

Sport's Centre USE IT OR LOSE IT!



You will have no doubt read or heard that Llantwit Fardre Sports Centre has had a bit of a reprieve and will remain open until at least March 2015. Thanks go to all those who raised and signed petitions and to all those individuals and organisations who wrote in to protest at the proposed closure.

The stark message from RCT however is 'USE IT OR LOSE IT'. At the time of going to print no decision has been taken on the long term future of the centre but various proposals are being considered along with the result of consultations held with the staff of all the RCT leisure and sports centres.

One thing we can say for certain is that if the centre is to remain open it will be with reduced hours but hopefully not reduced facilities. Following discussions between the centre manager and the Community Council Chairman a workable proposal, with hours being reduced from eighty six to sixty nine and showing a substantial reduction in the current loss being made by the centre, has been put forward to RCT, and we are reliably informed, is being seriously considered.

Sorry we are unable to tell you that the centre will remain open in the long term but here's hoping.

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The Brownies and Guides celebrated 100 years since the first brownie meeting was held. We are proud to say we have fantastic Guides, Brownies and Rangers groups in our area and they have achieved great things this year. **Keep up the good work!**

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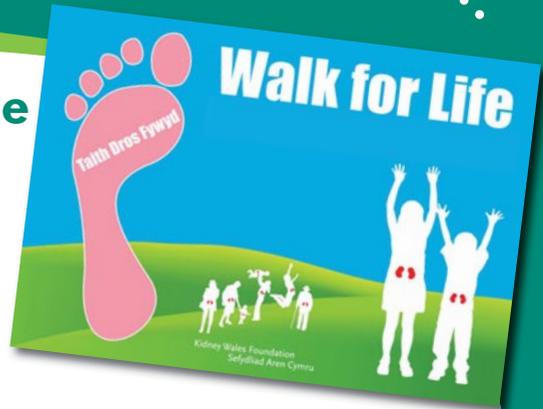
£1,100 raised for Walk for Life...

The Kidney Wales Walk for Life raised over £1,100 this year. We would like to thank and everyone who took part and congratulations on raising a substantial amount of money for such a great charity.

Remembrance Service



Please note that a Remembrance Service will be held at St Illtyd's Church on **Sunday 9th November** with a short service to follow at the Parish Hall.



Good as new...



We are pleased to say that the Parish Hall Memorial Clock is now fully functional and chimes daily at 11am.

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Cancer Research will be changing from a Wednesday to a **THURSDAY** from the 4th September, 2014. All are welcome.

Christmas Fete



Last year Christmas Fete was such a success that we will be holding another one this year on **Wednesday 3rd December**. It will again be held at the Llantwit Fardre Sports Club. From 4.30pm till 7.30pm. If you are interested in having a table to sell your goods, please contact us asap as they do go very quickly.

Welcome



Please welcome our new Councillor Anthony Handley

Born and raised within the area, I am really proud and excited to be representing the Church Village ward. During my early years I was educated at Ysgol Garth Olwg and I currently work within the Health and Safety sector. I am really keen to engage with members of the public to identify the needs and aspirations of the community.

**Hello,
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There is a strong police presence within our area dealing with a range of issues such as drugs, violence and burglary. There has been successful drugs warren executed in the Cae Fardre area. Two people were arrested and are currently on police bail whilst the investigation continues.

In conjunction with RCT the Police are currently running a Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme within Garth Olwg Primary School.

The next PACT meeting will be held Wednesday 3rd December 6pm at Ty Illtyd Community Centre.

If anyone has anything to report of a non urgent nature please contact 101.

Your Community Councillor ...

Cllr Bev Channon

Being a Community Councillor gives you the opportunity to interact with members of your Community and to realise that the things that effect their everyday life are the ones that matter to them most – it is not always the issues that are happening in RCT or Wales that has the biggest impact on their lives, but matters which makes everyday life easier or harder for them as the case may be.

It makes you appreciate the importance of being in a position of trust and having the commitment to pursue general enquiries – irrespective of their overall relevance. Such actions can have a positive impact on the Community in general.

I have lived in the area since 1977 – and have seen a great deal of change, both in the landscape of the area, and in the number of people living here. It was a brilliant place to raise my family with a great deal of rural and wildlife pursuits, sadly the wildlife has diminished over the years. At one time a drive through the Creigiau lanes at night would always reveal foxes, badgers, owls, hedgehogs etc., and over the years we have seen kingfishers, herons, finches, sparrow-hawks, buzzards and woodpeckers regularly in our gardens. The same large variety of birds, are now less frequent visitors – less trees + more people = less birds.

My grandchildren still love to spend time exploring in the forestry as did their parents and

they love to play safely – and inexpensively – a packed lunch is all that is required to enjoy a fun day out.

Despite the long wait and the view of critics that it would never happen, the Church Village by pass has opened the area up for families to enjoy walks or bike rides together in the Community and on a sunny day it is brilliant to see the area teeming with family activity again ... like it was when we first came to live in the area from our home in Cardiff.

These are the important aspects of Community life – supporting people to improve their environment by looking at the everyday aspects, no matter how trivial they may appear – they can enhance the day to day life for us all.

This is what being a Community Councillor is about, although being an effective councillor requires both commitment and hard work – it entails giving your time and life experience to assist in Community issues, to represent and speak on behalf of your neighbourhood in any matters which have a negative impact on their everyday lives - which in turn can improve the future prospects of the generations of families who choose to live here and indeed the Community as a whole.

Contact your local Community Cllr on the numbers at the back of this newsletter or through the L.F.C.C. website:

**RECYCLING BAGS
AVAILABLE
FOR COLLECTION
at the Parish Hall
Office**

Cinderella

**Saturday
13th December
Llantwit Fardre
Sports Centre**

On Saturday 13th December there will be a Children's Pantomime which will be Cinderella. There will be two showings, one starting at 5.30pm and one in the evening. Tickets will be available from the council office week commencing 20th October.

Tickets will cost £1. Both children and adults will need to purchase a ticket to attend the pantomime.

