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NEGES Y MAER

Fel Maer Abergele am y saith mis diwethaf mae wedi bod yn frainf cael cyfarfod cymaint o bobl leol yn y digwyddiadau niferus o fewn yr ardal ac o gwmpas. Fe hoffwn ddweud 'diolch yn fawr' mawr i bob un ohonoch chi sydd wedi bod mor groesawgar tuag ataf i a'm teulu.

Mae rhai o ddigwyddiadau cofiadwy 2012 yn cynnwys dathliadau Jiwbili'r Frenhines, cludo'r Dorch Olympaidd drwy'r dref, Garddwest yr Hydref ym Mharc Pentre Mawr, a'r ddau ddigwyddiad chwaraeon wythnosol yn ystod yr haf ym Mhentre Mawr a Pharc Gele, ac ym mis Tachwedd Gwasanaeth Y Cofio



Er gwybodaeth fe gynhelir y Noson Gyngerdd Carolau a Mins Pei flynyddol ar Ragfyr 14eg yng Nghapel Sant Paul am 6.30y.h; pan ddarperir yr adloniant gan yr ysgolion lleol a Chantorion Gele. Croeso calon i chi ddo yno.

Gyda'r Nadolig yn prysur agosau fe hoffwn fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddymuno i bob un ohonoch chi Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Iach a Llewyrchus.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Mayor of Abergele over the past seven months it has been a privilege to meet so many local people at the many excellent events in and around the area. I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all of you who have shown me and my family such tremendous hospitality.

Some of the memorable 2012 events include the successful Queens Jubilee celebrations, the Olympic Torch Relay through the Town, the Autumn Fest in Pentre Mawr Park, the two Play events per week during the summer in Pentre Mawr and Parc Gele, and more recently the Remembrance Parade.

For your information, the Annual Carol Concert & Mince Pie Evening will be held on the 14th December in St. Paul's Church at 6:30pm when the local schools and the Gele Singers will provide entertainment - feel free to come along!

With Christmas very quickly approaching, I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



*Fe hoffai'r Maer, Cyngorwyr a Staff Cyngor Tref Abergele
ddymuno Nadolig Llawen
a Blwyddyn Newydd Hapus, Iach a Llewyrchus i chi gyd*

*The Mayor, Councillors and Staff at Abergele Town Council
would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year*



NEWYDDION CYNGOR Y DREF

Y DIWEDDARAF am CDLL

Fe orffennodd y broses drafod ar y newidiadau arfaethedig i'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol ar 12 Hydref 2012. Fe archwylir Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Addasedig (CDLL) Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy gan Arolygwr Cynllunio annibynnol a'i waith ef fydd ystyried a yw'r Cynllun yn un cadarn. Fe fydd yr Arolygwr yn cael gweld pob sylw a wnaed yn y camau Safleoedd Gosodedig ac Amgen.

CYNGERDD NADOLIG

Mae'n bleser gan y Maer ac aelodau o Gyngor y Dref eich gwahodd i ymuno â nhw yn y Cyngerdd Nadolig blynyddol a gynhelir yng Nghapel Sant Paul am 6.30y.h. ddydd Gwener, Rhagfyr 14eg. Fe fydd amrywiaeth o berfformiadau cerddorol gan blant a phobl ifanc lleol, ac yna adloniant cerddorol gan Gantorion Gele. Fe fydd lluniaeth ar gael.

Am fwy o fanylion cysylltwch â'r Clerc ar 01745 833242.

DYLUNIO LLUN

Motif o goeden Nadolig oedd y dyluniad buddugol mewn cystadleuaeth 'Dylunio Golau' i blant ysgol lleol. Fe wnaed y dyluniad buddugol yn fotif rhaff a'i leoli ar gylchdro Tesco.

Fe gyflwynodd y Maer, y Cyngorydd Tim Rowlands, dystrysgrifau gwobrwyo i fuddugwyr y gystadleuaeth 'Dylunio Golau' o'r tair ysgol gynradd leol. Ac fe gyflwynodd ef hefyd ffotograff wedi ei fframio o'i ddyluniad buddugol ei hun i'r prif enillydd o Ysgol Llansansiôr.



Winning Design

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

LDP UPDATE

The consultation process on the Proposed Focussed Changes to the Local Development Plan closed on 12 October 2012. The Conwy County Borough Council Revised Local Development Plan (LDP) will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector, and it is his job to consider whether the Plan is sound. All comments made at Deposit and Alternative Sites stages will be seen by the Inspector.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Mayor and Members of the Town Council are delighted to invite you to join them for the annual Christmas Concert, which will take place at St. Paul's Chapel, from 6.30pm on Friday 14th December. There will be a variety of musical performances from local children and young people, followed by musical entertainment by the Gele Singers. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please contact the Clerk on 01745 833242.

DESIGN A LIGHT

A motif of a Christmas tree was the winning design in a competition for local schoolchildren to 'Design a Light'. The winning design has been made into a rope motif and is located on the Tesco roundabout.

