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We're back with 'LIVE' meetings at Canolfan Beulah at 7.30pm from 15/3/2022

Rhiwbina Civic Society Programme for 2022

15 March: Cardiff - Newtown – Little Ireland – Richard Britton

12 April: Annual Lunch – in Caffé Fach, Heol Llanishen Fach. See article inside.

17 May: Pengam Airport: The very early days of aviation in Cardiff – Mario Greening.

21 June: An Edwardian Maid – A day in the life of the housemaids and footmen in a big house – Debra John

19 July: Cyfarthfa Castle and the Crawshay Family: A look at one of the best preserved monuments to industrial Wales and the family that made a gigantic impact on Welsh history – Christopher Parry

August: No meeting but a visit to Nantgarw China Works and Museum is planned – if there is sufficient interest.



Keep Rhiwbina Tidy is a group which meets each month to pick up litter all around Rhiwbina. The photo above shows the group armed with its equipment at its most recent gathering together with staff from Northwood estate agents. Northwood have been very generous in supporting the group financially when funds were running low. As it was half term quite a few children also came along.

The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 am outside Rhiwbina library. You can go litter picking as long as you like but about an hour is the norm. For further information, please phone Roger on 07811 509490 or find us on Facebook.

ROUND AND ABOUT BY LYN OWEN

PRISTINE WHITE LINES and a shiny new pothole-free surface show that at last a part of Pantmawr Road has undergone a facelift. When the Society approached the Highways Department over a year ago to enquire about when resurfacing might be scheduled, we were told that:

“Assessments have been undertaken at Pantmawr Road and there appear to be structural issues along its length. This unfortunately means that a straightforward asphalt resurfacing may not be a suitable solution for this location. Therefore, ground investigation works are to be undertaken to determine the overall makeup of the road to help decide what treatment will be required to best address the condition.

Although we will be looking to implement a permanent solution, we need to receive the ground investigation data before we can commit to the scheme. Due to the significant area and high costs involved, it is likely that the works will need to be phased, potentially over a number of financial years. With traffic volumes being lower during school holidays, we will look at the potential of carrying out the first phase during the summer break.”

It was a relief, therefore, that the work was carried out over two Sundays. We anticipate the resurfacing of the remaining length of Pantmawr Road with confidence...



THE SOCIETY HAS IN THE PAST bemoaned the fact that the Pantmawr Estate boasts not a single litter bin within its bounds. There is one at the Cae'r Wenallt South bus stop and another at the entrance to the footpath off Rhiwbina Hill. Both are frequently full to overflowing, and the pong emanating from them is less than fragrant. We will continue to ask for bins to be located within the estate and that all bins are emptied more frequently.

PAVEMENT PARKING in the area of Rhiwbina Village is a perpetual problem. It seems that Pantmawr, too, has its own problems. Vehicles parked on the pavement up to the junction with Pantmawr Road reduce visibility for anyone turning out of the estate and often create problems for vehicles turning left into the estate when there are vehicles waiting to exit. Might the installation of some bollards help the situation?



Rhiwbina Civic Society Annual Lunch

Tuesday 12 April 2022 - At Caffe Fach, Heol Llanishen Fach

Lunch at the above venue at 12.30 for 1.00pm on Tuesday 12 April 2022.

As numbers are restricted to 25 it will be on a 'first come' basis. The cost of the lunch is £17.50 per head. Should you wish to bring your own wine there will be an additional charge for corkage of £1 per head which you can pay on the day of the lunch.

Full payment should be made at the Society meeting on 15 March 2022 together with a note clearly stating your option of Main Course and Dessert

Please indicate your choice of Main Course and Dessert with cross. Form below with full payment to be returned to Gill Hancock, 120 Heol Lewis, Rhiwbina CF14 6QD

Full Name:

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Email or telephone number:

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MENU

Beef or Mediterranean vegetable lasagne, salad, coleslaw and fries

Crisp confit of duck, red cabbage and apple, greens, crispy potatoes, red wine and orange sauce

Fillet of salmon with white wine sauce, mashed potato, mixed vegetables

Sticky toffee pudding, custard and toffee sauce

Strawberry meringue and vanilla ice cream

Chocolate and raspberry roulade

If unable to attend the meeting please forwarded the above details to Gill Hancock, 120 Heol Lewis, Rhiwbina, Cardiff CF14 6QD

No later than 28 March 2022 – please remember it is on a first come basis as number of places are limited.

'THE BEST THING I EVER DID'

Words uttered by members of Rhiwbina Men's Indoor Bowls Club on their return to the game after an absence caused by illness or family bereavement, or by those who had simply become new members.

1965 is the first record of Indoor Bowls being played at the Recreation Club, on roll down/roll up again carpets. This 'chore' carried out at the end of each evening's play.

Happily, this became unnecessary when a line of little-used rooms was demolished. The roof stayed up, resulting in a space large enough to accommodate two permanent rinks, each 22 metres in length, plus a lounge area where anyone not playing could watch their fellow members in combat. Volunteers were sought from the membership, twelve came forward, and so The Dirty Dozen came to be.

One member became known as "The Procurer". For example he arrived one morning with a dozen or more fluorescent light fittings. Used yes, but in good working order. A highlight on each morning was the opening of the Club Bar at midday, when we all had a free pint! (It was dusty work, you know.)



Floor laid, wall panels affixed, suspended ceiling installed - it was time to call in qualified tradespeople to finish off the electrics and central heating. This work completed, time for the laying of the new *permanent carpet*, of the same kind as that seen on tv.

And so to September 1985 - this new facility was officially opened.

The Ladies Indoor Bowls Club showed their appreciation of what had been achieved by putting on a great party night, where each member of the Dirty Dozen received a commemorative engraved glass tankard. That same evening The Procurer lived up to his nickname, judging by the bottles of a magnificent white wine he kept producing from under the table. (I vouch for their quality, as I had the good fortune to be sat at his table!)

Despite the pandemic severely curtailing our playing time, we are all hoping that come next September we will be back to normality.

Norman Rendle

Membership Applications: Ladies to Hilary Evans, Tel 21150752, (email hevans1947@hotmail.co.uk) Men to Ed. Colgan Tel 20623249 (email bowls@ecolgan.plus.com)