

Cymdeithas Ddinesig Porthaethwy a'r Cylch Menai Bridge & District Civic Society.

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GENERAL NEWS.

I hope that you have found something of interest in our programme so far this year and, now that **Jane Cherrett** has taken over as our Social Secretary, she has arranged an interesting and stimulating programme for the next eleven months. Please join us as often as you can.

Renata, our Treasurer and keeper of the membership register, has been out of the country for a few months, looking after family concerns. Iola is standing in on most money matters so, if any of you are aware that your membership needs renewing and you have not had a reminder, it would be a great help if you could contact Iola.(01248 712081) or me (01248 440668.). Thank you.

Although the Committee spear-heads most of the actions we take, there are other individuals who take the lead from time to time and do a brilliant job! Two who immediately come to mind are Marian Jones and her defence of the quarry at the top of New Street and Ann Morgan for alerting us to the Hafod Wern threat and then leading the protests against this completely unsuitable development. Also, at the 'top' end of Menai Bridge, we have the residents of Tyddyn Isaf objecting very strongly to the iniquitous plans for demolishing 2 houses in their area in order to build 14 more.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE. We are intending to erect our plaque to the memory of Dr. Eifion Jones on the wall at Porth Wrach by November at the latest.

PIER GATEHOUSE. In agreement with the Heritage Trust, we have decided to stop paying rent to the ACC for the Pier Gatehouse as we made little use of it and the rent was too high.

PLANNING MATTERS.

There are a number of instances where the residents of an area have been able to influence the outcome of a planning application but the only person who can **speak** in the Planning Committee is the County Councillor of the area. Both of our councillors have intervened very effectively this year.

Keith has been involved in negotiations on the Water Street development and **John Meirion** in the Tyddyn Isaf application. The problem arises if a County Councillor has "any interests to declare" - then there is no advocate.

If the matter is sufficiently serious we make sure that we involve **Albert Owen**, our M.P. and **Ieuan Wyn Jones**, our A.M. Both have been very supportive and have walked our area with us, agreeing how congested it is and hopefully making this point to the Planning Authorities.

The WOOD STREET development appears to be almost complete. Permission is now being sought to cut down more trees which have been made unsafe by the developer's excavations. The original plans did not require **any** to be felled! It is amazing how the Bingo hall site expanded!

The WATER STREET site should have new plans submitted as Min y Don is now back on the market and this will obviously make a difference to the balance of the plans.

New planning permission is also being sought for Noddfa -an over-development in a Conservation area and one which will cause additional traffic pressure on a narrow, pedestrian-dominated road. TYDDYN ISAF. The present plans were rejected by the ACC Planning Committee, although they had been passed by the Planning Dept. This decision will have to be confirmed at the October meeting. The main consideration was concern over sewage although safety on the narrow roads and the over-development of the area were also strong reasons for objections.

HAFOD WERN is being considered at the October meeting also, following a site visit.

The UDP plan is still being adhered to but the first round of consultation on the new **Local Development Plan** started last week and has a cut-off date in a month's time.. This is scheduled to be completed by 2010. I was at this meeting but more representation would be beneficial.

ACTIVITIES.

A few of us had a relaxed and informative visit to **Glyn Davies' studio** in May, following his enthusiastic and inspiring presentation of his art at our Annual dinner.

Also in May, we visited the **Newborough Forest** with **Dr. C. Shuttleworth**. Although we were not rewarded with a sighting of a red squirrel, we were able to find signs of their presence and we all enjoyed the walk.

At the beginning of June, our visit to **Rhianfa** was a double pleasure as, not only did we have a tour of the gardens but we were invited into the house to see how the restoration was progressing. Later in June, on a beautiful evening, we visited 3 fascinating **Anglesey churches**, under the guidance of **Mr. Gwyn Jones** and were even provided with refreshments. On Nov.24th, he will be showing us the video he made at the time and talking of other little-known Anglesey churches. We finished our 'season' in July with our annual visit to **Plas Cadnant**. The gardens have been transformed and we had a preview of Anthony's next project. We are very grateful to Anthony for allowing us these annual tours which are enjoyed by so many.

PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

We are changing to a **FRIDAY evening** for the next 11 months, in the hope that a few more of you will be able to attend. It will still be in the Community Centre at 7.30 unless otherwise stated.

September 29th. A local historian, **Mr. David Price** will talk about '**Herbert North, a 20th century North Wales architect.**'

October 14th. SATURDAY 10-12.30 a.m. Coffee morning + stalls to be held jointly with the Anglesey Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales. (**CPRW**)

October 27th. Dr. Pat Denne will talk to us about '**Trees & Roots**', including their problems.

November 24th. Mr. Gwyn Jones. '**More Anglesey Churches**' and the video of our visits.

December 8th. (2.30 p.m.) Mr. Steve Parkinson of the Environmental Agency will enlighten us about 'Waste'. Please submit your questions/concerns in advance. –

This will be followed by a social tea.

January 26th. Mr. Duncan Brown on '**Postcards from the Past**'

February 16th Annual Dinner in the Victoria Hotel. **Mr. Bob Daimond** is our guest speaker on '**A colossus of his time –Thomas Telford 250 years on.**'

March 30th . Mr. Dennis Roberts will talk about '**Dr. Jones, a 19th Century Physician**'.

April 27th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

May 12th . SATURDAY 10—12.30 a.m. Coffee morning + stalls. This is a fund-raiser!

June / July. Visits to—Anglesey Churches, Llandwyn & the Newborough Forest, Plas Cadnant.

NB. Bangor Civic Society have arranged an organized walk, led by Mr. Andrew Davidson of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, to study **Bangor's Archaeological Potential**. This will be on **September 24th**, starting from the Town Hall at approximately 2 p.m.