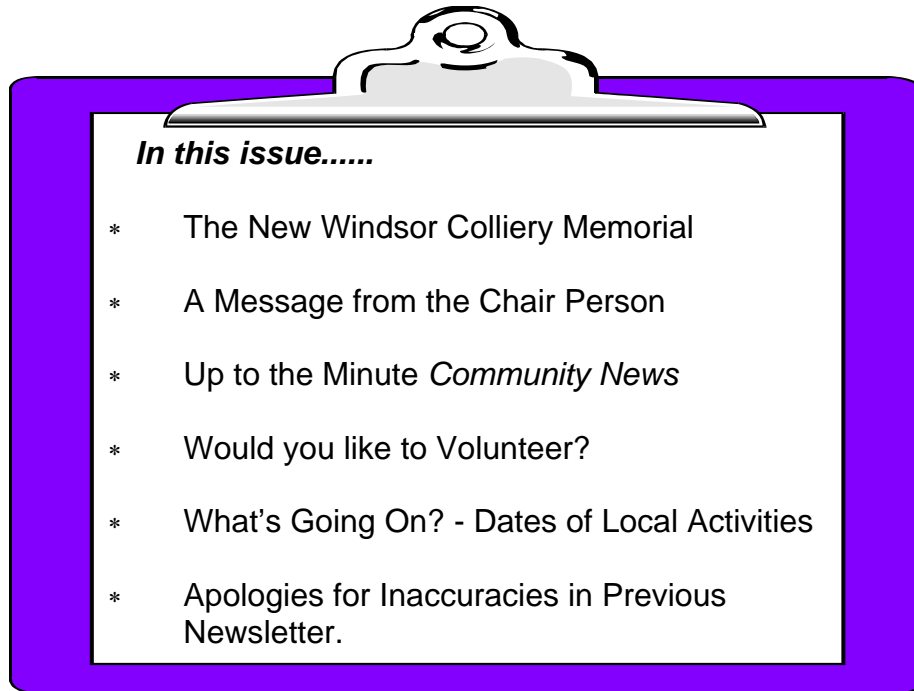


# Aber Valley Communities Partnership: Community Newsletter

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The latest news about where you live!

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## **The New Windsor Colliery Memorial**

We are pleased to announce that we are finally going to have a memorial created to pay respects to all those who met with their deaths whilst working at the Windsor Colliery in Abertridwr.

The design for the new memorial was created through extensive consultation with local schools, residents and a group of former minors who had all worked in the Windsor Colliery.

The memorial will be located behind the Windsor Pub, situated in the newly landscaped area appropriately named the *Windsor Memorial Garden*.

We have provided a complete list of all the names we have been able to obtain to be engraved into the memorial on page 2.

We apologise for the size of the text but this was the only way we could fit them all in. If you require a copy of the list in larger font or want to see the design for the new memorial please contact the Community Office on 02920830444 or e-mail [abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk)

Due to lack of records we would appreciate any information on anyone mentioned (within a time limit of a year and a day of the accident). If you think you could help, please call 02920831781 or email [overman62@hotmail.com](mailto:overman62@hotmail.com)

# The New Windsor Colliery Memorial Cont...

## 1902 - 1910

William Davies (1902)  
 William Richards (1902)  
 Griffith Wood (1902)  
 Samuel Matthews (1902)  
 Thomas Davies (1902)  
 Edward Brace (1902)  
 David Thomas (1904)  
 D.H. Williams (1905)  
 Joseph Ward (1906)  
 Richard Kingdom (1907)  
 John McCarthy (1907)  
 Shem Oliver (1907)  
 Robert Owen (1907)  
 Edwin Davies (1907)  
 Evan Jones (1907)  
 Silas Morgan (1908)  
 Arthur Oldfield (1908)  
 John E Hughes (1908)  
 Thomas Watkins (1908)  
 D. Thomas (1908)  
 John Gatehouse (1908)  
 Stanley Purslow (1909)  
 Caradog Jones (1909)  
 John Hugh (1909)  
 Benjamin Davies (1909)  
 James Coombes (1909)  
 W. H. Merryweather (1910)  
 George Thomas (1910)  
 Albert King (1910)  
 H. Manley (1910)  
 Thomas Jenkins (1910)  
 Owen Williams (1910)  
 Thomas Isaac (1910)  
 Edward Woodward (1910)  
 Richard Brewster (1910)  
 David Evans (1910)

