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£53.5million schools boost

A number of exciting new school developments totalling **£53.5million** are taking shape across Caerphilly county borough.

Caerphilly council & Welsh Government are providing significant investment to fund ambitious projects which will provide schools fit for the 21st Century.

The flagship project is the construction of the new £25.5million Islwyn High School in Oakdale. The replacement school will house pupils from the former Pontllanfraith and Oakdale Comprehensive Schools.

The impressive 3 storey building will boast modern teaching spaces alongside state of the art technology workshops, science labs and IT suites. The grounds of the site will a include 3G pitch, 200 metre athletics track and multi-use games area as well as outdoor learning spaces and a small amphitheatre.

In the north of the county borough plans are progressing to develop a brand new

replacement school for pupils from Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary Schools. The Full Business Case for the proposal has now been approved and an allocation of £8million.

The new school development will be built on land within the existing Rhymney Comprehensive School site near Abertysswg. A state-of-theart, single storey development will consist of a Primary School, Nursery, a Flying Start unit and an 'Integrated Children's Centre' offering childcare provision.

Finally, work is nearing completion on the construction of exciting new sporting facilities, including a 3G pitch and multi-use games area

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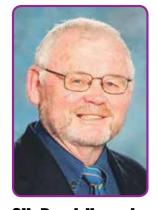
Welsh School development in Caerphilly.

Cllr Derek Havard, Cabinet Member for

at the recently completed £20million Y Gwyndy

Cllr Derek Havard, Cabinet Member for Education said, "Pupils across the Caerphilly

county borough are benefitting from unprecedented investment to deliver educational facilities that are fit for the 21st Century. This clearly demonstrates our commitment to raising school standards and improving the learning environment for children and young people across the area."



Clir Derek Havard
Cabinet Member
for Education

Sheltered housing homes to rent

The council has a number of homes ready to rent in sheltered schemes across the county borough.

For people aged 60 or over, or persons with a disability, who want to live independently but in a smaller, easier-to-manage home with support, sheltered housing is a great option.

The council's sheltered housing schemes are made up of bungalows, flats or bedsits which are completely self-contained, with their own bathroom and kitchen. There are also communal areas where tenants can socialise and take part in activities.

Sheltered housing offers lots of benefits, including:

- A Sheltered Housing Officer who covers either a morning or afternoon from Monday to Friday
- Safe and secure buildings
- Regular tenant meetings to share ideas and views
- Social events and access to an activities co-ordinator
- Dedicated 24 hours/365 days a year monitoring alarm service



For more information on current vacancies visit: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Housing or telephone the council's Allocation's Team on **01443 873669** or to find out more on what sheltered housing has to offer, contact the Older Person's Housing Team on **01495 235383**

Ystrad Mynach Library will reopen to members of the public on Monday

and staff desk, as well as new carpeting and internal decoration throughout.

The £48,000 improvement works will include new internal furniture, shelving

10th October, having undergone an impressive internal makeover.

The works will help ensure the important town centre facility is able to

offer modern and attractive facilities for years to come. While the library is

temporarily closed, residents are able to access a wide range of services and

Students across Caerphilly county borough have been celebrating their A level and **GCSE** achievements.

The overall provisional pass rate for WJEC A levels was 97% (A* - E), consistent with the provisional result from 2015. The provisional result for WJEC A Level grades A* - A was 16.6%, an increase of over 1% compared to the provisional result from 2015, and 69.8% of grades were at C or above, again seeing a slight increase compared to the orovisional result from 2015.

show the pass rate (grades A* - G) is 98.3%. Provisional results also show the A* - C pass rate is 61.1% and the pass rate at grades

Cllr Derek Havard said, "These results have been achieved as a result of much dedication, hard work and perseverance by our students, together with the commitment and professional support of their teachers in helping the students realise their potential. I wish all our students every success in their future endeavours."

Pwll-y-Pant works update

A proposed scheme to carry out improvement works at Pwll-y-Pant roundabout in Caerphilly has been postponed in order to avoid clashing with another major scheme.

The council is still awaiting a formal funding decision from the Welsh Government about the Pwll-y-Pant scheme, and it is unclear at the moment when this will be received.

Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils have recently begun major improvement works on the Fiddlers Elbow viaduct at nearby Abercynon. The viaduct is one of the main arterial routes in the area. and the three month programme of works are likely to lead to an increased volume of traffic using other routes, including the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout.

As a result, the council has decided

to postpone the proposed highway improvement at Pwll-y-Pant in order to avoid any additional disruption to traffic and road users. It is hoped that, subject to securing the necessary funding, the proposed works can proceed in the summer/autumn of 2017.

In the meantime the council has undertaken maintenance works to the roundabout to refresh the road markings at Pwll-y-Pant, in response to concerns over highway safety. Minor works have also been carried out the westbound approach to the Trecenydd roundabout to alter the lane markings in order to improve its efficiency. The road markings at Penrhos roundabout have also recently been refreshed.

