

# Cyngor Tref ABERGELE Town Council



## CYLCHLYTHYR NEWSLETTER



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### NEGES Y MAER

Yr wyf eisoes hanner ffordd drwy fy nhymor swyddogol, ac fe fu'r misoedd diwethaf yn brysur iawn. Cefais y pleser o fynychu llawer gweithgaredd, yn Abergele a'r cyffiniau ei hun, a hefyd ymhellach draw. Hoffwn ddiolch am bob croeso ymhobman lle cefais y fraint o fynd.

Mae digwyddiadau lleol diweddar wedi cynnwys agor Llwybr y Ffin ym Mharc Pentre Mawr, pan blannodd disgyblion yr ysgolion cynradd a babanod lleol dros 2,500 o fylbiau Cennin Pedr yn y parc, a phan gerfiodd Simon O'Rourke 'Y Dyfrgi'. Mae grwp ECO Ysgol Glan Gele wedi bod wrthi'n brysur yn datblygu Gardd Gymunedol Stryd y Pil, a agorwyd yn swyddogol ym mis Tachwedd.

Fe gynhelir noson y Cyngerdd Carolau Blynnyddol a'r Mins Peis ar Ragfyr 10fed yng Nghapel Sant Paul, Stryd-y-Bont, Abergele, pan ddarperir adloniant gan yr ysgolion lleol a Chantorion Gele.

Gan ein bod bellach yn prysur nesau at Y Nadolig, a gaf i fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddymuno Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Iach a Llewyrchus i bob un ohonoch.

Y Cyng Malcolm Medlicott, Maer y Dref 2010/11

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am already over half way through my term of office, and the last few months have been very busy. I have had the pleasure of attending numerous functions, both in and around Abergele and further afield. May I say thank you for the welcome I have received at every function I have had the privilege of attending.

Recent local events have included opening the Perimeter Path in Pentre Mawr Park, when the local Junior and Infant School pupils planted over 2,500 daffodil bulbs in the park, and Simon O'Rourke carved 'The Otter'. The ECO Group from Ysgol Glan Gele have worked hard on developing the Peel Street Community Garden which was officially opened in November.

The annual Christmas Carol Concert & Mince Pie evening will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, at St. Paul's Chapel, Bridge Street, Abergele, when entertainment will be provided by children from the local schools and the Gele Singers.

As we are now very quickly approaching Christmas, may I take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Clr Malcolm Medlicott, Town Mayor 2010/11



*Fe hoffai'r Maer, Cynghorwyr 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

### CLERC NEWYDD Y CYNGOR

Mae Mrs Tina Earley, sydd wedi bod yn Glerc y Cyngor ers 6 blynedd, wedi symud i fod yn Glerc Cyngor Bae Colwyn. Mewn cyfarfod diweddar o Gyngor y Dref fe gyflwynodd y Maer, y Cynghorydd Malcolm Medicott, ddarlun wedi ei fframio o Abergele i Mrs Earley fel cydnabyddiaeth o'i gwasanaeth i'r Cyngor ac i'r dref. Mae Mr. John Roberts wedi bod yn Glerc y Cyngor dros dro, ac fe hoffai'r Cyngor ddiolch iddo ef am ei ymroddiad a'i gefnogaeth barhaol.

Mae Mrs Mandy Evans o Fae Penrhyn wedi ei phenodi'n Glerc y Cyngor, ac fe ddechreuodd ar ei dyletswyddau ar Dachwedd 8fed, 2010. Bu'n gweithio fel y Prif Swyddog Gweinyddol yn Ysgol John Bright yn Llandudno.

Mae'r Cyngor yn ei chrosawu i Abergele ac yn dymuuno cyfnod llwyddiannus iddi.

### MASNACH DEG

Daeth Abergele'n dref Fasnach Deg yn Ebrill 2010.

Golyga hyn fod Cyngor y Dref: -wedi ymrwymo i weini cynnyrch Masnach Deg yn ei gyfarfodydd a'i ddigwyddiadau, ac yn ei swyddfeydd.

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

### NEW TOWN CLERK

Mrs Tina Earley, who has been Town Clerk of Abergele for 6 years, has moved on to become Town Clerk of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council. At a recent meeting of the Town Council the Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Medicott, presented Mrs Earley with a framed picture of Abergele in recognition of her service to the Council and the Town. Mr John Roberts has been Acting Town Clerk on a temporary basis and the Town Council would like to thank him for his commitment and continued support.



