

Dolwyddelan Community Newsletter

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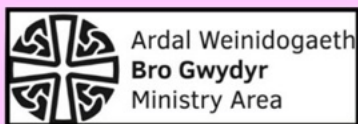
2025

DOLWYDDELAN OPEN GARDENS St. Gwyddelan's charity fundraising event **Saturday 7th June 11.00am – 3.00pm**



Tickets and Maps from St. Gwyddelan's church
11.00am – 2.00pm £5 per adult (children free)

www.facebook.com/stgwyddelan



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

Village Cinema

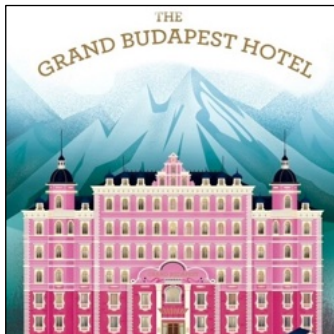
Gwyddelan Suite – 7.00pm

Forthcoming attractions

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th



YOUTH CLUB

This term has been a great term for the club, with a lot happening and the club going from strength to strength. Numbers increasing each week.

This term the club entered an art competition, which was open to the whole of Conwy, the topic was equality and diversity. Our group worked together to create this great piece of work, which shows and expresses the young people's knowledge on the topic.



So, out of the whole of the Conwy County, our group came 3rd – a massive achievement. But also, for me as a lead worker, it makes me very proud to see the young people developing each week and doing such fantastic work.

Matt Mullender

FUND RAISING EVENT FOR 'DOLI IN BLOOM'

Many thanks to everyone who came to support us on the 3rd of May, and for the donations of great raffle prizes, cakes, bric-a-brac, refreshments etc, also for your time and effort if you were involved. Three friends of 'Dolwyddelan in Bloom' gave generous donations as they couldn't attend, thank you.

We raised over £600 which is brilliant, we will be using the money for plants, compost and replacing planters etc. within the village, keeping Dolwyddelan beautiful.

Angie Burke



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Summer Fair

3YH-5YH
3PM-5PM

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PLANHIGION / PLANTS
RAFFL / RAFFLE
FAN FWYD / FOOD VAN
GEMAU HWYLIOG / FUN GAMES

3/7/25

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YOUR PAVILION NEEDS YOU!



Do you use the Pavilion?

Do any of your family use the Pavilion for one of their social groups?
Have you enjoyed a Gŵyl Gwanwyn (Spring Festival) at the Pavilion?

During the year, the Pavilion is regularly used by many groups – Youth Club – Monday Club – Craft Club – Friday Lunch Club, Women's Institute and more, as well as weekly Welsh lessons by Bangor University. It's also used frequently by Conwy Council, Transport for Wales and Dolwyddelan Community Council etc. for Community Information Events. In the past year, the Pavilion has also been hired for around 10 private celebrations – children's parties, birthdays, anniversaries, retirements etc. (crockery and cooking facilities provided.)

Also, since COVID, we have bi-annually organised a Gŵyl Gwanwyn (Spring Festival), with craft and stalls full of goodies, children's entertainment, bouncy castles and fun for all the family.

Why am I telling you all this?

Because we need volunteers to join our team.

I don't think anyone involved at the moment will mind me sharing, that we, as a group are getting older! And the task of organising events and making sure the Pavilion keeps going, is getting harder with every year. We keep going because we know what the facility means to so many.

Are you new to the village? Recently retired? Looking to get more involved in village events? Have skills that you feel would be useful to the team? Or do you have ideas for new projects or events in the village? If so, please contact us.

YOUR PAVILION NEEDS YOU!

We are a friendly group of community minded people, looking for new, enthusiastic members. We have six meetings a year (more when necessary) that last for maybe two hours - sharing ideas, suggesting improvement and generally keeping the Pavilion and Gwyddelan Suite (IT Suite) going.

Our next meeting is on 26th June at 7.30 in the Pavilion, you are very welcome to come along, or you can ask anyone you know who is a member for more information.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FLOOD PLAN - In the development of the Conwy Valley Multi Agency Flood plan, communities that are known to flood, such as Dolwyddelan, are encouraged to respond by producing a local flood plan. The Dolwyddelan Community Council and Cllr Liz Roberts who is a member of the multi agency partnership are engaging with Dwr Cymru and Natural Resources Wales in producing this local plan.

The endeavour is, for volunteers to work alongside the Dolwyddelan Community Council in ensuring our residents in the village receive advance notice from NRW of a possible flood event locally.

