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THREE CROSSES PLAYGROUP IS BACK (AND EVEN BETTER)... AS CRWYS PLAYGROUP!

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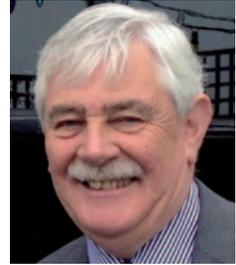


LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dear Resident,

As we move into autumn, we realise that we are coming to the end of the year, which has been dominated by the pandemic.

Again this year, sadly, Crwys Parent Teacher Association was not able to hold the school fete, and the Community Council was not able to follow it with the hog roast function. We have all been disappointed that we have not been able to have this annual event or indeed other community-wide functions, which are enjoyed by many.



However, we are now beginning to see that life is starting to become more 'normal'. Indeed, whilst it has been effectively closed most of the year, we are now seeing that bookings of the Community Centre are starting to return to the levels seen before the pandemic.

It has been a real pleasure to see that the children's play area, since its upgrade, has continued to be widely used and enjoyed throughout the summer.

As you will know, Lindsay has organised another village survey to find out what you want to see in the Newsletter, which residents could complete electronically or in writing, and an analysis of your responses is presented further on in this edition. I am sure that as the editor of the Newsletter, she will make full use of the survey and make changes to content to reflect what you have told us in your responses.

In the last edition, I said that Lindsay had just become a Community Councillor, which left us with one vacancy.

However, that vacancy has now been filled by Debbie Male. Most of you will know that she and her husband David are the proprietors of the village shop. Debbie is already making a real contribution, and is proving to be a very valuable member of the Community Council.

Proctor Wood-Williams

FROM YOUR NEW CRWYS NEWS EDITOR...

With summer over, we're now well into autumn and I'm sure that, like myself, you're thrilled that things are increasingly returning to normal. It's been particularly nice to see more village residents out and about with their neighbours and friends, families meeting up around the playground and children playing more freely with their friends.

I've not been able to start involving young people in the newsletter yet due to the conflicting timing of school restarting and the newsletter deadlines, but I very much hope that we will be able to include them in the next issue.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the village survey that we featured in the last issue. The results have been shared with the other councillors and I'm pleased to include the key findings in this newsletter.

Also, as a result of the survey, we've identified some additional information we'd like to share with you in terms of what we do as councillors and how we make decisions, as we found that many of you were unaware of this.

We'd also like to encourage as many of you as possible to become more active in the community in any way you can. Some of you indicated in the survey that you would like to be more involved... there are so many ways you can do this to suit your level of interest and time.

- Join in an organised activity or become part of a community group... consider our local WI, walking groups, CDSA or children's clubs (Brownies, Guides) or activities through the school and PTA.
- Please check our newsletter, Facebook page, website and community notice boards for information on upcoming village events, such as our recent Bat Walk or upcoming sewing workshop... If you don't have access to the internet and would like to be notified of certain types of events, please contact me and I'll be happy to ensure that these are passed on to you as we find out about them.
- You can attend Community Council meetings so you can hear what we discuss and have the opportunity to express your opinion.
- If you're unable to attend a meeting, contact your community councillors in advance if you have an opinion on any of the agenda items (agendas are posted both online and on the community notice boards a week before the Council meeting; Council meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month excluding August and December). Equally, if you have any questions or views on the minutes of the meeting (published in the same locations within 7 days of the meeting), please feel free to contact your councillors at that point to discuss them.
- Think about becoming a community councillor- we regularly have vacancies and it's your chance to be involved on a deeper level.
- Let me know if you'd be interested in helping with the newsletter- help can be over the whole publication or just one small bit... It's a great way to keep in touch with others in the village.

As always, please keep me informed with anything more you would like to see in the newsletter or any issues you're having (for instance, we found that one of the text boxes in our last issue was not as readable as it should have been based on colour format, so apologies for any who struggled with this!). Crwys News is your newsletter, so feel free to share your views with me.