For information on library facilities please call 01443 864068 or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Libraries

Improvements at Ystrad Mynach Library

Thanks for your GREEN efforts!

The latest recycling figures for **Wales show that Caerphilly has** exceeded its recycling target for 2015/16 thanks to the efforts of green residents across the area.

Councils were challenged by Welsh Government to hit a target of 58% in 2015/16, but Caerphilly exceeded this target with a figure of 62%.

Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Community Services said, "We welcome these latest recycling figures and would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the residents who are doing their bit to help us reach these ambitious targets."

"We also recognise that there is still work to do and we are currently focussing attention on further increasing food waste recycling. By working together we can boost our recycling rates in the future and make Caerphilly one of the greenest places in Wales," he added.

Back in May, the council carried out a monitoring exercise of 7,000 randomly selected properties to measure participation in food waste recycling. Overall, the participation rate was approximately 38%, so we have now developed a campaign to help increase this figure. The first stage of the 'Is yours a food waste sin bin?' campaign involves residents receiving a door step visit from a trained officer representing the council.

We estimate that close to 7,000 tonnes of food waste is not currently being recycled and is instead placed in general waste bins. If every household participated in recycling food waste the council could save nearly £200,000 a year which could go towards protecting other frontline services.

Recycling food waste is easy:



'City Deal' moves forward

Caerphilly council is one of ten local authorities across **South East Wales working** together to deliver a range of benefits for the region.

£1.2billion

Working in partnership with the Welsh Government, the ten councils are developing a proposal for the UK Government for investment in the city-region to provide jobs and increase economic output.

In other parts of the UK, City Deals have provided significant amounts of new funding to support infrastructure development for similar city-regions.

Leader of Council, Cllr Keith Reynolds said, "This ambitious new project signals an exciting new era for the region. It's great to see ten local councils working together with a shared goal of bringing prosperity and opportunities to our communities in the future."

An agreement has been created detailing £1.2 billion of investment, including the development of the South Wales Metro; support for innovation and digital infrastructure; developing skills and helping people back into work; promoting enterprise and business growth; and wider activity in regeneration and housing.

It is hoped that it can help deliver 25,000 new jobs in the region and lever in up to £4billion of private sector investment.

Reducing our carbon footprint

collection day, please call the

team on 01443 866 533 or visit

www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Works to install solar panels at five **Caerphilly county borough residential** homes has recently been completed.

The panels, which have been installed at Min Y Mynydd, Brodawel Resource Centre, Beatrice Webb, Ty Clyd and Ty Iscoed residential homes, will produce enough electricity to run the equivalent of a small primary school or Caerphilly Library for an entire year.

For more news visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/news

The photovoltaic panels will also generate approximately £350,000 financial benefits to the council as well as preventing the release of 55 tonnes of carbon emissions, making the panels a great financial and environmental investment.



Cllr Ken James said, "The installation of these panels will generate a staggering 124,324 kWh per year and for the next 20 years, as well as preventing 55 tonnes of carbon emissions being emitted into our atmosphere each year. I am delighted that it has been possible to install so many of the panels as they will bring many environmental and financial benefits to the county borough."

The council is currently also working on a programme of replacing low pressure sodium streetlights with more energy efficient LED lights. As well as financial savings of approximately £27,000 a year, this programme will also save 225,596kwh of electricity and prevent the release of 93 tonnes of carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

For more news visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/news

computer facilities at any of the county borough's other libraries.

Are you registered?

Over recent weeks residents will have received a letter from the council's Electoral Services team as part of the council's annual registration process. This letter contains details of who is registered at each address.

Thank you very much to all households that have already replied - but to those who are yet to, it is very important that they respond as soon as possible.

Residents who haven't yet responded will be sent a reminder, asking them to confirm if the information is still correct or to provide details of any changes at the address. If there are no changes residents can respond by freephone. text, online or by post. Any changes can only be made by returning the form or

on-line at www.hef-response.co.uk

If householders want to add a name to the register, the council will then contact that individual to arrange for them to register. By law, every household must respond to this form. and anybody who does not will receive a visit from a council inspector.

The electoral register is used for a wide range of things, including credit checks and those residents who are not on the register may find it hard to get a loan, mortgage, finance agreement or even a mobile phone contract. Registering is a legal obligation, and will ensure residents can exercise their democratic rights at the ballot box.

The Electoral Register will be published on 1st December this year.

For more information, please contact Caerphilly County **Borough Council's Electoral** Services team on 01443 866909 or by visiting www.caerphilly.gov.uk



'QUEST' FOR EXCELLENCE

The council's Sport and Leisure Service are celebrating, having gained a national quality award at four of its leisure centres.

The 'Quest' quality award assesses different strands of the leisure service, including health and safety, hygiene, community impact and customer care, and has been awarded to four Caerphilly county borough leisure centres – Caerphilly, Heolddu, Newbridge and Risca. The assessment in order to achieve the 'Quest' accreditation consists of a number of mystery visits and an on-site assessment.