## 1911 - 1921

John Evans (1911)  
 Daniel Humphreys (1911)  
 John Warren (1911)  
 Leslie Frank Lewis (1911)  
 Theophilus Evans (1911)  
 John Jones (1911)  
 John Pearce Jones (1911)  
 William Jones (1911)  
 Thomas Jones (1912)  
 David Hughes (1912)  
 Edward Plumbly (1912)  
 Gilbert T Hawketts (1912)  
 William Simmons (1912)  
 James Daniel Davies (1912)  
 Gwilym Harper (1913)  
 William Ind (1914)  
 Walter Haines (1914)  
 Owen Thomas (1914)  
 Samuel Llewelyn (1914)  
 Reginald Ainsbury (1914)  
 John Jones (1915)  
 Benjamin Phillips (1916)  
 Fredrick Abbott (1916)  
 Henry Young (1916)  
 William Bryant (1916)  
 Henry Webb (1917)  
 Arthur G. Morgan (1917)  
 Morgan J. Roderick (1917)  
 William Jones (1917)  
 Joseph Madley (1917)  
 John Evans (1917)  
 Richard Williams (1917)  
 Phillip Harman (1917)  
 William Lewis (1920)  
 David Davies (1920)  
 William Cooksley (1921)

## 1922 - 1935

Timothy Moynihan (1922)  
 Ernest Ruff (1922)  
 Reginald W. Phillips (1923)  
 Griffith Hughes (1923)  
 James Clarke (1923)  
 Hugh Pugh (1923)  
 William John Evans (1923)  
 Gwyn Nicholas (1923)  
 Trevor Williams (1923)  
 William Jones (1923)  
 William J Martin (1924)  
 John Hughes (1925)  
 Benjamin Prosser (1925)  
 William W. Davies (1926)  
 William Jenkins (1927)  
 Erwyd Williams (1928)  
 Arthur Morgan (1928)  
 Gabriel Wigley (1930)  
 William M. Williams (1930)  
 Edward Pugh (1930)  
 Arthur Taverner (1931)  
 John G. Hillier (1932)  
 Douglas O. Cooper (1932)  
 Edmund Watkins (1933)  
 William Chidgey (1934)  
 John Evan Hughes (1935)  
 Trevor H Savery (1935)  
 Richard H Williams (1935)  
 William John Preece (1936)  
 Albert Saunders (1936)  
 Patrick O'Meara (1973)  
 Willie Benjamin (1937)  
 Herbert J Williams (1937)  
 Edward Hughes (1938)  
 George Farrel (1938)  
 Edgar Norris (1938)

## 1935 -1973

Ken Clash (1938)  
 John Shoni Thomas (1938)  
 Edgar John Davies (1939)  
 William A. Jeffrey (1939)  
 Henry James Owen (1939)  
 Billy Davies (1940)  
 John Pritchard (1940)  
 Thomas John Newbold (1940)  
 Stephen Jenkins (1940)  
 John Cook (1941)  
 David Hewer (1941)  
 Jack Williams (1941)  
 Fred Wood (1943)  
 Richard Fitzgerald (1943)  
 Sidney Thomas (1943)  
 Gomer Richards (1946)  
 Trevor Ellis (1948)  
 Austin Williams (1949)  
 William Smith (1949)  
 C.J. Yendle (1950)  
 James Harvey (1951)  
 Godfrey R. Smith (1952)  
 Benny Roberts (1955)  
 Lewis Jones (1955)  
 Ned Langley (1957)  
 W Nottingham (1957)  
 H. Herbert (1957)  
 William David James (1956)  
 Cliff Abrahams (1957)  
 William Taylor (1962)  
 William Darkie Rees (1964)  
 Jantos Toth (1965)  
 Kenneth Rands (1966)  
 H T Williams (1968)  
 Ignazio Farruggia (1969)  
 Len Walters (1970)  
 Tom (Baker) Jones (1971)  
 Morgan Jones (1972)  
 Aubrey Addicot (1972)  
 Gordon Williams (1973)

## Roundup of partnership news from the Chair...

Dear Friends;

The Partnership Board Executive has recently reviewed the Aber Valley Communities First Action Plan to see just what has been achieved.

