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A Party in the Park is coming to Bryn

Come along with all your friends and family and enjoy a great day out. Starting 12:00 noon on Bank Holiday Sunday 26th Aug. and running until late.

This has been organised after many people in the area asked if we could have an event similar to what used to be organised alongside the Bryn Beast so this is it. Tesco and Tata Steel have helped us pay for things like toilets, bunting, etc., as well as some of the entertainment such as the ever popular "Daley Bee" the children's entertainer, live music by the local band "Pollen Count" and disco by Dylan Morgan all in the marquee along with much more. Other groups from the village have organised entertainment around their sporting activities such as football, rugby, cricket, etc.

For those who like to get competitive, hands on fun with sack races, egg and spoon races, tug of war, etc. are also being organised with a small entry fee towards prizes for the winners.

There will be craft stalls, face painting, table top games, food and refreshments as well as a licensed bar, all located on the Bryn Welfare Park.

Dragon Amusements will also be providing fairground rides and stalls.

Bryn Rugby Club will be open all that day providing further facilities in comfortable surroundings with live music continuing into the evening courtesy of "Fair Warning".



This event is being organised in conjunction with the many clubs that operate out of Bryn. As a reminder to what is available in our village some of these clubs have provided the following summaries of their activities.

The Bryn WI once again held its vintage tea for 120 people on Saturday July 28th. Local WI from Garth, Margam, Cwmafan, Port Talbot and Cwm Brombil all enjoyed a sumptuous tea and enjoyed the entertainment. The invitation was also extended to the village and a few ladies attended. The whole ethos of our Bryn WI is to foster friendship and encourage social interaction. All new members are welcome. We meet in the community centre the 4th Tuesday of the month. Come along. Gaynor Bowen Secretary of Bryn WI.

Once a month a **coffee morning** is held in the **Bryn Rugby club**. The next meeting is Saturday September 22nd from 11am to 1pm. Come along for a chat accompanied by lovely cake all are welcome. The idea is to meet friends and neighbours for a catch up.



The photo was taken at the last coffee morning on Saturday August 11th where a good crowd of people came along for a chat and a share of the excellent cakes on offer. All funds raised at the next one will go to the Macmillan Cancer charity.

Our **Over 55's club** is still going strong and Our monthly lunches, prepared, cooked and delivered by Laura of Maesteg Golf Club, are proving to be popular and are enjoyed immensely. This is a free two course lunch for all our members. Anyone who enjoys company, chatting a cuppa and bingo please come along. We meet every Thursday between 1.30 and 4.30pm in our Village Hall. Our doors are open to everyone. Please come along to meet us, we are waiting to become your friends.

Bryn Welfare Bowls Club continues its adventures in the first divisions of the Neath League and the Port Talbot League. Having won promotion to the first division of the Neath League last season the club finds itself in mid table and hoping for a couple of good results to secure its place for next year. We won the Port Talbot first division last year and at present we are in second place, just 6 points behind the leaders with 4 games remaining.

Bowling Greens across the country have struggled with this year's weather but our green remains one of the best playing surfaces in the area. This is largely due to the commitment and support of the members who have given up their time to carry out work on the green.

The club is looking forward to the Party in the Park event being organised by BRAG. We wish to encourage participation in our sport and recruit new members so just turn up with a flat pair of shoes or trainers and give bowls a go.

For more information visit our website

<http://brynwelfarebowlsclub.wales>

Bryn Home Crafts Group meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm in Bryn Community centre to develop their home craft skills. If you would like to know more about home crafts and get involved with these wonderful ladies then why not go along to one of their meetings.

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Bryn Rockets football team operate a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/brynrocketsfc/>

Bryn Cricket Club were midweek cup champions beating Margam CC in the final at Margam Park first time in the clubs history and also finished runners up in the WWCA division two thus gaining promotion to the top league. If you have an interest in cricket and would like to know more about this club, contact Rob Thomas for further information and how to get involved.

All these clubs will have people at the Bryn Party in the Park where you can talk with the members, find out more about the clubs and their sport and possibly build new interests and friends should you wish to become more involved.

The **Bryn Youth Club** will resume again at the start of the next school term. See Community Centre notice board for current calendar of activities.

BRAG has continued to help with IT issues in the village with the **Bryn IT Club** running throughout the first half of the year. It is currently closed over the summer period as normal but will only reopen in the autumn if there is sufficient support. Where as in the past we only had to cover the cost of the hall hire, we will in the future also need to cover the broadband cost. To do this at the current £3 per session, we will need a regular attendance of at least a dozen people. In the mean time, Paul does also run free sessions in the local libraries in conjunction with Melincryddan Community Conference. These operate in the Port Talbot Library on a Monday and Friday and in the Sandfields Library on a Thursday, all starting at 10am for 2hrs. They are not as structured as the Bryn sessions and do require travel so there are advantages for Bryn residents in having the village session but if you just have the odd problem you wish to resolve, these library sessions may be just the solution you are looking for. We have helped with Universal Credit, preparing a CV, online banking, configuring users devices, setting up accounts, etc. as well as the computer basics and training.

BRAG also maintains the Bryn Village website where you can find information about what is going on in Bryn, sections about the village history, links to local services, information about the clubs in Bryn, links to the Neath Port Talbot website with specific relevance to Bryn such as Bryn related planning applications and much more.

Further information about the topics covered briefly in these newsletters can generally be found on this website and the section labelled "Bryn Past and Present" has drawn complements not only from people living in Bryn but people from around the world with connections to Bryn or simply interested in history.

This web site can be found at the address <http://www.bryn-porttalbot.btck.co.uk/> or by searching for "BRAG Port Talbot". If you have not looked at the site recently, take a look, Peter is regularly updating it and if you wish to add anything or change anything you can always post comments which Peter will pick up and act on accordingly. Also on this web site is every edition of the Bryn Newsletter since it started in 2009. These provide a good summary of major events and activities in the village since then up to the present day.

In addition to the village website, BRAG also maintain a Facebook Page where current information considered of relevance to the village is posted. In the past we have posted updates on local work such as things effecting water, gas and electric supplies to the village, local planned road works, village activities and events and links to other pages containing information relevant to the village such as the Cwmwalking and the Ward councillors pages and local club pages. The Bryn Page can be found at [B.R.A.G / Bwystfil y Bryn](#) in Facebook.

The photo below shows one of the Bryn IT Club meetings from earlier in the year.



The **Richard Burton 10k** will take place this year on Sunday 4th November. Online entries have been open since Easter and can be found, along with full event details, at <https://www.fullonsport.com/event/tata-steel-richard-burton-10k-2018/profile> There will be no "on the day entries" this year so if you are interested in taking part, go online now to enter. As normal, there will also be a mini miler for the children and their parents.

Throughout the summer, **Free Tennis Coaching** has been provided every Tuesday evening on the Bryn Tennis Courts by professional tennis coaches. This is now continuing on a Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6pm through until at least the end of August.

The hot summer has resulted in full use of the Bryn Park facilities with football, Multi Use Games Apparatus, Tennis and the Trim Track all been fully utilised as well as the children's playground.



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