



OpeningDoors
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Encouraging public spaces to offer community partners and neighbourhood groups the opportunity to provide a range of activities, programs, and services.

Newsletter Autumn '23



Building social connections in the community, engaging lonely and isolated people, providing opportunities to connect and access services, including wellbeing.

North Cluster

- Bethlehem Church
- Garnsychan Partnership
- Blaenavon Library
- Forgeside Community Centre
- Blaenavon Resource Centre
- Nodffa

Mid Cluster

- Sharon Church
- High Street Fitness
- Pontnewydd Community Centre
- Mind Wellbeing
- Griffithstown Baptist Church
- Cold Barn Farm
- Neighbourhood Learning Centre
- Upper Trosnant Baptist Church
- Pontypool Market
- Torfaen Museum
- Pontypool Library
- The Care Collective
- Salvation Army

South East

- Llanyravon Church
- Cwmbran Library
- Ponthir Village Hall
- HWB @ Woodland Road
- CCYP
- TLC Community Church
- Richmond Road Baptist Church
- Ponthir Sports & Social Club
- Court Farm & Oakfield Community Centre

South West

- Fairhill Community Garden
- Thornhill Community Centre
- CoStar
- Salvation Army
- Able
- Ty Glas Y Dorlan
- Mount Pleasant Community Hall

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter, check out the what's going on in the Opening Doors Hubs.

Next Networking Forum – Tuesday 23rd January, Sharon Church, Pontypool (details to follow).

Health Checks – for community organisations to run well and safely, it's important that governance is firmly in place and up to date. To endorse Opening Doors Hubs, as a safe place to meet and connect, we need to ensure all governance is in place. If you haven't completed the Health Check form and sent the required documentation, please get in touch. TVA can support you with your governance.

Cluster Meetings in the next few weeks we will be holding Cluster Meetings. These meetings will help Hubs to share information, ideas and good practice. The meetings will discuss new funding opportunities, networking, a chance to get to know other Hubs in your cluster, find out how you can support each other with skills and experience. Dates, times and venues to follow.

Training opportunities – a range of training opportunities available, let me know what training your volunteers and staff require. More details about training at the Cluster Meetings.



AN EVENING WITH JACK
AN INSIGHT INTO JACK THE RIPPER AND HIS NOTORIOUS CRIMES.

Friday 10th November 6pm to 8pm
Cold Barn Farm Community Centre
Doors open at 5.30pm
Entry £7.50 includes curry and rice

Cold Barn farm community centre,
Woodside Road, Trevethin, NP4 8DT



Cold Barn Farm are pleased to welcome Jon Horlor hosting an **Evening with 'Jack the Ripper'**.

Jon is a Jack the Ripper researcher. He has visited the Whitechapel area many times and has discussed the case with all the top authors.

Join him on **Friday 10th November** at 6pm to listen to a retelling of **"The Autumn of Terror"**. Watch a slideshow of photos of the case and join him in a question & answer session. Strictly **ADULTS** only due to scenes of a graphic nature. £7.50 includes curry and rice, additional refreshments available to purchase.

Find out more and book now:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cold-barn-farm/t-zzkjkjx>



SING YOUR HEART OUT

COME AND SING ALONG TO ALL YOUR FAVOURITES

ALL WELCOME

WEEKLY MONDAYS

2PM

RICHMOND ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
PONTNEWYDD, NP44 1EQ

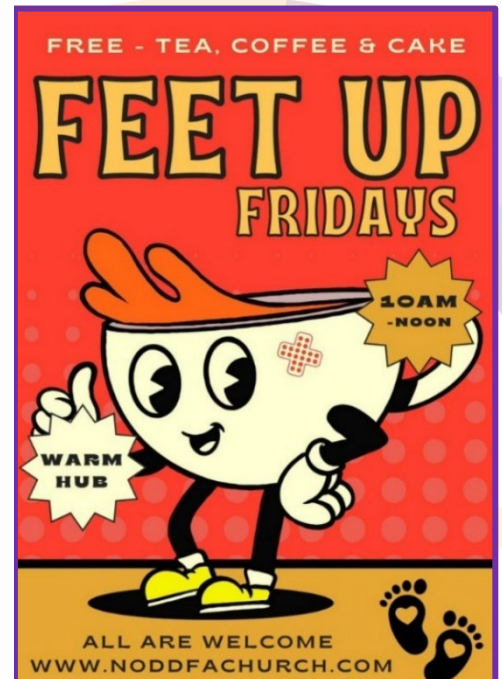
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Noddfa Update:

Noddfa Juniors has grown again this term, it is now attracting about 50 regulars each week. They have fun activities where they learn to work together, and they get gospel teaching with application to their lives. Also, a snack such as pizza and plenty of time to let of steam and enjoy themselves. We have a growing team of enthusiastic volunteers who are all DBS certified and trained in safeguarding. We are looking for a new committed volunteer to help with the group aged 11 to 13 years.

Feet Up Friday is a coffee morning every Friday. The name comes from a Noddfa leader, who works in a quarry, manning a huge drill and can put his feet up on Fridays. It is a lovely environment where people can come and chat and even bring their craft work such as knitting or crochet with them. All welcome.

