



THE BISHOPSTON, MURTON AND MANSELFIELD CHRONICLE

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Written by the community, for the community...

If you have any concerns or points of interest, please don't hesitate to contact
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Greetings! This is our final Chronicle for 2023. We're excited to keep you informed about the latest happenings in our community. Bishopston Community Council has a busy schedule ahead, with various events lined up in the coming months. We cordially invite you to join us for the following events:

Annual Fireworks Display on 04/11/23

Remembrance Service on 11/11/23

Christmas Carol Service on 20/11/23

We are also lending our support to the Bishopston Primary School PTA and Cllr Lyndon Jones for the Lantern Parade and BIG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS "SWITCH ON" on 01/12/12. For more information on these events and other community happenings, please refer to this issue. We're already planning for 2024, so stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Volunteers Wanted

To support our community events and activities! If you can spare some time, then sign up to our WhatsApp group for BCC Volunteers.

People can join via this link or QR code below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/D4ez8y73DLcC50uQiD1YjG>



Community Bus Service

The service travels to and from Mumbles four times a day with various stops across Bishopston.

(Please see timetable)



PRICES

ADULT SINGLE: £3.50

ADULT RETURN: £5.00

CHILD SINGLE: £2.35

CHILD RETURN: £3.35

Concessionary bus passholders must present their pass for free travel.

SERVICE DELAYED

Bishopston Community Council remains committed to providing the 113 Community Bus Service between the villages of Bishopston and Mumbles. There has been a service interruption due to circumstances beyond the council's control but we are working hard with our partners to overcome these difficulties and get our bus service running again.

To sign up for updates, please email bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com

SERVICE 113: BISHOPSTON - MUMBLES

WILLOWS COURT (Campian Gardens)	0930	1045	1145	1345
Bishopston (Northway Court)	0932	1047	1147	1347
Bishopston (Valley Hotel)	0933	1048	1148	1348
Bishopston (South Close)	0934	1049	1149	1349
Bishopston (Pyle Corner)	0935	1050	1150	1350
Bishopston (Caswell Bay Road)	0936	1051	1151	1351
Murton (Oldway)	0937	1052	1152	1352
Murton (Post Office)	0939	1054	1154	1354
Manselfield (Miles Lane)	0942	1057	1157	1357
Manselfield (Espalone)	0943	1058	1158	1358
Newton (Rock & Fountain)	0945	1100	1200	1400
MUMBLES (Limeslade Bay)	0958	1113	1213	1413

SERVICE 113: MUMBLES - BISHOPSTON

MUMBLES (Limeslade Bay)	1000	1115	1215	1415
Southend (Verdi's)	1002	1117	1217	1417
Southend (George Hotel)	1003	1118	1218	1418
Oystermouth (Vincent's)	1004	1119	1219	1419
Oystermouth (M&S)	1007	1122	1222	1422
Underhill Park	1008	1123	1223	1423
Langland Corner	1010	1125	1225	1425
Newton (Groves Avenue)	1011	1126	1226	1426
Newton (Rock & Fountain)	1012	1127	1227	1427
Manselfield (Espalone)	1014	1129	1229	1429
Manselfield (Miles Lane)	1015	1130	1230	1430
Murton (Post Office)	1017	1132	1232	1432
WILLOWS COURT (Campian Gardens)	1028	1143	1243	1443

Wednesdays and Friday only, except when designated as Bank Holidays

HIRE BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



**Bishopston Community Centre is available for hire for Community
Groups, Celebrations, Classes and Meetings**

To book or for more information contact Anthony:



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Bishopston Community Council

Murton Green Well and Pump

Bishopston Community Council would like to develop a plan for the well and pump on Murton Green. The current 'listing' with CADW covers the well pump and the immediate area (including the 'crazy paving').

- Does anyone have any old photos of the well and pump?*
- Does anyone know of the history of the well and pump? The well is one of Gower's 'holy wells'.*
- Does anyone know the history of the chapel/church that it served? What was the top of the well like before the concrete?*
- Why is the pump on a rectangular block?*
- What was there before the crazy paving?*



Please share any information you have to Clive scott 07369299198 or via Facebook messenger

Big Butterfly Count Results Are In!

Big Butterfly Count Results Are In! This year's Big Butterfly Count. Butterflies and moths are excellent indicators of the impacts of climate change and other human environmental factors, so collecting data on their numbers is really important! There is some alarming news that has been revealed by the survey's long term trends. Over the last 13 years of Big Butterfly Count, many species of butterflies have significantly declined. Species loss is happening in our own backyard. Plenty of common British butterflies are in trouble: the Green-veined White has had the most severe Big Butterfly Count decline in the longer term with a decrease of 61%, the Ringlet has seen a decrease of 40% and another garden favourite, the Small Tortoiseshell, has seen a decline of almost 30%. Protecting butterflies and moths is now more urgent than ever.

