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Caerwent Playing Fields Association April 2019

HALL HIRE

It's been a busy March at the hall with private functions and parties. Did you know you can hire the hall and bar staff to run your function or event? Our committee members volunteer to staff the bar so that profits can be put back into the hall and playing fields.

BINGO

We have scheduled the Family friendly Easter Bingo evening for Friday 26th April, bar open from 6.30pm for eyes down at 7.30pm this will be a relaxed few games with some yummy Easter prizes!

AGM

Our annual **AGM** will take place on **Friday May 10th** we will have a run down of the year previous and a plan of attack for 2019!

We are actively looking for helpers at the hall especially for the village show preparation. If you can spare a few hours and want to get involved please come along and introduce yourselves. We are a friendly bunch!

NEW SWING

We have recently agreed with Caerwent and Monmouthshire councils to fund a new basket swing in the park which should be installed before the summer season.... The children are waiting anxiously!



Date for your diary
Caerwent Village Show
Saturday 17th August
Starts at Mid Day!



As always Thankyou for your support to the Village Hall events, CPFA

The committee is always looking for helpers for these events so if you are interested in getting involved please get in touch! We are always looking for new ideas and you can give as little as a few hours a month. We wouldn't be able to run the events without helpers.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
AT
CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL
ON
Friday 10th May 2019 at 6.30pm



We have a wonderful resource in the form of Caerwent Village Hall and Playing Fields. This facility has benefited from considerable hard work and effort, mostly on a voluntary basis to create and maintain the hall for the benefit of the entire village.

We are seeking volunteers to come forward to join the committee. People with fresh ideas, renewed enthusiasm and most of all a willingness to get involved and have fun.

AGM Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of the AGM Minutes of April 2018
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Appointment of Directors:

Ashley Nelson, has resigned as Vice Chairman

6. Election of Chairman
7. Election of Vice Chairman
8. Election of Secretary
9. Election of Treasurer
10. Membership summary

For those who are new to the village this is an excellent opportunity to get involved, meet neighbours and others in the community and build new friendships. For those that have lived here a while, now could be your time to stand up and support us. If you want to know more please ask any of the existing committee members

Please do join us!



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WHAT'S ON AT CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning		Zumba 10am— 12 Noon		Fitmuma 10am-11am	5th & 19th April Parish Coffee Morning 11am—1pm	6th April & 6th June CAR BOOT 9am—1pm	Junior Football Club (Until end of April)
Afternoon	Taekwondo 5pm— 5.45pm	Slimming World 4.15 — 9.15pm	Lines Fitness Class 5:45 - 6:45		Family Fun Night 5th April from 6pm		
Evening	Weight watchers 6pm-8pm	Slimming World 4.15 — 9.15pm	Short Green Bowls 6:45—9:30	Church Love & Light 7pm— 10pm	Family Easter Bingo 26th April from 7pm	Football Club Race Night 30th Mar 6pm	



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EASTER BINGO



CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL

Family fun for all ages

Friday 26th April

Eyes down 7.30pm



Prizes to be won!

Family Fun

Bar open

All ages welcome to join in

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At our March meeting we received concerns from local residents regarding the recent release by Monmouthshire County Council of candidate sites for the next Local Development Plan (LDP). The LDP identifies areas within Monmouthshire for residential development and the latest candidate site list identifies a number of potential sites within the Caerwent Community area. It was explained that this process is at a very early stage and that the sites currently identified are submissions by local land owners. All sites identified, both in this and future releases will all have to be vetted and approved for consideration by Monmouthshire Planning department. It is likely that the scrutiny of these site will exclude a large number for various reasons. i.e. Situated on flood plans, non-permitted development in open country and many others factors. Sites finally selected for inclusion in the LDP will be open to public consultation and this Council will make residents aware as an when these sites are selected via this newsletter, Face book and local councillors.

The current LDP runs until 2021 so the review process is at a very early stage.

