

Trecenydd footie taster sessions

FC Trecenydd Juniors – with the help of FC Trecenydd senior team and Trecenydd Snooker and Sports Hall - was set up by coaches Emma Humphrey, Rhys Heaven and Mark Davies.



Co-founder Emma Humphrey said, "It's been an amazing, yet hard, journey. Our hopes are to bring the life and joy of youngsters back to the Trecenydd community through football."

FC Trecenydd now has a senior and U11's team and are expanding to further age groups. Taster sessions will be held throughout the season at their ground in Trecenydd Park. Girls and boys of all ages are welcome and all coaches are FAW-qualified, DBS-checked and first-aid-trained.

The club is also looking for more coaches, as it expands into further age groups. All coaching courses will be funded by the club.

So, if you're interested in joining FC Trecenydd Juniors as a player or a coach, just get in touch via email at ftrecenyddjuniors@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page!

Dylan still flying high!

You may recall that we featured 18-year-old Penyrheol resident, Dylan Emery, in December's edition of the newsletter. Well, since then he's racked up many more titles, including runner-up in the U18's 2019 European Championships in Eilat, Israel; he also reached the last 16 of the senior competition. Dylan said, "It was a bit disappointing not to win but I got to the late stages, which is good." Dylan also got through to the semi-finals of the U21's and had the highest break of the whole tournament – an impressive 141!!!



Dylan practices at Trecenydd Snooker Club and has travelled the world competing, as he aims to achieve his dream of turning professional.

To add to those accolades, World Snooker has announced that four youngsters, including Dylan, will receive wild cards for the 2019 World Professional Championship Qualifiers in Sheffield. What an achievement at such a young age!

It looks like Dylan is following in the footsteps of his mother, Michelle, who played pool for Wales in her heyday and has many titles under her belt. Dylan has a fantastic family support system, but is still looking for sponsorship to fund his travels.

Dylan is one to watch in the future, so if there are any potential sponsors out there, jump on board while you have the chance!!

MasterChef Magic

PTE Community Council would like to congratulate local resident, Stephen Ford on his successful appearance on MasterChef, coming 11th out of thousands of applicants. What an achievement!



Since then, Stephen's feet haven't touched the ground! Praised by restaurant critics, Jay Rayner and Grace Dent, who delighted in some of their dishes, Stephen has now joined forces with two other contestants – Alex and Thomas - to set up a series of pop-up restaurants and supper clubs across UK venues this summer, developing modern cuisine and serving up new and exciting dishes for their fans.

Stephen is proud to announce that one of those venues is Caerphilly Castle on Thursday, 13th June. Tickets are £75 per person and are available from the events page at www.saltkitchen.co.uk and include four courses of fine dining with a reception cocktail and paired wines for each course!

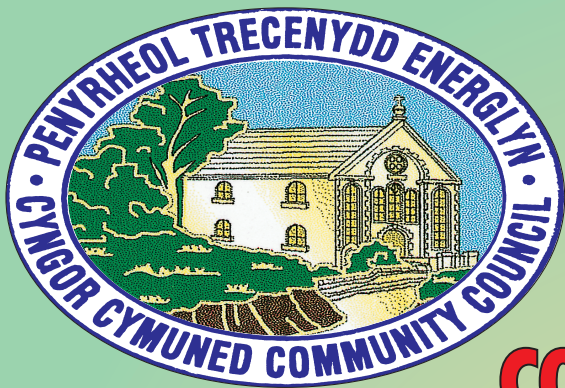
Stephen said, "SALT Kitchen really is the culmination of all of our cookery skills and the experience we learnt from our time on MasterChef. Moving from cooking for a few in our homes to mass catering or fine dining for over 80 people was thrilling and it felt right to take that concept and host events for people to experience it first-hand rather than via their screens. The food we want to cook is top restaurant quality and uses all the wonderful, rich local ingredients the south coast has to offer. We can't wait to get going and cook for you."

Great to see local talent being recognised!

Au revoir Georgie!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Georgie, our Youth Ambassador, who has decided to step down from the role to concentrate on her schoolwork. Thank you so much for all your hard work Georgie and your friends at the Community Council wish you well for the future!





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Chair's Welcome

My name is Peredur Owen-Griffiths and I have lived in the Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn community for the past 14 years. For the past two years I have been a Community Councillor. Last year I became Vice Chair, and this year was nominated to take the position of Chair, taking over from Cllr Susan Dickens. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her enthusiasm and leadership over the last year. I was extremely proud to accept this position and, together with a dedicated team of councillors, will work hard for our communities.

While our funds as a Community Council may be limited, we will continue to use them for the benefit of our communities, be that through playschemes, litter picks, Christmas concerts or through donations to good causes close to your hearts. We will stand up for Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn communities at every opportunity.

