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Community Council

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EDITOR'S NOTE • GOLYGYDDOL

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring/ Summer 2026 edition of Dyffryn Ymlaen. We hope the longer days and brighter weather are bringing a renewed sense of energy to you all.

As a community, we've had a great end to last year. Our Christmas Celebration event was a huge success, raising funds for Kids Cancer Charity while bringing people together for a truly special evening. It was incredible to see such generosity and support, and a reminder of just how strong our community spirit is.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be planning our upcoming Summer Fayre – a date for the diary and a fantastic opportunity for families, friends, and neighbours to come together once again. We're hoping it will be another memorable event for all ages.

As always, the council remains committed to creating opportunities for connection, whether through events, local initiatives, or the continued use of our community spaces. Our hall is open for bookings, and we love seeing it used for everything from celebrations to classes and groups.

Be sure to keep up to date with everything happening via our website and Facebook page, where we regularly share news, events, and important updates.

Wishing you all a joyful and sunny season ahead—here's to making the most of the months to come together.

Best Wishes

Chantele

Chair of the Communications Committee

Helo bawb, a chroeso i rifyn Gwanwyn / Haf 2026 o Dyffryn Ymlaen. Gobeithio fod y diwrnodau hirach a'r tywydd gwell yn dod ag egni newydd i bawb ohonoch.

Fel cymuned, fe gawsom ddiwedd rhagorol i'r llynedd. Roedd ein digwyddiad Dathlu'r Dolig yn llwyddiant ysgubol, gan godi arian ar gyfer Elusen Ganser Plant a dod â phobl ynghyd ar yr un pryd ar gyfer noson wirioneddol arbennig. Roedd hi'n wych gweld cymaint o haelioni a chefnogaeth, a chael cyfle i gofio mor gryf yw ein hysbryd cymunedol.

Wrth edrych ymlaen, rydyn ni'n llawn cyffro wrth gynllunio ein Ffair Haf arfaethedig – dyddiad ar gyfer eich dyddiadur a chyfle rhagorol i deuluoedd, ffrindiau, a chymdogion ddod ynghyd unwaith eto. Rydyn ni'n gobeithio y bydd yn ddigwyddiad cofiadwy arall i bobl o bob oedran.

Mae'r cyngor, fel bob amser, yn parhau i fod yn ymroddedig i greu cyfleoedd gysylltu, boed hynny drwy ddigwyddiadau, mentrau lleol, neu'r defnydd parhaus o'n llecynnau cymunedol. Mae ein neuadd ar agor i'w llogi, ac rydyn ni'n dwlu gweld y lle'n cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer popeth o ddathliadau i ddosbarthiadau a grwpiau.

Cofiwch gadw llygad ar bopeth sy'n digwydd drwy ein gwefan a'n tudalen Facebook, lle rydyn ni'n rhannu newyddion, digwyddiadau a diweddariadau pwysig yn rheolaidd.

Gan ddymuno tymor llawen a heulog i ddod – gobeithio y gall pawb ohonom wneud yn fawr o'r misoedd nesaf hyn gyda'n gilydd.

Dymuniadau Gorau

Chantele

Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cyfathrebu

Funds Raised For Kids Cancer Charity

As a Community Council, we are regularly approached by charities and voluntary organisations seeking financial contributions to support their operations and the vital services they provide to people in need. Each request is carefully considered to ensure that any support offered aligns with our values and delivers tangible benefits to local communities.

In 2025, we were contacted by Kids Cancer Charity, a Swansea based organisation dedicated to supporting children affected by cancer and their families. The charity delivers a range of support services across the region, focusing on providing much needed respite, emotional support, and opportunities for children and families to spend meaningful time together away from the pressures associated with serious illness.

In particular, Kids Cancer Charity offers respite breaks and holiday opportunities that can have a significant positive impact on the wellbeing of children undergoing treatment and their families. These services play an important role in supporting families during what is often an extremely challenging period, helping to improve quality of life and providing essential relief from the demands of ongoing medical care.

As the Community Council has a limited budget available for donations,

members discussed the options available and considered what further steps could be taken to support the charity in a meaningful way. In addition to a direct financial contribution, it was agreed that fundraising activities could provide an effective way of raising much needed funds while also involving the wider community.

Following discussion, the Halls Committee met and agreed that all fundraising linked to the Community Council's Christmas event would be dedicated solely to supporting Kids Cancer Charity. This decision reflected the importance of the charity's work and the desire to maximise the benefit of the event for one local cause.