We have had a number of complaints recently regarding the use of CADW land around the Roman Walls regarding dog fouling and dogs running free without being on leads. Caerwent is lucky that CADW have allowed dogs onto their land (this is not the norm throughout Wales) but it is a requirement that dogs should be under control or on leads. Concerns were also raised that it has been reported that a verbal confrontation on one occasion may have been considered of a racial nature. The Council were appalled by this behaviour and would reiterate that we welcome visitors to our community irrespective of where they come from. We are lucky to live in a community which has fantastic historical remains, which are of interest to people outside our community and we welcome them taking the time to show their interest in what we have. We are in discussions with CADW regarding the signage around their land relating to dogs, however if issues continue to occur they may rescind their agreement to allow dogs on their land. The council have provided numerous dog bins throughout the village as well as supplies of poo bags. Please use these facilities and don't let your dog foul **anywhere** in our village.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that we have a councillor vacancy in the Dinham ward. To date we haven't had any expressions of interest in this post. If anyone is interested in this role whether you live in the Dinham ward or not and you meet the following criteria please get in touch with the Clerk of the Council. (email below)

You must be at least 18 years of age, a British citizen, a qualifying citizen of a Commonwealth country, a citizen

of the Irish Republic, or a citizen of another member state of the European Union.

One of the following criteria must also be fulfilled. You must:

- Be on the electoral register*
- Own a property or land for the last 12 months in the parish*
- Work in the parish in the last 12 months*
- Have lived in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3 Miles) for the last 12 months.*

Planning Applications

2019/00327 5 Court House Road, Llanfair Discoed

Proposed Detached Double Garage with study above and new driveway entrance gates.

This Council recommends **Approval**

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda

2019/00333 Canon Lane

Retrospective Application for the erection of a fence

Agreed to seek more time due to the fact that website information lacking – no photos and plan not clear re site location. Query height before and after.

Council were informed that the appeal re the Chillies Restaurant site on the A48 had been approved by the Inspector. The neighbour had been informed.

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The final fixtures

After all the hard work and effort, the regular season draws to a close in April

By the time you read this, our only competitive team (u12s) will have finished their season and the mini's only have 2 weekend fixtures remaining. Each team will have several tournaments and maybe some friendlies, but the end of season is now looming large. We will wait until the end of season celebration on June 21st before we look back in any detail, but this year has seen all our teams grow, both in numbers and ability as our club continues to develop and build for the future.

We are delighted to say that we currently have more registered volunteers and qualified coaches than we have ever had before, and hope to have more join in before next season.

Our u12s have played with typical character throughout the season and should be very proud of their top half finish. As the season has gone on, the league has seen an increasing number of close matches which is encouraging for everyone involved as thoughts and plans already start to turn to season 2019/20!

For our club, as the u12s have developed we have learned loads that we will look to implement for future years. It has been the first time most of us have had any involvement in coaching/organising competitive football and whilst everyone told us it is different, we think for the most part we have achieved what we set out to do, with everyone member of squad playing a full role and having a season with lots to be proud of.



TOURNAMENT DATES

Dates fixed, trophies chosen, pitch plans sorted.....

Last year we held our first 2-day tournament and we are sticking with the format for this year, hoping to condense all games into around 3 hours on both Saturday and Sunday.

Whilst we will never host a tournament of the size and scale of Undy, Monmouth or Chepstow – we take a lot of pride in our tournament which always receives rave reviews for the friendly welcome and relaxing atmosphere from the community and all involved.

Once again we will be seeking lots of extra support in running the weekend and any help is gratefully received.

Key dates

April 6– Training returns to Caerwent

April 28 – last regular season games

May tbc – u12 End of Season Celebration

June 8/9 – Caerwent Tournament

June 21 – End of Season Celebration



Lee Morgan's Family

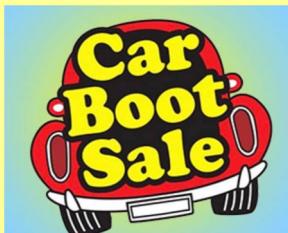
Would like to thank you for the condolences and all of the kind, thoughtful words during this very difficult time.