Mrs Mandy Evans, Clerk to Abergele Town Council  
Mrs Mandy Evans, Clerc Cyngor Tref Abergele

Mrs Mandy Evans of Penrhyn Bay has been appointed as Town Clerk and commenced her duties on 8th November 2010. She has worked as the senior Administration Manager at Ysgol John Bright in Llandudno.

The Council welcomes her to Abergele and trusts she has a successful term in office.

### FAIRTRADE



Abergele became a Fairtrade Town in April 2010.

This means that the Town Council:  
- is committed to serving Fairtrade products at its meetings, functions and in its offices.

## NEWYDDION CYNGOR Y DREF (parhad)

### GOLEUADAU TREFTADAETH

Mae Cynllun Goleuadau Treftadaeth yn Ardal Cadwraeth y Dref wedi ei gwblhau ar ôl tri phenwythnos dilynol ym mis Hydref. Dyma'r cynllun-ar-y-cyd cyntaf rhwng Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy a Chyngor Sir Ddinbych.

Mae Cyngor y Dref wedi gwneud cais am gymhorthdal gan Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru o dan gyllid Ardal Ddatblygu Strategaethol. Cafwyd llawer o lythyrau o gefnogaeth gan drigolion a masnachwyr y dref, ac fe anfonwyd y rheiny ymlaen i'r Cynulliad fel cefnogaeth i'n cais.

### LLWYBR Y FFIN

Agorwyd Llwybr y Ffin ym Mharc Pentre Mawr yn swyddogol gan Faer Abergele, y Cynghorydd Malcolm Medlicott. Roedd y prosiect yn bartneriaeth rhwng Cyngor Tref Abergele a Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy.

Cefnogwyd y cynllun gan Gyfeillion Parcdiroedd Abergele, a bwriad y grŵp yw parhau i ofalu am y parc, a gwneud cais yn y dyfodol am statws Baner Werdd.

Yn ystod yr agoriad fe gerfiwyd dyfrgi o fonyn soled o goeden gan Simon O'Rourke, arbenigwr bydenwog ar gerfio gyda llif gadwyn.



*'The Otter' carving by Simon O'Rourke  
Cerfiad 'Y Dyfrdgi' gan Simon O'Rourke*

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd)

### HERITAGE LIGHTING

The new Heritage Lighting Scheme in the Town's Conservation Area has been completed after three successive weekends work in October. This is the first joint scheme to be undertaken by Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council.

The Town Council has made a bid for grant aid to the Welsh Assembly Government under the Strategic Redevelopment Area funding. Several letters of support have been received from residents and traders of the town, and these have been forwarded to the Welsh Assembly Government as support for the bid.

### PERIMETER PATH

The Official Opening of the new Perimeter Path in Pentre Mawr was carried out by the Mayor of Abergele, Cllr Malcolm Medlicott. The project was a partnership between Abergele Town Council and Conwy County Borough Council.

The Project was supported by the Friends of Abergele Parklands and the group intends to carry on tending the Park and make a future bid for Green Flag status.

During the opening, an otter was carved from a solid tree stump by Simon O'Rourke, a world class chainsaw tree carver.

**NEWID RHIFAU FFÔN**

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DINBYCH**

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**AMDDIFFYN RHAG LLIFOGYDD**

Mae gwaith amddiffyn rhag llifogydd ar afon Gele wedi dechrau, yn ardaloedd Rhodfa'r Faenol a Ffordd y Morfa wrth yr ysgolion a'r caeau chwarae. Gwneir y gwaith ar ran Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd.

**TAFLEN TEITHIAU CERDDED**

Mae Cyngor y Dref yn y broses o gynhyrchu taflen yn clustnodi'r teithiau cerdded yn ardal Abergele. Cafwyd cymorth a chyngor gyda'r cyhoeddi gan adrannau Hawliau Tramwy Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy.

Mae cais wedi ei wneud am gymhorthdal i Bartneriaeth Datblygu Gwledig Conwy i helpu gyda chostau argraffu. Cafwyd llythyrau o gefnogaeth i gais y Cyngor gan Y Ford Gron, Abergele; gan Gymdeithas y Cerddwyr a chan Blwyf Abergele. Dylai'r taflenni fod ar gael yn y dyfodol agos.

