

Dolwyddelan Community Newsletter

Spring

2025

NORTH WALES POLICE Ways to contact us. Make the right call . . .



1



Need to report a new incident but it's not an emergency?

PHONE 101.

If you cannot get through to 101 then use the webchat, via the North Wales Police website.

2



Have a question?
Chat online. Not for emergency use.

**USE YOUR
SMARTPHONE,
TABLET OR
COMPUTER TO
CHAT ONLINE.**

3



Is there a danger to life?
Is a crime in progress?
Is Police attendance required immediately?

PHONE 999.



101 and webchat matters will be slowtime enquiries. All matters will be looked into and it is **NOT** a waste of time. If we don't know about an incident, we can't do anything about it.



To contact the Pavilion – 01690 750 490 (answerphone)
Or contact the following for a more immediate response –
Paul Donnelly 07534 120 193 Bob Valintine 01690 750 205
Eunice Cawley 01690 750 268
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 - £5 per day

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

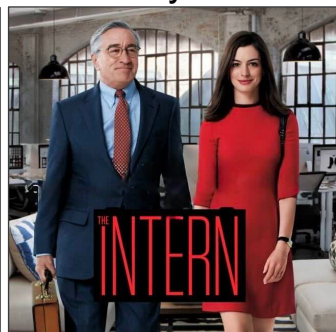
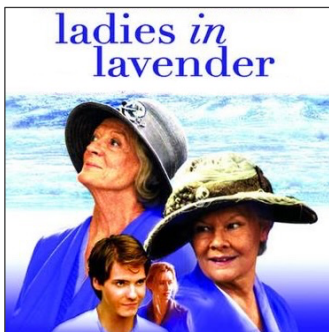
Gwyddelan Suite – 7.00pm

Forthcoming attractions

March 19th

April 16th

May 21st





DOLWYDDELAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7.00pm in the I.T. Suite, behind Ysgol Dolwyddelan

Monday 3rd March

Shops, Hotels and Public Houses of Dolwyddelan, 1790 onwards
by Shaun Hewitt

Monday 7th April

To be Announced

DOLWYDDELAN MONDAY CLUB

The village Monday Club is held in The Pavilion at 2 o'clock on the fourth Monday of each month.

Our meetings are informal, where we might enjoy an entertaining talk by a guest speaker, have a quiz - or simply enjoy each others company, having a good natter and a laugh over a cup of tea and biscuits.

The exception to the usual meetings in The Pavilion, are when we have Christmas Lunch in December - or when we have a day trip out in the summer. Previous trips have included a day touring around Ynys Mon, a boat trip around Puffin Island and simply days out exploring North Wales etc.

New members welcome!

John

DOLWYDDELAN CHIROPODY CLINIC

A Chiropody Service is now available at
AJPHYSIO, in the **Old Surgery, Church Street**
on **Mondays**, from **10.30am** onwards



The qualified practitioner is Rebecca, who will be happy to book an appointment with you on **07476 942 251**
Call or drop her a message.

DOLWYDDELAN'S HISTORIC CAPEL BETHEL

Capel Bethel was proposed as a potential solution, to facilitate the expanding needs of the local community, as identified in the Dolwyddelan Community Survey. Bethel Action Group is a constituted charity, working towards securing the Chapel for this purpose, whilst at the same time preserving Welsh heritage. We hold regular meetings and have been established for 18 months.

Last year, we carried out an internal visual inspection and dimensional survey, to evaluate potential area use. As the photos show, the interior is spectacular. We would like to thank Eurwyn for his kindness, in allowing BAG to access the Chapel, which was greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, there is some evidence of decay and vandalism, which is difficult to ignore given the prominent position of this historic asset. One of our members has recently volunteered to help make the building safe and protect the interior from the elements.

We have had a positive response to our cause from various organisations, including a letter from Eryri National Park Authority, expressing their support to the plans for community space and housing. A Welsh historic religious buildings organisation has also paid a visit and we are engaging with local groups to ensure we are reflecting the needs, as identified by the Community Survey.

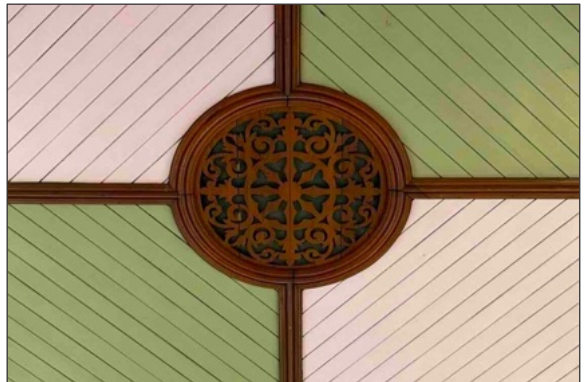
So, what are the next steps? We will be inviting letters of support from local community groups, businesses and traders, we are constructing a modest website (www.bethel-action-group.jimdosite.com) and will continue working to secure and preserve Dolwyddelan's historic treasure.