The Mayor, Cllr Tim Rowlands, presented the 'Design a Light' competition winners from the three local junior schools with Award Certificates.

The overall winner from St George School, was presented with a framed photograph of his winning design, by the Mayor.

CYDNABYDDIAETH

Cyfieithiad gan
Mr John Ffrancon Griffith

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Welsh translation by
Mr John Ffrancon Griffith

NEWYDDION CYNGOR Y DREF (parhad)

PARCIO YNG NGHANOL Y DREF

Mae'r pwnc parcio ar linellau melyn dwbl ac ar balmentydd yng nghanol y dref ar Stryd y Farchnad a Stryd y Bont wedi dod i'r amlwg yng nghyfarfod diweddar y Pwyllgor Cyswllt Heddlu.

Dylid osgoi gwneud hyn ar unrhyw adeg, a bydd yr Heddlu'n cadw golwg manwl ar y sefyllfa'n ystod y misoedd nesaf.

AMDDIFFYNYFYDD LLIFOGYDD

Mae cynllun amddiffyn rhag llifogydd newydd Abergele i warchod 223 o gartrefi a busnesau bellach wedi ei gwblhau. Fe agorwyd y cynllun yn swyddogol gan y Gweinidog Amgylchedd, John Griffiths AC, ar Fedi 11eg.

Fe adeiladwyd prosiect Abergele mewn dau gam. Y cam cyntaf oedd gosod ceuffos osgoi o dan Ffordd y Morfa i ganiatau i fwy o ddŵr i lifo. Yr ail gam oedd adeiladu waliau llifogydd ar hyd yr afon rhwng Parc Gele a'r geuffos osgoi newydd, tynnu ymaith gored uwchlaw Stryd-y-Bont, ac yn ei le gosod ramp garreg i ganiatau i bysgod symud i fyny'r afon, ac fe osodwyd 100 metr o roliau rhisgl coconyt ar hyd glan yr afon. Wedi cwblhau'r cynllun fe ddarparodd Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd Berllan Gymunedol ym Mharc Gele.

HAFOD Y PARC

Mae'r gwaith wedi cychwyn o ail-ddatblygu safle'r hen Awel-y-Môr ac fe gynhaliwyd seremoni 'cychwyn ar safle' ar Fedi 21ain.

Disgwylir y bydd y datblygiad newydd hwn, a fydd yn cynnwys 49 fflat byw annibynnol i bobl 60 oed a throsodd gydag anghenion cefnogaeth yn barod erbyn Tachwedd 2013.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd)

PARKING IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The matter of parking on double yellow lines and on the pavements in the centre of town on Market and Bridge Street has been highlighted at the recent Police Liaison Committee.

This practice should be avoided at all times and the Police will be monitoring the situation carefully over the next few months.

FLOOD DEFENCE

Abergele's new flood defence alleviation scheme to protect 223 homes and businesses in the town has finally been completed. The Environment Minister, John Griffiths, AM officially opened the Scheme on the 11th September.

The Abergele project was built in two phases. The first phase was an installation of a bypass culvert underneath Ffordd y Morfa to provide additional flow capacity. The second phase included the construction of flood walls along the river between Gele Parc and the new bypass culvert, the removal of a weir upstream of Bridge St which was replaced by a rock ramp to allow fish to migrate upstream and a 100metres of coir rolls have been installed along the river bank. On completion of the Scheme the Environment Agency provided a Community Orchard in Gele Park.

HAFOD Y PARC

Work has started on redeveloping the old Awel y Môr site and an official 'start on site' Ceremony was held on the 21st September.

The new development, offering 49 apartments providing Independent Living for people aged 60 and over who have an assessed support need, is due for completion in November 2013.

NEWYDDION CYNGOR Y DREF (parhad)

YMGYNGHORFA'R MAER

Eisiau trafod unrhyw faterion o gonsyrn lleol?

Bydd eich Maer, Y Cynghorydd Tim Rowlands, yn cynnal ymgynghorfeydd y Maer yn Neuadd y Dref Abergele ar y Dydd Llun cyntaf o bob mis Medi 3ydd, Hydref 1af, Tachwedd 5ed a Rhagfyr 3ydd 2012, rhwng 1yp a 2yp, trwy apwyntiad yn unig.

I wneud appwyntiad, cysylltwch a Neuadd y Dref Abergele: 01745 833242. Neu info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk



CASTELL GWRYCH

Mae'n fwriad troi Castell Gwrych yn westy moethus wedi i Bwyllgor Cynllunio'r Sir roi caniatad i hynny ar Dachwedd 21ain, 2012.

Mae'r adeilad o'r bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg sydd wedi ei restru'n Radd 1 yn brosiect blaenoriaeth Datblygiadau'r Castell sydd newydd ei ffurfio, a'r bwriad yw iddo fod yn westy gwledig 5 seren gyda 75 ystafell wely, sba, pwll nofio, caffi, a chyfleusterau gwledda.

