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BRYN RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Martin Fitzpatrick would like to thank everyone from the village who attended **“Bryn Rugby Clubs Annual Easter Charity Event”** this year contributing to the £800 raised for the **TY HAFAN CHILDREN’S HOSPICE WALES**.

To everyone who supported us by turning up at both evening events where we had the excellent 80s Band ‘Reflex’ on Good Friday to the Quiz on Sunday evening.

A big thank you to everyone who donated the raffle prizes, sold the tickets, helped with the food and who took part in the bike ride from Glyncorrwg Ponds via Pontrhydyfen, Port Talbot & back to Bryn. Not forgetting those who helped ferry the bikes and riders to Glyncorrwg. It was another successful weekend for another excellent cause that wouldn’t be possible without all your support thanks again....

Tesco Bags of Help

Last year BRAG applied for funding via Tesco’s Bags of help. In our application, we explained how our village school had closed and our children now go to schools elsewhere, resulting in a loss of direct contact between the village, the school and the children, who were previously taught there. We explained how we are trying hard to remedy this by organising events, which allow us (the village) to spend time together. For example the Halloween Party, and Christmas Pantomime, etc. We would like to do more such as organising a party in the park during the school holidays. We are always trying to raise money to enable us to do these things but this is a small village with many residents on limited income. Because we are so isolated, it is difficult for some parents to transport their children to events in the wider community, making it even more important that we provide for the youngsters within the community to enable them to have a good social experience with others in the same

community.

Resulting from this application, we were entered into the Tesco Store Charity vote (in Maesteg) where we came second. This means BRAG can now look to continue to provide events for another year. At our **BRAG** meeting in May we discussed these future events and what the village would like these to cover, we are always open to suggestions and would encourage every one to attend and contribute to our meetings which are open to all residents of the village dates are posted on the BRAG Web site, Facebook and community centre.

Everest Base Camp 28th April 2018

Scott and Corey Davies, from Bryn, made the epic journey from Kathmandu to Everest Base Camp all in aid of the Paul Popham renal disease charity. The trek taking them from Kathmandu to the treacherous Lukla Airport and on up the long hike to Base Camp Everest. Well done to both on a great achievement, especially to Corey, being only 14 years old.

Bryn Rugby Club

Held a successful coffee morning Saturday 28th April. It was an opportunity for residents of Bryn to come together and enjoy a chat and catch-up over a cuppa and cake. The next one will be on **Saturday 2nd June at 11am** hope you can make it!

Bryn Youth Club

Meets in the Bryn Community Centre each Friday between 6-8pm for 11to18 year olds. The 2018/19 activities are posted on the centres notice board as well as the village website. Numbers attending however are very low so please support this club to ensure its future in the village. Please! **USE IT OR LOSE IT.**

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Bowls Club

Last year's successes are going to be hard to beat for Bryns Bowls club but I'm sure they are going to replicate or even better them this year. The bowling green is now open and if you want to help them better last year results, now's your chance to join them at the start of the season, new members and guests are always welcomed. Check out their web or Facebook pages for more information.

W.I. meetings.

The WI. Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the community centre. They are a lively vibrant group who give a warm welcome to all new members. Their purpose is to further friendship and a spirit of warmth among women while passing their knowledge on to others, they organise trips to the theatre and places of interest (which I'm sure includes the odd shopping trip). They often have speakers covering a variety of subjects.

So why not join them? They would love to see you.

When you are a WI member you are never alone! At a meeting in March a number of members read out poems covering a wide range of topics. The highlight being a homage to her mother by Jennifer Smith which added to the emotion of the night, excerpt below:-

MY MAM

The first thing I remember is you just being there
To wash me in the morning and comb my tangled hair
To sooth me if I fell down, to rub my injured knee
I never had to look for you, you were always there with me.

For information contact their sec. Gaynor Bowen on 885350. And/or find them on BRAGs website.

Keeping in Touch with BRAG

This news letter comes out every two months however, to try and keep News fresh BRAG places information it receives relating to the village as well as information about events and activities organised by BRAG, on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/BRAG-Bwystfil-y-Bryn-131187100276047/>

or on our web site (includes historical information)

<http://www.bryn-porttalbot.btck.co.uk>

For those people who do not have access to the internet, BRAG does post a lot of information on the Community Centre noticeboard

St.Tydfils closes its doors

This church was one of the many benefactions of Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot, who had committed herself to pay for the church (£5500) also the parsonage (£1100) and the church hall built in 1915 for (£760). The church was completed in 1902. The main church building was demolished in the mid 1990's, due to waning numbers with the services continuing in the church hall. Sadly for the remaining members their numbers had fallen recently and it had to close its doors in April 2018.



Bryn IT Club

Meet each Tuesday from 10:30 to 12:30. There are still places available and we cover everything IT. from phones to computers to associated topics like the new Computer Privacy laws and scamming.

Nuisance Calls

The 55 and overs club members reported having bothering calls supposedly off BT and the Tax Office. Saying they owe money and steps can be taken to recoup monies by taking their homes off them. These are known frauds please pass on this information to any vulnerable people in the village, so they know to put the phone down on such callers.

Richard Burton Road Race

The race date is Sunday 4th Nov 2018, registration is now open via the web site.

<http://richardburton-r-r.btck.co.uk/>



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