

Dolwyddelan Community Newsletter

Autumn

2025



**Dolwyddelan Village
Garden Association**



The 81st **ANNUAL SHOW**

To be held at
THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOLWYDDELAN
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – 2.00pm

Admission £2

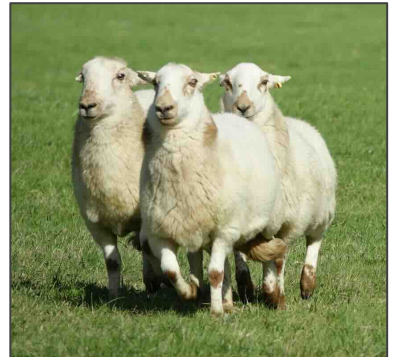
SHEEPDOG TRIALS 2025

Friday, 19th September at 4.30

Saturday, 20th September
from 9am till late.

Refreshments available.

Held In the field behind the Pavilion.



To contact the Pavilion – 01690 750 490 (answerphone)
Or contact the following for a more immediate response –
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Kirsty Jones 07703 834 322

mentersiabod@googlemail.com

Community Pavilion – Rear of Ysgol Dolwyddelan
Dolwyddelan, Conwy LL25 0SZ

Pavilion and Gwyddelan Suite hire charges . . .

Organisation	Morning (up to 4hrs)	Afternoon (up to 4hrs)	Evening (up to 4hrs)	Full Day
Regular meetings (weekly/monthly) Local / Charity / Voluntary Organisations	£10	£10	£10	£25
One-off or occasional Local / Charity / Voluntary Organisations	£15	£15	£15	£35
Business	£25	£25	£25	£60
Use of Audio/Visual equipment is an additional charge of £5 per session				
Local / Charity / Voluntary Organisations (regular meetings) with less than 10 attendees will pay £1 per head per session up to 4 hours				

Available to hire by the day from Menter Siabod at the Pavilion . . .



Wheelchair – a donation

Marquees - £50 per day (plus £50 deposit)

Folding tables – free to locals

Carpet shampooer - £10 per day

Spot cleaner (good for stairs) - £5 per day

Any enquiries please contact . . .

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Village Cinema

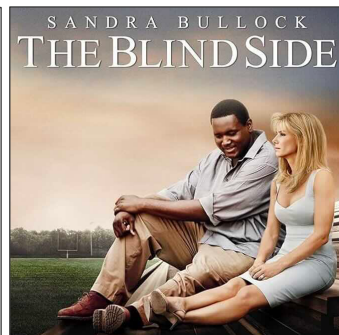
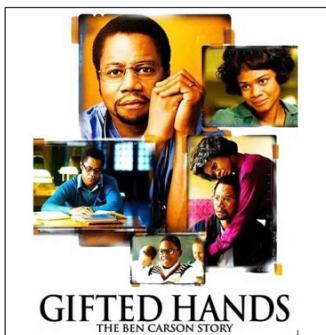
Gwyddelan Suite – 7.00pm

Forthcoming attractions

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th



NEWSLETTER NEWS



Here at Village Newsletter Headquarters, we are proud to announce, this is our 40th edition!

Through rain, wind, snow and occasionally sun, our volunteer posties have so far delivered 11,600 copies valley wide. We deliver 290 copies every edition throughout Dolwyddelan village, Blaenau Dolwyddelan, Pont-y-Pant and further.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed contents so far and to all our voluntary delivery people who have fought valiantly with awkward letterboxes through the decade.

If you are reading this, I hope we have been able to inform and entertain you through the years, long may it continue.

If you, or an organisation you belong to, has anything you would like to include in the next edition of the Dolwyddelan newsletter, please contact Shaun Tel: 750519 or email: dolwyddelannews@gmail.com



DOLWYDDELAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2025 New Season

7.00pm in the Gwyddelan Suite, behind Ysgol Dolwyddelan

Monday 1st September

Whispering Walls

by Bill Jones, President of Dolwyddelan Historical Society

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Monday 6th October

The Welsh Spies: Welsh Espionage and Secret Ops during WWII

by Bob Morris

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Monday 3rd of November

The Slate Export Trade

by Dr David Gwynn

Y GWYDYR HOTEL

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Open for drinks 12.00 till late, daily.
Food served Tuesday to Sunday
Walker and bikers very welcome.

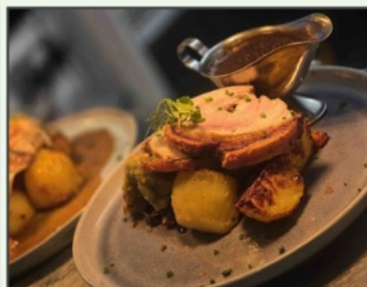


Lunch menu 12.00-14.30pm – Dinner menu 17.00-20.30pm
Sunday Lunch 12.00-14.30pm

Thai meals by Namthip, every Wednesday 17.00-20.30pm



Thai starters



Sunday lunch

Pre-booking recommended through Facebook/Y Gwydyr Hotel
Dolwyddelan or Tel. 07464 710 257

Private catering available for parties and functions.

ACCOMMODATION

Please recommend Y Gwydyr Hotel's accommodation to visitors.

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by calling, Namthip Tel. 07464 710 257





SAVE THE DATE

Turning on of the Christmas lights
(extra lights this year!)

Visit by Santa

Jolly singing

Wednesday 3rd December at 6.00pm

Or very soon after if the weather is awful.



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Ali Liederbach

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Jodie Williams

Sports Therapist who works with local sports teams. Specialises in personalised rehabilitation plans, to help individuals return to full fitness.



Sam Hare

Yoga Instructor specialising in Aromatherapy massage, Reflexology, Reiki and scar therapy. She will be joining the team in September - a free "taster" session will be announced shortly.