The Great Butterfly Competition - 2024

The aim is to grow butterfly loving plants, which will also make the village and your gardens looking beautiful! Hopefully drawing more butterflies to the local area. Open to all households and community groups in Bishopston, Mansfield and Murton. Pick your patch from around the village now, first come first served (with permission of the land owners). Contact Cllr Lyndon Jones via 07880743578 or message him on the community Facebook page.

Murton Village WI

7-9pm

1st Thursday of the month in Bishopston Community Centre. Come and join our friendly group, with speakers, crafts, trips and campaigns. All ladies of any age welcome. First two visits free.

Either just turn up or contact murtonvillagewi@gmail.com for more details.



ART CLUB

Friday Art Club
Bishopston Community Centre
1pm -3pm
£4 a session
Friendly chat with tea or coffee
Newcomers welcome
Contact Joan Lewis 01792 232392
for more information.

Do you have any experience applying for grants? Would you be able to volunteer your time to help write some for the community council? Please contact our Clerk - Information on front page.

Bishopston Community Council

Survey ... The results are in!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU for completing our recent survey which will help shape and prioritise how we improve our recreational sites and green spaces around the village. Further to your feedback, we incorporated a selection of questions aimed at providing facilities and resources for our whole community, spanning all ages and abilities. The results are summarised below with information on how we will be looking to support each of these:

1. The Wellfield Park Phase II:

Basketball and tennis were the top selections for this next phase with additional requests for multi-purpose space. We also intend to gather additional essential feedback from local young people, the pupils of Bishopston Primary and Comprehensive Schools, who will use these facilities, to identify their requirements, which will then be used to support a funding application for a multi-use games area (MUGA).

2. Green Gym:

Thanks to funding already obtained from Swansea County Council, we will be looking to install our very own outdoor gym on Murton Green. The survey highlighted that parkour and monkey bars were the most popular equipment selection which will provide access for exercise and physical activities for people of all ages.

3. Inclusive Play at Wellfield Park:

The accessible roundabout was selected as the most popular selection for inclusive equipment. We will also engage with parents, caregivers and users of accessible equipment, to ensure that the top selections also suits their needs too.

4. Well-being in community spaces:

The top response highlighted the importance of having covered shelters in our parks as a space for our community to socialise which we will fit into designs for future park funding applications. A close second demonstrated the need for a community orchard with fruit and nut trees. We can confirm that mature fruit trees will be provided to the community council and planted in October on our Green Spaces. Other responses highlighted needs for: More seating in and around our green spaces. We can confirm that we will shortly be installing 7 new benches and 3 accessible picnic tables and 2 standard picnic benches in both Murton and Wellfield park. A pump track facility for bikes, scooters, wheelchairs and skateboards.

We have been working hard to review the information collated from all sources including the community consultation ... we hope to have more information on this soon. Equipment for toddlers, which we will explore further with our playgroups and school survey to help identify specific equipment.

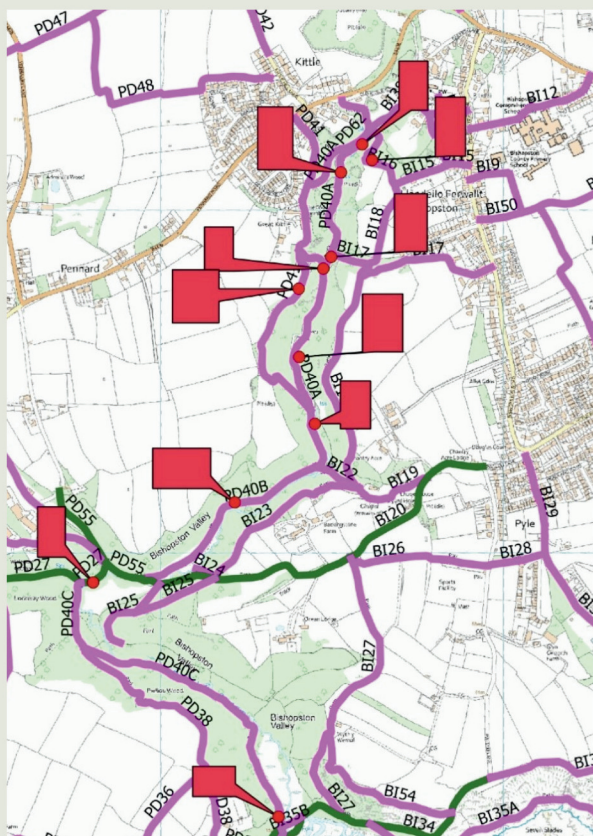
We are listening to you all and your voice, feedback, and opinion matters!

