Myanch has been completed.

The Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Highway Improvements will help tackle congestion and improve traffic flow at this key strategic intersection between the A469 and the A472.

The Leader of CCBC, Cllr Harry Andrews unveiled a special plaque at the site. "I am delighted to officially mark the completion of three major phases of work that will help improve the highway network at this busy location. I'd like to thank local people for their patience during the works and now look forward to seeing the benefits that the improved layout will bring," he said.

Work started in 2009 on phase one of the scheme which saw the construction of a new bridge from the A469 allowing vehicular access to the impressive new hospital site at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

This was followed by two further phases of improvement work aimed at cutting congestion and enhancing traffic flow through the area.

The approaches to the Cwm Ddu roundabout have been reconfigured and a new dedicated link road – named Ludwigsburger Strasse in honour of our twin town - has been constructed to carry traffic direct from the A469 to Maescwmmer.



Funding for the improvements has been provided by Aneurin Bevan Health Board and through a Welsh Government Transport Grant.



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government



Two small mini-roundabouts adjacent to the Royal Oak public House have been replaced by a single roundabout boasting a spectacular earth sculpture of an Oak Leaf at its centre.

## Newbridge's new look is taking shape!

The regeneration of Newbridge is well underway, with re-paving works now completed in many streets throughout the town, and re-alignment works to key road junctions continuing.

Phase 1 of the town centre enhancements is set to continue until later this year and will give the town a bright new look, with the introduction of wider, safer pavements, better road surfaces and enhanced public spaces - all created with high quality paving materials, attractive street furniture and distinctive community-led artwork. The restoration of the historic Memorial Hall & Institute buildings is also on track, with the new Institute link block structure in place and internal refurbishment works underway. The ambitious plans will see the buildings fully restored and revitalised as the cultural hub of the town.



Cllr Ken James, Cabinet Member for Regeneration said: "There are exciting times ahead for Newbridge with the improvement works now really taking shape. We will continue to work closely with local traders to make sure that everyone knows that the town remains fully open for business and to encourage everyone to support their local businesses during the works."

Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, who are delivering the town centre enhancement scheme, will continue to keep local businesses and residents fully informed of the progress of works. The Newbridge Regeneration Programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government, Welsh Government's Targeted Match Fund, Heritage Lottery, Arts Council for Wales together with significant contributions from the Council and community organisations, amongst others. Take a virtual tour of Newbridge's new look at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) or go to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and search for "Newbridge Town Centre Regeneration."

## Convenient community hub at Risca Palace

The council is bringing even more community services to residents, with a new collection point for Islwyn Community Credit Union joining the popular library and Customer First services already available at the recently renovated Risca Palace.

Islwyn Community Credit Union began in 1998 as a community run financial co-operative, which encourages its members to save before borrowing. Similar to a bank, its members can access loans, but with much lower interest rates. The new collection point located at Risca Palace on a Tuesday afternoon joins a number of other collection points across the borough including Markham, Trinant and Blackwood. For more information on becoming a member of Islwyn Community Credit Union call **01495 222832** or email [info@islywncu.co.uk](mailto:info@islywncu.co.uk).





# Work Underway on New Integrated Health and Social Care Centre in Rhymney

**Work started on site in April 2012 on a new integrated health and social care centre on the Lawn Industrial Estate in Rhymney. The first phase of work has involved clearing the site, laying pilings for the building's foundations and removing and relocating a public footpath which crosses the site. Construction of the building has also now commenced.**

The development confirms the commitment given to the local population during public consultation on Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, the new local general hospital in Ystrad Mynach, and is designed to address the particular needs of communities in the North of Caerphilly County Borough.

MedicX, the UK healthcare property investor and developer was appointed in 2009 to design and build the centre and the company has worked closely with Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Caerphilly County Borough Council, the Welsh Government and local GPs to design a modern purpose built health and social care facility. A Community Forum, made up of local residents, voluntary organisations, elected members and health and social care professionals, has also been involved in the planning, ensuring a local say on the facilities offered.

Scheduled to open in the summer of 2013, the centre will complement the range of services provided in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. Services planned for the centre include 2 GP practices, a dental practice, optometry suite and social services day opportunities. In addition, the centre will act as a base for health and social care staff working in the North of the borough who provide care to a wide

range of people including children, older people, and people receiving mental health support. The centre will also have 12 in-patient beds, 2 of which will be designated for palliative care.