Lindsay

CRWYS COMMUNITY WOODLAND SUMMER & EARLY AUTUMN UPDATE by Mary Rees

Our wonderful volunteers have been busy maintaining the woodlands throughout the summer months; without them the paths would soon become overgrown and the woodland would become less and less accessible. We are still in the process of removing ash die back trees and using the bark to improve the forest school and other areas. We have been introduced to students from Swansea University who are using our woodland as a resource whilst helping us out. Both parties will benefit, hopefully enabling the community to be provided with interesting wildlife facts about the animals that are using our woodland regularly.

The pond has become overgrown with burr reed and as we do not wish to use any chemicals we need to hand pull these plants, creating areas of open water once again. This work will be challenging; we hope to have some help with this from the Conservation Society at Swansea University, but many hands make light work and if anyone is interested in helping out with this particular task I urge you to contact me. There has been a decrease in dragon / damsel flies since the burr reed has taken over... let's try and get them back!

Time really does fly by and we are already thinking about the "Woodland Christmas Light Event" which proved very popular last year. This takes a lot of setting up and again if anyone is interested in helping out please contact me.

(Note from the editor: You'll see in the Community Grant article that the Community Council has funded some additional lights for this year's walk... please support this fantastic community event if you can!)

100+ CLUB

As you are all aware, the community woodlands are maintained and managed by the village local charity CDSA, and it's this time of year that we ask the community to support us by joining the 100+ Club. For many years our chairman went successfully from door to door with the forms, collecting money, paying in the money, creating a database for all individuals before the draw could take place in December. Due to restrictions as well as other factors, we are trying to change the way this is organised, encouraging the setting up of standing orders instead. As a reminder, depending on the level of support we receive, we arrange for a number of draws before Christmas with at least 1 x £100 prize and a number of other cash prizes. Half of the total money collected is paid out to prize winners and the other half is used on projects/tools/events at the woodland and/or playing fields. Many of you already support us by standing order and for that we thank you... but if not please consider this worthwhile cause. Our woodland is a wonderful local resource managed by a few, used by many!

Each entry is £10 and the bank details for setting up a standing order are:

Name: Crwys & District Sports Association 100 Club

A/C number: 07709617. Sort Code: 30-95-46

Please email me, as treasurer, if you experience any difficulty with this and (once set up) please inform me of your number of entries, name and address so that we can get the prize to you if you are lucky enough to win...

Thanks go to all the responsible woodland users for watching over this special place we have in Three Crosses. If you want to be involved on any level please contact me.

Mary Rees - 07977557039

maryreesxxx@talktalk.net

CRWYS PLAYGROUP - NEW NAME, SAME GREAT VILLAGE FUN!

Thanks to the leadership and determination of Sian Hobbs, Three Crosses Playgroup is now back open and being enjoyed by many.

Some children who are now attending were new babies during COVID while the Playgroup was not able to run... some siblings had previously been to Playgroup and some had not.

Sian was mindful that they had all missed Christmas at the Poundffald Farm and so much more such as spending time together and learning to play with others. Their first session back was smiles all around including the mums, who were treated to ice cream with their cuppa!

Sian would like to thank everyone who came (and many more she hopes will come in future now that it is up and running!) but especially Rhian Chrysanthou, who has been a great support, and Alex Egan, who helped Sian and Rhian to sanitise all the toys and items used to restart the playgroup for their sessions.

Sian says "There may be a trip or a visit here or there... keep your eyes open and as Halloween fast approaches there may be a pumpkin pick (and pic!) lurking..."

Crwys Playgroup will run every Tuesday morning from 9:30AM to 11:20AM during term time (please check with Sian for any additional dates outside term-time) at the Three Crosses Community Centre.

Contact Sian Hobbs on 07890 383843 for more information, or just come along on a Tuesday morning and say hello!





Three Crosses Playgroup enjoying meeting up post lockdown...



Three Crosses Community Council Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127953610561096/>

Don't forget our Facebook page for more Three Crosses news and interaction!