Two volunteers is the request but up to 5 persons would be ideal. Cllr Liz and the Clerk of Dolwyddelan Community Council are willing to support the volunteers in coordinating such a scheme for Dolwyddelan with the support also of Dwr Cymru and NRW.

New picnic benches have been installed in the station woodland area and another by the swings.

COMMUNITY PLAN - A successful couple of events took place at the Pavilion with residents sharing their thoughts. Dolwyddelan Community Council is now awaiting the completed Plan from the consultant so it can be shared with the community.

Simon Shuttler



BOOKS – BOOKS – BOOKS !

Are you a reader? Do you get through books at an alarming rate?

Well, there are hundreds of pre-owned novels, reference, self help, history, cookery, gardening, hobby and children's books available at the Pavilion book stall (many of them never read!)

'New' books added weekly, Welsh and English language.

Access to peruse when the Pavilion lights are on.
Honesty box for paying.

Donations of books also very welcome.

Monies raised go back into the community.



A NEAR DISASTER AT THE PAVILION!



Back in March, Menter Siabod had the unenviable task of suddenly closing the Pavilion to all visitors and groups, when it became apparent that the drains at the rear of the building had collapsed. We had no idea how long this closure would last, drainage companies approached giving very disappointing timelines for when work could be completed (and they wanted to dig up half of Dolwyddelan!)

We then appealed to local Superbuilders™, Cameron and Urien Roberts, who responded immediately and magnificently, coming to look at the problem and then quickly setting to, to solve the problem.



They worked so brilliantly that we were able to re-open the Pavilion for use within the week!! Our grateful thanks to Urien, Cameron & team for all their work and expertise, their understanding of what the Pavilion means to the village and how many people were affected by it being closed.

Pre-loved Clothes Sale in aid of Parkinson's UK

Thursday 19th of June 7:00 till 9:00pm

At the Pavilion

Raffle ticket entrance £4 - winning numbers, bottle of wine or chocs
Includes a glass of wine and nibbles (tea or coffee available)

Come for a natter and a glass. Bring your pre-loved items, good condition clothes, bags, hats etc. marked up with size, and the price you would like to achieve.

Half to you, half to Parkinson's UK



Try before you buy. Changing facilities. Free standing long mirror.

Contact Jackie Chamberlain - chamberlain535@btinternet.com
or Angie Burke – burkeangela28@gmail.com for more information



Progress Report on Refurbishments at Plas Penaeldroch - May 2025

We bought Plas Hall (now Plas Penaeldroch) in December 2015 and planned on a complete refurbishment, expecting this to take 10-15 years. We are now nine years into this project with plenty still to do!

There are three 'zones' in Plas Penaeldroch at the moment. The 1970's tower, which has been completely restored and houses three suites of hotel rooms, which are open for guests. The Victorian manor house, which will be refurbished in a few years' time, and the current project.

When we acquired Plas, there was a single storey flat-roofed, four double-bedroomed extension (to the right as you look from the car park), attached through a series of lean-to structures and looking a bit like a bungalow that had seen better days. We are converting this, giving it a pitched roof to make it visually clearer that the two buildings belong together, with accessible accommodation on the ground floor (suitable for wheelchair users, and those with visual or hearing problems) with other bedrooms on the first floor. We are also creating a reception area - but this is all taking far longer than first thought. We hope to slate the roof within the next month.

If anyone is interested in the grizzly details, feel free to drop by, and Mike and Carrie will be happy to fill you in on the details!

Our hope is that these two accessible suites will be ready for guests in 2027 and, once these building works are complete and the forecourt of the building is cleared of construction work, we hope to be able to reopen the café and catch up with all the local 'news' we have missed in the meantime!

It will then only remain for us to finish the lockable store, replacing the old chalet, so folks can leave their bikes somewhere safe, and then correct a leak in the Manor roof, before refurbishing the Victorian first floor, to make several lettable bedrooms and an owners' suite in the attic. We will then update the reception rooms in the Manor so that our guests will be able to enjoy all parts of the Manor, including the (soon-to-be) games room.

The majority of work so far has been undertaken by myself, and Mike, with help from time to time from local friend Niall.

Follow our progress on our blog at www.penaeldroch.co.uk/blog/

News on Dolwyddelan's Historic Capel Bethel

The vision:

- To provide a historical heritage centre.
- A local artisan section and gallery.
- Tourist information centre.
- Poets and artists in residence.
- Housing.
- Repair shop.
- Wellbeing centre including physiotherapy.
- Allotments and outdoor activities.
- Car park with EV charging stations.