Bronwen John, Head of Partnerships and Networks for the Health Board, who is the Project Manager for the scheme, said that the new centre would bring a number of different services together in one building. "This is effectively a satellite of the new hospital and the services to be provided have been debated and agreed through the Community Forum, by the people who will ultimately be using them. It's an exciting time for healthcare in Caerphilly County Borough as we are working to expand the range of treatment and care services available locally through the building of modern facilities such as the new hospital and now the resource centre for the North. Local people will have access to a wider range of services than were previously available" she said.

Albert Heaney, Corporate Director Social Services at Caerphilly County Borough Council said, "The centre will enhance existing community services capacity and bring together a number of health and

social care teams who will provide services in the community and from the centre itself. I look forward to seeing this impressive facility come to fruition over the coming months as work progresses."

Ashley Heath (Healthcare Property Director – MedicX) said, "Modern healthcare facilities, that can be delivered within budget and provide value for money, are essential for local communities. We are confident that this fantastic new centre will transform the patient experience. We are delighted to be developing this state of the art health and social care centre in Rhymney, in partnership with Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Caerphilly County Borough Council, the Welsh Government and the local GPs and we hope everyone will be delighted with what will eventually be achieved."

Partners and MedicX are keen to keep in close contact with the community in the North and are planning to hold further meetings of the Community Forum as the project progresses.

For further information on this development or to become a member of the Forum, please contact Kathryn Wall (Project Officer) on **(01495) 241275** or by email at [kathryn.wall@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:kathryn.wall@wales.nhs.uk).



# Protecting You

The council's Public Protection Division protects our local environment and ensures we all enjoy a safe, healthy, quality of life as well as promoting a prosperous community.

This role includes the enforcement of numerous laws, many of which include criminal sanctions on those who infringe them. These can include food safety, health and safety, dog fouling, littering, trading standards breaches and licensing issues etc.

Cllr Dave Poole, Cabinet Member for community and leisure services said, "The team works hard to protect local people. They deal with everything from littering to anti-social behaviour and the number of enforcement actions taken over the last year clearly demonstrates that they are taking a no - nonsense approach in their endeavours. They are also on call 24/7 to respond to emergency problems."

The following information provides a broad picture of the range of formal enforcement actions during 2011/12. In addition to the formal interventions detailed below, many hundreds of other informal warnings and cautions (both written and verbal) are issued every year.



## Type of enforcement activity

Number of actions

### Food safety legislation:

eg. Actions resulting from the inspection of fast food takeaways or restaurants etc. Includes written warnings, advisory notices and closures.

998



### Trading Standards and Licensing:

e.g. formal actions such as prosecutions, cautions and penalty notices for disorder against garages selling 'clocked' cars, unlicensed clothing collections, taxi operator breaches, underage alcohol sales etc.

119

### Health and Safety :

e.g. formal action such as warning letters, notices and prosecutions for breaches in the workplace or unsafe practices such as a tattooist operating without proper registration with the council.

195



### Environmental and Nuisance Legislation :

e.g. dog fouling, littering, noise nuisance, pollution, stray animals etc.

749

### Community Safety Legislation:

- Referrals to 4 Strike Anti-Social Behaviour process
- Items of Alcohol Confiscated in public places
- Incidents monitored/dealt with by CCTV operators (Including Gwent Police requests)

40

618

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For more information call the Public Protection team on **01495 235316** or visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk)

## Annual Social Services report published

Caerphilly County Borough Council recently has published its third annual Social Services Directors Report.

The report aims to inform residents and partners in other organisations on how well Social Services are provided in Caerphilly county borough, together with priority areas for the forthcoming year.