**CYNGERDD NADOLIG**

Mae'n bleser gan y Maer ac aelodau'r Cyngor gael eich gwahodd i ymuno â hwy yn y Cyngerdd Nadolig Blynnyddol, a gynhelir yng Nghapel Sant Paul, Stryd-y-Bont, Abergele, am 6.30yh ddydd Gwener, Rhagfyr 10<sup>fed</sup>. Fe fydd amrywiaeth o berfformiadau cerddorol gan blant a phobl ifanc lleol, gydag adloniant gan Gantorion Gele. Fe fydd lluniaeth ysgafn ar gael. Am fwy o fanylion cysylltwch â'r Clerc ar 01745 833242.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES**

**GWRYCH MEDICAL CENTRE**

The new telephone number for the Gwrych Medical Centre is: 01745 824111

**OUT OF HOURS GP SERVICE FOR CONWY &  
DENBIGHSHIRE**

The new telephone number is 0300 123 55 66

**FLOOD DEFENCE**

Work has started on the Flood Defence work on the River Gele, in the Faenol Avenue and Ffordd y Morfa area adjoining the schools and the playing fields. The work is being carried out on behalf of the Environment Agency.

**WALKS LEAFLET**

The Town Council is in the process of producing a leaflet detailing the walks in the Abergele Area. Assistance and advice for the publication has been received from the Right of Way sections of Conwy County Borough Council.

An application for Grant Aid has been submitted to the Conwy Rural Development Partnership, to assist with the printing costs. Letters of support for the Council's application have been received from Abergele Round Table, The Ramblers Association and the Parish of Abergele. The leaflets should be available for distribution in the near future.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Mayor and Members of the Council are delighted to invite you to join them for the annual Christmas Concert, which will take place at St. Paul's Chapel, Bridge Street, Abergele, from 6.30pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PATRW-M-DWYIEITHOG

Gwahoddir adborth ar batrwm dwyieithog newydd y Cylchlythyr. Os oes gennych sylwadau ynglŷn â'r treialu newydd hwn cysylltwch â Neuadd y Dref ar 01745 833242 neu drwy e-bost ar: [info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)

## CYFARFODYDD I DDOD

Fe gynhelir cyfarfodydd nesaf y Cyngor ar y nosweithiau Iau calynol am 6.45yh. Mae croeso i aelodau'r cyhoedd ddod i wylio.

2 <sup>ail</sup> Rhagfyr	Cyffredinol
16 <sup>fed</sup> Rhagfyr	Pwyllgorau
<u>2011</u>	
6 <sup>ed</sup> Ionawr	Cyffredinol
20 <sup>fed</sup> Ionawr	Pwyllgorau
3 <sup>ydd</sup> Chwefror	Cyffredinol
17 <sup>fed</sup> Chwefror	Pwyllgorau

## BILINGUAL

Feedback is requested on the new bilingual format of the newsletter. If you have any views on this trial format, please contact the Town Hall on 01745 833242 or by e-mail at [info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)

## FORMAT

## 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.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Ordinary
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Committees
<u>2011</u>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ordinary
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Committees
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Ordinary
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Committees

### Y RHIFYN NESAF

Dyddiad cau derbyn erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifen nesaf (Mawrth 2011) fydd:-

**Dydd Gwener 28 Ionawr 2011**

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

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### NEXT ISSUE

The closing date for receipt of articles for the next issue (March 2011) will be:-

**Friday 28 January 2011**

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

[info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)

## ADNABOD EICH CYNGHORWYR / KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS:

### Pentre Mawr

Cynghorwyr /  
Councillors Mark Bond  
John A MacLennan (Dirp. Faer/Dep. Mayor)  
R Malcolm Medicott (Maer/Mayor)  
Dave Meredith  
John D Mortimer  
Brian C Roberts  
\* Sam Rowlands

### St. George / Llansansior:

Cynghorwr / Councillor: J Mike D Bird

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\* also Conwy County Borough Councillors

\* hefyd Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy

### Pensarn

Cynghorwyr /  
Councillors Gwyneth P Davies  
Jean Stubbs  
Kenneth J Sudlow

### Gele

Cynghorwyr /  
Councillors Delyth A MacRae  
\* Ron D Peacock  
\* John E H Pitt  
\* Tim Rowlands  
Richard G Waters  
Andrew Wood

## 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 ROTARY CLUB

The Abergele Rotary Club Members are at the time of writing getting things ready for the annual door to door collections on the run up to Christmas with our Santa's sleigh. In partnership with our colleagues of the Round table, we will be visiting the local area rattling our collection tin. Please watch the local press for the route and times that we will be on your Street.