Yn gynwysedig yn y cynlluniau mae 8 ystafell wely benty, dwy adain newydd yn yr ardd gaeëdig ddwyreiniol, a thrydedd adain dri llawr yn cynnwys ceginau, a chyfleusterau gwledda a chynadledda.

Fe osodir to gwyrdr uwchben yr iard fewnol i lunio bar a chaffi, a hefyd fe ddarperir maes parcio gyda 240 lle ar gyfer gwesteion.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd)

MAYOR'S SURGERY

Want to discuss any issues of local concern?

Your Mayor, Councillor Tim Rowlands, will be conducting surgeries at Abergele Town Hall on the first Monday of every month 7TH January, 4th February, 4th March and 8th April 2013, between 1pm and 2pm, by appointment only.

To make an appointment, contact Abergele Town Hall: 01745 833242. Or info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk



GWRYCH CASTLE

Gwrych castle is set to be converted into a luxury hotel after permission was granted by County Planning Committee on the 21st of November 2012.

The Grade I listed 19th century building is the flagship project of the newly formed Castell Developments and is planned as a five-star country hotel complete with 75 bedrooms, a spa, swimming pool, bar, cafe and banqueting facilities.

Included in the plans are eight penthouse bedrooms, two new wings in the eastern walled garden and a third three storey wing containing kitchens, banqueting and conference facilities.

A glazed roof will be constructed over the internal courtyard to form a bar and cafe whilst 240 car parking spaces will also be provided for guests.

NEWYDDION CYNGOR Y DREF (parhad)

LLWYBR TY CRWN

Mae Cyngor Tref Abergele wrthi ar hyn o bryd yn mabwysiadu llwybr Tŷ Crwn o'r A547 hyd at draeth Pensarn dros bont y rheilffordd.

Os ydych wedi cerdded y llwybr hwn am fwy nag 20 mlynedd, ac yn dymuno'i weld yn cael ei gadw fel Llwybr Cyhoeddus, cysylltwch â gwefan Cyngor Tref Abergele i lawrlwytho'r Datganiad Tystiolaeth a'i ddychwelyd i Neuadd y Dref.

<http://www.abergele-towncouncil.co.uk/1771/LocalInformation.html>

Fel arall, os hoffech gael copi ar bapur galwch yn Neuadd y Dref.

CYFARFODYDD I DDOD

Fe gynhelir cyfarfodydd nesaf y Cyngor ar y nosweithiau Iau canlynol am 6.45yh.

Mae croeso i aelodau'r cyhoedd ddod i wyllo.

6 ^{fed} Rhagfyr	Cyffredinol
20 ^{fed} Rhagfyr	Pwyllgorau

2013

3 ^{ydd} Ionawr	Cyffredinol
17 ^{fed} Ionawr	Pwyllgorau

7 ^{fed} Chwefror	Cyffredinol
21 ^{ain} Chwefror	Pwyllgorau

7 ^{fed} Mawrth	Cyffredinol
21 ^{ain} Mawrth	Pwyllgorau

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd)

TY CRWN PATH

Abergele Town Council are currently in the process of adopting the Tŷ Crwn path from the A547 to Pensarn beach over the railway bridge.

If you have walked this path for over 20 years and would like to see it retained as a Public Right of Way please visit Abergele Town Council website to download the Evidence Statement and return to the Town Hall.

<http://www.abergele-towncouncil.co.uk/1771/LocalInformation.html>

Alternatively if you would like a paper copy please call at the Town Hall.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Forthcoming meetings of the Council will be held on the following Thursday evenings commencing at 6.45pm.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings.

6 th December	Ordinary
20 th December	Committees

2013

3 rd January	Ordinary
17 th January	Committees

7 th February	Ordinary
21 st February	Committees

7 th March	Ordinary
21 st March	Committees

ADNABOD EICH CYNGHORWYR / KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS:

Pentre Mawr

Cynghorwyr / Mark Bond
Councillors *John A MacLennan
R Malcolm Medicott
Dave Meredith
Brian C Roberts
*Sam Rowlands
Richard G Waters

Pensarn

Cynghorwyr Gwyneth P Davies
Councillors *Jean Stubbs
Kenneth J Sudlow

Gele

Cynghorwyr *Delyth A MacRae
Councillors Ron D Peacock
John E H Pitt
Morris Roberts
*Tim Rowlands(Maer/Mayor)
*Andrew Wood(Dirp.Faer/Dep.Mayor)

St. George / Llansansior:

Cynghorwr / Councillor: J Mike D Bird

Clerc y Dref: Mrs Mandy Evans, Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele. LL22 7BT. Ffôn: 01745 833242

Town Clerk: Mrs Mandy Evans, Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele. LL22 7BT. Tel: 01745 833242