You may recall the exhibition that was held in various venues throughout the Valley to consult you on the projects in our Action Plan. Several of these projects have been completed.

The YMCA extension has been completed, although the YMCA continues to add to and develop the services it provides. Installation of computers at Abertridwr Library and Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre as part of the life-long learning project. The Community Centre in Senghenydd has been transformed by the hard work of the Committee. Work has also started to extend the Centre as part of the Universal Project (linking the Community Centre, SALT, SYDIC and the Undercurrents Arts Group). Bus links have improved with the 10 minute service to Caerphilly during daytime hours and the hourly service to Brynhyfryd. Sports facilities at St Cenydd School are now in operation. Memorial and Gardens for the Windsor Colliery are due to be completed this summer. Allotment project in Senghenydd is up and running. The new Ystrad Mynach College Centre at Abertridwr Square is nearing completion.

Thanks must go to the hard working volunteers as well as the officers of the Council and other partner organisations who have contributed to these successes.

There is still much to be achieved. New Health Facilities are being planned. The Local Health Board now agrees that there must be facilities in both Senghenydd and Abertridwr.

Unfortunately the Aber Valley Sports Association and the Council are still in dispute over the new rugby pitch and the other new sports facilities. Hopefully this matter will be resolved before too long.

Thank you for your time. Yn ddiffuant, John Taylor. Partnership Chair.

## **The Universal Project**

This project is a joint venture between Senghenydd Community Centre, SALT, SYDIC and Undercurrents. It aims to provide an array of facilities, experiences and information to appeal to the local community.

The newly refurbished annex to the rear of the Senghenydd Community Centre is one of the identified developments in relation to this project and is nearing completion.

The building was originally brought into use with money from the Key Fund which funded structural work and a new roof. Further funding was then supplied through RISE, to provide a variety of Educational Experiences such as Digital Story Telling, Photographic Development, Sound Recording, Arts & Crafts Workshops, Wood Working Workshops (tools and workbenches obtained through funding from the Communities First Trust Fund), Pottery (with an onsite Kiln), along with gym equipment (provided by WANLESS, through their Healthy Living initiative) and a shower. More news to follow!!!

## **Aber Valley Carnival & Fete 15 July 2006**

After having to postpone last year's Carnival due to lack of people willing to serve on the committee, we are now fortunate to have a young and vibrant group of volunteers so are on course for this year!

Arrangements are well in hand, we have included the favourites, a Concert Marquee, Dog Show, Children's Entertainment, side shows and stalls etc.

This year we are also holding "Clash of the Titans" – as many local teams as possible for a Tug of War Competition, ladies teams included. So start getting your colleagues/friends together now! Details of the full programme together with information on the Carnival Procession will be in the next edition of the newsletter.

## **Aber Valley Arts Festival 2006**

Work, Rest and Play!

Not just part of a chocolate bar advert, but for this year it's also the theme for the Aber Valley Arts Festival, which local group Undercurrents are planning for October 7th - 14th.

New events are being considered for 2006 - a sculpture competition added to the usual art, photography and literature.

BIG NEWS - A family concert by the National Orchestra of Wales as well as workshops for our School Children.

More news to follow...SOON!!!

## Aber Valley Garden Show

Last year's Show, on 17<sup>th</sup> September, was a huge success. There were many more entries than in previous years and more competitors. However, we would still like to see more, especially vegetables and flowers.

Two of our judges also judged at another local show and said that the standard of entries was higher in the Aber Valley Show. A tribute to the talent that abounds here.

It was good to have St Cenydd School involved this year for the first time as well as most of the Primary schools in the valley. Their work makes such a difference to the displays in the hall.

The Gardening Society meets on the third Thursday of every month and needs more members. We are not 'experts' and the meetings and talks are aimed at very average gardeners.

## Walking Your Way to Health in the Aber Valley

We are aiming to start a walking group in the Aber Valley on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006. This is aimed at all ages, although children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Walking is a safe way to improve your health and fitness.