Local Walking and Rights of Way by Clive Scott

Walkers are Welcome accreditation was achieved for Bishopston and Pennard. This is a UK wide initiative which now includes more than 100 towns and villages. Our area is the first in Swansea and Gower to achieve this standard and recognition.

The aim is to assist in our community's economic, physical health and mental well-being through walking. You will begin to see 'Walkers are Welcome' logos in the windows of local businesses. We thank all of the businesses that have supported us and the local residents who supported our application through the petition earlier in the year.

The photo shows Walkers are Welcome Patron Kate Ashbrook presenting our accreditation certificate, with members Jodie Cooper and Nick Samuel with County Councilors Lyndon Jones and Lynda James.



We currently have 11 issues (see map) in Bishopston Valley, raised with the Council Countryside Access Team and the National Trust Ranger. These will be resolved as quickly as possible but both teams are very busy and under resourced. If you see issues on our local footpaths please contact me via details below. A photograph is very helpful. A photograph with a what3words location is even better.

Please report any issues with footpaths or book on a health walk by contacting me via the village Facebook page or contact me directly - Councillor Clive Scott. clive.scott1@icloud.com

Health Walks



Health walks have begun. We had 4 people on the first one at Langland and another 4 people on a walk from the West Cross pub to the Croeso Lounge.



All enjoyed it. These short walks are suitable if you just want to 'stretch your legs', if you're not as nimble as you were, if you use a wheelchair or mobility scooter, have sight issues or if you suffer from stress and/or anxiety. Our plan is for a walk every two weeks on a Friday, beginning at 10am. Roughly a one mile stroll, with minimum steps or slopes, benches to rest and somewhere for a cuppa.



All ideas for walks routes are welcome. We have 3 trained health walk leaders. A planned Geological walk of 5 miles in Bishopston Valley, Pwll Du and Brandy Cove, with local Geologist Simon Perry, had to be postponed due to weather. We will post another date for this on our village social media. This walk is open to all. On 27th October we will have a walk from The Beaufort in Kittle to The Wildflower Cafe and return. This will be 5 miles and organised jointly with Taste of Gower Walks and Swansea Ramblers. This walk is open to all.

Men's Shed

Connection, conversation and creation – that's what joining a Men's Shed is all about. Banishing loneliness and isolation isn't easy which is why Men's Sheds encourages local communities to come together to make, build, fix and/or restore – projects as well as themselves!

Men's Sheds are often similar to garden sheds – but can be any place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practise skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter.

Sheds are whatever the members (or Sheddors as we call them) want them to be. Although labelled sheds, they often aren't sheds at all. They can be empty offices, portable cabins, warehouses, garages, and in at least one case, a disused mortuary. Some Sheds are purpose built workshops, but they rarely start out that way. Many don't have premises at all in the beginning and instead form a group that meets regularly for the social connection, company and camaraderie until they can find somewhere to kit out with tools.

Many Sheds get involved in community projects too – restoring village features, helping maintain parks and green spaces, and building things for schools, libraries and individuals in need. Activities in Sheds vary greatly, but you can usually find woodworking, metalworking, repairing and restoring, electronics, model buildings or even car building in a typical Shed. Sheds typically attract older men, but many have younger members and women too. Whatever the activity, the essence of a Shed is not a building, but the connections and relationships between its members. If you'd like to come along to one of our new meetings, contact Bishopston Community Council at bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com or keep an eye on the local community Facebook pages for more information

Information provided by Men's Shed HQ."



Local Area Coordination in Bishopston and Pennard

(Including Murton, Kittle, Southgate, Parkmill, Ilston and Lunnon)

Hello, my name is Seren Aldron and I am the Local Area Coordinator for your community. You may have seen me out and about in the past few months, or noticed posts and photos on social media, and wondered what my role actually is.

Swansea is the first Authority in Wales to have a Local Area Coordinator in every part of the county, which means everyone has access to a person who has a range of connections, information and skills that can benefit you, whilst you identify what your good life looks like.

What does a Local Area Coordinator do?

Our vision: ***'All people live in welcoming communities that provide friendship, mutual support, equity and opportunities for everyone.'***

A Local Area Coordinator walks alongside you and your community while you:

- Make new connections and friends
- Get involved in groups and activities
- Overcome personal challenges
- Get your voice heard by people in power and being involved in improving public services
- Make your contribution to your community
- Think about what your good life looks like

How does it work?