At the Club Business Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October members voted to support the Club council recommendation to provide funds to Ysgol Glan Gele, in the sum of £500, this is in support of the School's plans to purchase a minibus for the use of the school. The 30<sup>th</sup> of September was the closing date for the Abergele Rotary Club Summer Fun Quiz, and the draw for the winner of the £50 prize was made at the Clubs meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. None of the returned forms had all 75 questions correct, four forms had the same highest scoring entries, with 70 points. After the draw Mr. Ian McMinn of Liverpool was declared the winner. He has since advised us that he wants to donate the prize money to the Rotary Foundation; we applaud his generosity and thank him for his kind donation. Anyone interested in seeing the answers can find them on the information page of the clubs website. The draw for the quiz winner was made by Mr Steve West, who was the guest speaker at this meeting. Steve from 'The Pudding Compartment' Abergele, spoke with pride and enthusiasm about the company, which is a family business, that was founded in 2007 by Steve and his wife Juliet West, with director Mark Ellis joining the team soon after. He told the Club that the company currently employs 12 people and that they specialise in the creation of premium puddings and desserts, that are hand-crafted in the bake-house at the back of

the Cumberland House Bakery, Market Street, Abergele. The Club were pleased to hear that Steve had been able to keep the speaking engagement despite the company starting a new venture the next day when they will be opening a retail kiosk specialising in cup cakes, at the Cheshire Oaks Outlet Village near Chester.

In September we had a talk by Philippa Davies about Parkinson's UK -and the Local Support Groups. The Rotary members later donated £150.00 to our local support group based in Llandudno. This money comes from various activities undertaken by our Club over the year.

On Tuesday, 3rd August, dinner was followed by the speaker for the evening Ms Gillian Barratt, an excellent speaker for the Jubilee Sailing Trust a registered charity that owns and operates the Lord Nelson and the Tenacious, the only two tall ships in the world designed and built to enable people of all physical abilities to sail side-by-side as equals. Following this the Club had a surprise for Rtn Edward Lyons, in celebration of his 90th birthday. The club had arranged for him to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship award (PHF). Rotarian Ron Jones made the presentation on behalf of the Club, saying that Edward had given long service to Abergele Rotary and the local community, and continues to do so.

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## ABERGELE U3A

Membership continues to rise, which means that the group activities we offer can continue to increase. If you have a skill or passion you would like to share and are nearing retirement and not in full time employment - join us.

Add your ideas to the following successful clubs already running including:- Art, Bowls, Bird-Watching, Bridge, Computers, Creative Writing, French, History, Music Appreciation, Reading, Strollers, Tai Chi, Walking and Whist.

We meet in the Old People's Building on the first Thursday of each month. You are sure of a friendly welcome. Find our list of activities in Abergele Library or via our web site: [u3aabergele.org](http://u3aabergele.org)

T. Lionel Maskrey (Chairman Abergele U3A)

## ABERGELE INNER WHEEL

Carys Walford has now taken over as President of the Club for the forthcoming year.

In July members enjoyed an evening out in the Conwy Valley with a meal at the Plas Maenan Hotel. The next meeting of the Club was held at the Kinmel Manor Hotel in September. Members of the Club gave an interesting and informative talk about their memorable holiday, illustrated with a variety of souvenir.

We were taken on an 'around the world' evening with talks from Falmouth Bay in Devon to the Giant's Causeway in Ireland, Jersey, Denmark, Alhambra in Spain, to the Inner Wheel Museum at Toronto Park, Canada, then on to Washington DC, the glaciers in New Zealand and finally the coconut palms of Trinidad.

Profits from a Coffee Morning / Charity Market held on 27 November in the Old People's Club, were donated to Abergele Stroke Club and other charities

# DARREN MILLAR

Assembly Member  
Aelod Cynulliad



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## ABERGELE GARDEN SOCIETY

The society has welcomed a variety of speakers over the last few months. In July Martin Blow gave an informative talk about Heleniums and explained how they got their common name of Sneezewort - the American Indians used to grind the leaves to make snuff.