We are currently looking to recruit a Youth Ambassador to join the Community Council and help give a voice to the youth in our area. If you or a member of your family are interested in volunteering for this role, please get in touch with any of the Community Councillors. Indeed, if you would like to speak to any of the Councillors about matters affecting the local area, get in touch and we will do our very best to help you. I look forward to meeting many of you during my time as Chair over the next year.

Peredur Owen-Griffiths

Summer fun!

This year's playschemes will be held between Tuesday, 23rd July and Friday, 16th August 2019. All primary school-aged children from within our community between the ages of 5 and 11 are cordially invited to participate.

Children must permanently live in the Penyrheol, Trecenydd or Energlyn wards to be eligible to attend either playscheme and proof of address may be requested at registration or any time during the playscheme. It is not sufficient that children spend the holidays with relatives/carers within the wards. Children will also not be eligible simply on the basis that they attend Hendre or Cwm Ifor Schools. These are venues that have kindly been offered to the Community Council by the schools and the playschemes are not run by the schools. If it is found that the child does not permanently live at the stated address, unfortunately the

child will be asked to leave. So PLEASE do not put your child/grandchild at risk of being asked to leave.

The Trecenydd playscheme will be held at Hendre Junior School and the Penyrheol playscheme will be held at Cwm Ifor Primary School.

Entry is free of charge (there may be a charge for trips) so please encourage your children to attend the playschemes for an enjoyable social experience. However, although the Community Council is delighted to be of help to working parents, please note



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Summer fun! ...from front cover

that this is a summer playscheme and not a child-minding service and children must be picked up at the appropriate times. The playscheme is not compulsory and as it is paid for by the Community Council, a decision is made every year as to whether or not to run the playscheme, so the situation could change at any time.

The playschemes always prove popular and are well-attended. The number of places is limited, so allocation is on a **first come, first served basis**.

Registration will take place as follows (please take note of the different locations, dates and times of the registrations for both playschemes).

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR OWN CHILD/CHILDREN, AS A CONTRACT HAS TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND REGISTRATION CANNOT BE DONE BY FRIENDS ETC. ALSO, PLACES CANNOT BE SAVED IN THE QUEUE FOR OTHER PARENTS/CARERS.

**Penyrheol playscheme
Tuesday, 18th June 2019 at
Penyrheol Community Centre
Doors open at 6.00 pm
(For children who live in the
Penyrheol, Ty Isaf, Caledfryn,
Pwllypant, Energlyn, Highfields,
Cwarrel Park area)**

**Trecenydd playscheme
Wednesday, 19th June 2019 at
Hendre Junior School**

**Doors open at 6.00 pm
(For children who live in the Hendredenny,
Trecenydd, Glenfields,
Penrhos, Castell Maen
areas). Please note
that Castle View is no
longer within the
Penyrheol Trecenydd
Energlyn Ward.**

Please keep an eye on our website (www.ptecouncil.com) in case of any changes regarding registration dates etc.



Velindre bowled over by generosity of local club



In 2009, members of Penyrheol Bowling Club decided that they would like to support Velindre Cancer Centre going forward. Since then, they have continued to support Velindre by placing collection tins in local shops, selling Velindre merchandise to visiting teams and hosting upwards of 24 teams during a day of bowls.

The Club would not have been able to do this without the help of generous shoppers, Caerphilly County Borough Council for ensuring exclusive use of the green and pavilion on the day of the competition, the management committee of Penyrheol Community Centre for allowing the use of the centre to feed the hungry hoards at lunchtime, PTE Community Council for its donations and last, but certainly not least, support from family and friends of the club for the tremendous work they do on and prior to competition day, including preparing a first-class buffet.

Penyrheol Bowling Club has three teams (two men's and one women's) and is always looking for new members, so if you'd like to join, please feel free to call at Penyrheol bowling green in Aneurin Park, Penyrheol for a chat, visit their Facebook page, or visit their website: www.penyrrheolbc.co.uk.

Pictured is Club Secretary, Aneurin Evans, receiving a certificate for last year's £3500 donation from a Velindre representative. Also pictured is a certificate showing the whopping £22,899 raised since 2009.

Congratulations to Penyrheol Bowling Club and long may they continue this fantastic tradition!



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The history of Hendredenny Hall

Hendredenny Hall once sat in splendid isolation overlooking Caerphilly until the building of the Hendredenny Park Estate began in the 1960s.

The hamlet of Hendredenni was listed amongst the possessions of Gilbert de Clare, the Norman Lord of Glamorgan, in his will dated 1307.



The earliest record of a structure appears in a lease, dated 1700, and refers to a ruined farmhouse on the site with an adjoining cow house and hay loft. In recent times some of these ruins have been rebuilt as modern dwellings.