On 14 December 2025, the Community Council, in partnership with members of Morriston RFC Male Voice Choir, held a Festive Celebration event. The event was a sell-out, well attended by local residents and created a strong sense of community spirit. Through donations and fundraising activities on the day, the event successfully raised over £500 for Kids Cancer Charity.

Kids Cancer Charity were invited to our January meeting where our donation was presented.

For more information on the Kids Cancer Charity or to make a donation please visit www.kidscancercharity.org



Community Telephone Box Mini Library – Heol Penderyn

As members may be aware, Heol Penderyn has been home to a community mini library and information hub for many years. The facility was originally established by the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Works in 2019 and has provided a valued local resource for residents, particularly those with a love of reading or who face difficulties travelling to access library services in the town centre or Skewen.

Regrettably, due to challenging circumstances, the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Works were no longer in a position to maintain the hub. In 2025, the group approached the Community Council with a proposal to transfer ownership, with the clear intention of ensuring that the facility could continue to serve the community in the long term.

The offer to purchase the telephone box was considered and discussed by Full Council, and a unanimous decision was made to proceed. We are therefore pleased to confirm that the Community Telephone Box Mini Library is now an asset of the Dyffryn Clydach community and, with continued local support, is expected to remain a valued resource for many years to come



Notice to Dog Walkers

Dyffryn Clydach Memorial Park

We have a beautiful, well maintained childrens play park situated at The Drive, however it has come to our attention that there are dog walkers who are allowing their dogs into the park. There are many fields and woodlands in the area where they can be walked freely, and we really want to keep this a clean and safe place for our young people and ask that your canine friends are kept out at all times.



Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the park with your dog.

Dyffryn Clydach Memorial Hall – For Hire

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Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tregeles

I have the honour of being one of the Community Governors at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tregeles, and have decided to research the family after whom the school has been named. I have been amazed at what I have found! As the school now enters a new phase in its development and structure I thought I would share some of this with you.

‘An Indefatigable Philanthropist’:
Joseph Tregelles Price (1784–1854)

Joseph Tregelles Price was born 17 January 1784, in Cornwall. The family moved to Neath in 1799 when his father became the manager of the Neath Abbey Iron Works. Both Joseph, and his father were faithful members of the Society of Friends, noted for acts of charity, relieving the poor and distressed, supporting missionaries and the Bible Society. They built a free school for the poor children of Neath Abbey, for both boys and girls.

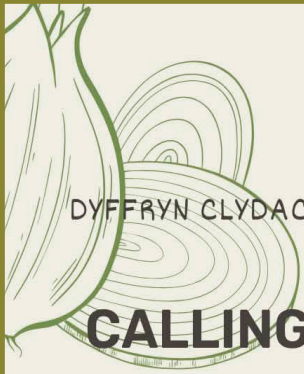
The Neath Abbey Ironworks School was a significant educational institution . The school was part of the company's commitment to providing good working conditions for its employees and recognizing the importance of education. In 1816 the Commissioner of schools commented that, ‘in the case of the school at the Abbey Works, Price had established one of the best schools’. The first Works school was transferred to a new school in 1825. The Works also ran a renowned Apprenticeship scheme, which produced many famous names in



engineering and industry. His mother too was one of the most remarkable women of her time, taking an active part in Quaker meetings and extolling the benefits of peace. In addition to the Neath Abbey iron-works, with their blast furnaces, forge, and foundry, the Prices were also interested in coal-mining, in iron ore working at Aberpergwm, and in copper smelting in the locality. Price was more than simply an industrialist. He was well known for his humanitarian acts. One of these was to visit Richard Lewis - ‘Dic Penderyn’, then under sentence of death (1831), in Cardiff gaol. Tregelles-Price became convinced of the prisoner's innocence, and rode to London to interview Lord Melbourne, the Home Secretary. He obtained a reprieve, but only for 10 days.

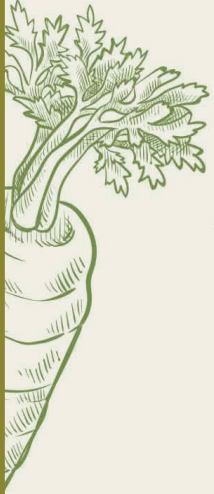
It was due to Tregelles-Price that the first Peace Society was formed in 1816 in London; of this he became the first president. He never relaxed his rule that no cannon, shot, or gun was to be made by his men. He was also patron of the Anti-Slavery Movement. After a most successful business and philanthropic career, he died, unmarried, on Christmas Day 1854, and was buried in the Friends' cemetery at Neath.

