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BRYN RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

# NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Plans

Many plans for this Christmas are now being put in place across the Council Ward of Bryn and Cwmafan. All three of our Councilors are being proactive in supporting these plans and many volunteers across the Ward are putting incredible effort and commitment into turning these plans in to reality. Cllr Charlotte Galsworthy has made it her mission to make our Ward the best place to be for Christmas. She has shown incredible enthusiasm and gets so excited with her plans that we all have a job keeping her feet on the ground. Things are developing so fast you do need to keep an eye on social media to keep up with it all but below are the plans for Bryn that we know about as this newsletter goes to press, starting from 1st December.

## Bryn Christmas Tree Lights

Join in the Switch on. **1st December:** In front of Bryn Community Centre at 7pm. The centre will be open from 6pm and serving hot refreshments, mulled wine mince pies etc. and playing festive music. The Centre's Christmas decoration will be in place for this event.

We are planning other decorations for Christmas and by December much should be in place but we would love to get the whole village involved this year. We are keen to hear about how you can help in decorating the village.

## Children's Pantomime

The children's Panto will again take place in Cwmafan Community Centre. This will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December with Circo Rum Ba Ba performing Christmas at the Crow House. This was performed at Bryn a few years back and enjoyed by all who attended. If you missed it the first time round now's your chance. Tickets available from Cwmafan Community Centre, Adults £4, children and concessions £2.50.

## Bryn Christmas Party

Sunday before Christmas (22nd December in Bryn Rugby club). Doors open at 13:30 for the Children's Christmas Party with nonstop Christmas entertainment for two hours. Hot snacks will be available and Santa will be greeting all the children in his grotto at 16:00. Each child will receive a selection box. Entry will be £2 per child.

In the evening, the Maesteg Gleemen will reprise their great success of last year. They will go on stage at 20:00 and once again provide great entertainment. Tickets will be £3 in advance or £4 on the night.

Boxing Day Evening at the Rugby Club includes live music with "Lost Cause", New Year's Eve, a popular band on the scene called "R.E.S.P.E.C.T." will play.

## Local Walks

Keep an eye on the village Facebook page for upcoming events. Our Christmas walk on December 14th will be a walk along the cycle path at Afan Forest and lunch at Afan Lodge.



## THE BRYN BEAST CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Picture shows some of the guests at this year's real spooky party. This was well attended again and all the guests the BRAG chair spoke to said they were sure to be back again next year as it was an event both children and parents now look forward to and incredible value at just £1.

## Cwmafan Christmas Parade

The tree lights switch on. 29th at 5pm then on the 30th November a Christmas parade starting at 2pm.. Which will be attended by many children from Bryn as part of their school.

## Big thank you

to all who have donated towards the Bryn Christmas and all those who are helping by raising money so far over £950. has been collected, some by bank transfers. For those who would prefer to donate by bank transfer, the Charity Account is with HSBC Bank, Bryn and Cwmafan Events. Make the reference on the payment "Bryn Christmas", Sort Code 40-43-31 Account 83873897. The Christmas Tree at a cost of £280 has been kindly paid for by past pupils of Bryn Primary. Collection Buckets will also remain in the Rugby Club and Royal Oak.

## Recording the Heritage of Bryn

This project, supported by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, aims to record not just the past history of Bryn but also the present which will in time become part of village history for future generations. We are working through the information already being offered by local residents but if you have not already been in touch with us, we are still looking to hear about your experiences. All too often when a person passes on we look back and think about the questions we should have asked them, so please give us the chance to record those memories for posterity before they are lost, nothing is to insignificant.

We will be arranging some opportunities to get together in the Village Hall in January 2020 to share our memories and show what has already been made available.

## Past Issues of the Newsletter

Remember seeing something in a past issue and Want to check the details? All past issues of the newsletter appear on the Bryn Website and new issues often appear here before they reach your letterbox. <http://www.brynporttalbot.btck.co.ukNewsLetters>

## BRAG AGM

Took place in October at Bryn community centre. The annual report was presented and three new members were elected, Martyn Pallant, Phil Morgan and Morgan Thomas. BRAG membership is open to all residence of Bryn, and we encourage all who are interested to come along.

## Bryn and Cwmafan IT Club

Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm. Contact Paul on 07757 016572 for further details.



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