We will take time to get to know you, your family and your community.

We will support you to:

- access information in a variety of ways
- be heard, be in control and make choices
- identify your personal strengths, goals and needs
- find practical ways of doing the things you want or need to do
- develop and use personal and local networks
- plan for the future
- be part of and contribute to your community
- access support and services if required

I work part time on Mondays, Tuesdays and a flexi half day.

I am always happy to meet people and learn more about you and your community, so please do stop for a chat if you see me out and about!

Contact me on:

Tel: 07814 939431

Email: seren.aldron@swansea.gov.uk

Facebook: [serenaldronswansealac](https://www.facebook.com/serenaldronswansealac)



Cymdeithas Gymraeg Llandeilo Ferwallt Bishopston Welsh Society



Bishopston Welsh Society meets monthly on a Monday Evening from October to June. We meet at 7.00 p.m. at Bishopston Community Centre (on Murton Green). Whether you are a fluent Welsh speaker or a learner come along to listen to our guest speakers and to have a chat over a cuppa.

Mae Cymdeithas Gymraeg Llandeilo Ferwallt yn cyfarfod bob mis ar Nos Lun o Hydref i Fehefin. Rydym yn cyfarfod am 7.00 p.m. yng Nghanolfan Gymunedol Llandeilo Ferwallt (ar Murton Green). P'un a ydych yn siaradwr Cymraeg rhugl neu'n ddysgwyr dewch draw i wrando ar ein siaradwyr gwadd ac i gael sgwrs dros baned.

*If you would like more details you are welcome to ring
Os hoffech fwy o fanylion mae croeso i chi ffonio*

Wendy Davies: 07814287049
wendyld_10@hotmail.com

Diary Dates:
Nov 8th, 22nd
Dec 6th, 20th

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beginners choreography

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£35 4 sessions

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Councillor Lyndon Jones

Report

BIG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS “SWITCH ON”

The countdown to the Big Christmas Lights “switch on” at Murton Green has started! It will take place at 6.30pm on Friday, 1st December. So please keep the date! Like before, I am organising a competition at Bishopston Primary School, with the winner switching on the 1000 lights on the tree!



DAFFODILS:

Over the last few years, I have arranged for 7000 daffodil bulbs to be planted throughout the area, so I am pleased to say I have ordered a further 3000 for next year, so that will be 10,000 in total. I am very grateful to everyone who has come up with the suggestions where they should be planted

- The new grassed areas next to Northlands Park.
- On the grass bank opposite The Malt House, as you enter Bishopston Road.
- On the triangle of grass as you enter Limekiln from Oldway.
- Pyle Corner.
- On the patch of ground by the substation at the top of Wellfield and at the entrance to Providence Lane.
- On Mansfield Road down towards Newton where there is a patch of grass near the Mansfield Sign and more on the mound of grass near the top of Miles Lane, as well as near the notice board opposite Reigit Lane.
- On the grassed area on the left as you travel down Killfield.
- On the triangles of grass inside Withy Park.
- On the grassed area as you enter Headland Road from Brandy Cove Road.
- On the grassed area on the right as you turn into Whitestone Avenue. I hope you agree that this will provide a fantastic display next spring.



COMMUNITY ORCHARD:

I am delighted to say that I have ordered ten established fruit trees to set up a community orchard (each around 1.6m high) – four apple trees, three pear trees and three plum trees. It will be a great start and can be enjoyed by everyone.

We will be planting the trees on Saturday, 3rd February, so will need volunteers from the community to help, especially with ongoing maintenance. If you can spare any time and would like to help, please let me know.

NEW BENCHES AND TABLES:

I am delighted to say that I have managed to get funding for new benches and tables to be placed in the Park in Wellfield, Mansel Green and the Green around the Community Centre in Murton, sixteen in total worth around £11,000. I am grateful to the team at Swansea Council. As part of this, I am arranging for the bench to commemorate the end of WW1 near the bus stop in Murton, to be refurbished. It was put in place about five years ago, so now needs some TLC. They are now all in stock at the Swansea Council Depot and will be planted shortly.

TRAINING ON CPR AND THE USE OF DEFIBRILLATORS:

I am organising another training session in November, so if anyone is interested in attending, please let me know. So far, over 200 people from the Bishopston Ward have been trained and this knowledge could help save lives!