Cllr Nigel George said, "It's fantastic that four of our leisure centres have achieved the standards required to gain this nationally recognised award, which is an endorsement of how well our leisure centres are being operated. The Quest award also demonstrates that staff are committed to providing a quality service for customers and that our standards are continually improving."

Quest is the UK quality scheme for sport and leisure facility management and is the recognised industry standard, endorsed by governing bodies such as Sport Wales and the Chartered Institute of Sport and Recreation Management.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT

www.caeRPhilly.gov.Uk/LeiSUReLifeSTYLe



Caerphilly Council and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have constructed new and strengthened existing flood defences in Risca and Pontymister.

The project, funded by the council, NRW and through a Welsh Government grant in aid allocation, has enabled new flood defences to be constructed in Waunfawr Park and New Park, together with the refurbishment of some of the existing defences in Risca and Pontymister. These new and improved defences will not only help protect against a flood from the River Ebbw, but also benefit the hundreds of homes and businesses.

Cllr David Hardacre said, "This project is an excellent example of two public sector organisations coming together to jointly solve a longstanding flooding risk and in doing so protecting households and also potentially releasing land for future development that will regenerate the area."





* An innovative technique called 'CAUTS' (cold applied ultra-thin surfacing) has been used where chippings are firmly embedded into the road surface by the application of a special 'locking spray' within 24 hours of being spread.

This is an improvement on the previous 'surface dressing' technique which relies upon the movement of traffic to embed the loose chippings into the road surface over a period of time following application.

"I'm sure this investment will be welcomed by motorists across the area as it has led to a noticeable improvement to our highway network," said Cllr Tom Williams, Cabinet Member for Transportation and Highways.

CNOS BOJ surface preservation technique called Micro Asphalt and 18 with conventional re-surfacing materials.

For more information about highways and winter maintenance arrangements visit

"We are also pleased to be employing new technology to carry out the work in a more efficient and effective manner. The CAUTS system will significantly reduce the amount of loose chippings that are left on the road following this type of work."

The council's Highways team is also getting ready for the cold Winter months ahead. Over 10,000 tonne of grit is stockpiled in local depots and a fleet of 13 gritters is ready to cover 420km of road network across the whole county borough in order to keep motorists moving.

There are also 880 grit bins strategically located around the area so that residents can 'help themselves' – especially in side roads and residential areas off the main routes covered by the gritting vehicles.

Free School Meals

Many children across Caerphilly county borough are already enjoying free school meals, and many more could be - but their parents or carers don't realise they may be eligible.

Children and young people attending school on a full time basis may be entitled to receive free school meals if parents are in receipt of any of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- **✓** Support under Part VI of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- ✓ Income-related Employment and **Support Allowance**
- Universal Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190 ✓ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Working Tax Credit 'run-on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop

qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Young people who receive Income Related **Employment and Support Allowance, Universal** Credit, Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right may also be eligible to receive free school meals.

Parents who pay for their child to have

school meals could save around £580 per

year if they qualify for free school meals.

Accessing free school meals also allows

parents and carers to receive a one-off

clothing grant of £105 when the child is

year of secondary school.

moving from primary school to their first

The number of people receiving free

school meals is also an important factor

in reporting school performance, and

is used by the Welsh Government to

determine levels of funding for schools

and the council. In fact, schools receive

£1,050 additional funding for every child

registered for free school meals.

Parents who would like more information on free school meals, or to submit an application should visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk, call 01443 864055 or email: catering@caerphilly.gov.uk



If you fancy a new challenge, why not have a go at one of the new running clubs available at two local Leisure Centres?

Due to high demand, running sessions have been introduced at Caerphilly and Risca Leisure Centres. Both centres offer a weekly session, every Wednesday, from 6pm until 7pm. Running clubs throughout the county borough have steadily increased over the last year with 425 affiliated members belonging to Welsh Athletics, compared to 296 in 2015.

Alongside these running clubs there are also a number of recreational clubs available, which regularly see over 200 runners take to the parks and streets of the county borough. One of the most popular is the Penallta Park Run event, making it one of the largest of its kind. These running clubs have also played a significant part in the rise in the number of people entering the Caerphilly 10k with over 2,300 people running in 2016, compared to just over 2,000 in 2015.

Cllr Nigel George, cabinet member for community and leisure services said, "It is great to see these clubs being used by residents of all ages and abilities. Healthy living is always something we encourage and it is great to have these local sessions to help boost our motivation into becoming a healthier and fitter generation."

Joining forces to improve air quality

A 'steering group' of residents and council representatives has been set up to look at steps that can be taken to improve air quality in Hafodyrynys.



Monitoring of air quality in Hafodyrynys began in 2009, and following a detailed assessment of air quality, part of Hafodyrynys Road was designated as an 'Air Quality Management Area' in November 2013.