What's been happening recently?

- news on upcoming events
- resident recycling- "free to a new home" items
- questions from other residents
- posts and answers from Community Councillors
- Lost and found
- Information sharing

If you are on Facebook, join us and keep up to date with your neighbours and community!



CRWYS CHAPEL BY JANET WRIGHT

Chapel dates for your diary...

October 3rd Pet Service
 10th Harvest Service
 November 14th Remembrance Service
 December 12th Christmas readings and Carol Service

Please contact Janet Wright for any further information - 07974 007757

We will remember them



COMMUNITY CENTRE RE-OPENING

We're pleased to announce the Three Crosses Community Centre re-opened on Sept 9, 2021. There are new COVID rules in place, and users are required to complete a risk assessment to cover safe use.

Please contact Sandra Hutchings on 874080 to enquire about availability.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS FOR 2021/22

We're pleased to announce that the following organisations have been awarded grants from the Community Council for this financial year:

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT AWARDED	PURPOSE OF THE GRANT
CDSA	£1,660	Maintenance of the Community Woodland/Paths
CDSA	£1,200	Insurance for Woodland and Sports Field
Three Crosses WI	£300	Funding of Autumn outing and cost of setting up regular coffee mornings open to all
Helen Rhiannon (allsewnupwales.co.uk)	£200	Funding of 2x free taster craft sessions for 4 hrs each along with 2x free 4 hr hall sessions
Crwys PTA	£1,000	To continue to improve the outdoor learning areas at Crwys School, providing new equipment
Community Wild Flower Garden Project (Dr Hazel Nicholls)	£347	To continue the development of the community garden, planting more native plants and seeds. Also to install bat and bird boxes at the garden.
Crwys Community Woodland	£250	To fund the purchase of sensory items and lighting to be used for the Christmas Walk
TOTAL	£4,957	

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WELSH WATER WORKS ON TIRMYNYDD ROAD AND BY DUKEFIELD - FOLLOW UP

As we reported in the last edition, sadly, Welsh Water and Morgan Sindall ran into unforeseen difficulties whilst carrying on the sewer and drainage work in the village in March and April 2021. This meant that the project needed to be terminated early.

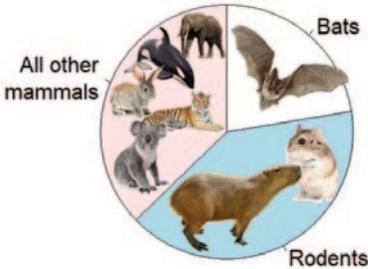


Several community projects were able to obtain sponsorship through a Welsh Water community fund, including the Community Council (for trees/equipment on the Banc) and Mary Rees's woodland group, for exercise equipment in the Dukefield woodland.

Thank you to Welsh Water for supporting our local projects, and giving something back to the community.

VILLAGE WILDLIFE: CAPED CRUSADERS OF CRWYS

From the misplaced fear they will get tangled in your hair to their role as main villains or at least harbingers of doom in countless Halloween films, bats have had a bad reputation throughout history. Even in recent times they are arguably most famously associated with vampires or at least (according to Meatloaf) coming from Hell. But there is a lot more to bats than these clichés. Dr Kevin Arbuckle, a zoologist at Swansea University, explains why bats are perhaps our most interesting local mammals...



Worldwide, there are over 1400 species of bat, encompassing 22% of all mammal species; in fact, only rodents have more species amongst mammal groups. So although we think of bats as weird, and other iconic mammals would jump to our minds first, almost 1 in 4 mammals are bats! Of these, the U.K. is home to 18 bat species, and at least 11 of these might be found around the village. I have personally seen/heard at least 6 species here: common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, noctule, Leisler's bat, one or more 'mouse-eared' bats, and a greater horseshoe bat.