Gill Keen



DYFFRYN CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CALLING ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS DO YOU GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES?



**YES! THEN ENTER OUR
SUMMER VEGETABLE
GROWING CONTEST**

**ALL ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED
AT THE SUMMER FAIR**



**1ST AUGUST
2026**

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William Beck - Judo

Eleven-year-old William Beck from Longford, has achieved an outstanding success after winning gold at the British Schools Judo Championships in the under-50kg category.



William fought superbly throughout the competition, facing opponents from across the UK and winning every single one of his bouts on his way to the top of the podium. His determination, skill, and composure impressed spectators and coaches alike.

William began his judo journey five years ago when he joined C and S Judo Academy. Since then, he has trained consistently twice a week and

has become a valued member of the club community. Alongside his own training, he also gives back by helping to coach younger children with additional learning needs in the academy's inclusive class every Friday evening.

His success follows another major achievement in October when he won gold at the Welsh Championships, earning him a place in the Welsh squad. William now trains with the squad every Tuesday evening in Cardiff and is one of the youngest judokas there.

Passionate about the sport, William already has his sights set on the future — with a dream of one day being part of the Olympic squad in 2032.

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2026 CHARITY BINGO *Nights*



27th March -
Ty Olwen

8th May -
Maggies

18th Sept
Lucia Rees

Doors open
6.00 PM

Eyes down
7.00 PM

The Memorial Hall
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Tiny Toes Ballet

Tiny toes ballet is so much more than a dance class. We use movement, music and storytelling to support early learning and confidence during the most important stage of a child's development. Created by Emma - a professional ballet dancer and qualified primary school teacher - we are the UK's only preschool dance programme fully integrated with the EYFS curriculum.

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EXPRESSIONS of Interest

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Have a say in
what we do!



Want to learn new skills?



Meet new people?



Change and improve
your community?



Have a local project you
would like help with?



We're looking for volunteers
to embark on a range of
projects starting

this summer.



All ages and abilities welcome.



We would also be grateful for ideas
that would help the community.

Please contact.

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Together
we can build a
stronger community



Recipe

Roasted Carrot & Halloumi Salad with Honey & Lemon Dressing

As British spring rolls into summer, young carrots come into their own—naturally sweet, vibrant, and perfect for simple roasting. Paired with golden, salty halloumi and a light honey and lemon dressing, this warm salad celebrates seasonal produce with minimal fuss and maximum flavour.

Serves: 3–4

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 500g young British carrots, trimmed and halved lengthways if large
- 225g halloumi, sliced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp runny honey
- 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp wholegrain mustard
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 generous handfuls rocket
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Optional:

A pinch of chilli flakes, a scattering of toasted seeds or pine nuts, and a handful of fresh herbs such as parsley or mint

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven** to 200°C (180°C fan). Toss the carrots with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, season well, and spread

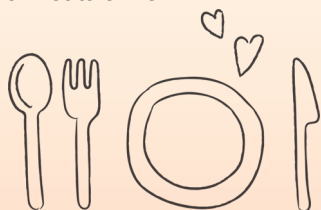


onto a baking tray. Roast for 20–25 minutes until tender and lightly caramelised.

- 2. Prepare the dressing** by whisking together the remaining olive oil, honey, lemon juice, mustard, and garlic. Season to taste, balancing sweetness with acidity.
- 3. Cook the halloumi** in a dry frying pan over a medium heat for 2–3 minutes on each side until golden and crisp.
- 4. Assemble the salad** by arranging the rocket on a serving platter. Top with the warm roasted carrots and halloumi.
- 5. Finish with the dressing**, drizzling generously over the salad while still warm. Add any optional toppings just before serving.

Serving suggestion:

Serve as a light main course with crusty bread, or as a vibrant side alongside grilled meats or fish.



CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS • GAIR O GADAIR Y CADEIRYDD

Looking back on the past 4 years, I feel that the Community Council have made significant progress despite the challenges we have faced. So, as we soon enter our fifth year, the current Council membership includes just six of the original thirteen elected members: myself, Local Authority member Cllr James Henton, Mrs Tina Marvin, Mr Ken Gilmore, Mr Joe Baugh, and Mr Keith Davies. All other members have been coopted over the past three years.

