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# BRYN RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Halloween in Bryn



### **The Bryn Beast**

### **Children's Halloween Party**

**Opens 5:30pm Tuesday, October 29th**

**at the Bryn Rugby Club**

Featuring 2 Hours of Games, Magic and Halloween Themed Disco with  
"Non Stop Kids Entertainment" and other activities TBA

**Admission £1 per Person**

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Drinks & Raffle available for purchase

Prizes for Best Costume and Best Lantern Competitions

A chance to meet old friends and make new friends



With summer now fading, BRAG has been planning for Halloween and Christmas. This year we will see **"The Bryn Beast"** at the children's Halloween Party on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> October starting at 5:30 pm in the Bryn Rugby Club. We have enlisted the help of new professional entertainers who will bring fresh ideas to the event. Charlotte Galsworthy is organising, with the youth club, additional activities to include in the event. These will be revealed in a surprise announcement on the evening as plans are still in discussion with the youth club. Stephen Hughes, has provided even more spooky decorations in the club for this year. Food and refreshments available for purchase all evening, competitions for the best costumes and best pumpkin. All this for the fantastic entry price of just £1 per person.

## Bryn Summer Fun Weekend



At last, after many attempts, Bryn basked in sunshine for this year's summer fun weekend on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday started with a very well attended coffee and cakes offering in the Rugby Club to raise money for charity. Children's entertainment by Daley Bee then followed and was clearly enjoyed by the children and their parents.

The excellent "Mustang Valleys Soul Band" provided the evening's entertainment.

The Sunday started with a sponsored bike ride to raise money for a village defibrillator. All the riders completing the 8-mile challenging course even the youngest riders. On the field, there were craft stalls, inflatable children's bouncy castle and slide, organised children's games by Park Live coaches, tennis, cricket, bowling and football coaching by Bryn's clubs and nonstop music. Meanwhile on the bowling green the ladies' challenge team were taking on the men's teams to also raise money for the village defibrillator.

There were many other attractions such as table top games, green wood carving demonstrations and spontaneously organised activities that took place and continued into the evening when the music was moved to outside of the Rugby Club.

## BRAG AGM

The AGM will take place in Bryn Community Centre starting at **7:30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Come along and hear what BRAG are doing and make your own suggestions and get involved with what goes on, in and around the village of Bryn.

## Keeping Bryn up to date

These days much village information is available on the Internet. We have our own website and Facebook pages where you can see village news and share your own information where appropriate. All past issues of the newsletter are also on the Bryn Website.

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

## Bryn and Cwmavon IT Club

This will resume on 15th October from 2pm to 4pm in Cwmavon Library. Come along and enhance your use of the Internet.

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL NEWS AND UPDATES BY CHECKING THE VILLAGE WEB SITE**



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## Purchase of a village defibrillator

As mentioned, a number of fund raising activities took place as part of the Bryn "Summer Fun Weekend" to enable the purchase of defibrillators for the village.



In addition to these, there were other events held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Bryn Rugby Club and a quiz in the Royal Oak on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Since then we have had a further donation from the Bryn WI who raised money via a sponsored walk and Councillor Charlotte

Galsworthy is progressing a further contribution from the Councillors fund that she hopes to have in October.

All these activities have been so successful that we already have the first defibrillator installed on the Bryn Rugby Club and registered with the Ambulance Service. This very successful fund raising has enabled us to now progress a second unit, which Ryan has offered to mount on the Royal Oak. This will provide easy access to these facility no matter where you live in the village.

## What should I do if I suspect someone is having a heart attack?

The first step is not to run off to get a defibrillator but to call 999. This ensures professional help can quickly be organised. The 999 handler, will after obtaining the required information from you, dispatch the required medical support and provide you with the information to access and use the village defibrillator if considered appropriate. John Morgan a paramedic living in Bryn, has also offered to provide training for interested Bryn Residents in the use of a defibrillator. Watch out for further information on training.

## Local Walks

A 2-hour evening walk in June was round the Bryn Nature Reserve along with many more Saturday and evening walks throughout the summer. The evening walks have now stopped over winter but the Saturday walks will continue with details posted on the Bryn Facebook Page.

## Tennis coaching returned to Bryn in the summer holidays

Once again, this took place on the Bryn Tennis court for five weeks from the 29<sup>th</sup> July. This was well attended so we are already discussing options with Park Lives to repeat this again next year.

## Youth Club

The youth club has again restarted in Bryn after the summer break with many of the children from Cwmavon also attending and now providing sustainable numbers. There are many activities planned for the club so do give it your support. Meetings take place in the Bryn Village hall each Friday dur-

## Recording the Heritage of Bryn

As reported in the last newsletter, BRAG was successful in establishing a project to further record the heritage of Bryn and the surrounding area. In the last newsletter, we asked for volunteers willing to share their memories for this project and have already had a number of volunteers offering to do so. With the summer holidays, progress has been slow on this project but as the nights lengthen, it is intended to speed up progress on this. If you have not yet offered your help with this project but feel you have things to contribute, please do let us know.

We had asked, what do you remember of the army camp that was in Bryn, what are your early memories of Bryn, what was it like going to school in Bryn, what do you remember of old parts of Bryn that have now been demolished, did you know any celebrities from Bryn. These are all topics we would love you to share with future generations.

We will also arrange an opportunity to get together in the Village Hall to share our memories and show what has already been made available.

## Christmas

We are planning decorations for Christmas and would love to get the whole village involved this year. We are keen to hear your ideas for decorating the village. Do you live in a prominent part of the village with a tree in your garden that you would like to decorate? We will also be arranging collection boxes around Bryn to help fund the decoration of public areas. Like last year, we are again planning a Christmas event for the last Sunday before Christmas (22<sup>nd</sup> December) so put it in your diary and watch out for further information.

Ellen from Cwmavon Library will be organising the provision of Christmas Tree Stars. Contact her on 01639 896532 for further details.

Like last year, the children's Panto will again take place in Cwmafan Community Centre. This will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Children only.** Win a prize by showing how observant you are. Be the first, when prompted by the entertainer, to find the "messenger" at the Halloween party and say what is special about this edition of the Newsletter.



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