Why do I say heard? Because bats come out in the dark so they are often difficult to identify by sight alone, at least when flying. Bats are loud. Really loud. Especially loud for an animal that only weighs about 5g in the case of the pipistrelles, our most common bats. But despite shouting at a staggering 120 decibels, equivalent to a thunderclap and louder than a rock concert, we can't hear their calls at all. This is because humans can hear frequencies of about 20Hz to 20kHz, but bat calls are almost all at higher pitches known as 'ultrasound'.

The range and pattern of the frequencies are used to identify bats, and fortunately a range of 'bat detectors' exist that take the calls and make them deeper so we can hear them. Some of these just let us listen, but some can 'show' us the sounds as a graph of frequency over time, called a 'sonogram.' The picture here shows a sonogram of a common pipistrelle I recorded on 28th August 2021 on Joiners Road. The 'hockey stick' shape of the call is distinctive to pipistrelles, and because the frequency is mostly below 50kHz (under the line) it is not a soprano pipistrelle.

Bats are small... deceptively so, given the impression their wings give in flight. The U.K.'s smallest bat is the common pipistrelle with adults weighing as little as 3g, and even the largest (the noctule) is only up to 44g and could fit in the palm of a hand. These two species are amongst our most common bats in Three Crosses, but small size comes with some disadvantages.



The smaller an animal is, the more energy it burns relative to its body weight just to stay alive. Coupled with the huge energy demand of flight, this means bats have to eat a lot of energy-rich food. All our native species eat insects, mostly moths and flies (including mosquitoes), and plenty of them - a common pipistrelle might eat 3000 insects in one night!

Because it also takes energy to stay warm when it's cold all around you - think of shivering - it might be surprising that bats are active at night when the day would be warmer. In fact, temperature is quite restrictive for bats and they aren't usually active on cold nights or late into the night when temperatures have cooled further. They are most active shortly after sunset on nights that are at least 10°C. So why on Earth are bats 'creatures of the night' if they find it so difficult?



The answer is that they get banished to the night by birds. Insect-eating birds outcompete bats for food (even though bats have similar vision to us and can see fine in the day) while predatory birds would happily eat bats. So nighttime gives bats their only real sanctuary from their feathery foes.

In the dark, however, bats have an advantage over birds. Those loud calls mentioned above are used to find food with no need for eyesight. This superpower is known as echolocation, and works in the same way as sonar on submarines. Bats call regularly as they fly, and in between calls they listen for the echo of the sound as it bounces back off trees, walls, or prey. In this way, they can build up an incredibly detailed picture of the world around them, and even catch tiny insects

in midair, without having to rely on eyesight - something most birds just can't do.

Unfortunately, bat populations in the U.K. have declined over the last century. There are many reasons for this, but there are also simple ways you can help. Many of you will have bird nest boxes in your gardens, but there are also a range of 'bat boxes' that give bats additional shelters and roost sites. The picture here is just one example of the many designs available, attached to a tree in our garden. The other important thing you can do is support insect populations, because a decline in bat food supplies has impacted the bats too. Reducing use of pesticides is a big part of this, but other suggestions for wildlife gardening for insects can be found in the last two issues of Crwys News (back issues at <https://threecrosses.org.uk/> or email me).

For more information about bats, particularly in the U.K., the Bat Conservation Trust website at <https://www.bats.org.uk/> is a fantastic source. Alternatively, please feel free to get in touch with me at kevin.arbuckle@swansea.ac.uk and I will always be happy to chat about wildlife of all kinds.



SCHOOL NEWS

BY DYLAN SAER, HEADMASTER

With Welsh Government's easing of some of the Covid restrictions we've been operating under during the last eighteen months, it feels as if life at school is finally returning to some form of normality. While it is still too early to know whether or not such events as Christmas concerts can go ahead, we have been able to resume many extracurricular clubs and September has seen our first football fixture and outdoor activity trip since the pandemic began.