FareShare is under new management with volunteers Ian and Georgina making sure it runs smoothly. They greet people and ensure they provide a food parcel that has sufficient food for three days for their family. Several other volunteers also work at the FareShare when required. The numbers using this facility is steadily growing and are taking steps to increase our supplies. FoodShare is open every Wednesday & Friday, 10 – 12 noon.



FREE - TEA, COFFEE & CAKE

FEET UP FRIDAYS

10AM - NOON

WARM HUB

ALL ARE WELCOME

WWW.NODDFACHURCH.COM



Afon Support

Are you 18 years of age or over and live in Torfaen?
Do you need support with general housing issues?

Our friendly team at Afon Support Service based at Bron Afon can help you with lots of things, including:

- Setting up a new tenancy
- Claiming benefits or managing your money
- Managing rent or bill payments
- Applying for funding and household items
- Getting food parcels
- Finding job or training opportunities
- Joining in with your community
- Applying for aids and adaptations for your home

Afon Support is a free service for anyone who is living in Torfaen, whether you are a social housing tenant, a private renter, a homeowner or homeless.

For a referral, please get in touch with Gateway@torfaen.gov.uk or call: 01495 766 949

If you want to find out more, call the team at Bron Afon on: 01633 620 480

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Do you live in Torfaen?



Ponithir Community Council proudly sponsor

Free Entry

Ponithir CHRISTMAS Market Fayre

Ponithir Village Hall
26 November 2023 1-4pm

Body shop ☆ Christmas Ornaments
☆ Confectionary ☆ Tropic ☆
Artisan Cheese ☆ Floristry ☆
Cakes ☆ Raffle plus many more.....

With Santa Claus in his Grotto from 2.50pm

All monies raised will be divided between St David's Hospice and Ponithir C.I.W School



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THORNHILL 4 U TOO CHRISTMAS PARTY



POP INTO THORNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE OR PHONE 07549 973165 FOR MORE DETAILS

CHILDREN - £3
ADULTS - £1

TICKET INCLUDES A CHILDREN'S BUFFET AND A PRESENT FROM A SPECIAL VISITOR

DECEMBER 17 3PM - 5PM

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
LEADON COURT, THORNHILL

HELP 2 HEAT PONTY-PWL HELP I WRESOGI



ARGUS OUR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

A cost of living crisis appeal

EMERGENCY ONE-OFF SUPPORT OF £30 TOWARDS YOUR FUEL BILLS*

*IN PERSON APPLICATION WITH FORM REQUIRED.

PHONE MATHEW ON 07736035604 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

PONTYPOOL ONLY. CONDITIONS APPLY. WWW.SHARONCHURCH.CO.UK

*LIMITED FUNDS - SCHEME WILL CLOSE WITHOUT NOTICE WHEN FUNDS RUN OUT

HOPE Gobaith SHARON CHURCH

Thornhill 4 U Too Worcester Christmas Market Trip

Saturday 02nd December 2023

Adults (16+) - £8
Children (15 & under) - £6
Payment required on booking
All payments are non refundable

Call into Thornhill Community Centre to book your place or call 07549973165 for more information
Coach leaves at 9am & returns at 4pm

Open to residents of Thornhill, Upper Cwmbran and West Pontnewydd. Proof of address will be required for all seats

Pick up and drop off point is the Bus Stop above June's Fish Bar

Thornhill 4 U Too Talking Tables



11.30am - 1.30pm
Every Tuesday

£4 for main course & dessert

Message Kelly on 07540185872 to book

Thornhill Community Centre, Leadon Court, Thornhill, Cwmbran. NP44 5TZ

Free Over 60s Gentle Exercise

12.30pm - 1.30pm
Every Monday.

No need to book.
Come along & join us for a friendly, fun workout.

Thornhill Community Centre, Leadon Court
Thornhill, NP44 5TZ
Tel: 07549 973165

Thornhill 4 U Too Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thornhill Community Centre
Leadon Court, Thornhill

Friday 8th December
5pm

Refreshments to Follow
All Welcome



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

At The Threepenny Bit
Deerbrook, Cwmbran NP44 4SX
01633 869227

Saturday 25th November 2023
11.00 am till 2.00 pm
Free Admittance, Stalls £10

Griffithstown Baptist Church

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 18th November
From 10am
All Are Welcome

Father Christmas Books Refreshments
White Elephant Toys Crafts
Cakes




Torfaen Vulnerable Adults & Hospital Discharge Service Timetable

For more information call Emma Davies: 07796350738
Email: Emma.Davies2@poblgroup.co.uk

Monday	Blaenavon Resource Centre	12.00am - 2.00pm	Housing advice & support drop in group
Tuesday	Mind Office Pontypool	11.00am - 1.00pm	Cooking on a budget
Wednesday	Two Locks Church Cwmbran	10.00am - 12.00pm	Housing advice & support drop in group
Saturday	Wallich Office Pontypool	09.30am - 1.00pm	Housing advice & support drop in group



Surplus Food Christmas Eve

Food to be picked up from local centres, please arrange lifts/someone to collect on your behalf.

Please talk to your local foodshare/bank or support worker if you need help putting yourself on the list.



THORNHILL 4 U TOO

THE WIZARD OF OZ
The Wizard Of Oz



SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
3PM
THORNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
LEADON COURT, THORNHILL
ADULTS(16+) - £2
CHILD (15 & UNDER) - £1
POP INTO THE CENTRE OR CALL 07549973165



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