In August Jill Bunting gave a very clever presentation of photography set to music which was enjoyed by all members. The annual coffee morning was a success raising much needed funds for the society which will be used to book speakers for the 2011/12 programme.

The programme for the next four months is as follows:-

14 Feb 11: Mountain field to mountain garden part 2  
- Mike Blackburn.

14Mar 11: The area surrounding Abergele, Towyn & Kinmel Bay. - Lesley Lawson

The Society meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month (except December and January), 7.30pm at Mynydd Seion Meeting Room, Chapel St, Abergele. New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Chris Bond on 01745 827833 or 07765 112347.

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## PENSARN COFFEE & CHAT CLUB

The members have enjoyed several trips out in the Autumn as well as a Harvest Supper.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Mr G Lloyd Jones, and extend our sympathy to his wife, Betty.

The annual Christmas Stall will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, whilst the Christmas Lunch is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> December at Rhos-on-Sea Cricket Club. In January, members will be meeting at the new St David's Centre in Pensarn on a Friday morning from 10.00am to 11.30am. We welcome old and new members.

The AGM is planned for February when members will hear of the plans for next year.

## ABERGELE THEATRE GROUP

The Abergele Drama Group are busy rehearsing for their Silver Jubilee Celebrations around Christmas Time. The adults are an enthusiastic Group of folk from 17 to 60+ interested in Drama, Music & Dance. New members are always welcome to take part in the various activities front and back stage.

September last we had a shock when the longtime neglected Church House had to be suddenly closed. Our stage had been set, our furniture, costumes etc. were locked up and we had to look for storage. We were forced to abandon our Junior Group. The adults now meet in temporary accommodation and, thankfully, we have a venue for our next show. Watch out for posters.

Like the phoenix we will rise again to great things in Abergele. However we would appreciate help - particularly for the re-start of our junior group. Abergele needs us all.

For further information contact David Hubbard on 01745 582853 or Joyce Williams on 01745 824401



## **GWRYCH MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS' SUPPORT GROUP**

The aim of this new group is to become a "friends of the surgery" by helping and supporting the patients. All patients of the Medical Centre are members and are entitled to attend the Open Meetings which will be held at least 3 times a year and an Annual General Meeting to be held in May.

The date for the next Open Meeting to be held at the surgery is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

A Christmas coffee morning and mince pies was held at the Medical Centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 12noon. and there were many lovely items for sale and the Christmas Lottery was drawn.

The proceeds will be added to those raised at our very successful stall at the Medieval Fayre and our aim is to purchase an ECG machine.

We are very keen to add to our list of helpers and anyone interested in lending us their support may contact either Yvonne Johns Tel: 01745 826595 or Pearl Roberts Tel: 01745 822351.

## **ABERGELE OVER-SIXTIES CLUB**

During the first half of the year, we had singers, a talk by the Fire Service, a Coffee Morning and a trip to Beaumaris with afternoon tea, which was enjoyed by all.

In October we had a talk on videos/computers, and a singer. Our Christmas Dinner and raffle will be held in the Golf Club.

The Club will open again on 7 January at 13.00 hrs, and any new members will be most welcome. May I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported us during the past year.

Christine Finney

## **ABERGELE HANDICAPPED CLUB**

The Club enjoyed a lovely autumn outing in September with a trip to Betws y Coed and an afternoon tea at the Royal Oak Hotel, returning home with a scenic tour through Snowdonia. Our members were delighted a few weeks later when the talented pupils from Llangernyw Primary School came to entertain us with music, dance and song.

On 12<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated the Handicapped Club's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Harvest Service at St Michael's followed by a party tea. We still have more entertainment to come before our Christmas party on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

We re-open on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011. New members are always welcome. For information please contact Mrs Pat Parker, Tel No. 01745 832273

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## ABERGELE WI

After the AGM in October, when Mrs Irene Owen was elected President, the members are looking forward to another successful year. In November, we had a talk on the 'Titanic' by Mr Marshall Morris and in December, Beulah Brass will give a Christmas miscellany ready for the festive season.

The New Year will open with an afternoon talk with slides by Pat Preston on South Africa. Subscriptions will then be due for 2011. In February members will look forward to a talk by the Pudding Compartment of Abergele.