Unfortunately, once again this year, we were unable to send our Year 6 pupils to Borfa House in Port Eynon for their annual residential trip, however, we were able to send Years 5 and 6 to The North Dock in Llanelli to enjoy a day of paddle boarding and rock climbing. With near-perfect weather conditions, the children enjoyed a fantastic day alternating between a mobile climbing tower and Stand Up Paddle boarding in the safe waters of North Dock, with the boarding proving to be very popular amongst pupils and staff alike. Mr Short was not the only one to add a SUP to his Christmas list when he got home! Our thanks to the staff of Pendine Outdoor Education Centre for looking after us.



As already mentioned, it's been fantastic to reintroduce after school and lunchtime clubs. From football and netball to coding, choir, Eco Club and Year 2 sports club, pupils certainly have plenty to choose from. Our football team visited Pennard Primary for their first fixture in eighteen months and after a nailbiting finish, came away with a hard fought draw. With many year 4 pupils in the squad, Mr Short has great expectations for this team!

September is also a busy month for school elections, with teachers and pupils choosing representatives for our various Pupil Voice committees and it's been wonderful to see some of the newer pupils to the school playing their part. With pupils eager to develop the junior yard and the new curriculum for Wales on the horizon, the School Council, Eco Club, Rights Respecting Ambassadors and the Criw Cymraeg have an important role this year in helping staff design a new curriculum. This will inspire and support pupils to become ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives, as well as enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work, and ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world and healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.



Crwys News survey results

Survey results (drum roll...)

Thank you to all who participated in the survey this summer- we had a total of 83 responses, which is just under 13% of village residents. An additional thank you goes out to those of you who answered our optional questions, which helped to give us an idea of our demographics within the village.

Residents were most interested in news on:

1. Local group and activity information (for adults; for children; for families) - 85%
2. What's available locally (i.e. services, shops, etc.) - 81%
3. Local infrastructure/amenities - 72%

The most frequently read items in past newsletters were local event articles, local group information and wildlife or local interest articles. We will continue to focus on all of these areas as well as increasing content where we can.

Overall, the reaction to creating a **directory of local services** was positive, and we will look into this as time allows. Anyone who would be interested in helping to collect and collate information for this, please let me know- the more volunteers I have, the quicker the process of creating the initial directory will be! See page 12 for information on where you can submit your business information if you are a Three Crosses business.

55% of those surveyed **felt they were involved in their community** already (great news!), although 14% didn't feel involved. A fantastic 39% of you would like to be more involved! Please see the Letter from the Editor on ways you can get involved in the community, and our article on the Community Council for ways you can engage with the Council directly.

Most respondents were happy living in Three Crosses, and felt that Three Crosses is a safe place to live and that they get on well with their neighbours, that facilities are well maintained and that they would recommend Three Crosses as a place to live (we're so proud!).

General comments for us highlighted ideas such as:

- A desire for more community projects
- Questions around and a desire to develop the Joiners Pub
- Request for more litter bins
- A request to remember to involve local children outside Crwys (i.e. Welsh school) in consultations
- Discussion around speed bumps

Most of you would like more community events post-COVID, which we will (of course) try to oblige! If you have any specific ideas, let Lindsay know. Recently we have benefitted from residents organising a tabletop sale, more events at the Poundffald, and we are looking forward to some upcoming walks and workshops. We very much hope that the summer event on the Banc will be able to safely take place again next year.

Where we're looking to do better

30% of respondents felt there were ways we could make the village safer- we need to engage more on this and find out your ideas on how we could do this

57% of you wanted to know more about Council business and 46% of you felt the Council could do more to engage with residents- we have included an article in this newsletter and will continue to answer your questions around this. We would also encourage you to attend Council meetings and check the website or community noticeboards for agendas and minutes to keep yourself up to date.

Concern over Council views and membership

A small number of residents felt that the Council does not make the best choices for residents, that views from the public are not welcome, or that the Council's spend does not benefit you. We are very concerned about these views and will actively work to ensure that these figures improve.

We would ask that you remember that community councillors are volunteers, are unpaid and donate their time. Councillors attend the monthly meetings as well as performing duties in between meetings such as obtaining quotes for equipment and facilities, applying for grants, writing the newsletter, liaising with other community bodies and much more.