Contact for further information . . .

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Richard_griffin@btinternet.com M. 07736059925

Helena Wroblewska, Secretary -
Helena_w@btinternet.com M. 07828 761114

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DOLWYDDELAN WOMENS INTITUTE



Spring Meetings

March 1st - Saint David's Day outing

March 7th - AGM

April 4th - Mountain Rescue Ogwen Valley visit

May 9th Acting and Drama : speaker Cathie Griffin

If you'd like to join our friendly and welcoming group, we meet on the first Friday of the month at 7.00pm

Contact Alison Richmond 07534 284188 for more information.

MONDAY CRAFT GROUP

We meet every Monday morning, 10.00am till 1.00pm
(we've added an extra hour now)

£1 per person

All welcome

Craft along with like minded friends, sharing
ideas and experience.



We now have a communal sewing machine, kindly donated by a new local resident, for the use of anyone who wants to do repairs, make alterations, sew a project etc.

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME GET TOGETHERS

Come along and join the Friday lunch club, it's a safe
warm space to meet up and chat.

Each Friday in the Pavilion from 12.00 noon (though you can arrive at
any time) until around 2.00pm, or whenever we've finished chatting!

Are you new to the village and would like to meet local people? Could
you benefit from having more friends?

There may be ten of us, or twenty, or more, we never know, but it is
always friendly, warm and supportive.

All ages welcome, as age in Dolwyddelan is just a number.

Bring your own sandwiches and drinks
(kettle and microwave available.)

There is a raffle - £1 per ticket - where most weeks,
everyone wins a prize 😊

Dolwyddelan 'Field to Fork' Project

The young people of Dolwyddelan have been busy reaping the rewards of the allotments in Dolwyddelan, growing and helping to maintain the veg and turning it into a meal to feed the whole of the club. The young people of Dolwyddelan have really enjoyed the project, whilst helping them learn life and social skills without even realising. The youngsters also completed their 'Food to Fork' accreditation in the process.

The young people of the village produced some lovely leek and potato soup, all ingredients grown right at the back of the pavilion, only feet away from where it was cooked. This was enjoyed by the club members and fed up to 18 young people.

We would also like to thank local resident of the village, Stewart, who maintains the allotment during the week and keeps it all looking tidy, whilst maintaining the allotments to a very high standard. Without him the young people wouldn't have been able to do this project, he is a credit to the village, so a big thank you needs to go to Stewart.

Here are some images of the project in progress . . .



Matt Mullender

ST GWYDDELANS CHURCH

St Gwyddelans is part of the Church in Wales, Bro Gwydyr Ministry Area that includes, Betws y coed, Dolgarrog, Trefriw, Penmachno and Llanrhychwyn. Regular bilingual services in Dolwyddelan are held on the first and third Sundays of each month, usually at 9.30am, everyone is welcome to come along.

Full details of all services in the Ministry area are on the Bro Gwydyr website - <https://brogwydyr.cymru/> where you can view the weekly newsletter of events (or scan the QR code.)

Services for weddings, funerals, baptisms and other occasions can be arranged, please contact the ministry area office . . .

admin@brogwydyr.cymru

Or for pastoral care, contact Stuart Elliot . . .

Ficer@BroGwydyr.Cymru Tel. 01690 710313



‘DOLI IN BLOOM’

Celebrating its 20th year anniversary

Would you like to be part of our friendly gang of gardeners, helping to keep Dolwyddelan looking colourful and proud of itself?

We meet at intervals during the year at locations around the village to plant, tidy up unkempt areas and keep key areas beautiful and a credit to the village. Whilst enjoying the fresh air and friendship.

Places we look after include – the station platform, the station car park, Pont Arenig lay-by, Bryn y Bedd cemetery and the many planters that brighten up our village during the year. We have a rota of two people per month to tidy, weed and sweep the Cenotaph Garden.

We always welcome new members.

Work parties planned (usually no more than two hours) . . .

Sat 29th March 10.30am –

Train station platform, carpark and garden plots.

(If anyone you know would like to take over a plot in the border please let us know.)

Planting work party to be arranged at Bryn y Bedd in **May**.

Sat 3rd May 11.00am –

Fund raising event on station car park if dry, the Pavilion if wet.