New and old members are always welcome. The meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Community Centre at 2.00pm

## ABERGELE HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

League of Friends volunteers continue with their work raising funds to be used for the benefit of staff and patients at the Hospital. Fund-raising events undertaken so far this year include having a stall at the Medieval Fayre in September, once again a very enjoyable event. It stayed dry in the afternoon, though the occasional gust of wind made it necessary to hold on to the poles of the gazebo. Charity collections at the Asda store and Tesco raised over £600, and most recently the Coffee Morning at the Old People's Buildings in October brought in excess of £500.

Our next event will be the Carol Service which is to be held in the Manchester Lounge at the Hospital on Wednesday 8 December commencing at 7.00pm. The children of St Elfod and Beulah Brass will be taking part, everyone is welcome to join us for this enjoyable and uplifting celebration of Christmas, at the end of which, light refreshments will be served.

Despite the changes which are likely to take place at Abergele Hospital, our members will continue with their work running the Tea Bar and raising funds. New volunteers are always needed and anyone interested in joining us can contact either Mrs Elizabeth Taylor Tel: 01745 825470 or Mrs Edith Humphreys Tel: 01745 825578

## FRIENDS OF AWEL Y MOR

With the renovation of the Home, the Friends have decided to bring their work to an end. The members held a meeting in October and decided to fold up their activities, with much regret.

The residents have moved out to other homes and the staff will be re-deployed. Thanks go to all the staff who have coped during the last few months under so much uncertainty and best wishes to them all for the future.

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## The greatest Christmas gift of all!

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**Pensarn English Presbyterian Church**  
*Christmas Day 25 December*  
10.00am Christmas Worship

**St George Parish Church**  
*Monday 20th December*  
7.00pm Carol Service  
followed by mince pies at the Kinmel Arms  
*Christmas Eve 24 December*  
5.00pm Crib Service  
*Christmas Day 25 December*  
10.00am Christmas Eucharist

**St Michael's Parish Church**  
*Christmas Eve 24 December*  
6.30pm Crib Service  
11.45pm Midnight Mass  
*Christmas Day 25 December*  
9.30am Service  
*Sunday 26 December*  
11.00am Service



**Mynydd Seion Welsh Presbyterian Church**  
*Bore Nadolig 25 Rhagfyr*  
9.30yb Gwasanaeth Cymun

**St Paul's Methodist Church**  
*Sunday 19 December*  
11:30am Carols and Christingle led by  
Rev Keith Tewksbury

*Christmas Eve 24 December*  
11.30pm Circuit Communion Service (Old Colwyn)

*Christmas Day 25 December*  
10.00am Christmas Day Service  
led by Rev Keith Tewksbury followed by  
Christmas Lunch

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December*  
No Service

**St Theresa's Roman Catholic Church**  
*Christmas Eve 24 December*  
7.30pm Carol Service  
8.00pm Vigil Mass  
*Christmas Day 25 December*  
9.30am Mass  
11.00am Mass (Towyn)



### Carol Singing at Tesco

11.00am - 12.00 noon on Saturday 18 December  
Do come and join members of the churches in Abergele  
as they sing Christmas carols with the Rotary float



## TWINNING NEWS

The Colwyn Bay, Abergele and District Twinning Association will be celebrating 25 years of links with our twin town in France, Roissy-en-Brie, near Paris and with Barmstedt in Germany.

A group of guests from Roissy-en-Brie will be coming here to join us at Easter time and the Association is hoping that local residents will be able to help with hospitality by offering accommodation for three nights during their visit.

A full programme of events will be organised during their stay to show them our area and allow them to meet as many local people as possible.

If you would like to take part in these celebrations, please contact our Secretary: Brian Whittingham Tel: 01492 549932 or Gill Holland Tel: 01745 823542.

Further information about visits to France and Germany in the future, can be obtained by ringing the above numbers

## ACES

Abergele Community Entertainment Society is a thriving group who produce Murder Mystery evenings and proceeds from each production are donated to charity. A sum of £150 from our last production 'Death of a Lady' has been donated to Cross Road Care (North Wales). Since the group formed in April 2008, over £1,000 has been donated to various charities.

Our next production 'Death at the Fitness Centre' will be held in St Paul's Schoolroom towards the end of March 2011 - look out for posters around the town nearer the time.