Whilst nothing seems to be happening with regards to Capel Bethel, in the background the Bethel Action Group (BAG) have been busying themselves as follows:

- Further to Eryri National Park Authority Town Planners and Menter Siabod's positive responses, letters requesting support have been distributed to businesses within the local community. These request completion of a short questionnaire to demonstrate support for the possible acquisition of Capel Bethel and thereafter Bethel's potential as a public accessible community hub. Questionnaires received to date have been exclusively supportive with some additional constructive ideas.
- Bethel Action Group now have a live website, providing photos, sketches, news, updates, contacts and how to support BAG: <https://bethel-action-group.jimdosite.com>
- Volunteering to board up broken windows as it is evident vandalism and weathering is getting the better of Bethel, as evidenced by a near miss a few months ago with one of the roof tiles falling a few yards from a pedestrian. Being in such a prominent position, public safety is being questioned.
- A representative from Welsh Religious Buildings Trust visited the village specifically to see Bethel. We are currently awaiting the outcome.
- A BAG brochure is in draft form. We hope to have this available soon.

There are concerns over the current community space available for hire in Dolwyddelan. There are increasing restrictions on using School (Ganolfan) facility, with Safeguarding issues and Public Liability Insurance now necessary for any events taking place and hire costs have increased generally.



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 get in touch:

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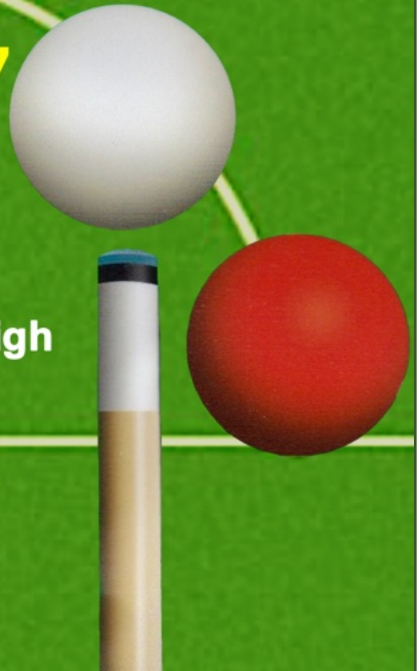
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St. Gwyddelan's is part of the Bro Gwydyr Ministry area of the Bangor diocese (Church in Wales). Bro Gwydyr is a group of five Church communities in the local area, in the care of our minister, Rev. Stuart Elliot. We hold twice monthly bilingual services, 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 <https://brogwydyr.cymru/> where there is more information about what is on.

We have been very blessed to have sung evensong services at St Gwyddelan's for a few years. We will be celebrating with what may be our last evensong, on Sunday 15th June at 6pm. This is a lovely service and a wonderful way to end a weekend, do come along and help make this day extra special.

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www.brogwydyr.cymru/

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Sue Layland

August 3rd 1906 – North Wales Weekly News

In the Vale of Conwy, rain poured down incessantly for about ten hours, with the result that the river Conwy by midday yesterday, had inundated the neighbouring meadows. Hundreds of acres were covered and in the vicinity of Dolyddelen there was a pitiable spectacle. Large fields of hay were completely submerged, and in the early hours of the morning farmers would be seen wading knee-deep in the hope of saving their hay which was still out. Other crops, as well as property had been considerably damaged many sheep having perished.

DOLWYDDELAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



JANUARY - We opened the year with our national resolution's presentation, run by Alison Richmond. Our vote was to support the 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' CPR campaign

FEBRUARY - An enthralling presentation about the life-saving and essential work of the Coastwatch volunteers, by Wendy Dossett. A donation was made towards the maintenance of this voluntary local service.

We also went on a visit to Llanberis where we met with the Brynrefail WI to learn and play Boccia (a ball sport related to bowls) . . . we ended as overall winners of the evening!

APRIL - We visited the Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue organisation headquarters and discovered just what is entailed in an emergency callout - from first contact, to cleaning and tidying away all equipment at the end of the call (even if it is 2 am on a freezing night!) an outstanding contribution to saving lives on our hills - a donation was sent to support this essential voluntary service.

MAY - We hosted a speaker from the Aberconwy domestic abuse service and have resolved to provide Christmas gift boxes of toiletries this year, for the victims they support.

JUNE - We are hosting other local WI groups to join us, via train, for a summers evening walk, cream tea and Dolwyddelan history videos, before catching the train back up our lovely branch line.

We meet on the first Friday of the month at 7.00pm.

**Please contact Alison Richmond on 07534 284188
if you'd like to come along.**

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 or have a quiz - or simply enjoy each other's company, having a good natter and a laugh over a cup of tea and biscuits.

New members welcome!

John.



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