Improvements to the A467/A472 Crumlin junction is likely to achieve benefits in terms of air quality in the area, but in addition, an area

designated as an 'Air Quality Management Area' requires an 'Air Quality Action Plan' containing key actions aimed at reducing levels of nitrogen dioxide (mainly caused by traffic) within the area.

A recent meeting of the 'steering group' was the initial step in producing the action plan. Residents were also able to express their concerns and explore suggestions to help remedy the poor air quality situation, which will be assessed for inclusion in the action plan

Cllr Nigel George said, "We acknowledge that while some improvement works have been carried out in the area, there is still much more that needs to be done. That's why we were pleased to come together with local residents and our partners to explore initial ideas. This is very much the start of the process, but I would emphasise that with the support of the community, we remain committed to doing all we can to help improve the air quality situation."

It is expected the Air Quality Action Plan for Hafodyrynys will be in draft form by November, when community members and other interested parties will be invited to participate in a consultation on the draft contents. The revised plan will then be submitted to Welsh Government for consideration in March 2017.



Bus users will be aware that since the end of July there have been changes made to a number of bus services across Caerphilly county borough.

Most of the changes have been made to maintain a comprehensive network across the county borough, with some services changed in order to:

- Improve reliability some routes have become unreliable over the past few years and where possible timetables have been altered to help buses run to time.
- Maintain and improve connections as well as improving reliability, timetables have been designed to improve and maintain connections where possible. For example, on Sundays, Route C has been amended to provide better connections to Cardiff.
- Enhance services where passenger numbers are increasing In 2011 a number of changes were made to Sunday services. On some routes, passenger numbers have increased by up to 25% so the frequency of some timetables has been enhanced. On Sundays, Routes 26, 151 and B now operate every hour throughout most of the day.
- Answer customer requests last year, the council and Bus Users Cymru held a number of dropin sessions. Over 100 comments were received and some of the changes are as a result of these suggestions. They include, extending Route H to serve Aldi in Caerphilly, diverting Route 26 around Parc Nantgarw during the evening and on Sunday, improving the daytime reliability of Route 151 and an earlier bus on Sundays on Route 1 from Rhymney Bridge to Bargoed.
- As part of the council's budgetary savings requirements unfortunately the council has had to make some savings from its bus subsidy budget as part of its savings requirements for 2016/17. While the council has endeavoured to keep the impact to a minimum, some lesser used journeys on some services have been withdrawn.

For further information, please contact the council's Integrated Transport Section on 01495 235 223 or by emailing travelinks@caerphilly.gov.uk



Around 80,000 honey bees have recently taken up residence at the council's headquarters,

The council is working with the Sirhowy Valley Honeybee Company to help increase the bee population in the county borough. Two new beehives have been installed in the far corner of the grounds in order for the bees to access the trees and foliage nearby.

It is hoped that as well as increasing their population within the area, the honey bees will also improve the grounds through pollinating the resident plants.

Cllr Ken James said: "Honey bees account for 80% of all insect pollination but have sadly been in decline over a number of years. As a local authority we have undertaken various projects to help increase the number of pollinators and raise awareness of their importance. I hope that we continue to do this and I look forward to seeing the honey bees at work around Penallta House's grounds."

This project forms part of Caerphilly County Borough Council's work around the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act which came into force in April.

The honey bee project at Penallta House follows another successful bee keeping project at Ynysddu Primary School.

This project will provide pupils at Ynysddu and surrounding schools the opportunity to learn about the importance of pollinators and become bee keepers, learning all about the wonderful world of bees while doing so.

Blue badge holder -Parking clarification



In the June edition of Newsline, there was an article on parking concessions for blue badge holders.

The concession that allows blue badge holders to park for an 'unlimited period of time' in all limited waiting parking bays and in residents' only parking bays applies 'on-street' only.

Please note that the concession for blue badge holders does not apply in the council's car parks. Apologies for any confusion.

UNITED AGAINST MATE CRIME

Caerphilly is united in its stance against hate crime, which was reinforced at a meeting of Council recently.

In a Notice of Motion put forward by CIIr Roy Saralis, councillors unanimously agreed that:

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia. We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community."

Cllr Roy Saralis said, "Sadly we are all too familiar with the recent national reports of racist and xenophobic incidents and hate crimes, and here in Caerphilly we are clear that we totally condemn such crimes. We are proud to live in a diverse society and would seek to reassure all people living in our county borough that they are valued members of our community."

Equalities Champion
Cllr James Pritchard
added, "We must stand
together to fight
discrimination wherever
it rears its ugly head.
This council will do its
utmost to tackle
hate crime, and
we'll work with
the community
and our partners
to make sure the best
support is available for victims."



Hate crimes should be reported by calling Gwent Police on 101 (or 999 in case of an emergency). Victim Support are also available 24 hours a day on their free helpline 0300 30 31 982 or go online to www.reporthate.victimsupport.org.uk

Christmas comes early

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It may only be September but the council is already busy gearing up for the festive period.

The Town Centre Management team are once again joining forces with county borough retailers to launch a special 'Choose the High Street' Christmas voucher booklet, which will offer shoppers fantastic discounts and offers from retailers on the county borough's high streets.