Albert Heaney, Corporate Director Social Services at Caerphilly County Borough Council said, "My directorate aims

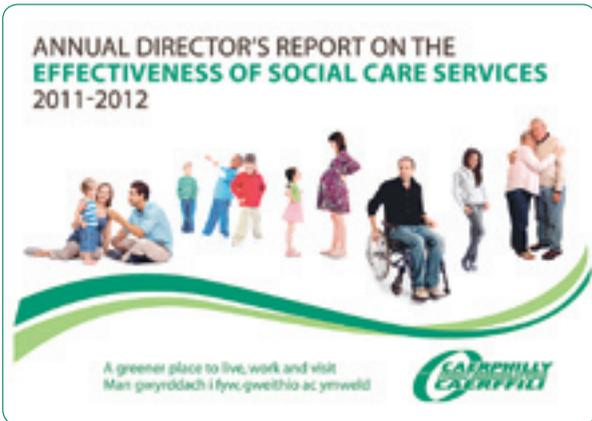
to provide high quality services to the residents of Caerphilly county borough, and we strive to earn the respect and satisfaction of these residents through continuous improvement of our services, driven by the integrity, teamwork and motivation of our staff."

He continued, "We will continue to work tirelessly to deliver a first class service to our residents, and I am committed to a process of monitoring the way we do business to help continually improve services for everyone who uses them now, and for those who may use them in the future."

Significant milestones over the past year include Caerphilly County Borough Council's role in the establishment of the Gwent Frailty Programme which was launched in April 2011, and the agreed integration of the Social Services Directorates of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils.

Cllr Robin Woodyatt, Cabinet Member for Social Services said, "This commendable report sets out the significant progress made to date in this vital service area, and I am absolutely confident that we will continue to deliver these first class services for the benefit of all people."

A full copy of the Directors Annual Report and accompanying DVD, which features a selection of digital stories created by service users, can be found at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/socialservicesacr](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/socialservicesacr)



## Bridging the generation gap

Ebenezer community resource in Pengam has developed many networks in the local community, including pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn.

A project has been set up between Ebenezer and the school so that the children can link with the wider community as part of their school development.

This relationship resulted in the children visiting Ebenezer to practise with the 'Ebenezer Players' culminating in a wonderful drama performance. The scheme resulted in effective inter-age working between the children and the performers from the group.

In June, the Ebenezer Players performed their unique production of 'Dream Coats and Petticoats' to an audience of 150 people at the Ebenezer Church in Pengam. The pupils participated in the performance, which was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience including families, carers, church members and the CCBC Mayor, Cllr Gaynor Oliver.

It was a truly memorable performance, which everyone enjoyed and was a culmination of the hard work and practice of the adults with learning disabilities who make up the Ebenezer players.

The council's social service staff support the Ebenezer community resource base and schemes such as this are a prime example of what can be achieved when working in partnership in a community setting.

## Useful Numbers Rhifau Defnyddiol

<b>MAIN SWITCHBOARD</b> PRIF SWITSWRDD ☎ <b>01443 815588</b>	<b>Children's Social Services</b> Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol i Blant ☎ <b>0808 100 1727</b>
<b>Minicom Minicom</b> ☎ <b>01443 873626</b>	<b>Consumer Advice</b> Cyngor i Ddefnyddwyr ☎ <b>01495 235111</b>
<b>Emergency number for all services:</b> Rhif argyfwng ar gyfer pob gwasanaeth: ☎ <b>01443 875500</b> (Out of hours only - Allan o Oriau yn unig)	<b>Council Tax Enquiries</b> Ymholiadau Treth y Cyngor ☎ <b>01443 863002</b>
<b>Adult's Social Services</b> Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol i Oedolion ☎ <b>0808 100 2500</b>	<b>Furniture Recycling</b> Ailgylchu Dodrefn ☎ <b>01685 846830</b>
<b>StreetPride BalchderStryd</b> ☎ <b>01443 866566</b>	<b>Housing &amp; Council Tax Benefits</b> Budd-daliadau Tai/Treth y Cyngor New Claims: <b>01443 866567</b> Existing Claimants: <b>01443 864099</b>

# What's ON / Digwyddiadau

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**EcoPark Bat Walk** •  
**Taith Gerdded Ystlumod ParcEco**  
**20/07/2012, 11am**

**Cefn Fforest Eco Park - Parc Eco Cefn Fforest**  
Join Alex Pollard from Eco-explore and Valleys Bat Group for an exciting insight into the life of bats. A short talk will be followed by a walk through Cefn Fforest EcoPark to see the bats in their natural habitat. Solid footwear and a torch are necessities. Call or email [s.griggs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.griggs@hotmail.co.uk) to book your place.  
Ymunwch ag Alex Pollard o Eco-explore a Grŵp Ystlumod y Cymoedd ar gyfer mewnlwg cyffrous i fywyd ystlumod. Caiff sgwrs fer ei dilyn gan daith gerdded trwy Parc Eco Cefn Fforest i weld yr ystlumod yn eu cynefin naturiol. Mae esgidiau cadarn a torch yn hanfodol. Ffoniwch neu e-bostio [s.griggs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.griggs@hotmail.co.uk) i archebu eich lle.

