



Bishopston Community Council Newsletter

Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt

April 2022

If you would like to hire the Community Centre for a class, group or special event, or if you have any concerns, please contact the council on:

email: bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com

Tel: 07389765826

Murton Village WI Programme 2022 /23

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| April 7th | Tom Philpot | Welsh Humour |
| May 5th | | Visit to Murton Farm |
| June 9th | | Garden Party at Liz White's garden |
| July 7th | Karen Penny | Walking for Alzheimer's |
| August 4th | | Clyne tour TBC |
| Sept 1st | Nick Hill | South Africa |
| October 6th | Alan Tregelliss Williams | Desert Island Discs |
| October 22nd | Link Meeting | Rogers Welsh Halloween History |
| Nov 3rd | Sarah Lever | Medieval Meals |
| Dec 1st | | Christmas lunch Clyne Golf Club |
| January 2023 | | No meeting |
| Feb 2nd | Aneira Thomas | 1st baby born to NHS |
| March 2nd | | A.G.M |



Art Group is Reconvening



Friday 22nd April 2022. Everybody welcome.

Bishopston Community Hall 1.30pm-3.30pm

Pavements are for people

Please would residents refrain from parking wholly or partly on pavements. A van, one of several parked on the pavement recently on Bishopston Road, completely blocked access to pedestrians, prams, and wheelchairs. Please could everyone park considerately to ensure safety for all.

Face Masks are no longer a legal requirement in our Community Centre

It is now only a recommendation that facemasks be worn in busy environments so it is up to each individual whether they continue wearing them. Welsh government guidelines apply.

Dog fouling remains an ongoing problem

Unfortunately, there is still a lot of dog fouling in the area, so we politely request dog owners to pick up after your pooch! Please report dog fouling to Swansea Council or Mumbles Council where the offence is on the ward border. The waste bins locally are often overflowing, but it is not appropriate to place bags of waste under or round the bins as this is a health hazard.

If you have a dog and the bin is full - take your waste home please to keep our village safe and clean.

Hoping to come to Bishopston soon... please show your interest

Celebrate the strength and beauty of women working together as a group in our Fat Chance Belly Dance style class. No previous experience or bare belly necessary. Come and enjoy the company and movement. Thursdays at 7pm at Swansea Grand Theatre. Email Sandra for more information (swansea.ats@gmail.com).



The Woodland Trust wants to help our community

The Welsh Government launched the My Tree, Our Forest scheme on 6 December 2021 with the Woodland Trust as the chosen delivery partner. The scheme aims to plant 300,000 trees by the end of March 2023 - offering every household in Wales the chance to plant a tree or have a tree planted on their behalf over the course of its lifetime. The scheme makes up one element of the ambitious National Forest of Wales which aims to plant 86 million trees across the country over the coming decades through a series of community action and forest planting schemes. This piece will be one of many community engagement areas of work. If you would like to help or find out more Lisa (lisajones@woodlandtrust.org.uk) or Wales Tree Giveaway: My Tree Our Forest - Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk> > plant-trees > wales-

Local Area Co-ordinator (LAC) in Bishopston and Pennard

(Including Murton, Kittle, Southgate, Parkmill, Ilston and Lunnon) My name is Seren Aldron and I am the LAC for your community. Swansea is the first Authority in Wales to have a LAC in every part of the county. This means that everyone has access to a person who has a range of connections, information and skills that can benefit you. 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! I aim to hold regular drop-in sessions starting this April, so you can pop in if you're passing.

- 1st Monday of the month - Pennard Library, 10:30 - 12
- 2nd Tuesday of the month - The Beaufort Arms, Kittle, 1 - 2:30
- 3rd Wednesday of the month - The Lamplighter, Bishopston, 11 - 12:30
- 4th Tuesday of the month - Three Cliffs Coffee Shop, Southgate, 1:30 - 3

(NB: Occasionally, situations may arise that may stop me from attending. You can check in advance by contacting me or the venue).

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Planning Applications

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| 2021/2676/FUL | Murton Farm, Manselfield Road, Murton, Swansea, SA3 3AR |
| 2021/3124/NMA | 32 Oldway, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3DE |
| 2021/3174/FUL | 9 Pyle Road, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3HH |
| 2021/3076/FUL | The Valley Hotel, 41 Bishopston Road, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3EJ |
| 2022/0055/FUL | 7 Hilland Drive, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3AJ |
| 2022/0124/NMA | 32 Oldway, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3DE |
| 2022/0157/TPO | St Teilo's Church, 1 Church Lane, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3JT |
| 2022/0279/FUL | 17 Pyle Road, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3HH |
| 2022/0284/S73 | 32 Oldway, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3DE |
| 2022/0223/FUL | Altery, Bishopston, Swansea, SA3 3AT |