The voucher booklets can be picked up from selected visitor attractions and high street stores, as well as libraries and customer service centres from mid-October onwards, and the vouchers can be used between Monday 14th November and Friday 30th December.

The council is also busy preparing for its Christmas events programme – with a number of ever-popular events returning this year:

- Ystrad Mynach Festive Fair Saturday 19th November
- **Barqued Christmas Market** Saturday 26th November
- **Risca Christmas Market** Saturday 26th November
- Blackwood Christmas Market Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
- **Caerphilly Christmas Fayre** Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December
- **Barqued Ice Rink** Wednesday 14th Sunday 18th December
- **Caerphilly River of Light Parade** Thursday 22nd December

Also returning this year is Operation Santa – a special Christmas appeal organised by the council, which aims to support over 700 children across the area.

Local people can get involved by pledging to buy a gift for a child – these children are not helped by any other appeal, and have been nominated by social workers who work with local families. Watch this space for information on how to get involved!

For more information on festive events, please visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Changes to Customer Service Centres

More Caerphilly residents are accessing council services online, so the council has revised the opening hours of its Customer Service Centres to reflect this trend.

Fewer people are using the walk-in Customer Service facilities now that residents can pay bills, request services and access information online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Since Monday 5th September, the opening hours of five of the seven centres has been reduced. Customer Service Centres are currently located at Caerphilly, Bargoed, Risca, Blackwood, Pontlottyn, Penallta House (no change) and Newbridge (no change).

Cllr Barbara Jones said, "We recognise that the way our residents interact with the council is changing, so we need to respond to this trend. Our website provides a range of interactive services, but we are also mindful that not everyone has access to the internet so we will continue to offer a face-to-face service, albeit in a reduced capacity." The proposal to reduce opening hours formed part of a widespread public consultation which was undertaken when the council was considering its budget proposals.

"We want to ensure that residents can access council services in ways that are most convenient to them. It is important that we offer the right mix and whilst we are keen to embrace new technology, we also need to offer more traditional facilities to ensure than no residents are excluded," added Cllr Jones.

Details of the revised opening hours at each site are on display within the Customer Service Centres or the full list can be accessed on the council's website www.caerphilly.gov.uk or by phoning 01443 815588

Tell us about your changes

Residents claiming housing benefit or council tax reduction from the council are being urged to get in touch straight away if their circumstances change.

The council needs to know about any changes affecting residents, their partners and anyone else living at the home. It is important that residents notify the council of any changes, as it could affect the amount of benefits that they receive. Also, failing to notify the council about a change in circumstances within one month of it happening may mean residents lose out on benefits.

Examples of changes residents must tell the council about include:

- Changes in income of anyone living at the address including benefit changes
- Changes in savings/investments
- Changes to Income Support, Employment & Support Allowance or Job Seeker's Allowance
- Changes to Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit
- Your or your partner start work, change jobs, go into hospital or if someone joins or leaves the household
- A child leaves school or someone living at the property aged 18 or over starts or stops work
- A rent change (non council tenants only)
- Receiving Universal Credit Changes in address

When contacting the council, residents will need to explain what has changed, the date of the change and send proof of the new circumstances. Not reporting a change which may affect your benefit is an offence. Action may be taken against residents if it is felt they have deliberately delayed or not reported a change in circumstances. Residents in Caerphilly can now complete 'Change of Circumstance' forms on-line by visiting our website at – www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Housing-benefits/Tell-us-about-changes.

Alternatively call 01443 866567 or email: benefits@caerphilly.gov.uk for help.



Useful **Numbers** | **Rhifau** Defnyddiol

MAIN SWITCHBOARD PRIF SWITSFWRDD

2 01443 815588

Minicom Minicom

2 01443 873626

Emergency Number for Council Services:

Rhif argyfwng ar gyfer **Gwasanaethau'r Cyngor:**

2 01443 875500 (Out of hours only • Allan o Oriau yn unig

Adults' Social Services Cymdeithasol i Oedolion

🕿 0808 100 **2**500

StreetPride BalchderStrvd **~** 01443 866566

Blue Badge Bathodyn Glas

Children's Social Services Cymdeithasol i Blant

🕿 0808 100 1727

Consumer Advice Cvnaor i Ddefnvddwyr

3454 040506

Council Tax Enquiries Ymholiadau Treth y Cyngor

3 01443 863002

Furniture Recycling Ailgylchu Dodref

~ 01685 846830

Housing & Council Tax Benefits daliadau Tai/Treth y Cyngoi

New Claims: 01443 866567 Existing Claimants: 01443 864099

2 01443 866571

FiRework Safety

With bonfire night not far away, the council's Food, Health and Safety team have some safety advice for anyone thinking of using fireworks as part of their celebrations:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS7114 or EN15947 and from a reputable retailer
- ▲ Ensure children are always supervised and keep pets indoors
- ▲ Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time
- ▲ Read and follow the instructions on each firework with a torch
- Light at arm's length, using a taper and then stand well back
- Never consume alcohol when setting off fireworks
- Wear gloves when holding sparklers, and never give them under fives
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes away from fireworks
- Don't put fireworks in pockets or throw them and never return to a firework once it's been lit
- Always keep a bucket of water to hand