STREET SIGNS:

I have already had a number of the street signs around the Bishopston Ward replaced, because they were damaged or faded, like at Manselfield Road (both ends), Headland Road, Tudor Court and Headland Close. However, there was more to do, so I am pleased to report that an Officer at Swansea Council has confirmed to me that “the signs on your list have been ordered.” There has been a slight delay, but I hope they will be in place shortly. They are for Eastlands Park, Ridley Way, Bishopston Road (the sign as you go round Pyle Corner), the two signs in Limekiln Road from Oldway (either side of the triangle), Long Acre (opposite the junction with Lime Kiln Road) and Hilland Drive. I am very grateful to the team at Highways for organising this work.

GATE ABOVE PWLL DU:

I am pleased to say that I have been able to arrange funding for a new gate to replace the damaged one, above Pwll Du.

If you want to contact Lyndon:

07880743578

Cllr.Lyndon.Jones@swansea.gov.uk

or send a message on the Community Facebook page.

WILD FLOWERS

As you know there are a number of sites around Bishopston, where we get wild flowers planted each year, like the two areas of land on Mansel Green, a small area of land in Killfield Road, the entrance to Withy Park, the triangle off Oldway and at the end of Broadmead. However, for the seeds to grow, it involves using weed killer before planting, so that the seeds are not competing with the weeds. I have been advised of a different way, which will encourage butterflies. Can you help?

If you and a number of friends / neighbours would like to “adopt” one of the sites you could plant perennial plants there. However, they will need to be tended and watered and weeded and that would be YOUR responsibility. I would be able to arrange a small donation for each site to help with the cost of plants, but it would also involve people donating plants. There will also be a prize for the best site. The areas that can be done in this way will depend on the number of volunteers. So, if you are interested, let me know, as well as the site you are interested in taking over and we can make a plan.



If you need to get in touch with me, please don't hesitate to telephone, e-mail and text me if you have an issue and more and more people message me on Facebook, Messenger or WhatsApp. However, if you would like a one to one meeting I can call round to see you, set up a meeting on TEAMS or you can meet me in person at the monthly Community Coffee Morning, held on the last Saturday of each month at the Bishopston Community Centre. Just let me know.

Company and Cakes for Everyone, at The Beaufort Arms, Kettle.

If you are looking for some company in a relaxed and fun atmosphere, then we may just have the perfect place for you! Thanks to the fabulous Amy in The Beaufort Arms in Kettle, who is always happy to support the community. Amy has provided a community hub that has allowed the growth of some very special groups and you will be assured of a very warm welcome from the lovely Carolyn, who, with the support and blessing of the Gower New Life Church, has set groups up with the aim of bringing the community together, and giving people the chance to get out and meet new friends.

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month is the Men's Afternoon – a relaxed environment with laughter and good conversation. The group will celebrate its 4th anniversary in January and has grown over the years with new people being welcomed regularly. Carolyn, along with Paul Mitchell from the Church, are there with cuppas, cake and homemade biscuits to ensure everyone feels comfortable. I found everyone very genuine and my nerves at joining a new group melted away quickly. There is a wide range of interests and stories shared between the members and the talk flows easily.

I was sorry when it came to an end! 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month sees the Knit and Natter group, a lively bunch who bond over a love of crafting and laughing together. This popular group is well established and has been running now for 4 years. You can bring along anything you like – knitting, crochet, embroidery or, if you're like me, you can just go along for a chat – there is no pressure to do anything. I did end up being taught how to knit by kind members and was even given needles and wool to start my first ever project – a scarf! If you want to, you can make items for their chosen charity, but there is no expectation or agenda, it is entirely up to you.

The first Wednesday of the month is time for Let's Lunch Together. A chance to treat yourself to a meal out with the company of others. This group turned a year old recently and is proving a hit already – you can turn up on the day and there will always be someone there to enjoy a meal with. And as an added bonus, one lucky diner can win a FREE 2 course meal, compliments of the Gower New Life Church! The Beaufort do a lovely range of food and there are prices for all pockets. It's a no-stress opportunity to get out and connect with others, and it's always nice to not have to think about cooking – or doing the dishes! There is always a place for you here - whoever you may be, you will find friendship and warmth in these wonderful community groups.



For further information, please contact Carolyn Dyche on 07899 631259.

Bishopston Primary School PTA



Lantern Parade - 1st December

The PTA are really looking forward to organising the annual lantern parade again around the village.

This year it will be on Friday 1st December. We will leave the school at 5.30pm and finish at Murton Green where the Christmas lights will be switched on. There will be a Christmas market going on in Murton Church Hall too so come support local traders and find that special gift!

