

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

February 2011

Please note Community Council minutes, agenda and other notices are all posted on the Welsh St Donats village website www.welsh-st-donats-community.btck.com (note the slight change in domain name) then follow the link to the Community Council.

HENSOL FOREST - a report from the Karl Charlton, Area Manager, Forestry Commission of Wales

Operations are currently on stop at Hensol on felling of the *P. ramorum* infected trees. This is temporary whilst we wait for an extension to our existing licence from CCW to continue work. We expect the licence to be issued this week and we are looking to have felled the remaining stems by the end of March.

We have received reports of unauthorised removal of timber from some of the stacks close to the gateways, should anyone witness this I would be very grateful if they contact me at the address below.

karl.charlton@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

0300 068 0300 or 07917618244

HIGHWAYS

Following a site meeting in Welsh St Donats with Councillor Geoff Cox, Cabinet Member for Visible Services, and Andrew Gwinnell, Highways, from the Vale Council and Councillor Bill Fawcett and the Clerk from Welsh St Donats Community Council on 11th February, we have just heard that the stretch of road from Vale View to the crossroads by Twin Pines will be resurfaced at the beginning of March.

CENSUS

We have been informed by the Office for National Statistics that a Census will take place in 2011 to be completed on 27th March 2011. The 2001 Census can be viewed at

www.statistics.gov.uk

FINANCE

The precept for the financial year 11/12 for the Community Council was set at £5,500, the same as last year.

The Annual Return for 09/10, approved by Audit Wales, is now available for members of the public to inspect. Part of the Return will be posted on noticeboards, but the full document is held by the Clerk and can be inspected during normal working hours between 1st and 21st March by prior arrangement.

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

A review of electoral arrangements and draft proposals can be viewed, again by prior arrangement with the Clerk. There are no proposed to Welsh St Donats area.

CASH GRANT APPLICATION

It is not too late to think up a project that would benefit the community. Funding is still available under the annual Vale CASH Grant scheme. Please let me have your suggestions as soon as possible.

AWARDS FOR WILDLIFE

There are two classes, schools, colleges or other education centres, and voluntary groups or industrial or commercial business including farms. Prize £100. Details with the Clerk.

Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meeting on April 5th, please let me know beforehand by dropping me a line or email. Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and can speak to the Council during the Public Forum item first on the agenda.

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Welsh St Donats Community Hall Update

Hall Improvements

I am pleased to report that the Community Association have been successful in obtaining a grant from Creative Rural Communities for a replacement kitchen. The new kitchen will be equipped with modern units and worktops together with a large fridge, Range Style Cooker, Extractor Fan and a warming cupboard. It is hoped that this will enhance the hall and provide excellent facilities for preparing and serving food which should encourage greater use of the hall and encourage more community use.

It is planned to complete the works during the half term break in February and we will hopefully christen the new kitchen with a community function very soon after completion.

The committee extends a special thank you to all those residents, who managed to sign the petition for the kitchen replacement, as this was a key factor in obtaining the grant.

As usual a reminder that we are always in need of help and assistance, large or small, so if you feel there are ways that you would like to assist then please

Contact Committee members with your ideas or email on wsdhall@tiscali.co.uk

Community Association Committee Members

The current Community Hall Management Committee members are:

David Haswell Chairman tel: 01446 772223

Debbie Haswell Booking Secretary tel: 01446 772223

Bill Fawcett Treasurer tel: 01446 773405

Graham Duffield Secretary & Vice Chairman tel: 01446 772752

Tina Lloyd Social Secretary tel: 01446 771902

Royal Wedding 29th April

In order to celebrate the Royal Wedding we are planning to organise a Reception in the Community Hall on the 29th – so a date for your diary! More details will emerge in due course and any ideas or suggestions can be directed to Tina as well as any offers to help.

Details will also be posted on the Community website <http://www.welsh-st-donats-community.btck.co.uk/> in due course

Graham Duffield

Secretary

17th January 2011

Maendy Chapel

About 5 years after the doors closed for the last time on Maendy Chapel, they have been re-opened as the first stages of conversion into a private house begins. The structure, owned by the trustees of the Welsh Congregationalist, dates back to the first half of the 19th Century. It was put up for auction in April last year with approved planning permission as a four bed roomed house, but failed to reach its reserve.

It has been sold since to a private buyer, who has leafleted all the houses nearby apologising for the disruption due to building work which could take up to two years. A gesture, much appreciated by his potential neighbours who live in a rather narrow lane!. The Vale Council have imposed very strict conditions on the conversion which includes continuing access to members of the public wishing to visit the graveyard.

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