Gyda noson tân gwyllt ddim yn bell i ffwrdd, mae gan dîm Bwyd, Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyngor rywfaint o gyngor diogelwch ar gyfer unrhyw un sy'n ystyried defnyddio tân gwyllt fel rhan o'u dathliadau:

- ▲ Prynwch dân gwyllt wedi'u marcio BS7114 neu EN15947 ac o werthwr cyfrifol yn unig
- ▲ Sicrhewch fod plant yn cael eu goruchwylio bob amser a chadwch anifeiliaid anwes dan do
- ▲ Cadwch dân gwyllt mewn blwch caeëdig a defnyddio un ohonynt ar y tro ▲ Darllenwch a dilynwch y cyfarwyddiadau ar bob tân gwyllt gyda thortsh
- ▲ Taniwch ar hyd braich, gan ddefnyddio tapr ac yna sefyll yn ddigon pell yn ôl
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Picnic in the Park • Picnic yn y Parc

17/09 • 12pm - 4pm

Bedwas Riverside Park • Parc Glan-vr-afon Bedwas **E** Celebrate autumn by bringing a picnic and joining us for fun and games at the Riverside Park. Please bring suitable

clothing. Suitable for all ages. ■ Dathlwch dymor yr hydref trwy ddod â phicnic ac ymuno â ni ar gyfer hwyl, sbri a gemau ym Mharc Glan-yr-afon. Dewch â dillad addas. Addas i bob oedran.



Traditional Skills Day • **Diwrnod Sqiliau Traddodiadol**

18/09 • 10am - 4pm

- Free entry to the manor as part of Cadw Open Doors Day. Handmade ceramics, jewellery making, spinning and feltmaking, quilting, and lacemaking - as well as blacksmithing demonstrations.
- Mynediad am ddim i'r Maenordy fel rhan o Ddiwrnod Drysau Agored Cadw. Seramig a wneir â llaw, creu gemwaith, nyddu a gwneud ffelt, cwiltio a gwneud les - yn ogystal ag arddangosiadau gwaith gof. 01443 412248

Star Wars: The Force Awakens! 18/09 • 10am - 4pm

Bargoed Open Air Cinema • Sinema Awyr Agored Bargod ■ Bring a picnic, blanket and chair and sit back and relax while enjoying the film. Free entry. An adult must accompany children under 16.

Dewch â phicnic, blanced a chadair ac eisteddwch nôl ac ymlaciwch tra'n mwynhau'r ffilm. Mynediad am ddim. Mae'n rhaid i blant o dan 16 oed fod yng nghwmni oedolyn. 02920 880011

The Revion Girl 21/10 - 2pm + 7.30pm 22/10 - 7.30pm

Blackwood Miners' Institute • Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon

- A sensitive, thought-provoking and deeply moving play based on real-life events following the Aberfan mining disaster. Comina home to Wales to mark the 50th anniversary of the disaster. Tickets £14/£12. Age 12+
- Drama sensitif ac emosiynol sy'n procio'r meddwl sy'n seiliedig ar ddigwyddiadau bywyd go iawn yn dilyn trychineb glofaol Aberfan. Mae'n dod adre i Gymru i gofnodi 50 o flynyddoedd ers y drychineb. Tocynnau £14/£12. Oed 12+ 01495 227 206

Ghost Season • **Tymor Ysbrydion** 22/10 through until 31/03/17

■ The manor has a well-deserved reputation for being haunted... are you brave enough? Ghost tours, paranormal ghost tours and family ghost tours. From £16 per person.

■ Mae gan y Maenordy enw haeddiannol am fod yn llawn ysbrydion...ydych chi'n ddigon dewr? Teithiau ysbrydion, teithiau ysbrydion paranormal a theithiau ysbrydion i'r teulu. O £16 y person.

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Llancaiach Fawr



Clwb Crefftau - y Rhifyn Bwganllyd! 24,26,27,28/10 • 11am - 12pm

Winding House • Winding House

- Join us for fun family craft sessions based on the more horrible side of our history. Part of the Welsh Museums Festival. £2.50 per child, children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.
- Ymunwch â ni am sesiynau crefft i'r teulu sy'n seiliedig ar ochr mwy ofnadwy ein hanes. Rhan o Ŵyl Amqueddfeydd Cymru. £2.50 y plentyn, mae'n rhaid i blant fod yng nghwmni oedolyn. Archebu lle o flaen llaw yn hanfodol.