Angie

Dolwyddelan Open Gardens

Save the date: Saturday 7th June

We will be organising the Open Gardens Event in the village again this year as our annual fundraiser for St Gwyddelan's Church.

Open Gardens is an event where people in the village offer to open their garden, or part of their garden, for the day, for visitors to have a look round. It is an opportunity to be inspired by different types of gardens and different ways of gardening, to get some ideas, have a chat, quite often some refreshments and the option to buy some locally grown plants are laid on.

We are looking for people willing to join in this year and open their garden for the day. We are really interested in a wide range of gardening styles - gardens for produce (fruit and vegetable growing), for wildlife (meadows, wilder areas), small or micro gardens - a few pots on a patio or a particular type of garden/style, as well as gardens in different stages of development (no garden is ever 'finished'). So please don't think that your garden is not suitable, everyone is welcome.

If you would like to take part in the event, please contact Sue Layland on sue.layland@gmail.com for more information. Ticket sales and information will be available closer to the time, on posters around the village and on the church facebook page.



Sue Layland

USED BOOK SALE

There is lots of 'new' stock on the used book stall in the Pavilion.

Get ready for spring with many veg plot, allotment and flower garden books.

The stall is usually accesible when lights are on at the Pavilion.

Honesty Box



DOLWYDDELAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cwt Hers Memorial Building at Bryn y Bedd Cemetery

A quiet and tranquil space available for reflection.

Dolwyddelan Community Council now offer an area at the Bryn y Bedd Cemetery, for scattering of ashes, and a multifunctional memorial building where services can take place. If you wish to remember your loved one in this manner, the beautiful setting is available for private services. Memorial plaques can be installed inside the building. Please contact the DCC Clerk for more information.



RECYCLING

As you all know, Conwy County Borough Council have stopped distributing the collection calendars. There is a copy of the calendar in the noticeboard on the old bus stop and the calendar is also available on the Conwy Council website, to download and print out, or you can download the app from the council website Resident>Recycling and Waste>The Conwy App. This will send out a reminder each Tuesday evening of what is being collected the next day. If you don't want the app you can just bookmark this page. If you tell it to remember your address in future, the bookmark will take you straight to your collection. www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Recycling-and-Waste/Check-my-collection-day.aspx

You can also sign up to 'My Conwy.' Once you've signed up, you will get a personalised homepage which will show you your next collection dates (amongst other things.)

www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/MyConwy-Account/My-Conwy-Account.aspx

Conwy Council do a bulk waste collection for up to 4 items for £30 if you have anything large that needs removing.

DOLWYDDELAN COMMUNITY PLAN

Over the last year, Dolwyddelan Community Council has been developing a Community Plan - a framework for the future prosperity and wellbeing of our community. Rhos Consultancy have been working with us, and now, having a draft plan, has enabled us to begin to attract funding for specific projects, including new signage, restoration of the cenotaph and the commissioning of work to review the feasibility of resurrecting the Penamnen Hydro Scheme and Community flood plan.

The development of the plan is now at an end, but the culmination of this work is ostensibly the beginning of the real work – to get more of the community involved, attract funding, and develop new amenities, assets and services that will ensure the future of Dolwyddelan and the Lledr Valley.

Marc Roberts of Rhos Consultancy will be presenting the findings and updating us on recent developments and funding opportunities. We have arranged for two sessions during March, to allow people the opportunity to come and listen and share their thoughts . . .

The Pavillion

11th of March between 1.00 and 5pm

15th of March between 11.00am and 3.00pm

TRANSPORT

Ambition north Wales launched an important public consultation on the draft Regional Transport Plan for North Wales on the 20th of January. This 12-week consultation offers residents, businesses and visitors, the opportunity to shape the future of transport in north Wales. The consultation runs until 14th April 2025, and feedback can be provided through an online virtual exhibition, via email, or by post. For more details and to complete the questionnaire go to the consultation website northwalesregionaltransportplan.virtual-engage.com or contact northwalesregionaltransportplan@arup.com

The North Wales Economic Ambition Board – Transport Plan for North Wales

Here is an OPPORTUNITY for you TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

We are hosting an opportunity for residents to share their comments on the consultation document for the future of North Wales Transport plans. I can provide a precis of the document for you on the day.

Their aim for the rural area- to prioritise better connecting rural communities to neighbouring nearby towns, nearby community facilities, surgeries, hospitals and shops on a regular basis, plus interconnecting rail travel.

Their objectives are . . .

To empower local communities to take a lead to participate and take ownership of the development of transport solutions. An opportunity to seek to deliver the socially necessary transport improvements that prevent rural isolation.

The meeting will be held at the Pavilion on . . .

WEDNESDAY 5th March from 1.00 till 4.00pm



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