Hendredenny Hall itself was built by a Rowland Williams in 1799 and has changed little since the following advertisement appeared in the Cambrian Newspaper's Christmas Edition, 1818:

To Let: Hendredenny Hall, very well calculated for a sporting box in the heart of sporting country which abounds with game and affords good hunting, shooting and fishing. Situated half a mile from the market and post town of Caerphilly. Several genteel families in the neighbourhood. House modern and well built, 2 parlours, study, china pantry, underground arched cellar, 5 best bedrooms, rooms for servants, farm house, walled garden. 50 acres. Apply George Williams.

I am sure that there are still "several genteel families" in the neighbourhood!

The original access to the Hall from Groeswen lane was near the modern footbridge to Hendredenny Primary

School and ran in a straight line to the Hall on the the present-day footpaths and grassed area, along an avenue of oak and chestnut trees, some of which still remain.

The Hall was occupied at one time by the Pardoe family who had connections to the famous Nantgarw Pottery.

It is a Grade II listed building and a good example of a Georgian house representing gentrification of the countryside. A relatively rare building type in this area.

citizens advice

"I'm 3 months pregnant and just beginning to show, so last week I thought I'd sit down with my manager and let them know before any speculation could take place. My manager was really

happy for me, but this week I've been pulled aside and told they're letting me go due to poor performance. I've worked here for 2 years and never had any negative feedback so I don't understand. Could they be sacking me just for being pregnant? Is this legal?"

It doesn't matter how long you've been working for your employer, being fired because of pregnancy, or pregnancy-related issues, is automatically classed as unfair dismissal.

Although your employer said you were being sacked for poor performance, you're right to be suspicious as this only came to light after you told your manager about your pregnancy. If your employer says your dismissal has nothing to do with you having a baby, you will need to prove that it was. You can ask your employer to send you written reasons for your dismissal.

As you have been employed for two years, your employer can only dismiss you for specified fair reasons, such as gross misconduct or persistent poor performance. Except in the most serious cases of gross misconduct, your employer will be expected to follow a fair process and show the dismissal was for a fair reason.

If you want to challenge the dismissal, you can take your case to an employment tribunal. You should first raise a grievance with your employer and contact the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service about Early Conciliation. Be sure to act quickly as time limits in employment tribunals are short.

To prepare for the tribunal, gather as much evidence as possible. This includes emails with your employer about your pregnancy, previous performance appraisals, and correspondence about you being dismissed. The new Citizens Advice Discrimination Toolkit, found on their website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk/advisernet/work/discrimination-at-work), can help you with this.

Citizens Advice Caerphilly Blaenau Gwent can provide free and impartial employment and discrimination advice. Call in to one of our offices or outreaches, you can find the opening hours at www.citizensadvice.org.uk, or call Adviceline on 03444 77 20 20.

TELL US YOUR NEWS!

This is YOUR Community Newsletter so we'd love to hear your news. Maybe you're proud of someone's achievements or would like to tell us about something close to your heart. If you have something you'd like to share with the community in the December 2019 issue of the Newsletter please contact the Clerk on 029 2083 0666 or email her on ptecommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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Dancing their way to glory



Loren James Dance Company, based in Trecenydd Business Park, is one of the country's biggest and most successful dance studios. Their huge, purpose-built studio offers classes for all ages and ability levels, toddlers to seniors, complete beginners to international competitors.

Dancers learn with a team of experienced and fully insured dancers, including professional Loren James, who has over 20 years national and international competitive and commercial experience. Having trained in London for over a decade whilst representing her country at European and World Championships, working with BBC's Strictly Come Dancing and touring the UK and Ireland with Brendon Coles's cast of dancers, dancers couldn't be in better hands! As they near the end of the 2018/19 competition season, Loren and her team would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the season's successes and congratulate all dancers for working so

hard and achieving such fantastic results.

Under 10's team Northern Masters Trophy Champions

Under 14's team Northern Masters Trophy Champions

Adult 16+ team Northern Masters Champions

Adult team British National Finalists

Junior under 16's team British Open Vice Champions

Under 19's pairs World Champions

Over 16's Stars of the Future National Champions

Under 16's pairs Champions of Tomorrow UK

Champions

Under 16's pairs All England Champions

Over 16's pairs All England Champions

**AND MANY MORE TITLES AND ACHIEVEMENTS
BROUGHT HOME TO CAERPHILLY.**

Loren says, "A huge well done to all of LJDC's dancers, we are so proud of you all!!! Our dance school is less than three years old and yet we are able to compete on National and International stages against the very best and achieve such accolades!! We are enormously proud to represent Caerphilly and

Wales at each competition we enter and are working hard to bring lots more trophies home to Trecenydd!!"