We would welcome new members, either to take part in our productions or help with props or backstage, Further information available from Alan Poulter Tel: 01745 824748 or Ann Roberts Tel: 01745 832943.

## ABERGELE AND DISTRICT FLORAL CLUB

Following the August break our first meeting in September was an evening in the company of four club members - Eirian Davies, Jane Hunter, Lorna Utting and Rosemary Gilmartin. They provided us with an interesting evening and their floral arrangements were greatly admired by all present.

One of the highlights of our Club year is the Open Meeting held in December. This year will be no exception as NAFAS National Demonstrator Keith Smithies presents 'A Special Christmas Time' at 7.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December at Kimmel Bay Church Hall. The New Year will be welcomed with lunch at Faenol Fawr Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Interested? Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further information available from Hilda Green (Chairman) Tel: 01745 823808 or Gaenor Johnson (Secretary) Tel: 01745 583599

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## ABERGELE CAMERA CLUB

As I write this at the end of October, the construction of the new St David's Church and Community Centre in Pensarn is fast approaching completion. Some of our Club members have regularly visited the site and taken photographic records of another change to the community life of Abergele and Pensarn. The task of compiling the photographs taken throughout its construction now begins, to form a contemporary record of the ever-changing face of Abergele.

Photo of St David's



To date 2010 has been quite a dramatic year or me on a personal level, having suffered a stroke in February, fortunately only a minor one. However, it has not prevented the camera club from its normal functions and it has given me something to look forward to. To all those who know me in the town and its outskirts, I extend my thanks to all for your kind thoughts and good wishes. The recovery is slow, but progress is being made.

For full details of our programme, or to see our individual photo galleries and much, much more, visit our website at [www.abergelecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.abergelecameraclub.co.uk).

Mal Hughes  
Chairman

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- Greater respect for the environment

The Fairtrade Steering Committee promotes the sale and use of Fairtrade products through its nominated Council Member, Cllr Sam Rowlands. Fairtrade products are currently available and/or served at the following establishments: Abergele Golf Club; Abergele Hospital (L of F); Itaca; Jade Leaf Café; Abergele Library; Nature's Way; Somerfield; Spar; Tesco; St Michael's Church; St Paul's Methodist Church.

If you know of anywhere else in Abergele which sells/serves 'Fairtrade' products, or would consider doing so, please contact Kathy Woodward - Telephone: (01745) 823915. For further information visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

## CYTUN

At a recent meeting, members of the Churches met to discuss the Gwrych Garden Fete held last June in Manorafon Fields. It had been a success once again and after expenses to the falconry, the band and other incidental costs, a profit of £130.00 was made.

It was decided to go ahead and organise a similar event on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and use the profit towards the expenses. Details of the event will appear nearer the time, but it is hoped that everyone who helped in this year's event will again support the Fete next year. Thanks go to everyone involved, especially Mr & Mrs R Arrowsmith of Manorafon

## CONGRATULATIONS

Eleri Jones, an Associate Solicitor with Howell Jones and Company, Solicitors, has been accepted as a member of the National Association of 'Solicitors for the Elderly' (SFE). The aim of the Association is to improve the knowledge and service provided on legal issues including tax planning, wills, lasting powers of attorney, long-term social and health care along with other retirement issues.

As we are aware this is a field of law which is constantly evolving as the requirements of the elderly population changes and it is good to know that there are local solicitors with expertise in providing legal services for older people within Abergele. Many congratulations Eleri.

## ABERGELE BLIND CLUB

The Club continues with their activities on a fortnightly basis in St Paul's Chapel Schoolroom, and offers support and social activities to registered blind and partially sighted people of Abergele & District, and their carers. Should you be interested in obtaining more information, please telephone Mrs D A MacRae on 01745 825066.

During October we celebrated Harvest with a lunch and our guest speaker was Mr Richard Butler who spoke about 'Harvests around the World'.

The members are now looking forward to their Christmas Lunch which is to be held at Abergele Golf Club in December. We will commence 2011 with 'New Year Fayre' and other various entertainment and guest speakers.

It is with regret that we report the sudden death of a well loved and active member, Gordon Lloyd Jones, and our sympathy is extended to Betty and family in their loss.