Gwefan / Website: www.abergele-towncouncil.gov.uk

** also Conwy County Borough Councillors*

** hefyd Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy*

NEXT ISSUE

The closing date for receipt of articles for the next issue (March 2013) will be:-

Friday 25th January 2013

It would be appreciated if articles could be kept to a maximum of 150 words and forwarded in Welsh, English or bilingually, or by e-mail to:

info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk

Y RHIFYN NESAF

Dyddiad cau derbyn erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf (Mawrth 2013) fydd:-

Dydd Gwener 25ain Ionawr 2013

Fe werthfawrogid pe gellid cadw erthyglau i uchafswm o 150 gair a'u hanfon naill ai yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog, neu trwy e-bost i:

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NEWYDDION CYMUNED - COMMUNITY NEWS

(Cyhoeddir erthyglau yn yr iaith y derbyniwyd)

(Articles will be published in the language(s) in which they are submitted)

ABERGELE HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Now that the Ophthalmic Department as well as Orthopaedic Surgery is located at Abergele Hospital, the League of Friends have stepped up their efforts in raising funds for the benefit of staff and patients at the hospital and are able to report that equipment to the value of over £30,000 has been donated during the year.

The tea bar in the Manchester Lounge at the hospital is now open from Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4pm where hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, crisps etc. are on sale. We are pleased to say that many more volunteers have come forward to help with the work involved for which we are most grateful, however there is always a need for more to cover for holidays and sickness; if anyone is interested in offering help Mrs Jan Cawley, Tel: 01492 535774 will be pleased to hear from you.

The League's most recent fund-raising event was a Coffee Morning on the 13th October when £438 was raised from ticket sales, various stalls and the raffle, the winning tickets being drawn by our MP Mr David Jones. Also, we were pleased to have the company of Mr Bastawrous, President of the League, and the Mayor of Abergele, Cllr Tim Rowlands, and the morning proved to be a most enjoyable one.

The next event will be our Carol Service to be held in the Manchester Lounge on Wednesday 12th December commencing at 7pm, when we will be joined by the children from Ysgol St Elfod and Beulah Brass. Everyone is welcome to attend this joyous and uplifting service.

Next year, 2013 will be the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the League of Friends at Abergele Hospital when this special event will be celebrated at our Annual General Meeting in April.

ABERGELE AUTUMN CLUB

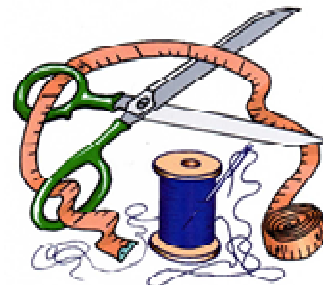
The Club is for over 50's, both male and female. We meet at 10.00am every Tuesday in Abergele Community Centre.

At our weekly meetings we have a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits, a game of bingo, a raffle and the opportunity to have a good chat and make new friends.

Once a month we arrange a coach trip day out to places of interest and we have an annual four/five day holiday to various resorts.

So, don't be lonely - do come and join us - you will be made most welcome.

LIZZY STITCHES



For all your making, mending and alterations.

Contact Liz in Abergele

01745 823096

Mobile 07799426503

CANTORION GELE SINGERS

We have had a super year so far, with many concerts. The concert at St Paul's Chapel with Trystan Lewis, was very well supported.

After our summer break, we held our AGM on 22 October, concerts at Nant Hall, Carols at Tesco and again in St Paul's on 15 December for Christmas. In November we held a Hot Pot Supper when we were joined by friends and family.

Together with Beulah Brass, we entertained the crowds when the Olympic Torch passed through Abergele, everyone joining in singing popular English and Welsh melodies - what a very enjoyable day it was.

At Christmas we will have a Pies/Mulled Wine Evening and a Dinner at the Talardy Hotel. St Asaph.

Come and join us - we meet on Monday evenings 7-9pm at the Old People's Club, Church Walks, Abergele. We really need tenors and basses - so come on boys - join us! Please contact either Soo Tel: 01745 824430 , Anne Tel: 01745 822207 or just turn up!

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PENSARN COFFEE & CHAT CLUB

The Club has welcomed several new members lately and we hope that they will enjoy being with us.

Members have been on trips out and had a lovely day in the Lleyn area on a glorious summer day. They also had a mystery trip which included a meal.

Members are now looking forward to the Christmas Lunch in December which will be held in Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre and followed by entertainment. In January, a New Year celebration is planned.

We meet on a Friday morning between 10.00-11.30am in Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn, and are always pleased to see new and past members. Thanks go to all who help to make tea/coffee on a Friday morning and to those who provide raffle prizes each week.

Best Wishes are sent to everyone who is in poor health - we are thinking about you all.

ACES

(Abergele Community Entertainment Society)

On 8th August, we staged a production of the murder mystery 'Death of a Lady' at Faenol Fawr, Bodelwyddan for the Soroptomists, who donated the proceeds of the evening to their nominated charities.

