

Aberthin Village Hall



Village Day remembered..

They say the sun shines on the righteous, so there must have been a lot of righteous people attending this year's Village Day celebration in early July! A beautiful sunny day ensured all the events went to plan and allowed villagers and friends to have a great time.

The day started with the youngsters' sports on the Downs. The races were as competitive as ever and great thanks go to Haydn (Fred) for cutting the grass on the Downs in preparation for the event.

The bar opened at mid-day and we then had the long awaited return of the ***Aberthin Human Fruit Machine!*** Banned in previous years because it lost so much money to the punters, the three aged Carmen Miranda look-alikes in charge of the stall were under strict instructions to make a profit and they out-performed their predecessors by only making a 10p overall loss on the day. Young Anna Watts, on the other hand, walked away with winnings of £7.80 and is now banned from all casinos in South Wales!

After the BBQ we had the *Teddy on a Zip Wire* competition and the bar then steadily drained itself of its Pimms, wines, beers and soft drinks as the shadows lengthened and the sun drifted down the sky. Thanks to all who helped on the day and to all who attended.

Ukulele Evening

If you were one of those who turned down the chance to attend the Ukulele Evening in May thinking it was not your cup of tea, then the chances are that you made a great mistake! This was a wonderful and often hilarious evening enjoyed by a full house at the Hall where the excellent *Porthcawl Ukulele Band* entertained us with their own twist on songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's and later. It's only when you hear these songs again that you realize that you still know the words, with the result that villagers of all ages got involved in a good old-fashioned sing song that filled the Hall. Thanks go to Sarah for arranging the event.



Village Hall Website:
www.aberthin.org

Save the Date!

Afternoon Tea

Sunday 20th August

Our next event. Come along and have a chat with your friends over tea and cake. See overleaf...

Bonfire Night

Sunday 5th November

It gets bigger and better and we always hold it on the 5th, so wrap up and get up the Downs...

Xmas Party

Saturday 16th Dec

After many years, the return of the Children's' Xmas Party at the Hall!

Carol Service

Sunday 17th Dec

Carols, Bells, 12 Days of Christmas, mince pies and mulled wine. One for all the family.

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, or to run a group, it can be hired at a modest cost. See the website for details or contact the Committee.

Traditional Afternoon Tea

By the time you get this Newsletter, this event may have come and gone but you'll have received a flyer through the door to let you know it's happening on Sunday 20th August from 3pm to 5 pm. Just turn up and pay on the door. £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children will get you a never-ending pot of tea and some scrummy scones and home made cakes of all shapes, types and sizes.

For the kids we have a Disney theme, so, if it takes your fancy, please dress up as your favourite Disney character.

Bonfire Night – 5th November

It seems strange to talk about Bonfire Night when it's the middle of summer but when the nights draw in it will not be far away.

Without fail, we always hold our Bonfire Night on the 5th November. This year, that date falls on a Sunday so we'll start it a little earlier with the bonfire being lit at 6pm and the firework display starting at 6.45pm. We pay £850 for the fireworks so please give generously when we ask for donations.

Committee members needed

We hope you enjoy and appreciate the events we put on for the village throughout the year. They help to forge us into a real community and they prevent Aberthin becoming just another silent dormitory village in the Vale. Of course, these events do not arrange and manage themselves and the Village Hall Management Committee works hard to keep the traditions going. We need to think of the future and we need new people to join the Committee to make it sustainable and to ensure that the Village Hall continues to be a centre for the community in the future. If you think you can join us then please get in touch with any Committee member below. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome!

Your Committee:

Huw Lloyd:

Laurie Golden:

Gary Rees:

Pam Roberts:

Glesni Jones:

Nick Schoner:

Roy Wiles:

Kate Watts:

Sian Coleman:

Sarah Howells:

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