## YSGOL GLAN GELE

The pupils have had a busy couple of months with School activities. In October, the pupils, together with pupils from Ysgol Glan Morfa and St Elfod Junior School, planted over 2,500 Daffodil bulbs in Pentre Mawr Park.

During November, the School was assessed by Jon Murphy, Senior School Improvement Officer for Monmouth and Gill Taylor Williams Primary Advisor with Conwy Local Authority for the NACE Cymru Challenge Award, and passed with flying colours. Ysgol Glan Gele are the first Infant School in Wales to achieve this highly prestigious Award.

Also in November, the School's ECO Group, in conjunction with Abergele Town Council and Cartrefi Conwy, opened the Peel Street Community Garden.

## ST GEORGE CONTROLLED SCHOOL

Mr Andrew Roberts took up the position of Headteacher at St George Controlled School in September, following the retirement of Mr Ian Pimblott. Mr Roberts is an accomplished musician and he is very keen to share his love of music with the pupils.

St George Controlled School has had a busy half term. The Junior pupils have been to Abergele Library to meet the children's author Chris d'Lacey. The pupils were inspired and were able to purchase books signed by the author. The Infant pupils have been to Eirias Park to sing Welsh songs in the annual Jamboree.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> October, the school celebrated Harvest in St George's Church. The children performed magnificently, delivering the Harvest message with readings and poems and singing Welsh and English songs. The Church was full and the children's performance was very well received by the large congregation.

## CYMDEITHAS EMRYS AP IWAN

Rhagfyr 12<sup>fed</sup> 2010 - Cynhelir Gwasanaeth 'Naws Nadolig' yng Nghapel Sant Paul, Abergele am 6 o'r gloch yr hwyr. Bydd plant Ysgol Glan Morfa yn cymeryd rhan yn ystod y noson. Croeso cynnes i bawb

7<sup>fed</sup> Ionawr 2011 am 7.30yh - Noson yng ngofal Dr Goronwy Wynne, Lixwm. Mynediad - £2.00

18<sup>fed</sup> Chwefror 2011 am 7.30yh - Cefin Burgess, Rhuthun. Mynediad - £2.00

2<sup>ail</sup> Mawrth 2011 - Dathlu Gwyl Dewi yng Ngwesty'r Kinmel Manor hefo'r Parch Tecwyn Ifan

8<sup>fed</sup> Ebrill 2011 - Noson yng ngofal Ken Brassil a fydd yn sôn am ei waith yn yr Amgueddfa yng Nghaerdydd. Mynediad - £2.00

## PENSARN ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, the English Presbyterian Church will officially end their worship at the Family Church, Y Berllan, Pensarn. The last service to be held will be on Boxing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 the worship group will officially be called the 'Pensarn Christian Fellowship' and they have applied to use the new community facility at 'Canolfan Dewi Sant'; when it is officially opened. The service will be held each Sunday from 10.30am - 12noon.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The town's Christmas Lights were switched on on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Look out for the 'Robin' motif, designed by Chloe Foames from St Elford Junior School, who was the winner of the Council's 2010 'Bright Ideas' competition.

## CHRISTMAS FLOAT

In December, members of Abergele Rotary and Abergele Round table will be manning the annual Christmas Float.

The Float rota for 2010 is as follows:

2 Dec	Pensarn Only & Visit to Glendower
3 Dec	Llanfair TH
6 Dec	Towyn
7 Dec	St George Road, Maes y Dre & Bodtegwel
8 Dec	Belgrano, Rhos Fawr & Holland Drive
9 Dec	Llanddulas & Rhyd-y-Foel
10 Dec	Maes Canol
13 Dec	Links Estate
14 Dec	Woodlands Estate
15 Dec	Dundonald Avenue, Awel y Môr, Alexandra Road & Min y Don
16 Dec	Beeches / Benfield Estates
17 Dec	Bodelwyddan (West)
18 Dec	Abergele Tesco
20 Dec	Llanfair Road
21 Dec	Bodelwyddan (East)

## CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

The Town Council are running the Christmas Window Competition again this year and businesses in the town are encouraged to participate. Windows will be judged by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Immediate Past Mayor.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - £75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - £25

### THANKS

The small Christmas trees located outside the businesses in Abergele certainly add to the festive atmosphere in the town.

Cllr Andrew Wood is responsible for putting up and fixing these trees and the Town Council would like to express their thanks to Cllr Wood for his good work.



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