What's On . . .

Ffit 66+ Club - Balance and strength exercises, followed by panad and a chat.
3:30pm Tuesdays

Theraball & Resistance Bands Pilates

Tuesdays 10:30/11:15am

Thursdays 5:00/6:45pm



St. Gwyddelan's

We hold twice monthly bilingual services, usually on the first and third Sundays of each month, at 9.30am, with tea and coffee following the service. All are welcome to all services and the wide variety of other events held in and around the ministry area. Special services including Weddings, funerals and Christenings can also be arranged with Stuart. Full details of what is on are on paper programmes left in Church, on the monthly newsletter, or on the ministry area calendar online via the webpages brogwydyr.cymru where there is more information about what is on.



On Sunday 13th July we celebrated our last service with Bishop Andrew John, before his retirement. We were also able to celebrate the many years Ruth served as Church Warden at St Gwyddelan's with a certificate, flowers and a cake presented by the Bishop.

The Church in Wales has an online lectionary app, in which the readings and psalms for all services are listed. This app is free to download and use and can be used by anyone wishing to follow the daily / weekly readings and Psalms. A link for each reading lets you access the relevant text. lectionary.churchinwales.org.uk You can access this webpage using a smart phone here (point your camera at the QR code and follow the link)

Upcoming service dates:-

Sunday 7th September – 9:30am - Eucharist

Sunday 21st September – 9:30am - Eucharist

Sunday 5th October - 9:30am - Eucharist.



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Hello!



My name's Kate and I'm an illustrator and art teacher living in Dolwyddelan. I'm also a Welsh learner.

As a nature lover, I wanted to create a range of gifts and cards that were not only beautiful but sustainable.



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DOLWYDDELAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2024/25

In the financial year 2024/25 the Community Council received £20,000 as the precept. We also received £2949.45 in VAT refunds from prior years, £2140 from the toilets and £490 in fees for the cemetery.

Our expenditures were £1183.65 for room rentals, insurance, maintenance of the defibrillator pads and subscriptions, £1,647.59 for staff costs. The Christmas Tree standing charge for power £775.08. The Christmas Tree purchase and a donation towards the food and drink. Dog bins cleaning including catching up from last year £752.50. Cemetery maintenance costs were £3590. Toilet costs were £3592.04. The Cenotaph care was £279.00. We also paid bank charges of £175.08.

We received SNPA funding of £2,260 towards the cemetery and had costs against this of £2,600, but had £433.40 to recover in VAT. A small underspend of £93.40. We received £1,540 from SNPA towards the Cenotaph maintenance to repaint the lettering and clean it up. We spent £1,260 on repairs, leaving a surplus of £280 for further maintenance.

We had from the prior year £3000 from the Borzello Trust and received a further £249 from the St James chapter. We spent £3,367.21 but have some recoverable VAT of £320.80 to offset against this.

We had from the previous year from CCBC £7,984 for the community plan and spent £7,982 in the year. The Community Plan is available on the website.

We received from CCBC SPF £7,650 towards a feasibility study for the Hydro Scheme with expenditure of £9,180 but the difference is VAT which we recovered to break even. The outcome was that the Hydro Scheme is feasible. We received SPF funding towards the Cemetery of £61,943. We spent overall £77,290.94 and received a VAT refund of £12,048.36. We have a further refund of £4,834.31 to receive, which leaves an underspend of £4.73.

Our opening balance at the beginning of the year was £13,747.29 of which £548.27 belonged to Dolwyddelan in Bloom (DiB) and £10,984 was restricted for the Borzello and Key Fund projects.

At the end of the year our balance was £11,662.66 of which £589.96 belonged to DiB and the remainder £11,072.70 was in DCC reserves.

This year we have just received £33,600 from Conwy SPF for phase 2 of the Hydro Scheme to carry out the necessary surveys, design the final scheme and apply for planning permission. Once this is done, we will have a greater understanding of what can be achieved and what benefits it can bring to the community. At that point we will hold a public meeting to decide on the corporate structure needed to take the scheme forward and apply for the grants to actually build the scheme.

News on Dolwyddelan's Historic Capel Bethel

Bethel Action Group (BAG) recently sent out numerous questionnaires to companies and individuals that have a direct interest in Dolwyddelan. A fabulous response was received.

Enthusiasm from respondents has been 10 out of 10 and providing this project goes ahead, we have many individuals prepared to volunteer their time to help renovate Bethel and get the place running. New ideas for Bethel's usage have also been provided which include:

- Outdoor activities for disused space behind the chapel.
- The ability to demonstrate Dolwyddelan's history including artifacts to holiday guests and residents alike.
- Tourist information to include maps of local walks and mountain bike tracks.
- Mum's and toddler's group.
- The ability to accommodate larger numbers of people with the added benefits of toilets, hot/cold water etc.
- Educational courses, workshops and demonstrations including evening classes for the local community and further afield.
- Ability to rent/sell space for local artisans to sell their products.
- Daily dog care and other pet services, i.e., grooming.
- Focal point for younger residents of the village (children and teenagers.)
- Friendship groups for those that feel isolated.
- Monthly local product market.
- Book exchange / reading groups.

Capel Bethel's location was significant within the ideas brought forward. Numerous comments have been made regarding the benefit of having a central and visible community hub, easy to access and observe for both visitors and the community, whether on foot or travelling along the A470. This could complement the existing facilities that the Pavilion provides.

If you share our vision, please join us. We are looking for volunteers and donations. Maybe you would like to join us at the next group meeting?

Please contact us . . .

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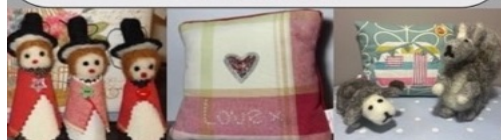
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