Thankyou to everyone who attended his celebration of life and for the lovely stories and memories shared.

Well done to the team at the Coach & Horses for their hard work.

CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT

April 6th is our 1st car boot of the season, followed by 6th June and 3rd August
(Weather permitting).



Buyers 9-12 and Sellers from 8.15am. £5 car and £7 vans.

Free Parking, toilet facilities and café.

All profits go towards improving the hall. Come along and pick up a bargain.

CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL— FAMILY FUN FRIDAY

**Friday 5th April 2019
Bar Open from 6.30pm—9pm
All Welcome!**



CAERWENT VILLAGE HALL— EASTER BINGO



**Friday 26th April 2019
Family fun for all ages
Eyes down 7.30pm
Prizes to be won, All ages welcome to join in.**

Thank You

I would like to send thanks to our amazing family and friends for the love, help and kindness shown to us after the sad passing of my husband Lyndon (Lyn). For filling our house with beautiful flowers and cards, for the offers of help and thoughtful acts. I'm truly overwhelmed by everyone. Thanks also must go to John Waters for a lovely service, to Philip Blatchley who led us through so gently and for the lovely spread put on by the Coach and Horses. Thank you to all who attended the funeral you being there brought great comfort.

Margaret Maddox



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Parish Priest: Rev'd John S. Waters Tel: 01291 641449
email: john@transientwaters.com

200 Club winners in February: 1st Mark Powell, 2nd Richard Martin, 3rd Pauline Dutton

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th April 7.30 p.m. Lent Talks in Caerwent Church

Wednesday 10th April 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union meeting

Wednesday 17th April 12 for 12.30 p.m. Village Lunch £6 Coach & Horses

For further details or to book, contact Patsy Lewis 01291 420602 or 07985926040

Fridays 12th & 26th April 11 – 1 pm Community Coffee Mornings Village Hall

Contact Kay 07832 642212 or Patsy 07985926040 for more details

Sunday 21st April – Easter Day Services

Easter Eucharist in every church in the Ministry Area. No Evening Prayer.

Saturday 11th May Treasure Hunt around Caerwent & Llanfair Discoed

Questionnaires available from 1.30 - 3pm at Cadw Car Park, Caerwent.

Refreshments & answers at St. Mary's, Llanfair from 2pm – 6pm. All welcome.

Friends.....

As I write this I am distracted by many things. New Zealand is coping with the aftermath of a terrorist attack on some of its Muslim communities, Brexit lurches in circles, and Christians are observing Lent knowing that Christ will be crucified and rise again on Easter Sunday, to show us that there is a different way. And these are just the three big things!

My mind is also awash with ideas, dreams, and hopes for us all; that is the eternal optimist in me, she surfaces loud and bold at times like these because I have learnt to "look for the helpers". In every disaster and difficulty there are always helpers, people who rise above the chaos or awfulness to shine light into the dark spaces. Perhaps you see them too? These are the people who provide food to those who are sleeping rough, and reach out to people on the margins or living in fear. They serve refreshments to the emergency services, or administer first aid, act in heroic and selfless ways in the face of imminent danger, or perhaps, months even years after the awfulness, continue to support communities like the charities still working with those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

And then add to that the words that swim around my mind, some of them verses from the bible and others not, but they all serve to challenge me and encourage me to reflect and try to do my part to make our communities better places.

I am reminded that when Jesus spoke to the disciples he gave them what is now known as The Great Commandment – 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind'. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

'Loving my neighbour as myself' rubs shoulders in my mind with a phrase about looking for the similarities I have with others, rather than the differences, and it is these two together that encourage me to believe that humanity is better than we sometimes see or imagine. The helpers, in the face of tragedy and disaster, are demonstrating love for their neighbour in ways that give us all such hope and remind us that there is goodness in abundance all around us. There is love and there is hope, enough for all; it is our job to share it and show it.