Neighbourhood News

During the winter period, the ward has been very steady with anti-social behaviour and crime. Patrols and daily interaction with the community and local businesses will continue to take place. We urge the public to report any issues to the Police. Alternatively, you can contact your ward team, PC Iwan Adams and CSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar. Details can be found on Gwent Police website on <https://www.gwent.police.uk/your-area/ward.html?wardId=CC03>.

Currently, there is an increase in reported incidents at Llwyn-On-Street and Energlyn Sidings, where refuse bins have been stolen and then set alight. We are working with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service to try and reduce this issue. We are advising residents to either take their bins out on the morning of their collection day or, when bins are moved to the front/back of the property, they are secured to the wall until the morning.

We are in the process of trying to identify certain individuals that may be responsible for these offences. This will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly. If you have any information or concerns please contact one of the ward officers on the above details or via 101.

We have been dealing with off-road bikes throughout the ward over the last six months. Two bikes have been seized and one Section 59 has been issued. Again, if you have any information, please contact the ward Officers or report via 101.

Our 'street surgeries' rotate throughout the ward. Please check our website for further information: www.gwent.police.uk and enter the ward you're searching for in 'Your Area'.

Gwent Now is a free community messaging system for the Gwent area. It allows you to register to receive the latest crime alerts and community news happening in your local neighbourhood. If you would like to sign up, please visit our website, www.gwentnow.org.

Gwent Police also provided £500 funding for a team-building day over the Easter holidays and new equipment for Trecenydd Youth Club.



Keeping our community safer



Caerphilly and District Crime Prevention Panel and Caerffili Neighbourhood Watch covers Aber Valley, Penyrheol, Morgan Jones, St James, Llanbradach, St Martins, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen wards and covers the whole borough as a Neighbourhood Watch group.

The aim of the Panel is to offer help and advice to those who want it, to keep people safer at work, in their home, garden, vehicle, whilst out and about and even whilst out socialising or just walking.

The Panel has a Facebook page: Caerphilly and District Crime Prevention Panel & Caerffili Nhw, which is packed full of crime prevention advice, scam warnings and useful local information in attempt to make our community safer.

The page also has a shop, where you can purchase some very useful crime prevention items, such as shed motion sensors, debit card defenders, personal alarms and much more.

So why not pop onto Facebook and join the page, to be kept updated? Alternatively, you can visit their website:

www.caerphillyanddistrictcrimepreventionpanel.org.uk.

Learn how to save lives for free



We've got a whole host of reasons to celebrate in 2019 here at St John Cymru Caerphilly. Firstly, we started our year with a brand new leader, Rhyddian Birkinshaw, who has taken over from Kim Newbury, who now leads our Bedwas volunteers. Kim stepped in after the retirement of Wendy Winslet who had led the team in Caerphilly for a number of years. Rhyddian is looking forward to working closely with neighbouring volunteers from Bedwas to ensure that all of our volunteers get the best possible training and equipment.

We're also gearing up and preparing for a busy spring/summer event season where we'll be on duties across Caerphilly, like Ffiliffest and the Big Cheese,

doing our best to ensure we're there for the people in our community when they need it most.

Not only this, throughout the year we will be holding a number of first aid training sessions completely free to those who want to learn these lifesaving skills within our community. Equipping yourself with first aid skills from St John Cymru, Wales' leading first aid charity, ensures you are fully prepared in an emergency situation and could potentially be the difference between a life lost and a life saved. Our community first aid training sessions will be running throughout the summer (dates to be announced) and will be published on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SJCCaerphilly.

So, if you'd like to join us, get in touch, or email rhyddian.birkinshaw@caerphillytown.sjaw.org.uk

Nearly there!!

Our youth told us what they wanted! We listened!

Just an update on the skatepark for Aneurin Park, Penyrheol.

The project, partly-financed by the Community Council, is being organised via Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) procurement services and is well-advanced.

It is hoped that construction will be commenced in May/June. Other items forming part of the park's improvements have now been installed and I hope people are enjoying the new facilities.

A number of people have tried hard - both locally and with the Council - to obtain funding and improvements to the park's facilities. It is a public park and we want all age groups to utilise our parks. If there is something that requires attention, please report it to CCBC's Parks Department via their website: <http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/parklife/parks>, or ring them on 01443 811 452.

If you are aware of people misbehaving or damaging your park and spoiling the enjoyment for others, then please report them.

We intend to host a launch at the skatepark once installed, with some experts invited to show how it's done and to offer tips and advice. This event will be advertised on Facebook and the Community Council's website: www.ptecouncil.com.

Below is a pic of what the skatepark will look like. So, if you want help with your "720 Gazelle", "Ollie", "Fakie Beta Flip" or, my favourite, "Hospital Flip", please come along!! Cllr Steve Skivens.