☎ **079 7091 6188**

**Coed Y Werin Open Day** •  
**Diwrnod Agored Coed-y-werin**  
**16/09/2012 - 10am**

**Coed Y Werin, Caerphilly - Coed-y-werin, Caerffili**  
Come and explore the area in the company of enthusiastic volunteers. There will be activities of interest to all ages. For further details please telephone John Spencer.

Dewch i archwilio yr ardal yng nghwmni gwirfoddolwyr brwdfrydig. Bydd gweithgareddau o ddiddordeb i bob oedran. Am fanylion pellach ffoniwch John Spencer.  
☎ **02920 869684**

**Llancaiach Fawr Manor** • **Maenordy Llancaiach Fawr**

**Halloween Half Term Fun** • **Hwyl Hanner Tymor Calan Gaeaf**

**Ghost Tours**  
6.30pm 30/10/2012 - 2/11/2012  
Tickets £13.50 adults/young person 12-16 years old £10.

**Teithiau Ysbrydion**  
6.30pm 30/10/2012 - 2/11/2012  
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**Teenage Halloween Ghost tours**  
Wednesday 31st October 6pm & 7.30pm £15 per person.

**Teithiau Ysbrydion Calan Gaeaf i Ardegolion**  
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**Halloween Ghost Tours**  
Wednesday 31st October 9.30pm  
£25 per person and 11pm £30 per person.

**Teithiau Ysbrydion Calan Gaeaf**  
Mercher 31ain Hydref 9.30yh  
£25 y person ac 11.00yh £30 y person.

Take a tour of the manor by candlelight to hear true stories of the uncanny things that have happened to staff and visitors over the years. Places must be booked for all tours. Numbers limited for safety reasons.

Dewch ar daith o amgylch y maenordy yng ngolau cannyll y gwranddo ar straeon gwir o'r digwyddiadau rhyfedd y mae aelodau staff ac ymwelwyr wedi'u profi dros y blynyddoedd. Rhaid bwcio lle ar gyfer pob taith tywy. Cyfyngir y niferoedd am resymau diogelwch.

**Activity Days**  
11am - 4pm 30/10/12- 02/11/12  
Craft activities and games for children. Suitable for children up to 11yrs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Diwrnodau Gweithgareddau**  
11am - 4pm 30/10/12- 02/11/12  
Gweithgareddau crefft a gemau i blant. Addas ar gyfer plant hyd at 11 oed. Mae'n rhaid i blant fod yng nghwmni oedolyn.

**Noswaith o Gyfryngaeth**  
7pm £10 y person.  
Mae rhain yn digwyddiadau tocyn yn unig. Ffoniwch i archebu lle.

**An evening of Mediumship**  
Starts at 7pm £10 per person.  
These are all ticketed events. Call to book.

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**Bargoed Open Air Cinema** • **Sinema Awyr Agored Bargod**

**7th September 2012, 8pm** • **7fed Medi 2012, 8pm**  
**Emporium Car Park Bargod** • **Maes parcio yr Emporium, Bargod**  
This popular free event returns again this year with Disney's epic Cars 2. Mae'r digwyddiad rhad ac am ddim poblogaidd hwn yn dychwelyd unwaith eto eleni gan ddangos y ffilm Disney, Cars 2.

**CARS 2**  
07.09.12

**Business Support Roadshow** •  
**Sioe Deithiol Cymorth Busnes**  
**19/09/2012, 10am - 2pm**

**Cherry Tree House, Carlton Drive, Pen-y-Fan Industrial Estate** •  
**Tŷ Cherry Tree, Carlton Drive, Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pen-y-fan**  
Free support and advice for start-ups and growing businesses from a wide range of business support agencies. Exhibition and seminars. Call 01443 866 222 or email: [businessevents@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:businessevents@caerphilly.gov.uk) for further information.

