

Ystradowen Newsletter

Spring 2023 Newsletters

Out of the Darkness!!

It has been a while since the last Newsletter when we were in the grips of Covid but things are very much back to normal now and we are so lucky to live somewhere with outstanding facilities and great community spirit. We welcome new residents and say a fond farewell to those leaving.

Helen Drane Editor

Tudor Garage!

In case you missed it congratulations to Tudor Garage who have just celebrated their 50th year of business. Mike and his team are a life line for the Village with the local services they offer and their reputation for excellent motor facilities reach far and wide. Thank you for being there!

Village Events

Community Cinema - second Wednesday of each month. Titles and dates advertised on Ystradowen Facebook page, website and email distribution – if you don't receive the emails and would like to be included please contact Helendrane01@gmail.com

7th May – Coronation Celebration – An afternoon Tea Party for children and families (free food for children under 11 thanks to a grant from The National Lottery Fund) and an Evening Disco, Bar and Hog Roast - £15 per person – see posters distributed for more detail

24th May – AGM 7.30pm Village Hall, all welcome and refreshments provided

Watch this space for future events: quiz, fireworks, Christmas fun

Defibrillator

A reminder that we now have a Defibrillator installed outside the main door to the village Hall.

Get Involved -

Ystradowen Community and Sports Association

Have you considered being more involved in what happens in your community? Then joining the YCSA could be for you!

We are so lucky to have such great facilities on our doorstep but the Hall and any organised events only take place with the hard work of the Committee.

A small group of volunteers who meet monthly and are responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, finance and activity for the Hall and within the Village and we would really like to increase the size of the group to share the load.

Please contact: for more information or attend the AGM 7.30pm 24th May. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Many Thanks to the Mayor of the Vale

New planting tubs have been installed at the Village Hall with support from the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's Fund. The current Mayor, Councillor Susan Lloyd-Shelby, wants to support local groups adding to community life and we are pleased to acknowledge her grant support. The tubs were made by Ystradowen's own Gareth Punter.

Community Garden

On February 25th a Soup Lunch was organised by Rosemary and Mavis to raise money to purchase plants and improve the Garden. It was well supported by the Village who also enjoyed the entertainment provided by a Ukelele Band.

A huge thank you to all who contributed as over £400 was raised with £83 being donated to St Owains Church as they help support the Garden.

Have you noticed the new planters along the main road which are now coming into bloom? These only exist because of the work of volunteers who maintain the garden area next to the bus stop for us all to enjoy.

They meet on the first Saturday of each month April to October at 10.30.

Please, please! make a diary note to come along and help by committing a couple of hours through the year as it is for all our benefit.

CoWorker Local

With more of us working from home we were able to secure a grant to provide office facilities in one of the rooms in the Village Hall which is now available for a small charge. For more information contact coworklocal.co.uk

Warm Space

A further grant was secured which has enabled us to create a warm and welcoming space in the Hall for Ystradowen residents, adults and children, with a TV, comfy chairs, books, games etc. or just come for a hot drink and a chat using the warmth provided. Available Friday mornings 10am to 1pm (excluding Good Friday)

Your local Petanque club is calling you

Spring calls and the sport of Petanque (French Bowls) calls players to courts across South Wales once again.

Petanque is a fast-growing sport because it's a sport for all. Age, gender, physical capacity or size are no barriers to simple participation or excellence. It can be played by everyone and anyone is capable of playing and competing well. It needs very little specialist equipment except for the boules (bowls) themselves and these are considerably cheaper than lawn or rink bowls. We can also lend you some equipment to get you going.

The Ystradowen Petanque Club has been established since 2019 and meets at Parc Owain behind the village hall and all-weather pitch on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings through the Spring and Summer. Why not give it a go? We'll even mind your dog for a few minutes so you can try it out!

If you're the competitive type you might want to try your hand in the South Wales Wednesday League. We have 2 sides playing in Division 2 of the League which is organised by the Welsh Petanque Association. These are the Ystradowen Newts comprising largely senior players and the more spring-heeled Ystradowen Irons. But we really could do with more players so that we can be sure of fielding a full team of 4 players every Wednesday. Beginners can be competitive in the League playing alongside more experienced club mates as we have found in recent seasons. So again, why not have a think about taking the game up as a competitive sport once you've had to hang up the playing equipment of your youth. You may end up playing for Wales! 3 of our club members have got to that level. Could you?

For more information on the sport of Petanque in South Wales see the WPA website at: <http://www.welshpetanque.org.uk>

For more information on Ystradowen Petanque Club: Text/speak with us: 07711062421 or [email: yp2019club@gmail.com](mailto:yp2019club@gmail.com)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are fortunate that crime is low in our area and lucky to have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in operation set up by a group of volunteers and registered with the VOG. You may have seen signs on lamp posts around the Village.

Members receive a welcome pack containing more information and the only obligation is to report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency and, when convenient, notify the NHW email shown below in order to inform other members to be vigilant.

Full details of how to join can be found on the website. or for more information contact.

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Visit our website -

www.Ystradowenvillage.com

Join our Mailing List -

to be added please email
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Find us on Facebook

Ystradowen Village Hub

Changes to Recycling

Good News

From 17th April we will be able to recycle household batteries at the kerbside and will be provided with a white bag to leave outside for collection.

Also we will be able to leave small electrical items for collection.

You should now have received leaflet through your door!

Bad News!

From July garden waste will no longer be collected automatically and you will need to register and pay for this service!!

Postage Stamps

I collect used postage stamps and donate to Marie Curie. I am more than happy to collect from you or you can post through my letter box. 11 Badgers Brook Rise,