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The Big Draw • Y Darlun Mawr 25/10 • 11-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm

Windina House • Y Tŷ Weindio

■ This year's theme is "STEAM!" so where better to get involved in this national festival of drawing than inside our very own winding house - home to our amazing Victorian winding engine. We need your help to make the biggest, brightest scratch art drawing of our engine that we've ever seen! **Free, just drop in.**

■ Thema'r flwyddyn hon yw "STÊM!", a lle gwell i gymryd rhan yn yr ŵyl ddarlunio genedlaethol hon nag yn ein tŷ weindio ein hunain - cartref ein hinian weindio syfrdanol Fictoraidd. Rydym angen eich cymorth i wneud darlun celf ysgrafellu enfawr a'r mwyaf llachar a welom erioed! Dydd Mawrth 25ain Hydref, 11-12.30pm a 1.30-3pm. **Am ddim, galwch draw.** 01443 822 666

Halloween Wildlife Fun Hwyl Bywyd Gwyllt Calan Gaeaf 28/10 • From 4pm

Parc Cwm Darran Booking is essential. Archebu yn hanfodol ■ Join us as we hunt for the creatures that roam the park at night,

and see if you can spot any spooky bats. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothina. Don't foraet a torch! £3 per person. ■ Ymunwch â ni wrth i ni chwilio am greaduriaid sy'n crwydro'r parc ayda'r nos a aweld os aallwch chi ddod o hyd i unrhyw ystlumod bwganllyd. Gwisgwch esgidiau a dillad addas. Peidiwch ag anghofio eich tortsh! £3 y person.

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I gael gwybodaeth am sgyrsiau, clybiau llyfrau a sesiynau crefft sydd ar y gweill yn eich llyfrgell leol ewch i www.caerffili.gov.uk neu ffoniwch 01443 864068

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Craft Club - the Spooky Edition! | Spooky Vampire Hunt • Helfa Fampiriaid Arswydus 29/10 • 10am - 3pm

Cwmcarn Forest • Coedwig Cwmcarn

- Gather your clues around the trail to defeat Dracula and his vampires. But be aware, he might be lurking in the woods! Suitable for 4+. £4.50 per child including goody bag.
- Casglwch eich cliwiau o amgylch y llwybr i guro Dracula a'i fampiriaid. Ond byddwch yn ofalus, efallai ei fod yn llercian yn y goedwig! Addas i blant 4+ oed. £4.50 y plentyn gan gynnwys bag o anrhegion.

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Coal 24+25/11 • 7.30pm

Blackwood Miners' Institute • Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon

- In this story about community, solidarity and survival, Coal recalls the profound impact the pit closures of the 1980s had on mining communities. Tickets £14/£12. Age 12+
- Yn y stori hon am gymuned, undod a goroesi, mae Coal yn ail-gofio'r effaith ddwys y cafodd cau'r pyllau glo yn ystod y 1980au ar gymunedau glofaol. Tocynnau £14/£12. Oed 12+ 01495 227 206



Crafty Snowmen Workshop **Gweithdy Dynion Eira Crefftus**

Cwmcarn Forest • Coedwig Cwmcarn

01495 272 001

27/11 • from 11am

Join us and build your own cheeky snowman to decorate your festive home. Booking advised. £3.50 per child. Suitable for age 4+

■ Ymunwch â ni i adeiladu eich dyn eira direidus eich hun i addurno eich cartref ar gyfer yr ŵyl. Awgrymir eich bod yn archebu lle o flaen llaw. £3.50 y plentyn. Addas i blant 4+ oed

safe and 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:**

Nod tîm Diogelu'r Cyhoedd y cyngor yw sicrhau bod y fwrdeistref sirol yn lle iach, diogel a theg i bobl fyw a gweithio ynddo ac ymweld. Un o brif dasgau'r tîm yw datgelu'r gwir am yr unigolion a'r busnesau hynny sy'n gweithredu'n anghyfreithlon, a'u dwyn gerbron y llys. Isod ceir enghreifftiau o erlyniadau diweddar:

Protecting You • Eich Diogelu Chi

The council's Public Protection team aims to ensure that the county borough is a healthy,