Monday 2nd May 2022
from 12:30pm

Bishopston Community May Day Celebrations
All Welcome

MAY POLE
Traditional May Pole dancing by Bishopston Primary School

ART & CRAFT STALLS
Local suppliers

KIDS
Fun activities, competitions, Bouncy castle & VR

FOOD & DRINK
BBQ, Bar, Vegetarian, WI Cakes, and much more

ENTERTAINMENT
Loads of activities, including: Dog Show, Morris Dancers, Swansea Concert Band 2.30 & 3.30pm

Come join us!
On Murton Green

Bishopston Community Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festival

Thursday 2nd June
Celebrations start at 2pm
Fun-filled activities including Food & Drink, Entertainment, Workshops, and Arts & Crafts run by Community Groups
Ending at 9:45pm with the Beacon Lighting Ceremony

Friday 3rd June
An Evening packed full of Entertainment, Food & Drink, Bands and Disco for the whole community

Want to get involved?
Contact: 07445 409222

Save the Dates
On Murton Green



The Lamplighter

Serving Our Community



We are a Christian Bookshop, Café & Gift shop based in Bishopston. We are open from 11am - 3:30pm daily and are delighted to host lots of very different activities. We have a Craft Morning (Tuesdays at 10am), Celtic Communion (Thursdays at 9:30am) and still collect for the local foodbank. Please continue to bring us donations whenever you can. We are also excited to announce that Little Lamplighters tots' group will be starting on Friday 1st April from 9am. You are always most welcome to pop in for a cuppa, to see what beautifully crafted gifts and cards we have, or to simply drop off your Food Bank donations and to collect refuse bags! We would love to see you even if you're just passing by or fancy a chat with our volunteers who are always happy to welcome you over tea and home made cake.

REPORT FROM CLLR. LYNDON JONES

LOCAL MAP:

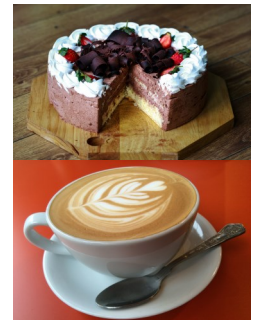
Every household should now have received a copy of the new map of the local footpaths and bridleways within the Bishopston Ward but if for any reason you have not received one, please let me know and I will let you have a copy. Big thanks to everyone for offering to deliver them. Spare copies can also be found at The Lamplighter and Community Centre. Over the past two years, due to the impact of COVID 19, more people are enjoying the outdoors. It is helpful for residents to have a map to explore our lovely countryside. Enjoy!

MONTHLY FLAG RAISING:

The Student Council at Bishopston Comprehensive School came up with the initiative of raising a themed flag each month to celebrate such themes as diversity, tolerance, mutual respect, our environment, climate change, etc. and I was delighted to sponsor the cost of the flags from my Community Fund. Big thanks to Jake Gates, Head Boy at the school, for raising this and seeking my support.

COMMUNITY COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT MORNINGS:

Big thanks to Lucie Rees Sudbury, Lynne Ellis and Julie Eleanor Jones for doing the baking for the monthly Community Coffee Morning at the Community Centre in Murton. We have held three very successful mornings to date, opening the centre for coffee, cake, chat and convivial company. It is a great opportunity for people to get together in this way so I am delighted to be able to support this fantastic "Bishopston Together" initiative. Coffee mornings take place from 10am-12pm on the last Saturday of each month. The next Community Coffee, Cake and Chat morning will take place 10am-1pm on Saturday 9th April at our Community Hall. There will also be some fantastic activities for children including an Easter Egg hunt and an Easter Bonnet parade organised in conjunction with the wonderful HSA from Bishopston Primary School.



PAVEMENT WIDENING BY THE CO-OP:

The road safety capital project to slow traffic down in the area around the Primary School on Bishopston Road and widen the narrow pavement below the Co-op has now been completed, amounting to an investment of around £30,000. Ever since I became your councillor, I have wanted to improve road safety around the Primary School but a lack of available funding was always an issue. However, the opportunity to put a bid together for a capital project arose so I met up with the Road Safety Team and was subsequently successful.

THE FORD IN CHURCH LANE WINS GOWER SOCIETY AWARD:

I hope you have had the opportunity to visit the restored ford in Church Lane, which is now complete. The ford is the last of its kind in Gower and was either in desperate need of restoration or be lost forever. Both Helen Nicholas and I faced challenges with this project but I could not be more thrilled to hear from the Gower Society that the restored Ford has won one of their 2021 Design Awards. These are given to worthy buildings and structures within the Lordship of Gower to recognise that the structure had been saved. Big thanks to Alan Jones, the stonemason, and his team for their fantastic workmanship and for the team from Highways at Swansea Council for helping to make this happen.

HEDGE LAYING: It was a bit (actually very) wet and windy when I joined Bob and Jules from Climate and Community on Murton Green. They had organised a training session for people to learn about hedge laying and as everyone can see, they are doing a fantastic job on the hedge that runs along Northway.

DAFFODILS:

Last year I ordered 2000 mixed daffodil bulbs to be planted throughout the Bishopston Ward and they looked fantastic, particularly at Murton Green. This year I ordered a further 2500 daffodil bulbs and I hope you agree, there is a fantastic display around the ward.