Our next murder mystery production will be 'The Maid's Murder' - a 'whodunit' set in 1910. The production will be staged in St Paul's Chapel Schoolroom, Bridge Street, Abergele during early spring 2013 - look out for posters in the town which will give more details.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm and would be very pleased to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the Society, please contact either Alan Poulter Tel: 01745 824748 or Ann Roberts Tel: 01745 832943 for further information.

MERCHED Y WAWR ABERGELE

Y siaradwraig wâdd yn ein Cyfarfod Agoriadol ar Fedi 17^{eg} oedd Mari Gwilym o Gaernarfon, ac fel y gellwch ddychmygu cawsom noson hynod o hwyliog a llond bol o chwerthin iach wrth iddi ymhel â 'Hwyl mewn Llenyddiaeth'.

Roedd Mari'n tynnu oddi ar ei phrofiadau ei hun a'r hyn sydd i'w weld yn ein llenyddiaeth. Crêd yn gryf y dylai hiwmor godi'n naturiol o sefyllfaoedd mewn bywyd pob dydd ac o'r gymdogaeth ei hun yn lle dibynnu'n ormodol ar yr hiwmor 'gwneud' Eingl Americannaidd y cawn gymaint o ddibynaeth arno ar y teledu erbyn hyn. Cytuno'n llwyr hefo ti. Diolch Mari.

Roedd Y Ganolfan yn llawn gyda'r dynion a chynrychiolaeth o ganghennau Llanfair Talhaearn a'r Rhyl yn ymuno â ni. Cawsom baned, bara brith a chacennau cri i orffen y wlêdd. Noddwyd y noson gan Gynllun 'Noson Allan' Llenyddiaeth Cymru.

Ar Hydref 15^{fed} cawsom wlêdd i'r llygad a'r glust. Daeth Llinos Lanini, sy'n ffotograffydd proffesiynol, atom i arddangos ei gwaith. Roedd yn noson hwyliog braf gyda Llinos yn cyflwyno mewn modd hynod o raenus a diddorol.

Thema Llinos oedd 'Di ddim yn rhy hwyr yn ganol oed'. Pam y teitl yma tybed? Wel, nes iddi gyrraedd canol oed, gweithio mewn meddygfa'n Wreccsam oedd hi. Gweithio hefo cleifion â phroblemau iselder ysbryd, migraine ac anhwylderau eraill. Bu'n gynghorydd hefo'r mudiad 'Relate' hefyd.

Newidiodd byd Llinos yn gyfangwbl yn 2006 pan enillodd gystadleuaeth y Daily Telegraph gyda'i llun 'Defaid Bwlch y Groed'. Trôdd at ffotograffiaeth fel modd o ennill bywoliaeth hynod o ddifyr, yn 2007. Yn 2009, enillodd 'Artist y Flwyddyn' gyda'i llun 'Beti, Terfynydd', ac hefyd yn 2010 enillodd Wobr Ffotograffiaeth Artist y Flwyddyn Cymru gyda'i ffotograff 'Siop y Pentre'.

Bu yn siaradwr yng Ngŵyl 'Lens V1' yn y Llyfrgell Genedlaethol hefyd.

Mae Llinos â chasgliad o ddelweddau ffotograffig ac mae'n ymgymryd â gwaith masnachol i gwmnïau, elusennau ac unigolion. Mae hi'n arbenigo ar dynnu ffotograffiau o dirluniau, pobl, blodau a chloriau llyfrau.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn hon mae hi wedi arddangos ei gwaith ar hyd a lled Gogledd Cymru ac mae ei gwaith i'w weld ar hyn o bryd yn y Manorhaus, Rhuthun tan Medi 9^{fed}, 2013. Ewch yno, mae gwlêdd yn eich aros!

ABERGELE U3A

Abergele U3A offers interest groups, lectures and social activities for retired people and the over-50's. Come along to one of our Open Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Old People's Club, Abergele. There is an annual charge of £10.00 on joining and sometimes an additional small charge for each group.

We have two art groups, a craft group, two reading groups, music appreciation, poetry appreciation, two Tai Chi groups, indoor bowls, computers, whist, scrabble, bridge, theatre, French and Italian groups and the lunch group meet once a month. For outdoor members there is walking, strolling, bird watching, botany and croquet in the warm weather.

For more information about your local U3, pick up a calendar of events from the library, take a look at our website at u3asites.org.uk/Abergele or contact Pam Perkins our membership secretary on 01745 360998

ROTARY CLUB - 40 Years in Abergele

In these challenging times, there is a growing need for people who are willing to give something back to their communities so we want to thank everyone in Abergele and the surrounding area for helping the Rotary Club of Abergele in our efforts to do just that. This year we are celebrating our 40th year in Abergele, and a number of the Clubs' founding members have decided to retire from full active membership. Whilst we have been very successful in attracting both men and women to join the Abergele Rotary Club, we currently have an unprecedented opportunity to invite interest in membership. If you are interested in making new friends, business contacts and using your skills to help others, whilst having fun, now is the time for you to find out about Rotary, the world's number one service club.