As this will be the third year of the event, many families in school already have a lantern. If you would like to join in the parade, you can buy your lantern making kit from the Northway Garage. The kit contains all you will need to create your very own lantern as well as a link to a video giving full instructions. We hope to have kits in the garage from the beginning of November. Look forward to seeing you at this magical community event.



Christmas Market - 1st December

After last year's success, the Christmas Market will be returning to Murton Church Hall on 1st December after the Lantern Parade from 6:30 - 8:30. We have an array of stallholders this year already, Gower Pizza, Eden Days, IRUSU. Candles and Good For You Ferments but still have room for more! If you are interested in having a stall, please email rosbrace1@yahoo.co.uk

Bath Christmas Shopping trip - 25th November

This year we are getting in the festive spirit by organising a coach trip to visit the Christmas Markets in Bath. The coach will be leaving Murton at 8:00am and returning at 8:00pm and you will even get a complimentary glass of prosecco / orange juice and a mince pie. Only £25 per person and all proceeds go directly to the school. Spaces are now very limited so to avoid disappointment, please contact Aimee: aimee.barnett211@gmail.com to reserve your space.



Bonfire Night - 4th November

The PTA will be selling glow wands again at this year's event.

Mr Owen Update - Headteacher of Bishopston Primary



As the headteacher of Bishopston Primary, I can say with confidence and all of our staff feel lucky to work in such a wonderful community. We are grateful to all the residents for their support in making it a friendly, safe place for the children to grow up in.

I wonder, have you ever considered working in a Primary School? Bishopston Primary is always looking for volunteers. As a school our budget is incredibly tight compared with a school in a more socially deprived area. This can make it hard to keep doing the things we want to do as well as we would like to. There is always a need for volunteers to work in a whole variety of ways.

It might be you could give an hour a week/month/year to doing some gardening. You might feel you could come in and listen to children reading. You could help run an art or music workshop. You might be willing to paint a corridor.

Every time we can save some money it helps. It means the funds we have can be spent effectively.

We would ask all volunteers to have a DBS check which the school would arrange.

There are some perks! You will get an invitation to come to a special school concert which we arrange for our volunteers. I can tell you it's a treat to be there!

If you would like to volunteer, please come to the school and ask to speak with me, or ring me 232754 or email me, owenj142@hwbcymru.net

Naomi Beynon - Deputy Head Teacher - Reading

Did you know that if a child reads for fifteen minutes per day, in a year they will have read over a million words! At our school we are having a renewed push on reading this year to ensure our learners are left in no doubt about the benefits of enjoying a good book.

During the school day our learners take part in silent reading, guided reading with an adult and shared reading with each other. We instill a love of language through identifying key vocabulary and researching definitions.

We have reading corners in every class, however we are particularly in need of good quality chapter books for children ages 7-11. If you have any books at home that are no longer needed we would be grateful for your contributions!



Bishopston Comprehensive School PTA

Bishopston Comprehensive School PTA is very active and successful in raising funds for the school, from which all pupils benefit.

Our fundraising endeavours this year are to help with the purchase of a new school minibus with accessibility for wheelchair users. This is such an important purchase so that all pupils can be fully integrated in the life and activities of the school.



Ongoing ways to help raise money for the PTA:

We have two main ways you can help raise money for the school that won't cost you a penny. Both help the school with minimal time involvement - easy fundraisers!

EASYFUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising turns your daily shopping into every day magic! Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you anything. The cost is covered by the brand. Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the Easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

How to support Bishopston Comprehensive School PTA

- 1. Sign up:** Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with Easyfundraising.
- 2. Download the browser extension** Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3. Track your donations**
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Bishopston Comprehensive School PTA gets paid. Please sign up and support us.

300 CLUB - THE SCHOOL LOTTERY!

Join the 300 Club for just £12.00 a year - prizes generated monthly with bumper prizes of £100 given out twice a year. You have to be in it to win it!! For more information contact Lee Wheatley - 07789803297.

Christmas Fayre

Our first event is our annual Christmas Fayre in conjunction with Gower Farmers' Market on Wednesday, 15th November from 5 pm – 8 pm at the school. There will be jewellery, gift stalls, local produce and other artisan stalls, music from pupils and refreshments, please do come and support us.

BISHOPSTON PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

MUSIC
LOCAL FOOD
ARTISAN STALLS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
GAMES

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

BISHOPSTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

5.00 PM – 8.00 PM

£4 ADULTS | £2 CONCESSIONS | CHILDREN FREE



including stallholders from



Interested in becoming a member of the PTA?

Being a member of the PTA is a very good way of keeping in touch with everything that is going on at the school. Any help, be it large or small, frequent or infrequent, is always gratefully received!