Most of the councillors have full time jobs alongside their role as councillor. This means that we do not have unlimited time to contact residents and ensure everyone is included, even though we would like everyone to feel their involvement is valued and much needed. **The way we communicate with the village is through the use of the website, Facebook page and community noticeboards and, of course, this newsletter!** We will always engage with residents who contact us on an individual basis, and discuss issues or bring their points forward to meetings. If you are a resident who is unhappy about council choices, we would urge you to speak to the councillor who you feel most comfortable with.

Note from Lindsay:- As a very recent addition to the Council (spring 2021), I would like to personally offer to be a contact for anyone who would like to discuss things, either anonymously (I can take views anonymously to the rest of the council) or by name. If you do not come forward and speak to us, we can't work on changing anything.

We would also encourage you to attend Council meetings where you can - We can assure you that no view will be sidelined without full consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lindsay: crwysnews@outlook.com or 07713 487870.



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ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS OR SERVICE?

We're looking to put together a directory of services (we're not sure when!)

If you live in Three Crosses and you have a business or service, please let us know!

You can fill in your business details here:
<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/s3XiM6Xa>

Or alternatively e-mail the following to crwysnews@outlook.com:

- Business name
- Owner name and address in Three Crosses (address won't be published unless you want it to - this is to verify the Three Crosses link)
- service or product offered
- when your business started
- contact details including phone and/or website, social media, etc
- any comments that could be included



THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL - HOW DOES IT REALLY WORK?

Have you ever wondered what your local councillors do and how we do it?

Ian Donaldson (Clerk to the Council) and Paxton Hood-Williams (Council Chair) answer some of your questions...

Who can become a local councillor?

Anyone can become a councillor if they are over 18 (this age limit might be about to change), live or work in Three Crosses Electoral ward of Swansea City Council (basically the village itself, the Wern, Mynydd Bach and some other very minor outlying areas), or within 3 miles of any part of the boundary of the ward. You can be disqualified from being a councillor if you have certain criminal convictions, etc. but that would apply to very few people so most residents will be eligible!

I'm not sure I'm qualified to be a councillor, but I'm interested...

You do not need any qualifications to be a councillor. However, as a minimum, you would expect to have a real interest in improving and enhancing the community.

How do I become a local councillor? How are my local councillors picked?

Formal elections are held every 5 years currently (the next election will be held in May 2022). If there are more than 7 people who are nominated, then an election will be held, which is managed by Democratic Services Officers of Swansea City Council. As long as the qualifications are met, anybody can put their name forward for election (but would have to be proposed and seconded by any 2 persons who are listed on the formal Three Crosses Ward election register). If there are more than 7 candidates, then the 7 candidates with the most votes would be elected.

Officially you do not become a councillor until you sign the piece of paper where you agree to comply with the current Code of Conduct for public representatives. Warren Smart, Daniel Jones and Paxton Hood-Williams have been members of Three Crosses Community Council since 2012 (when it was established). Prior to that all three were members of Llanrhidian Higher CC. Kevin White has been a member since 2013, whilst Andrew Rogers (2019), Lindsay Glover (2021) and Debbie Male (2021) have become councillors during this Council term. Andrew, Lindsay and Debbie were co-opted onto the Council, as opposed to being elected. All councillors, regardless of when they were elected or co-opted, will need to be put forward in the May 2022 elections and elected in order to stay on the Council.

Can I just come to a council meeting? Do I have to let anyone know or be invited? Can anyone attend?

Anyone can attend a formal Council meeting, and do not need any permission to do so.

What happens at a Council meeting?

The meeting will be organised in respect of a formal Agenda, which is published on the website and posted on the Community notice boards a week in advance of the meeting. Items are discussed in line with the Agenda items, and formal votes take place when decisions have to be taken.

How are decisions made at a Council meeting?

