

Aberthin Village Hall



And the afternoon tea!

On Sunday 31st August, the Hall put on a commemorative afternoon tea in conjunction with the WW1 Exhibition, which was hugely successful.

Period crockery of all shapes and sizes had been unearthed from attics and backs of cupboards around the village to give an authentic feel to the event and the donated Welsh cakes, sponges, cup cakes and loaves of Bara Brith were enough to put the Great British Bake-off to shame!

Extracts from the WW1 exhibition were still on show and the children, in particular, delighted in inspecting the campaign medals, the sailor's hat and the other artifacts.

Exhibition donations and a tea-time raffle raised £175 for the British Legion.

WW1 Exhibition Remembered

In late August, the Village Hall hosted a fascinating exhibition commemorating the First World War that focused on village life between the 1880s and 1920s and the challenges faced by its small agricultural community during the Great War.

All the hard work put in over weeks and months by joint curators Keith Edwards and Frank Hartles was rewarded when over 200 people attended the exhibition during its 4-day run.

Painstaking research had unearthed photographs, correspondence and documents that were displayed with great professionalism around the Hall and included wonderful photographs of the Hall when it was still in use as a Methodist chapel during the 1920s. Exhibits showed how rationing was enforced in 1917 as U-boat attacks caused food supplies to dwindle and included an original letter from Lloyd George explaining the need to grow more food.

More poignant displays showed the terrible impact of war on young men in the services and included the diary of a young soldier whose last entry was on the day he died, and the diary extract of a young sailor injured when he was torpedoed twice in the same day.

Many thanks go to all who prepared, and all who attended.

Save the Date!

Bonfire Night

Wednesday 5th November!
Bonfire, fireworks, hot dogs and mulled wine up on the Downs. See overleaf for details...

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December
Join us for the annual Village carol service. Sing around the tree and in the Hall and enjoy some fellowship.



Village Hall Website:
www.aberthin.org

Future events and news

The Village Hall Committee is arranging the following events over the next few months. If you want to use the Hall for your own event it can be hired at a modest cost. See the website for details or contact your Committee representative.

Bonfire Night

By long tradition, we always hold the Aberthrin Bonfire Night on the 5th November! (A tradition that is losing its currency almost everywhere else.)

Talking of tradition, we always light the bonfire at 6.30pm and we always send up a rocket to signal the 7.15 p.m. start of the (awesome) firework display.

So, if you fancy a traditional bonfire night that keeps the cold at bay with hot mulled wine and barbequed hot dogs – you now know what to do!

Entry to the display is free but we ask you to make a donation to the £700 cost of the fireworks, either on the night, or preferably when we come collecting around the village, which we will do from Monday 27th October. Please remember that it is a village tradition to give generously!!

Christmas Carol Service

The Aberthrin Church Group is holding the village carol service on Sunday 21st December. Weather permitting; we will start off at 10.45 a.m. singing carols around the village tree before proceeding up the hill for 11.00 a.m. to complete the service in the warmth of the Hall.

After the carols, please stay and share some mulled wine and mince pies and have a chat with friends and neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Committee:

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Comments? – Please contact Huw