During this time, we have been pleased to welcome a diverse range of individuals onto the Council, including Gareth Williams, advocate for older people's rights and wellbeing; Chair of the Communications Committee, local photographer and businesswoman, Chantele Cross-Jones; Gillian Keen, former teacher at Dŵr y Felin and keen football supporter; Bernie Sluman, Chair of the Longford Bowls Team; Baden Evans, local resident and golfing enthusiast; green fingered Kelly Jackson who has a passion for all things gardening; and our most recent recruit, Aled Jenkins whose experience of Community Councils is from an employee perspective being an grounds person at another local Community Council.

Together, as independent representatives, we remain focused on acting in the best interests of our community. We are committed to ensuring the longterm sustainability of our resources and facilities, maintaining our open spaces for future generations, and delivering these priorities with the invaluable support of our dedicated—though small—workforce. We also remain committed to delivering events that bring our community together, supporting local charities, continuing to work collaboratively with local partners, strengthening community wellbeing and supporting local initiatives.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated Members and the staff for their continued efforts in ensuring that community spirit is maintained and for helping to make our area a wonderful place to live. I am confident that we, along with the support of the community, will continue to grow more resilient.

Wrth edrych yn ôl dros y pedair blynedd ddiwethaf, rwy'n teimlo fod y Cyngor Cymuned wedi gwneud cynnydd sylweddol er gwaetha'r heriau a wynebwyd gennym. Felly, wrth i ni ddechrau ar ein pumed flwyddyn, mae aelodaeth bresennol y Cyngor yn cynnwys chwech yn unig o'r tri aelod ar ddeg a etholwyd yn wreiddiol: myfi, yr Aelod Awdurdod Lleol y Cyngorydd James Henton, Mrs Tina Marvin, Mr Ken Gilmore, Mr Joe Baugh, a Mr Keith Davies. Cyfetholwyd pob aelod arall yn ystod y tair blynedd ddiwethaf.

Yn ystod y cyfnod hwn, rydyn ni wedi bod yn falch o groesawu ystod amrywiol o unigolion i eistedd ar y Cyngor, gan gynnwys Gareth Williams, eiriolwr dros hawliau a llesiant pobl hŷn; Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cyfathrebu, y ffotograffydd lleol a'r ddynes fusnes Chantele Cross-Jones; Gillian Keen, sy'n gyn-athrawes yn Ysgol Dŵr-y-felin ac yn gefnogwr pêl-droed brwd; Bernie Sluman, Cadeirydd Tim Bowls Longford; Baden Evans, preswylydd lleol a golffiwr brwd; yr arddwraig Kelly Jackson sy'n angerddol dros bopeth sy'n tyfu mewn gerddi, a'n recriwt diweddaraf, Aled Jenkins, y mae'i brofiad o Gyngorau Cymuned yn dod o safbwynt gweithiwr, ac yntau'n weithiwr tir ar gyfer Cyngor Cymuned arall.

Ar y cyd, fel cynrychiolwyr annibynnol, rydyn ni'n dal i ganolbwyntio ar weithredu er lles buddiannau gorau ein cymuned. Rydyn ni wedi ymrwmo i sicrhau cynaliadwyedd hirdymor ein hadnoddau a'n cyfleusterau, cynnal ein llecynnau agored ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol, a darparu'r blaenoriaethau hyn gyda chymorth amhrisiadwy ein gweithlu, sydd, er yn fach, yn llwyr ymroddedig. Rydyn ni hefyd yn dal i fod wedi ymroi i ddarparu digwyddiadau sy'n dod â'n cymuned ynghyd, cefnogi elusennau lleol, parhau i weithio ar y cyd â phartneriaid lleol, cryfhau llesiant y gymuned a chefnogi mentrau lleol.

I gloi, hoffwn ddiolch i'n Haelodau a staff ymroddedig am eu hymdrechion parhaus i sicrhau fod ysbryd cymunedol yn cael ei gynnal ac am helpu i wneud ein hardal yn lle hyfryd i fyw ynddo. Rwy'n hydeurs y byddwn ni, gyda chefnogaeth y gymuned, yn parhau i ddod yn fwy gwydn.

Nicola Evans

Chairperson, Dyffryn Clydach Community Council

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Cadeirydd, Cyngor Cymuned Dyffryn

DYFFRYNCLY DACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**FREE
ENTRY**

Summer Fair 2026

**2PM -
8PM**

**SATURDAY
1ST
AUGUST**

STALLS INCLUDE:

PLANTS, LOCAL HONEY, CANDLES,
GOAT MILK SOAP, WOODWORK,
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