Please contact **Lucy Charlton** (CharltonL4@hwbcymru.net) for further information or send us a Facebook message @BishopstonPTA!

Mr Bird Update

Head Teacher for Bishopston Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun
Llandeilo Ferwallt

Bishopston
Comprehensive School



We are delighted to report that significant improvements are being made to the school site under the Band B development scheme in conjunction with the LA and Welsh Government.

This multi-million-pound investment has significantly improved the school for both the staff and pupils.

As part of the original investment, a new double school block housing nine new classrooms was constructed which included new Science laboratories, a Drama Studio, two Art rooms and another ICT suite and additional classroom. We have now completed all of the phases of the overall project which has also given us a totally renovated and modern entrance to the school, additional offices and a Conference room.



All classrooms throughout the whole school have been being totally refurbished during this project. This includes new carpets, chairs, tables and a state-of-the-art C-Touch screen in every classroom. The official opening ceremony took place on 7th July 2023.

It has already completely changed the learning environment with pupils flourishing in these exceptional new facilities.



Community Coffee MORNINGS



Last Saturday of every month
10:00 - 12:00
Bishopston Community Centre

TEA, COFFEE AND
CAKE

ACTIVITIES
FOR THE
CHILDREN

ALL
WELCOME!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28TH
BETWEEN
10 & 12 AM

Bring your
dressed up
little ones for
some
Halloween
treats



Our 2 year anniversary of our
Monthly Coffee Morning, at the
Community Centre on Murton Green
*All Welcome, for Cake &
Conversation*

Christmas
Afternoon Tea
£7 per person

Murton Green
16th December
2023

All welcome
1pm-4pm

Reserve your
place by
popping into our
monthly coffee
mornings. Or call
Lucie
07825126578



**BOOK
NOW**

The Lamplighter

A big "Hello" from all at The Lamplighter in Bishopston! In March 2024, we will have been serving the community for 30 years! We are a permanent fixture in the village, and we are very friendly and welcoming!

We are a volunteer led, Christian book, card and gift shop.

We have a wide range of books & cards, including Christian products. We also have many local area hand-made crafts to suit birthdays, anniversaries or occasional gifts!

We are also a café, selling locally produced cakes and Fairtrade beverages.

We have several groups who meet with us – Tuesday Craft Group, Thursday Celtic Communion & a term time Friday Tots group!

Our dedicated volunteers are predominantly from the local community, but we are always looking for more help & support. If you are interested, please pop in and have a chat with us!

*We are a collection point for the
Local Food Bank,
and we accept donations
throughout the week!*



OPENING HOURS

* Monday - Closed

* Tuesday - 10:00 - 15:30
(Tuesday Craft Group, 10:00 - 12:00)

* Wednesday - 11:00 - 15:30

* Thursday - 10:00 - 15:30
(Celtic Communion Service, 09:30)

* Friday - 09:00 - 15:30
(Little Lamplighters, 09:00 - 11:00)

* Saturday - 10:00 - 12:00

* Sunday - Closed



*The Lamplighter provides a welcome space to all, to come, meet,
chat, pray together ... a safe hub!*



Down To Earth



In a nutshell, we believe relationship centred and meaningful, outdoor experiences have the potential to change people's lives. We do this through innovative and inclusive approaches such as creating remarkable buildings with natural materials, award-winning learning & well-being programmes and also through adventure activities from our 2 hand-built centres on Gower.

Volunteer with Down to Earth

COME AND HELP US DEVELOP OUR BEAUTIFUL SITE IN MURTON, GOWER

We would like to invite you to join up for our monthly (dates below) volunteering days at our Murton site based on Gower. We will work collectively to engage in a variety of tasks including sustainable land management and organic forest gardening and food production. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and support a community project.

Come rain or shine, we will enjoy working together outdoors.

We supply all outdoor protective wear and boots but please dress appropriately for the weather. Throughout the day, we provide hot and cold drinks and ask you to bring a packed lunch with you.

Places are limited so please sign up through our Eventbrite page

[.https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteer-with-down-to-earth-tickets-607308023647?aff=erelpanelorg](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteer-with-down-to-earth-tickets-607308023647?aff=erelpanelorg)

BOOK NOW

Whether your first time joining us or returning to continue the good work that we have done together in days and years passed, we look forward to welcoming you to this unique project. We hope to see you there!