Trading Standards prosecutions • Erlyniadau Safonau Masnach

Name Enw	Offence Tramgwydd	Court Decision Ddeddfwriaeth
Glen Avery of Tredegar	22 July 2016 at Newport Magistrates Court. Plying for hire in a vehicle not licensed as a Hackney Carriage. Failing to inform consumers that his vehicle was not appropriately insured. Using a vehicle on a road without appropriate insurance cover.	£480 fine, £200 costs to the local authority, £20 victim surcharge, disqualified from driving for 6 months. Town Police Clauses Act 1847. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. Road Traffic Act 1988.
Glen Avery o Dredegar	22 Gorffennaf 2016 yn Llys yr Ynadon Casnewydd. Gyrru tacsi sydd heb ei drwyddedu fel cerbyd hacnai Methu rhoi gwybodaeth i gwsmeriaid nad oedd ei gerbyd wedi ei yswirio'n addas. Defnyddio cerbyd ar yr heol heb yswiriant addas	Ffein o £480, costau o £200 i'r awdurdod lleol, £20 gordal dioddefwr, gwahardd rhag gyrru am 6 mis. Deddf Cyfrifoldebau Heddluoedd Trefol 1847. Rheoliadau Diogelu Defnyddwyr rhag Masnachu Annheg 2008. Deddf Traffig y Ffyrdd 1988.
Glyn Norman Mayne of Caerphilly	20 July 2016 at Cardiff Crown Court. Falsely claiming to be a "HETAS" registered engineer and business. Fitting unsafe solid fuel burning appliances. Fraud by misrepresentation.	8 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years, £4950 compensation to consumers, £100 victim surcharge, 160 hours unpaid work. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. Fraud Act 2006.
Glyn Norman Mayne o Gaerffili	20fed Gorffennaf 2016 LLys y Goron, Caerdydd. Honni ar gam i fod yn beiriannydd cofrestredig a busnes "HETAS". Ffitio llosgyddion tanwydd solet anniogel. Twyll trwy camliwio.	8 mis o garchar wedi'i ohirio am 2 flynedd, iawndal o £4950 i ddefnyddwyr, £100 gordal dioddefwr, 160 awr o waith di-dâl. Rheoliadau Diogelu Defnyddwyr rhag Masnachu Annheg 2008 . Deddf Twyll 2006.
Simon Holmes of Cardiff	8 July 2016 at Newport Magistrates Court. Street Trading without appropriate consent from the local authority. Falsely described food as being 100% beef. Failed to make food allergy information available to consumers.	£100 fine, £100 costs to the local authority, £20 victim surcharge. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Food Safety Act 1990 Food Information (Wales) Regulations 2014.
Simon Holmes o Gaerdydd	8 Gorffennaf 2016 yn Llys yr Ynadon Casnewydd. Masnachu ar y Stryd heb ganiatâd priodol oddi wrth yr awdurdod lleol. Disgrifiodd bwyd fel 100% cig eidion ar gam.Methodd wneud gwybodaeth alergedd bwyd ar gael i ddefnyddwyr.	Dirwy o £100, costau o £100 i'r awdurdod lleol, gordal dioddefwr o £20. Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982. Deddf Diogelwch Bwyd 1990. Rheoliadau Gwybodaeth am Fwyd (Cymru) 2014.
Michelle Holmes (aka Michelle Andrews) of Cardiff	8 July 2016 at Newport Magistrates Court. Street Trading without appropriate consent from the local authority. Failed to make food allergy information available to consumers.	£50 fine, £100 costs to the local authority, £20 victim surcharge. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Food Information (Wales) Regulations 2014.
Michelle Holmes (a elwir hefyd yn Michelle Andrews) o Gaerdydd	8 Gorffennaf 2016 yn Llys yr Ynadon Casnewydd. Masnachu ar y Stryd heb ganiatâd priodol oddi wrth yr awdurdod lleol. Methodd wneud gwybodaeth alergedd bwyd ar gael i ddefnyddwyr.	Dirwy o £50, costau o £100 i'r Awdurdod Lleol, gordal dioddefwr o £20. Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982. Rheoliadau Gwybodaeth am Fwyd (Cymru) 2014.

To view the full list, visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosecutions Gellir gweld y rhestr yn llawn ar www.caerffili.gov.uk/erlyniadau

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. Caiff canlyniadau erlyniadau eu dangos am gyfnod cyfyngedig i ddangos i drigolion lleol bod y cyngor yn gweithredu mewn modd agored. Ni ddylid ailddefnyddio gwybodaeth mewn unrhyw fodd heb ganiatâd Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili.



Residents are invited to have their say on their vision for the future of their local area by taking part in an online survey.

The survey is framed around the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act which became law in April, and is intended to improve the wellbeing of the people of Wales. Public services must now think more about the long-term, working with local people and communities to help create a Wales we all want to live in, now and in the future. Involving residents is key to the success of this. To participate in the 'The Caerphilly YOU Want' survey, please visit **www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved**. For a hard copy, please call **01443 864354**. The closing date is Friday 30th September.

Gwahoddir trigolion i ddweud eu dweud am eu gweledigaeth ar gyfer dyfodol eu hardal leol drwy gymryd rhan mewn arolwg ar-lein. Mae'r arolwg yn cael ei fframio o amgylch Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) a ddaeth i rym ym mis Ebrill, a bwriedir iddo wella llesiant pobl Cymru. Rhaid i wasanaethau cyhoeddus nawr feddwl mwy am y tymor hir, gan weithio gyda phobl a chymunedau lleol er mwyn helpu creu Cymru rydym i gyd am fyw ynddi, nawr ac yn y dyfodol. Mae cynnwys preswylwyr yn allweddol i lwyddiant yr arolwg. Er mwyn cymryd rhan yn arolwg 'Y Gaerffili a Garech', ewch i **www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved**. Am gopi caled, ffoniwch **01443 864354**. Y dyddiad cau yw dydd Gwener 30 Medi.