Mae cymorth a chynghor rhad ac am ddim am fusnesau newydd a rhai sy'n tyfu ar gael o ystod eang o asiantaethau cymorth busnes. Arddangosfeydd a seminarau. Ffoniwch 01443 866 222 neu e-bostiwch [digwyddiadaubusnes@caerffili.gov.uk](mailto:digwyddiadaubusnes@caerffili.gov.uk) am ragor o wybodaeth.

☎ **01443 866 222**

**Electric Blanket Testing** •  
**Profi Blancedi Trydan**  
**27/09/2012, 10 - 4pm**

**Blackwood Miners Institute** • **27/09/2012**  
**St Johns Ambulance Centre, Risca** • **28/09/2012**  
Trading Standards will be giving out safety advice and testing electric blankets.

**Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon** • **27/09/2012**  
**Canolfan Ambiwlans St John, Rhisga** • **28/09/2012**

Bydd Safonau Masnach yn rhoi cynghor ar ddiogelwch ac yn profi blancedi trydan.

☎ **01495 235 291**

**Celebration Barn Dance** •  
**Dawns Werin Ddathlu**  
**05/10/2012, 7.30pm**

**St Andrews Church, Penyrheol** •  
**Eglwys St Andrews, Pen-yr-heol**  
Dance your cares away to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St Andrew's Church. This is a free event.  
Dawnsiwch yn ddi-baid i ddatlu 50 mlynedd ers sefydlu Eglwys Andrew Sant. Digwyddiad rhad ac am ddim.

**Gwent Archives: Exploring History** • **Archifau Gwent: Archwilio Hanes**

**20/10/2012 - 12pm**  
**Winding House, New Tredegar** •  
**Tŷ Weindio, Tredegar Newydd**  
Gary Tison, County Archivist will lead an informative talk about the Gwent archives. Residents can learn more about the care of important documents and facilities available for researchers. Booking Essential.  
Bydd Gary Tison, Archifydd y Sir yn arwain sgwrs llawn gwybodaeth ar archifau Gwent. Gall trigolion ddysgu mwy am ofalu am ddogfennau pwysig a'r cyfleusterau sydd ar gael ar gyfer ymchwilwyr. Archebu lle a flaeu llawn yn hanfodol.  
☎ **01443 822 666**

**Halloween Fun! Horrible History** • **Hwyl Calan Gaeaf! Hanesion Hyll**

**30/10/12 - 02/11/2012, 10am - 4pm**

**Winding House, New Tredegar** •  
**Tŷ Weindio, Tredegar Newydd**  
Delve into the past this October Half-Term and discover creepy creatures, spooky stories and ghostly goings-on in this week of family activities and crafts! The historic winding engine will run at 12pm and 3pm. Admission: FREE.

Archwiliwch i'r gorffennol yr hanner tymor mis Hydref hwn a dewch o hyd i bryfetach, straeon bwganlyd a digwyddiadau dychrynlyd yn ystod yr wythnos o weithgareddau a chrefftau i'r teulu hon! Bydd yr injan weindio hanesyddol yn rhedeg am 12.00yp a 3.00yp. Mynediad: RHAD AC AM DDIM.

☎ **01443 822 666**



## FOSTER APPEAL

**The Council needs foster carers to care for children over the age of 10.**

We offer extensive support, comprehensive training and attractive fees. If you have room in your home and time in your life, why not call **0800 587 5664** or visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/fostering)

## Celebrating Achievement

Each year the council celebrates the achievements of Looked After Children and Care Leavers through an annual award ceremony, which is enthusiastically attended by the children and their foster carers.

This year's Achievement Awards were split into two separate age groups - the younger age group at Penallta House and the older age group at the Maes Manor Hotel. Children at the younger event enjoyed refreshments and entertainment in the form of a magic show after the presentation ceremony. While the children and young people at the older event had a glittering 'Oscar style' evening complete with a wandering illusionist, refreshments and a street dance display after the presentation.

In the spirit of good corporate parenting, Caerphilly Children's Services, Education and Health representatives have jointly worked together to arrange the celebrations. Nominations were received from a wide range of professionals involved in the lives of our looked after children and care leavers, which covered the nomination categories of Personal Achievement, Education & School Life and Sports & Leisure. Each child nominated received a certificate presented at the event, along with a gift voucher.