So far this year we have completed a season of Friday evening fund-raising bingo sessions in Towyn, the annual charity Golf Competition at Abergele Golf Club. This was the first time that the golf tournament was open to mixed teams and it was very successful. The Club's annual in-care event was again split over two afternoons and took place at the Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre in Pensarn. The first afternoon in September was for the residents of our Care Homes, the second in October was for the town's Stroke and Disabled Clubs. We provided about 100 afternoon teas and entertainment was provided by Paula Rose. We also had a fun, fund-raising Bollywood event in October. In the last year our Club's donations to local and international good causes exceeded £5,000.

The Christmas float is being prepared for its annual outing, visiting as much of Abergele and district as possible, and spending two evenings at Tesco. Next year will see the Club expanding its opportunities for youth, and a number of other new projects are being considered.

If you would like to join or know more about Rotary, or would like to help us with any of our activities, please contact us either by e-mail: pro@abergelerotary.org or telephone 07747651077, or see our website at www.abergelerotary.org or join us on Facebook.



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ABERGELE FIELD CLUB & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Committee met in October to review the 2012 season of excursions, and there was disappointment that there had been a lack of support for most of the excursions - in fact two had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. The Committee appeal to members to support future events. Discussion then took place regarding possible excursions in 2013, details of which will be available later.

In the meantime, members will be invited to the annual dinner at Abergele Golf Club in November. The annual lecture will take place in February 2013 and the AGM will be held in March, and both events will be held at St Paul's Chapel Schoolroom, Bridge Street. Please look out for posters regarding dates and times of these events.

New and past members are welcome to join the Society which has been established for many years.

ABERGELE WI

The local WI held their AGM in October when Mrs Irene Owen was re-elected as President and Mrs Elsie Dyer as Secretary. Best wishes and thanks were extended to Mrs Pat Hughes the retiring Secretary, and it is hoped that she soon returns to good health.

At the November meeting we had a talk on The History of Bodnant House & Gardens, whilst in December an afternoon of Christmas music is planned.

Members are busy planning the 2013 programme - details of events will be displayed on posters around the town. Meetings are held on the second Monday afternoon of each month at 2.00pm in St Paul's Chapel Schoolroom. New and past members are always very welcome.

CYMDEITHAS Y CHWIORYDD MYNYDD SEION

Cynhelir cyfarfodydd Cymdeithas y Chwiorydd yn Ffestri Mynydd Seion ar Bnawn Mercher am 2 o'r gloch bob bythefnos.

Yn ystod 2012, cawsom nifer o siaradwyr diddorol iawn yn dod atom ac ym mis Mai aethom ar wibdaith i Rhuthun i fwynhau pryd o fwyd yn y Ganolfan Grefft ac ymweld â ffatri "Patchwork".

Byddwn yn dathlu Gwyl Dewi 2013 yng nghwmni Myron Lloyd o Rhuthun ac yn mwynhau cinio sy'n cael ei baratoi gan rai o'r merched. Mae croeso cynnes i ferched o bob enwad i ddod a mwynhau prawniau difyr yn ein cwmni. Edrychwn ymlaen at raglen amrywiol yn 2013. Nid oes cyfarfodydd ym Mehefin, Gorffennaf, Awst na Medi.

Bydd cyfle ar y Dydd Gwener cyntaf o bob mis i gyfarfod yng Nghanolfan Mynydd Seion am **Paned a Sgwrs**. Mae croeso cynnes i bawb i ddod i gymdeithasu

ABERGELE & DISTRICT ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

(Established 25 years)

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm at Kinmel Manor Hotel, Abergele.

We are entertained by international star organists, listening to the music with something for everyone's taste - big band sounds, music from the stage and films, brass band, jazz old and modern, rag time to rock & roll, marches, tango, pan pipes, full orchestra and latin American. You will be made most welcome to the following concerts - and bring along your friends.

Year 2013

2 Jan	Michael McAneny
6 Feb	Tim Flint
3 April	Nicholas Martin
1 st May	Andrew Nix
3 July	Paul Roberts
4 Sept	Tony Stace

ABERGELE LADIES WEDNESDAY CLUB

We are an informal Club who meet on alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.10pm in the Community Centre. We have speakers covering a wide variety of topics, also outings, meals out and more.

Our winter programme is as follows:

2013

9 January	Christmas Dinner Dance
23 Jan	Reflexology & Other Treatments with Alison Bird
6 Feb	Quiz Nite
20 Feb	Coping with Arthritis with Ruth Owen
6 March	Soup & Song for St David's Day with David Whitehead

The Club is open to females of any age and anyone interested is very welcome to join us - just come along to one of our meetings.