So as we move through Lent, into the good news that is Easter, let us all try to look for the similarities we have with our neighbours, let us worry less about the differences, let us show each other a little more love, and let us say thank you to the helpers.

On behalf of the Wentwood Ministry Area team I wish you a very Happy Easter.

With love,

Sally Ingle-Gillis. Curate in Charge

**Ysgol Gynradd ROGIET Primary School
March/Mawrth 2019**

At the end of the half-term break, several of our pupils took part the second annual Open Morning Triathlon at St John's On-The-Hill School competing alongside three other local schools. Our 'Rogiet Rhinos' came second and our 'Rogiet Leopards' finished in first place - we are all very proud of their determination and athletic skills!



We are very grateful to Mr Peters and AMCo Giffen for their kindness and generosity in helping our school establish a Sensory/Wellbeing Garden during the half term break. We are looking forward to a 'grand opening' in the near future... photos will follow!

We have had a very busy start to our half term celebrating St David's Day with our whole school Eisteddfod. All of the pupils took part in competitions including art, handwriting, recitation, Welsh writing and singing. Many pupils auditioned for the event and performances on the day also included recitals on a range of musical instruments. On 7th March, pupils and staff celebrated World Book day, coming to school dressed as book characters and everyone enjoyed participating in book related activities during the day.

Mrs Claire Rosato, Acting Deputy



We are always happy to discuss any issue about aspects of our school at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us via email (rogietprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk), telephone (01291 420348) or visit our website at: www.rogiet.monmouthshire.sch.uk

Also, you can 'follow us' on Twitter! @RogietPrimary



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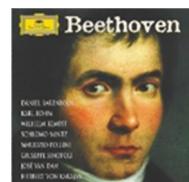




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The three words that head this article are the most important words that have ever been uttered. There may be many occasions in life when these words can resonate with us on a human level. Perhaps you have been in (or dream to be) in the position of being able to commission an architect and a building contractor to design and build your dream home. Once the work has been completed, someone will contact you and say 'it is finished', it's perfect, come and have a look; and you can move in next week. Another scenario is when an artist has sculpted or painted (on commission) a work of art; which would later be regarded as priceless, whether it is the Mona Lisa currently in the Louvre Paris, or perhaps the death mask of Tutankhamun which is coming to London later on this year. Today both pieces of art are regarded as priceless, and when the work was originally completed they would have also been regarded as incredible or amazing. Perhaps these two examples don't quite do it for you, and you get more excited by a band or composer of a piece of music which is regarded as iconic or legendary. Some would think of Beethoven 6th symphony or the White Album by the Beatles; or something else. Regrettably the point arrives when the artist has no more paintings to paint and no more music to compose. The human condition is mortal, limited and physically temporary. The bible tells us that we (our souls) will live on into eternity with one of two places to spend it: heaven or hell.

Jesus came and did something that applies to the 'real us' (our souls) and something that would last forever.

Jesus was commissioned by His father to come and live a perfect life (which we cannot), be punished on our behalf for our sin (take the blame), which meant he had to endure death on a cross. Once His father had punished Him for Our Sin, and just before He died he said 'IT IS FINISHED', indicating that the work of salvation (for us) had been completed. He rose on the 3rd day which demonstrated that Sin, Death and Hell had been defeated for us.

This Easter consider these incredible words of Jesus; 'IT IS FINISHED'; receive Jesus as your saviour. Surely no one (in their right mind) would not enter into a new and perfect dream house once that work was completed. Don't ignore this invitation from Jesus to be saved from your Sin: It's what Easter is all about, and why Easter Sunday is the most glorious day of the year.

Andrew Meates (Deacon)

We invite you to join us for our
Good Friday service on
19th April at 7:00 pm
and Easter Sunday service on
21st April at 10:30 am
followed by tea/coffee and hot cross buns

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

at The Chapel
10.30am

4th April 2nd May

*It would be great to see you.
A warm welcome awaits*

Sew, it's Thursday

Do you enjoy sewing, quilting, knitting, cross stitch, shuttle tatting? Would you love to learn?