Each year we have to set a precept. This effectively is an additional amount of money added to your Council Tax bill, which is collected by the City Council and forwarded to the Community

Council by means of 3 payments during the municipal year. In January, we hold a Finance Committee meeting, the purpose of which is to set our budget for the next financial year, and determine the amount of money we need to raise through the precept to satisfy our budget commitments. (Note: the budget was published in the last newsletter, a copy of which is available online).

How do councillors decide where to spend money in the community? How can I let the Council know I would like something to be improved/purchased?

Any resident would need to communicate their wishes in the way they are most comfortable with.

Generally, the only way we can take public opinion into account is if members of the public give us their opinions. Obviously, people do talk to us on many, many ad hoc occasions. The only other means is by carrying out surveys, such as the one this summer (results published in this issue), and similarly there was a previous survey carried out in May 2019.

Do councillors take public opinion into account and if so, how?

Opinions need to be communicated to us, either directly at meetings, by speaking to or e-mailing a councillor or informally via the Facebook page, which we do monitor.

How can I find out about local issues so I can be involved?

- On our website: www.threecrosses.org.uk
- On our Facebook page (Three Crosses Community Centre)
- In your Crwys News newsletter (delivered to your door 3-4 times annually)
- Community notice boards

How can I make sure my opinions are included in the Council's discussions?

Residents can determine local issues from the places listed above or from their own experiences. If you want to make sure your opinions are included in our discussions, you'll then need to make sure you speak to a councillor to make your views known, or attend the next Council meeting.

If a decision is made that I disagree with or am not happy with, what can I do?

If someone is not happy with any decision made by the Council, then the Council has a formal Complaints Policy which can be utilised. This policy is available on our website, and if anyone would like a paper copy, you can request this from the clerk: crwyscc@gmail.com

More Council Q&A coming soon!

Please feel free to send your questions to have them answered in future editions - crwysnews@outlook.com or call/message Lindsay on 07713 487870.

COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR UPDATE



Thanks to new councillor Debbie Male of Tirmynydd Road (who many of you may know from the village shop!) our current council is now back up to 7 councillors! Debbie has now attended 2 meetings and is getting well into the swing of Council business, having attended a One Voice Wales meeting as well. Debbie's initial thoughts were that she didn't realise how much information went through the community council before she started attending meetings... she's now much better informed!

Thanks for joining, Debbie!

by Belinda Hansford

The Summer months saw WI Members undertake a number of walks around Gower and beyond. Saturday walks have included Whiteford, Bury Hill and Penmaen / Tor Bay / Three Cliffs. Weekday walks included a visit to Kenfig to see / spot orchids, high tide from Pennard Castle and a stroll around the Clyne Valley. Ann Davies, who has been organising the Monthly Saturday Walks for more years than she likes to remember, is retiring from that role - and everyone at the WI thanks her for her leadership over the years. We all have fond memories of walks and most importantly the annual November WI Walkers Dinner that only those who had walked at least once could participate in. It was always surprising how many more came on the October walk to qualify at the last minute!



Whiteford

Our Social meeting in September at the Poundffald attracted 34 members, with everyone happy to see each other. We hope to be back in the Community Centre from October.

Hazel Davies also kindly opened her garden to members for a tea party in August which was attended by 14 members. Some prosecco/soft drinks and cakes were enjoyed by all!

Over the next few months meetings will be held as usual on the first Wednesday of the month. Members may need to book attendance as numbers will be limited in the Community Centre.

Wednesday October 6

Wednesday November 3

Wednesday December 1

More information can be found on the WI page which is on the Three Crosses website: www.threecrosses.org.uk under the Community Heading or call our President Marilyn Jones on 07830 678866.



*High tide from
Pennard Castle*

THREE CROSSES VILLAGE WALKING GROUP

by Belinda Hansford

Three Crosses Walking Group is a group that walks on a monthly basis - usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

We meet at the Community Centre at 9.15am to share cars to the start point. Walks are usually between 6 and 10 miles, timed to be back in Three Crosses by mid- to late afternoon.