PEBEL

The Pensarn and Belgrano Residents Association received the Green Flag Award after volunteers created a community wildlife garden on disused land. It is hoped that the plants used will attract bees, butterflies and birds for the community to enjoy

The garden has transformed the area with volunteers planting bulbs, indigenous plants and shrubs and to further enhance the area a seat planter was installed which was made locally from a single tree trunk.

CHRISTMAS FLOAT ROTA

Date/Time	Area	Start Point
3/12/12 6pm	Belgrano, Rhos Fawr, Holland Drive	Holland Drive by the main road/shops
5/12/12 6pm	St.Georges Rd, Maes Y Dre, Maes Canol	Clwyd Avenue off Dundonald.
6/12/12 6pm	Woodland Estate	JCN, Marford DVE/Tan Y Gopa Rd
7/12/12 6pm	Dundonald Ave, Alexandra Rd, Min Y Don	Penrhos, by A55 turn off
10/12/12 6pm	Pensarn only, visit Glendower	Abbeyfords, Caravan Sales
13/12/12 6pm	Links Estate	Eldon Drive
15 & 16/12/12 6pm	Tesco Abergele	Tesco Abergele
18/12/12 6pm	Beeches/Benfield	Llanfair Rd, Bryn Castell, Top estate
20/12/12 6pm	Llanfair Rd	ATS car park off Llanfair Rd

FRIENDS OF ABERGELE PARKLANDS

Thanks to WREN, a parkland is to be transformed into a £51,000 wildlife haven. Its centrepiece will be a large lake viewing platform providing visitors will excellent views of Pentre Mawr Park at Abergele. Designs will hopefully include a glass panel, in order to view wild bird nesting islands.

Cllr Andrew Woods welcomed the fantastic news "We've dreamed of such a project that can open up the parkland, this really is a dream come true", he said.

Sections of the viewing platform will give people the opportunity to walk through the tall reeds and access a close-up view of the habitat and its associated wildlife. It's inner edges will also be left clear, save for a safety rim which will enable groups to carry out pond dipping within the shallow waters in the centre of the platform.

Two islands will be created within the lake to provide a haven for nesting birds and other wildlife - these will be floating islands to take account of any fluctuations of water depth

Friends of Abergele Parklands are now working with WREN and Conwy County Council to finalise the grant arrangements and draw up a timescale for work to be carried out. WREN is not for profit business that awards grants to community projects.



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ABERGELE THEATRE GROUP

It was with the greatest regret that Abergele Theatre Group were forced to postpone the September performance of 'Triptych' owing to illness, and we apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

As ever, a warm welcome awaits new members, so if you are interested in any aspect of amateur dramatics (acting, front of house, stage management etc.) we would love to meet you. We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm at Mynydd Seion Chapel, Chapel Street, Abergele.

For further details contact:

Mr David Hubbard. Tel: 01745 582853

Mrs Amanda Priestley. Tel: 01352 711194

ABERGELE & DISTRICT FLORAL CLUB

Meetings are held first Monday each month, except August and Bank Holidays at St. Paul's Methodist Chapel Hall, Bridge Street, at 7.30 p.m. If you enjoy flowers, and wish to watch demonstrators creating beautiful floral designs and make new friends, do come and join us.

December 3rd - National Demonstrator John Chennell Wellingborough - "In A Festive Mood". Guests and visitors are welcome to join us for a very special evening with seasonal refreshments served from 6.30 p.m. Tickets at £8.50 can be purchased from Mrs Jane Hunter - Telephone 01745 833834.

2013

January meeting - Annual New Year lunch

February 4th - Members' Evening entitled "Lest We Forget, We'll Meet Again", a social event possibly with some interesting 1940's outfits and a 'sing along'.

March 4th - AGM at 7 pm followed by a supper.

For further information please contact Mrs Jane Hunter (Chairman) Tel: 01745 833834.

CANOLFAN DEWI SANT

The Centre is now becoming an important venue within the community for various activities, regular users include:

- Ashley Day Centre
- Mothers and Toddlers Club - every Friday morning
- Pensarn Coffee and Chat Club - Every Friday morning
- Conwy Youth Services - every Friday evening
- Pensarn Christian Fellowship - Friday evening and Sunday morning
- Weight Watchers Club - every Wednesday
- ZUMBA Club - Every Wednesday evening
- BOKWA Club - every Friday Evening
- COSA - every Wednesday evening
- British Legion - fortnightly on a Tuesday evening
- Benefits Advice Shop - fortnightly every Monday morning
- Community Outreach - all day Wednesday
- Stroke Club - fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon.

The Bistro is opened every Tuesday morning for coffee/tea after the Dewi Sant Church Service and our thanks are extended to those volunteers who work tirelessly to provide this amenity. On the last Tuesday in the month soup is provided and on this occasion the 100 Club draw takes place.