Come along to 'Sew, it's Thursday', bring your handiwork or learn a new skill

we will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month - **18th April 2019**
10:30am – 12:00pm
at Caerwent Baptist, School Lane
FREE!
Bring a friend and make new ones over a cuppa and a chat – everyone welcome!

CÆRWENT HISTORIC TRUST



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Visit our Events & Walking Group Page on Facebook

Caerwent Historic Trust Open Day

A reminder that the Trust will be holding an Open Day at the **church of St Stephen and St Tathan, Caerwent** on **Saturday 4th May from 10.00am – 1.00pm**

At 11 am Dr Mark Lewis, Senior Curator: Roman Archaeology at the National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon will give a talk on the layout of the village which will include the identify of some interesting landmarks that you may not be aware of; and

At 12.00 Mr Peter Bonvoison will speak on “House histories: Court House Llanvair”

Even if you have lived in the village for some time and know a lot about its history, you will still learn things. Dr Mark Lewis will be speaking about the layout of the village and have some new information not seen before.

If you are new to the village then do come along and look around the historic artefacts in the church and learn about the history of this great village.



We are urgently searching for local residents who can help us in creating a living archive of their memories of the Caerwent Community. We would like to sit down and hear your stories of living in this community and with your permission record these memories either by voice or video recording. It is an opportunity to secure in history what previous generations haven't been able to do and have personal recollections of local residents preserved for future generations. If you would like to help or know someone who you think would be willing to help please contact us and we will arrange to speak to you about the process. We would like these reminiscences to be made available to all either on our website or at open days we put on in the future.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on the day. So do come along to the talks and let us have your stories.

Chairman,

Rob Jones Tel No 01291 431 043 mob 07855 49 5509

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	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Sunday.
Morning.				Walking Hockey. 11am – 12 Fencing Club 1pm—2.30pm	“ Ready, Steady, Go.” April 5th 4– 5 pm	Chepstow Town Tots Football. 9.30am – 11.30am	Chow Chows Dog show 7th April All day.
After-noon.	Building Bridges Group.	Youth Club. 5.30 – 8pm.	Private booking, 5.30- 6.30pm St. Kings- mark Bowmen.	Junior Football 6-7pm	Caldicot Model Car Club Racers. 19th April All Day		Archery Beginner's classes. 2-4pm
Evening.	6.45pm – 8pm.	Youth Club. 5.30 – 8pm.	Archery Group 7pm onwards.	Senior Football 7 – 8 pm. Senior Football 8–9 pm.	5pm onwards.		Senior Football 8 -9pm.

CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

We will be holding an evening session for training on how to use the newly installed Defibrillator and how to perform CPR, 7pm on Thursday April 11th. We do hope that those residents who requested the evening meeting have booked their places! Just giving up an hour of your time could help you save the life of someone dear to you, should the situation arise in the future. Please contact ray.bedford@mymailbox.co.uk to book your place.

The Centre continues to thrive with a Fencing Club now joining our ranks. Please check our website calendar for availability, and to see what is on offer at the Centre.

We now have a Photos site showing different activities. The groups who have forwarded photos for inclusion on the page have all had written permission from parents to pass on these pictures for publication.

The Centre is ideal for children's sports parties, and for large bouncy castles. Crash mats are provided for safety.

CAERWENT YOUTH CLUB.

Tuesday evenings (during school term times) at the **Caerwent Community Centre**,
Lawrence Crescent, Caerwent.

Subscriptions £1.00. Tuck available.

9yrs--13 years5.30pm – 7.00pm 14 years++.....6.30pm –
8.00pm

Youth Leader Mr. Alex Harris.

Indoor football, dodge ball, pool, table football, table tennis, air hockey, basketball, handicrafts, cookery, indoor hockey and tennis, and much more.....

Everyone Welcome.

The Club is run by Monmouthshire Youth Services.