CYCLE TRACK WALKWAY ACROSS CLYNE COMMON TO MURTON:

I am pleased to say that the Cycle Track / Walkway across Clyne Common is a step closer! I have met regularly with Patrick Tribe, Barrie Cooper and the Active Travel Team at Swansea Council to discuss the plans for this route. I also held a meeting for residents in Murton and because of this engagement, several positive changes were made to the original design. We last met in late January when we heard that land acquisition was progressing well with discussions taking place with the final landowner. At that meeting we heard that a number of detailed ecological studies had already been carried out along the route and a new low-level rest area would be provided together with seating and information boards detailing some of the flora and fauna to be seen on the Common. The Council have submitted a bid for funding to Welsh Government to finance the building of the path in the next financial year. We hope that the path will be completed before April 2023 with further meetings taking place with the Active Travel Team before the end of March at the Community Centre.

NO. 14 BUS - UPDATE

Adventure Travel have replaced First Cymru and are now operating the No. 14 Bus. I met with the Managing Director to discuss the service so he knows what I expect! I am very grateful to everyone who has let me have initial feedback. Please be assured, I have passed all points on to the Company. I have also had confirmation that all drivers have now been issued with the cards to activate the 'bus blocker'. All buses should now be using the link road between the Hospital and the University and vice versa. I am working to get the No. 14 bus back to an hourly service, but at present the numbers of people using the service have taken a hit and are around 60% of pre-Covid usage.

It is, therefore, important to build up passenger numbers so we ask residents to provide with information:

- If you use the bus, what would make you use it more?
- If you don't use the bus at the moment, what would make you start using it?

I would be grateful if people could reply to me by e-mail at: Cllr.Lyndon.Jones@swansea.gov.uk

Bishopston (Wellfield) Playpark:

It's great news that the first phase of our plans to develop the park and install new play equipment is complete and children are having a great time there. Watch this space for further updates on future developments. This follows on from my successful bid for funds from Swansea Council to buy play equipment for the park in Wellfield and is a great start to its upgrade. The new equipment includes a zip wire, swings with different seat choices to suit different ages, a slide, a seesaw, a multi-use springer and a uniplay unit including a slide. We were able to make these choices following consultation with pupils from the Primary School and a survey conducted by the Community Council, to find out what children and parents actually wanted to see in the park. There is, however, an issue of ponding, partly due to the heavy rain, so I have put in a bid for funds to improve the surface and drainage. Cllr. Susan Dunce, Cllr. Lucie Rees Sudbury and Cllr. Lynne Ellis from Bishopston Community Council and I have been working hard to deliver this for our community. I am also grateful to the team from Swansea Council for all their help in making this happen.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us for our fantastic Community event, which ended with the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights at Murton Green. I am sure many new memories were made! It was great to have Father Christmas on his sleigh leading the lantern parade from the Primary School to Murton Green, the carol singing by the Primary School Choir and Murton Choir and of course, the complimentary refreshments and mince pies! Huge congratulations go to Alys Foster from Bishopston Primary School who, as the winner of the draw, then switched the lights on. Around 150 pupils held lanterns and they were joined by their families for the lantern parade, with hundreds turning up at Murton Green. What a turnout! Big thanks to everyone who helped make this happen, in particular the Bishopston HSA, Ros Brace, Zoe Syer, Cllr. Susan Dunce, Chair of the Bishopston Community Council and members, Sally-Anne Gates, Lynne Ellis, Lucie Rees Sudbury, Nick Williams, our Clerk Rhian Hill, Jo Griffiths and fellow teachers from the Primary School and of course Father Christmas himself! I was certainly very pleased to play my part in delivering this for our community. Here's to next year!

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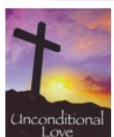
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Maudy Thursday 14th April. Fellowship Meal in the Church Hall from 5:30 pm.
Everyone welcome, but please book with Rev. Andy or a Church Steward.



Good Friday Prayers at the Cross:
Friday 15th April. 1 - 2 pm.

Chapel will remain open for private prayer until 3 pm.



Easter Sunday Celebrations:
Sunday 17th April. 10:30 am & 5 pm.

You are welcome to bring flowers to decorate the cross.

The Methodist Church

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Isaac Watts.)

Murton Methodist Church

Serving our Community. Reflecting God's Love.
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord.



10:30 am Sunday Celebration

A traditional yet informal service in the Chapel every Sunday, which usually lasts an hour. Join us for joyful singing of hymns old and new, with prayer and teaching from the Bible. Our 'Local Preachers' and Minister, Rev. Andy, bring a new perspective every week; drawing relevance and offering spiritual renewal from the teaching and ministry of Jesus. We do not tell you what you should believe, but we gently seek to share the life of Jesus Christ our Lord with you.

Individuals, Couples, Families, Children are all welcome.
Tea & coffee is usually served afterwards.

Whatever your background and wherever you're from, we aim to offer you a warm and friendly welcome!

The Methodist Church

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