**You don't need any special gear; only a pair of comfortable shoes and a shower proof coat (just in case)**

Regular walking helps you to feel better, strengthen your heart, reduce blood pressure, lower your cholesterol and can help you to manage your weight.

Our aim is to walk 30 minutes a day to **'help keep the doctor away'**. Come and join in we can make it fun by doing this in a group- **contact the Community Office on 02920830444.**

**Please note that if you have been ill recently, are taking medication or are over weight please talk to your doctor before starting a walking workout.**



The Partnership would like to send their support to a local resident, Wayne Ives, who is going to be taking part in the London Marathon in April to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust... Good Luck Wayne!

## **CCTV on Senghenydd Square**

Approximately six and half years ago due to vandalism on local shops a group of shopkeepers from Senghenydd approached the Aber Valley Community Council to install CCTV Cameras at Senghenydd Square. Due to their small budget there was no way that they could fund this request.

A then local Councillor Reg Phillips with great foresight suggested that if we formed a Community Group that we would be able to achieve our goals.

Although most of the shopkeepers dropped out, several other people with ambition to improve their Valley joined to strengthen the group. This heralded the formation of SALT (Senghenydd Action Linking Together which has now become Senghenydd, Abertridwr Linking Together) an action group intent on improving the quality of life for the people of the Aber Valley. In conjunction with the Aber Valley Communities Partnership, SALT has achieved so much, to much to mention in this article, but it has never lost sight of its objective, to install CCTV Camera at Senghenydd Square.

The CCTV Project therefore was introduced by SALT into the Aber Valley Communities Action Plan. With the help and guidance of John Morgan of GAVO we raised over £36,000 to pay for the two cameras. The first camera was installed on the Gwern y Milwr Flats in December 2004 and the second camera installed on J Cavanna's Shop in December 2005.

We would like to thank the following grant funders and people involved:

- Key Fund – Gwent Assoc. of Voluntary Organisation, Caerphilly Council Borough Council, Welsh Assembly Gov.
- Area Forum Allocation – CCBC
- Safer Caerphilly Grant – Welsh Assembly Government
- Donation – Aber Valley Community Council
- Donation – SALT
- Mr D Cronin
- Mr & Mrs J Cavanna

To finish well done to SALT members it's only taken 6-7yrs so let's not sit back on our success but let us continue to progress with our other projects for improvement of the Aber Valley.

## Would you like to Volunteer?

We are currently trying to build up a group of volunteers to help with delivery of our Newsletters. This would entail delivering in your own surrounding area in the Aber Valley once every three months.

Also we are looking for *Green Fingered* Volunteers to support the new Aber Valley Allotments Project.

If you are willing to volunteer please contact the Community Office on 02920830444 or e mail [abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk)

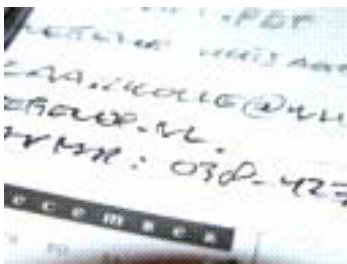
## Whats going on?

<i>Upcoming/Current Courses and Events near YOU!</i>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Who's it for?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>How Much?</b>
Luncheon Club	Over 60's	Senghenydd Community Centre	Every Wednesday 12pm - 2pm	Costs For Meal
Aber Valley Fun Day	All are welcome	Senghenydd RFC	27th May Starts 12pm (mid day)	Free
Official Launch of Windsor Memorial	All are welcome	Behind The Windsor Pub	19 July @ 6:30pm	Free
Official Launch of Senghenydd Community Centre Annex	All are welcome	Rear of Senghenydd Community Centre	Early April, Posters will be distributed when date confirmed	Free

## Apologies for Inaccuracies in Previous Newsletter

Apologies are given for the inaccuracies that appeared in the last edition of the Newsletter within the 'What's going on section'.

Some of the sessions and courses were indicated as being free, when in-fact there is or was a charge. We understand that this may have caused complications and apologise for any inconvenience. caused.



## Have You Got Any News?

If anyone has any articles which you think will be of interest for the next edition of the Newsletter, please contact the Community Office on 02920830444 or e mail [abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:abervalleycp@tiscali.co.uk)