Saturday

October

28

10:30am

Saturday

November

25

10:30am

Saturday

December

9

10:30am




**Bishopston Amateur
Theatrical Society**



The Ladykillers

*Autumn 2023 sees Barry Cooper
directing **The Ladykillers**
By Graham Linehan from the motion
picture screenplay by William Rose*

Friday 24th, Saturday 25th November,
Thursday 30th November
Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd December 2023

St Teilo's Church Hall, The Glebe, Bishopston, SA3 3JP

BOOK YOUR SEATS:

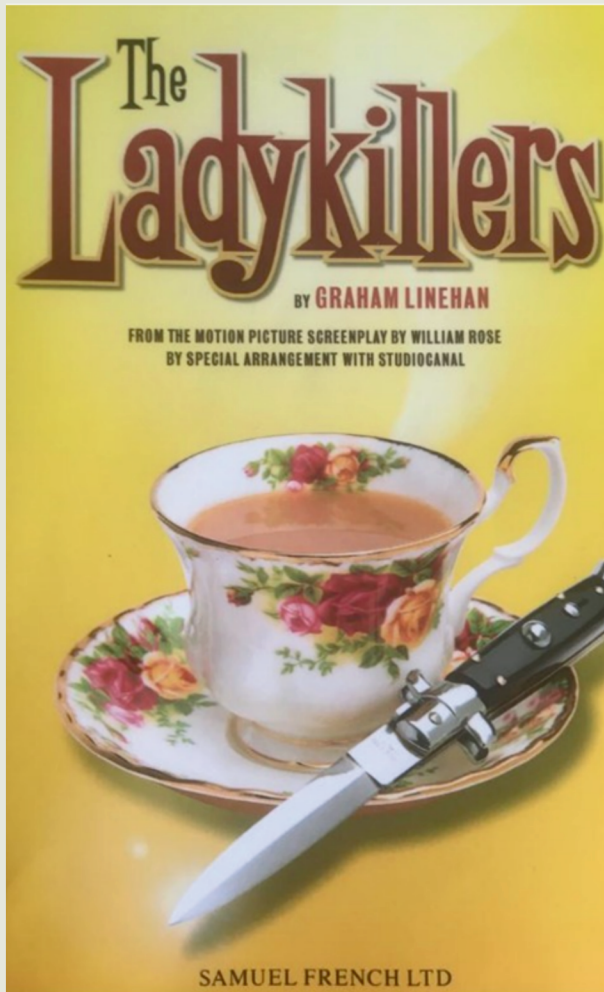
Online <https://www.batsgower.co.uk/tickets>

Email: Bookings@Batsgower.co.uk

Or call Philippa 07805 362546

All details can be found on our website
www.batsgower.co.uk

If you would like to be a part of BATS either acting or
behind the scenes, please get in touch



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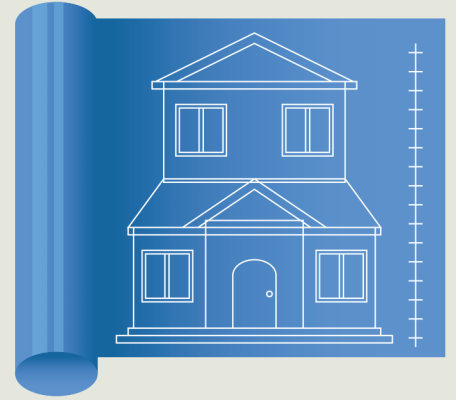
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US WITH A RADIO SYSTEM**



Planning

Application forms, plans and supporting documentation for these applications can be viewed at <http://property.swansea.gov.uk>

2023/1630/FUL	2023/1576/OUT
2023/1659/TPO	2023/1483/TPO
2023/1854/PLD	2022/1982/FUL
2023/1804/NMA	2023/1514/S19
2023/1810/TPO	2023/0884/FUL
2023/1677/OUT	2023/1361/PLD



COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2023

Saturday 11th November

**Memorial Stone on
Murton Green Road at 10:45AM**



Annual Christmas Carol Service

Featuring The Salvation Army

Bishopston Community Centre

Wednesday 20th December at 6:30PM



Bishopston Community Council Present our

ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

**JOIN US ON...
SATURDAY,
4TH NOVEMBER**

Come join the whole community and watch our fireworks show with your friends and family!

VENUE: MURTON GREEN

**TIME: GATES 18:15 FOR
A 19:00 START**

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**

Vegetarian and vegan options available.

PRICES

**ADULTS
£5**

**Concessions +
Over 5
£3**

**Under 5s
Free**

**Family Ticket
(2 Adults 3
Children)
£15**

CASH ONLY

Please adhere to the strict guidance we will be putting in place to make this event run smoothly.

No Sparklers allowed on site.