

# Aberthin Village Hall



## Carol Service

Well, inevitably, it rained, and the hastily written sign on the village tree looked windswept and forlorn with its message directing carol-singers up to the warmth of the Hall. But, what's this? A rebellion! 'Let's sing!' said someone; their voice muffled by a monstrous scarf. 'Yes – it's only a bit of rain!' said another. And, with that, a rousing chorus of *Once in Royal David's City* hit the cold, damp air and last December's carol service got off to a rousing al fresco start around the tree.

Up in the Hall the festive carols were complimented by the village children singing their own brand of modern festive songs while accompanying themselves on fiendishly difficult-looking hand bells. (A fact confirmed when the useless adults tried their hand!) Mince pies and mulled wine finished off a lovely service and thanks go to the Aberthin Church Group for organising the successful event.

## Remember, remember, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November!

A perfectly clear, starry, November night created a fitting backdrop to this year's incredibly popular Bonfire Night on the Downs. Well over a hundred people watched the lighting of the bonfire while munching their way through 140 hot dogs and, (this was a first), drinking the mulled wine urn dry!

A hastily arranged trip down to Cowbridge delivered a further 30 beef burgers which were similarly dispatched by the hungry crowd as soon as they were cooked and before a single firework had been let off into the night sky.

The firework display was spectacular, as usual, with mortars and rockets exploding in great splintered orbs above our heads and culminating in the brilliantly white 'Waterfall' finale.

Thanks go to Laurie, Roy and John for leading the event and to all who helped in building the bonfire, and on the night.

## Save the Date!

### Hall AGM

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Please come along and have your say, or give support, at the Hall AGM.

### Duck Race

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

This is our main fund raising event, and great fun for the kids. See overleaf...

### Summer BBQ

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Treasure Hunt, scrummy BBQ and kids sports on the Downs. Hurrah!



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

### Hall AGM – 7.30 pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

We know it's cold and dark at this time of year and we understand the lure of a warm fire compared to attending the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall, but we'd love to see you there; we promise that no one who attends gets 'mugged' to join the Committee, and we genuinely value your ideas and views on how the Hall should be used. So, go on, give it a try this year. (It starts at 7.30 pm, lasts 45 minutes, and you can enjoy a glass of wine!)

### Duck Race – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

The Duck Race is now a well-loved part of the Village calendar with hundreds of little yellow racers ducking and bobbing their way down Nant Aberthin egged on by their 'owners' while tea and coffee is served to the Mums and Dads and prizes given out to the lucky winners. We'll be around next month to see if you want to sponsor a duck. All funds go to the Hall. Heats start at 10.30 a.m. and you'll be home in time for lunch.

## Hall Redevelopment

Using the £11,000 kindly granted by the Big Lottery Fund in May, we retained design consultants to develop the design of the Hall, carried out several surveys on the building and the site, and obtained planning approval for our proposed improvements. We've also now submitted our application for the full grant. Keep in touch by going to the *Redevelopment* page of the website on [www.aberthin.org](http://www.aberthin.org)

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