

# Aberthin Village Hall



## Annual Duck Race

A fairly dry March (yes, really) had left the village stream a little bereft of the wet stuff and turned this April's annual duck race into more of an obstacle course with each of the 500 plucky yellow ducks having to fight hard to find some water to navigate around the stones, boulders and occasional hanging branches blocking their way.

Eventual winner of the grand final was Josh Jones, followed closely by Steve Davies and Non Roberts, with Freya Jolles winning the kiddies 'Red Duck' race.

Thanks to Andy & Sian for organizing the kiddies' race; to Lisa Roberts and family for 'sweeping' the stream after every heat, and to Nick Schoner for organizing the entire event.

For more photos and names of Heat winners visit the website.

## Save the Date!

### Village Day

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Our next event – the ever-popular 'Village Day'. See overleaf for details.

### WW1 Centenary

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

An Afternoon Tea to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. See overleaf.

### Bonfire Night

**5<sup>th</sup> November!**

Bonfire, fireworks, hot dogs and mulled wine up on the Downs.

## Panto Memories

In February, the *Aberthin Players* put on their bi-annual Pantomime at the Hall and two sold-out houses were entertained with an ingenious mixture of *Aladdin* and *Dad's Army* and a hilarious plot from director Glesni Jones that wound its way from Walmington-on-Sea to Baghdad, Peking and Egypt before ending with the inevitable weddings and a none too nimble attempt at Beyoncé's '*Single Ladies*' dance routine. (Say what you will, the Aberthin Players never play it safe!)

You may have seen photos of the event in the recent Gem article and you can see more on the website [www.aberthin.org](http://www.aberthin.org).

Thanks go to the magnificent cast and back-stage helpers and to all who attended.



Village Hall Website:  
**[www.aberthin.org](http://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.

### Village Day – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

This year's Village Day sees the return of the Children's morning Treasure Hunt and Afternoon Sports as well as the well-loved BBQ at the Hall. The Treasure Hunt will commence at 10.30 am, the bar will open at mid-day and the BBQ will be served from 1pm followed by the children's sports on the Downs at 3pm. The Committee will be around selling tickets in a few weeks time. We hope very much to see you at this lovely family event.

### Afternoon Tea to commemorate WW1

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the start of World War 1 we are arranging an Afternoon Tea at the Hall on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August that will feature research carried out by Frank Hartles on life in Aberthin in the period 1900 – 1920. If you have any memorabilia from that era please get in touch with Frank.

## Hall Redevelopment

It's taking a long time but we are still pursuing the grant that will enable us to improve the storage and toilets and refurbish the Hall to make it more attractive and functional for our existing and future users. Our detailed application to the Big Lottery Fund was submitted last October and a response is expected before the end of May. Fingers crossed!

## Your Committee:

Glesni Jones:

Lauri Golden:

Frank Hartles:

Gary Rees:

Huw Lloyd:

Pam Roberts:

Nick Schoner:

Roy Wiles:

Sean Richardson:

Vickie Davies:

Kate Watts:

*Comments? – Please contact Huw*