A new part-time Youth and Community Development Officer, Martin Futter, who is extremely enthusiastic and is already making an impact. He will be starting to run free adult computer classes in the Centres IT suite on Tuesdays between 12-2pm and on Thursdays between 10am-12noon.

Anyone interested in booking a place should contact Martin at 'martin@itaca-aya.org.uk' or by telephone on 01745 826570.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Tel: 01745 581015

Abergele, Pensarn, Belgrano & St George

Email: abergele.neighbourhoodeatch@gmail.com

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/abergelenw>

Police Incident Numbers: Emergency 999 /
Non emergency 101

Correspondence: Neighbourhood Watch c/o
Police Station, Oxford Rd, Llandudno LL30 1DH

Email: conwywatch@nthwales.pnn.police.uk /
abergelenwatch@btinternet.com

Would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season. Information is available via our website and we advise residents to sign up to the new OWL scheme and be advised what is happening in our area. Due to the recession and the constant fight against criminal activity, we need to be taking extra care. Thank you all for your efforts in helping to keep Abergele safe.

Christmas is a busy time, not only for everyone but for thieves to, so keep all your presents safely stored out of sight (not only from the children), better still mark them with a Smart water pen.

Don't take too much cash with you when shopping unless it's absolutely necessary, pickpockets also enjoy this time of year. Goodwill is for friends and family.

TIPS

Don't let cold callers persuade you, always be wary and get your own workman etc to do any jobs.

Don't leave Christmas lights and electric blankets switched on, these can overheat causing a fire.

Don't leave burning candles unattended.

Don't leave your doors & windows unlock for opportunist thieves.

Don't leave your sat nav on view and remember to remove the telltale sign on your windscreen.

Don't give your bank details to anyone over the phone even if the caller says he is from the bank that you have an account with.

Don't reveal any information about yourself or your account details to any one over the phone, call into or call your branch and check out the problem. Always put the phone down immediately if you are not sure who is on the other end of the line or if you are not happy with the conversation that is taking place.

Don't get caught out by the rip-off merchants, download or send for the BBC leaflet for advice on how to deal with various issues, available at ripoffbritain@bbc.co.uk or write to Rip-Off Britain, BBC Quay House, Media City, Salford, M50 2QH

No signal on your mobile phone, need to call the emergency services, dial 112 for the 999 call centre.

SCAM WARNINGS

Telephone calls regarding a problem with Windows is still around, they usually ask for payment of some kind to help fix the problem but when challenged hang up. Cold callers are still on the prowl so watch out for them and remember utility companies always make an appointment prior to a visit and never just knock on your door.

SAFETY

For a free home fire safety check, please call 08001691234, e-mail cfs@nwales-fireservice.org.uk or visit www.nwales-fireservice.org.uk.



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A.G.M March 4th at 7 p.m followed by a supper.

For further information please contact Mrs. Jane Hunter (Chairman) number as above,

ABERGELE INNER WHEEL

The Club met at the Kimmel Manor Hotel in September under the leadership of President Mrs Pat Parker, who welcomed members to the first meeting after the summer recess. Apologies were taken and a short business meeting followed. We all enjoyed a light hearted conceal evening and quiz led by Pat Parker.

For the October meeting, the club accepted an invitation to join the Abergele Handicapped Club. The speaker was Ruth Moore Williams, and her talk was titled 'Grumpy Old Women'. This proved to be very entertaining and humorous. We all enjoyed tea and light refreshments at the end. The Coffee morning in aid of Wales Air Ambulance was very successful and well supported by the public.

Our speaker in November was Elaine Jones, who gave an interesting talk on jewellery. Elaine brought a selection of jewellery for us to see and buy.

We look forward to our Christmas Dinner at the Kimmel Manor Hotel, where we will be joined by husbands and friends.

Carol Singing at Tesco 22/12/12

Do come and join members of the churches in Abergele as they sing Christmas carols with the Abergele Rotary/Round Table Christmas float



CYTUN ABERGELE - CHURCHES TOGETHER

In giving gifts to family members and to friends we are responding to God's generosity to us, as well as demonstrating our love for them. Do respond to God's love and generosity by joining us at any of our Christmas services.



St George Parish Church

Tuesday 18th December

7pm Traditional Lessons and Carol Service

Christmas Eve 24 December

5pm Crib Service & Midnight Mass at 11:30pm

Christmas Day 25 December

10.00am Christmas Communion Service

St Michael's Parish Church

Christmas Eve 24 December

6.30pm Crib and Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25 December

9.30am Christmas Communion Service

Mynydd Seion Welsh Presbyterian Church

16fed Rhagfyr

10.00yb Gwasanaeth y Plant

6.00yh Naws Nadolig - Cymdeithas

Emrys ap Iwan

Bore Nadolig 25 Rhagfyr

9.00yb Gwasanaeth Cymun

St Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

Christmas Eve 24 December

7.30pm Carol Service followed by

8.00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day 25 December

9.30am Abergele Mass followed by 11.00am Cawn Mass.

