

Southerndown Church upgraded for community

VALE AM, Jane Hutt, visited All Saints Church at Southerndown to admire the works undertaken to provide a disabled toilet and wash hand basin, as well as a new kitchen, with funds raised by the church from a number of sources, including grant aid.

She said: "I visited All Saints Church at the start of the fundraising campaign, and within months they had raised the funds to improve the facilities at the church for parishioners and for the local community."

"I was particularly



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with the Venerable Philip Morris and Mrs Morris

pleased to hear the church is being used by Crossroads who care for the carers as well as many vulnera-

ble people. Further changes are planned to support this caring All Saints Church community outreach."



COMMUNITY NEWS
TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
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Allotments fear

MRS JILL HAM and friends of Saron Chapel in Treoes are concerned about the eventual outcome of proposed allotments at the former tennis courts in the village.

Mrs Ham is concerned that some individuals may take the easy option and deposit rubbish over the wall which surrounds the chapel cemetery.

Will the allotments be provided with bins for this purpose? The answer will rest with the Llangan Community Council.

Harvest festival

THIS year's harvest festival service at

Saron Chapel, Treoes, will take place on September 13 at 3.30pm.

Officiating minister is Rev Mr Alwyn Evans. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Parc Newydd CHILDREN were having a lovely time at the western end of Treoes village last week, now the area has been cleared of overgrown grass and weeds.

It is also a favourite area for residents to walk their dogs.

FACT meeting

A MEETING took place in Ewenny village hall on August 19 which was open to all

residents in the Llandow/Ewenny ward.

Mr and Mrs Charles Ham of Treoes attended the meeting, which was addressed by PCSO Steven Thomas.

Mr Ham asked the speaker what and when something can be done regarding the speeding traffic through Treoes.

He pointed out that if police officers were in uniform to monitor the problem, drivers would automatically reduce their speed.

Mr Ham said there are no pavements in the village where speeding traffic is a danger.

The next meeting will take place on October 21 at 7pm.

Visit Wales boss bowled over by physic garden

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE chairman of Visit Wales came to Cowbridge last week and declared the town's physic garden to be a "real gem in the Vale".

Jonathan Jones, who chairs the body that was formerly known as the Welsh Tourist Board, came along at the invitation of Mr Dan Clayton-Jones, and was highly impressed.

He said: "I have to admit that, although I have been in Cowbridge a number of times in the last year, I have not made the short detour to this garden."

"I am relieved to see that it now has a brown tourism sign pointing the way for visitors, but it clearly needs more

publicity." He promised to see what Visit Wales could do in terms of promoting the physic garden to visitors.

He added that the fact that such a fine attraction was designed and conceived by volunteers – and still is tended by volunteers – made it a real achievement for Cowbridge.

Mr Jones spent time talking to volunteers about the problems involved in tending the gardens – until heavy rain forced everyone indoors.

He was also given an update on plans to revamp the Old Hall Gardens, and was particularly interested in the restoration work that has been done on the historic town walls.



Dan Clayton-Jones, Bob Cope and Jonathan Jones (right) the chairman of Visit Wales.



The rain arrives but Mr Jones carries on talking to Brenda Richards, while Val Capel keeps her dry!



ABOVE: Two volunteers at the garden, Sue Duffield (left) and Val Capel, chat to Mr Jones about the work involved in keeping it pristine.

Patio set mystery solved!

THE mystery of the patio set that went 'missing' from the former Cowbridge Antiques Centre was solved in double quick time last week.

The table and chairs have been returned to Mr Williams, who reported the incident to the police, and a spokeswoman at Cowbridge Police Station told The GEM: "I can confirm that we are happy that this situation arose due to an unfortunate misunderstanding."

Vale colleagues share wife's grief

THE owners and staff of a Llantwit Major-based business have been devastated by the death of a colleague in a road accident.

Colin McAllister worked as a sales representative for insurance company Motorcare. He was killed when his motorbike collided with a lorry in Chichester.

Mr McAllister, aged 39, was married to local girl Anna Lee, whose father Viv owned a garage in Cowbridge. Her mother had the Strands hairdressing salon in Llantwit. Her family lives in St Athan. The couple met at Motorcare where Anna worked for seven years.

Colleague Donna Howells, who is the personnel manager, said that Colin worked for the firm in West Sussex, but had frequently visited the head office at Llantwit where he got to know Anna.

"Anna moved to West Sussex to be with Colin

three years ago, and they had a little boy Kai, who is two. It is a terrible tragedy. Theirs was a real love story," Donna said.

She went on: "Although many people felt that Anna's move to England would be short-lived, the couple proved the doubters wrong and married a year ago after having beautiful Kai."

"To see them together, one knew instantly that they were made for each other – Anna with her exuberant nature and Colin, quieter but so devoted to his beautiful wife."

Anna has paid tribute to Colin by saying that he was "the most wonderful, beautiful husband I could ever have asked for."

The firm described Colin as a highly regarded sales representative, respected by his colleagues.

Colin also leaves an older son Connor from an earlier relationship. Kai celebrates his second birthday this week.

The Motorcare office in Commercial Street was closed yesterday (Wednesday), for staff to attend the funeral which took place at Worthing Crematorium.

A bus was laid on to take 25 employees and former employees to the funeral.

Donna added: "This has really upset everyone. Anna was a colleague for years and we all knew and loved Colin as well."

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Candlelit walk at Dyffryn Gardens for local hospice

ON Friday, September 11 at Dyffryn Gardens, St Nicholas, Marie Curie Cancer Care will be holding its annual sponsored candlelit walk.

Taking place at twilight, you will follow a candlelit trail through woodlands and into the ornamental gardens, all the while having time to reflect and remember or celebrate the life of a loved one.

Along the route there will be entertainment in the form of a guitar band, a dramatic interpretation and a choir.

I am looking for anyone else who may be interested in volunteering their talents for the evening. If you can play an instrument, sing or are part of a band or choir who would like to provide entertainment on the night then please do get in touch with me

on 02920 426068 or email claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

To take part in the walk you will need to register by paying a fee of £5 for children or £10 for adults. We ask that everyone who takes part raise sponsorship – if every person raised £100 we could fund the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth for two whole days, nursing 30 patients at this difficult time.

For more information please contact me on 02920 426068 or email claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

Claire Notman (Community fundraiser - events Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth)

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

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