Details are circulated by email the week before with more information. Walkers need to confirm participation so that we wait for them! All walks are undertaken at your own risk. If you are interested contact Belinda on 07884 126281 or Rayna on 07909 955305.

Next Walks:

Wednesday 20 October 2021

Wednesday 17 November 2021

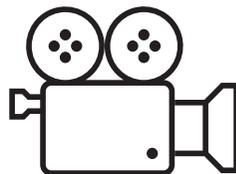
Wednesday 15 December 2021

Information can also be found on our webpage at: www.threecrosses.org.uk under the Community heading.



FILM SOCIETY

Since we started the Film Society 10 years ago, we have had films at least 10 times per season until the forced closure in March 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.



Ian and I have now decided that we no longer wish to continue running the Film Society and so are looking for at least two people willing to take it on - in the hope that it is able to be revived at some time perhaps early next year.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, then please let Ian or myself know. We will be more than happy to provide initial support.

We have enjoyed meeting everyone and hosting the evenings and were so pleased to see our monthly numbers reaching the mid 20s in recent years!

We were also able to donate £1,000 to the playground project last year.

Thank you

Belinda: 07884 126281

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CRWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP..

Crwys PTA September 2021 Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported, donated and participated in all the events we ran during the last academic year. The support really does mean a lot to all at Crwys PTA.

This year our main fundraising aim is to improve the Junior Yard. The first things we are looking for are large planters, compost and plants. If anyone would like to donate any items or has a contact who may be able to help, please get in touch via our email crwyschoolpta@gmail.com

We will be holding a Rags2Riches collection on **Wednesday 10th November 2021**. Please can any items be dropped off by 9am on the green verge by the chapel, opposite the playground. If you have items you would like to donate but are unable to drop them off please contact us and we can arrange a direct collection.



Don't forget you can also support Crwys PTA by signing up to Amazon Smile - Shop at smile.amazon.com and they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to us at no extra cost to you.

smile.amazon.co.uk



The readers of **Crwys News** would like to thank Dave, Debbie and all staff in the Village shop (Country Stores) for all the support over the COVID pandemic and during the lockdowns. The smiling, friendly faces in the shop have been unwavering (even behind masks!) and we've always known they'll be there for our essentials and more.

Thank you!!!

Dunvant Three Crosses - your local football club!

For the new football season August 2021 - April 2022, Dunvant Three Crosses AFC has the following team participation



- Two teams for under 17s in the West Wales Youth League
- Three teams in the Swansea Senior Corinthian League for under 16 & 15 players
- Seven teams in the Swansea Junior league for the ages under 14, 13, 11, 10, 8
- Three Pre-introductory football league squads for the ages under 7, 6, 5

The Club is insured by the Football Association of Wales (FAW). All managers, coaches and officials are DBS, Leadership, First Aid and Safeguarding course accredited by the FAW.

Any Parents requiring further information on how their children can join the Club are invited to email the Club Secretary on clwhittaker@hotmail.com, with the age of the youth/child and the details will be passed on to the Manager/Coach who will contact you.

TABLETOP AND DRIVEWAY SALES THIS SUMMER

We were lucky enough to have not just one but TWO local events organized by Deborah Howell this summer... a "yard sale" in July and a tabletop sale in August. Both were successful and got the community out and about. Thank you to Deborah for organizing both!

Deborah would like to say:

"Thank you to all that took part and visited the Village table top sale on August Bank Holiday Monday. A total of £75 was made for Crwys PTA from the raffle. A huge thank you to The Poundffald, Shepherds of Parkmill, Country Stores in Three Crosses, Gower Doughnuts, Killan Fawr Garden Centre (prize still awaiting collection), All Sewn Up Wales and The Wildflower Cafe for the kind donation of prizes. It would be lovely to make this an annual event."

DRIVEWAY SALE



TABLETOP SALE



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DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS IN THREE CROSSES



Crwys Primary



Coed Lan Centre



The Shop



The Banc



Dukefield Changing Rooms