## Dathlu Llwyddiant

**Bob blwyddyn y mae'r cyngor yn dathlu llwyddiannau Plant sy'n Derbyn Gofal a Phobl sy'n Gadael Gofal trwy seremoni wobrwyo flynyddol sydd yn cael ei mynychu yn frwd gan y plant a'u gofawr maeth.**

Rhannwyd Gwobrau Llwyddiant eleni yn ddau grŵp oedran ar wahân - y grŵp oedran iau yn Nhŷ Penallta a'r grŵp oedran hŷn yng Ngwesty'r Maes Manor. Mwynhaodd y plant a fynychodd y digwyddiad iau luniaeth ac adloniant sioe hud a lledrith ar ôl y seremoni wobrwyo. Tra bod y plant a'r bobl ifainc a fynychodd y digwyddiad hŷn wedi mwynhau noson 'ardull gwobrau Oscar' grand yn cynnwys lledrithwr crwydol, lluniaeth ac arddangosiad dawnsio stryd yn dilyn y seremoni wobrwyo.

Yn ôl ysbryd rhianta corfforaethol da, mae cynrychiolwyr Gwasanaethau Plant, Addysg ac Iechyd Caerffili wedi cydweithio i drefnu'r dathliadau. Derbyniwyd enwebiadau gan ystod eang o broffesiynolwyr sydd yn rhan o fywydau ein plant sy'n derbyn gofal a'n pobl sy'n gadael gofal a oedd yn cynnwys y categorïau Llwyddiant Personol, Addysg a Bywyd Ysgol a Chwaraeon a Hamdden. Derbyniodd pob plentyn a gafodd ei enwebu dystysgrif yn ystod y digwyddiad ynghyd â thaleb.

## Don't forget to vote!



**Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will take on 15 November 2012.**

The Police and Crime Commissioner is a new role that will replace your local police authority. Police and Crime Commissioners will be responsible for the strategic management of the police and the appointment of the Chief Constable who will maintain operational control of the force.

If you are not already registered you need to apply by **31st October** to be able to have your say. If you would like to apply for a postal vote then you need to do so by 5pm on the same date (31st October). The deadline for a new proxy vote is 7th November at 5pm.

For this election a new voting system called the Supplementary Vote will be used. You will be able to vote for your first and second choice (if there's more than two candidates). If a candidate receives more than half of all first choice votes, they are elected immediately. If this does not happen, the two candidates with the most first choice votes go through to a second round. All other candidates are eliminated, but their second choice votes for either of the top two candidates are added to the totals for those two candidates from the first round. The candidate with the highest combined total of first and second choice votes will be elected.

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## PROTECTING YOU

The council's Public Protection team aims to ensure that the county borough is a healthy, safe & fair place for people to live, work & visit. One of the team's key tasks is to expose and bring before the courts those individuals and businesses we discover acting illegally.

Below are examples of recent prosecutions:

Defendant	Offence	Court Decision
Darren Gurner of James Street, Llanbradach.	26th July 2012 at Caerphilly Magistrates Court. Unlawful dumping of waste.	100 hours of unpaid work in the community, £347.95 costs to the Local Authority and a £15 victim surcharge. Environmental Protection Act 1990.
Peter Parry	26th July 2012 at Caerphilly Magistrates Court. Littering offence.	£100 fine, £85 costs to the Local Authority and a £15 victim surcharge. Environmental Protection Act 1990.
Laura Nash	12 July 2012 at Caerphilly Magistrates Court. Sale and possession for supply of counterfeit clothing.	£170 fine, £150 costs to the Local Authority and £15 victim surcharge and forfeiture of counterfeit clothing. Trade Marks Act 1994.
Mohammed Ifthakhar trading as Londis Stores, Treowen.	12 July 2012 at Caerphilly Magistrates Court. Sale of alcohol to person under the age of 18.	12 months conditional discharge, £100 costs to the Local Authority, Licensing Act 2003.
Huw Ludlam Ltd of Nelson.	12 July 2012 at Caerphilly Magistrates Court. Supply of a motor vehicle without declaring fact it was a total loss and engaged in a commercial practice which contravened the requirements of professional diligence.	£2000 fine, £1,415.38 costs to the Local Authority and £15 victim surcharge. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

To view the full list, visit [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosecutions](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosecutions)  
Prosecution results are provided for a limited period to promote the openness of the council's actions to local residents. Information provided must not be reused in any form without the agreement of CCBC.