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**Tuesday 14 December
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with Soloists and Christmas readings
by Sian Thomas (TV presenter)**

**Free Admission with
Mince Pies and Hot Drinks
7.30 pm**

**Wednesday, 15 December 2010
Parish Hall**

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**Wednesday 11 May 2011
until**

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINIBUS!

On the afternoon of Wednesday 28 September, at the Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern "launched" its new £36,000 minibus/ambulance in the presence of a large crowd of donors, clients and volunteers.

The previous minibus had served the community for more than seven years but two years ago the charity agreed that a replacement was essential. Local organisations, clubs, charities, volunteers, minibus and DPVC users and individual supporters rallied round to raise money for the replacement minibus. Supporters included Dinas Powys Rotary Club, Dinas Powys Nursing Institute, Dinas Powys Players – and their "Eggheads" who won the BBC competition, Bethesda Chapel, Dinas Powys Civic Society and dozens of other organisations and individual donors.



The DPVC minibus Logo competition winner, Anna Bosley a pupil of St Andrew's C in W School, Dinas Powys, accompanied by Callum Hoskins and Jack Mudie, Murch Junior School runners up, and by Dr Mike Robinson, DPVC Chairman, launches DPVC's new minibus/ambulance

Dr Mike Robinson, Chairman of DPVC, welcomed all who attended the launch and said that "the minibus (which is used for regular supermarket trips, by various village organisations, for library visits and by the WRVS Friday Luncheon Club and for other village activities) plays an important role in the life of Dinas Powys by helping to promote the independence of those who now find it difficult to go shopping on their own, by providing a means by which elderly people can continue to play a part in the many village activities and by helping to combat the isolation which can often accompany our later years".

On behalf of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, Dr Robinson thanked those organisations and individuals who made the purchase of the minibus possible, a purchase which some eighteen months earlier might have seemed impossible to achieve. He observed that "it is said that the quality of a community can be judged by the way in which it cares for its more frail and needy members. It is great to see such a wide cross section of our community, young and old, here today, willing to support that cause".

The minibus was launched by a pupil from St Andrew's Church in Wales School, Anna Bosley, who cut the ribbon draped around the minibus. Anna was the winner of a competition, entered by all the schools in Dinas Powys, to design a logo and her colourful and striking design now appears on the front of the minibus. The runners up in this well supported competition were Callum Hoskins and Jack Mudie of Murch Junior School and DPVC were delighted that they were able to join in the celebrations for the launch and in the Murchfield Hall afterwards for a celebratory cream tea!

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EDITORIAL

The new DPVC minibus is now running around the village and proving its value to our local community. The purchase of this new vehicle was only possible through the generosity of many organisations and individuals who realised its immense value to those in our community who rely upon the service that the minibus can provide and who made great efforts to raise funds for this replacement vehicle.

In addition, it was only possible to purchase the minibus through the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who organised the fundraising, and who spent many hours selecting, specifying and ordering the most suitable vehicle. But, of course, the minibus can only operate through the generosity of those who give their time to make the transport arrangements and of those who drive and serve as escorts. Altogether, a wonderful team effort!

But it must be remembered that the minibus is only part of the service that DPVC provide for members of our community. The office, through the coordinator, serves as a conduit through which those in need, and those who need help and advice, can access other services provided by DPVC as well as providing a link with other agencies and charities in order to deliver the most appropriate help and advice.

Therefore, there is always a need for volunteers with a wide range of skills and/or interests to become involved in the organisation. Why not contact Wendy, the coordinator, to discuss what you have to offer. You may be just the person DPVC has been looking for!

PLEASE NOTE

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Would you please inform the DPVC Coordinator in writing of any changes to the Community Directory as soon as possible.

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SOLAR PANELS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION

We recently installed solar panels which enable us to generate our own electricity. Why did we do it? The driving forces were environmental and financial.

We firmly believe that climate warming and sustainability require significant adaptations in all sectors of society, such as energy and transport. The move to a more sustainable society is also dependent on individuals taking their own action as well as governments and business. The Feed-in Tariff Scheme (FITS), introduced by the UK Government in April 2010, has created a financial framework which incentivises individuals to play their part in creating a low carbon society by generating their own electricity.



What are the costs and financial benefits? Depending upon the number of solar panels, the cost is likely to range between £10 and 20,000. There are three different types of benefit:

a fixed price of 41.3p (for the first 2 years) for each KW hour of electricity produced, paid for 25 years and index-linked for inflation

a price of 3p per KW hour for exported electricity

using a proportion of electricity produced leading to a reduction in electricity bought from traditional supplier meaning lower electricity bills

Income from FITS is not subject to income tax and the expected rate of return in real terms is 5 to 8% for well-sited installations - which basically means south facing locations.

For further information see Feed-in Tariffs Government's Response to the Summer 2009 Consultation Department of Energy and Climate Change on their website - www.decc.gov.uk. The Energy Saving Trust and Carbon Trust are another source of information.

Peter and Margaret Randall

DPVC CONCERT - A GREAT SUCCESS!

On Saturday 2nd October Dinas Powys Chip Cardiff; The Huntsman Restaurant; Voluntary Concern held a Fund Raising Bank of Flowers; Dolce Vita; Valley View Fruit Concert in the Parish Hall. Cantorion Cregiau and Veg Shop; The Village Stores; Wild Blackberry Deli; The Star; The Three entertained the audience to an evening of music and light entertainment. The Concert was a great success and raised just under £1000 towards supporting the ongoing activities of DPVC. A raffle was held during the evening and DPVC would like to thank Q-

Bank of Flowers; Dolce Vita; Valley View Fruit and Veg Shop; The Village Stores; Wild Blackberry Deli; The Star; The Three Horseshoes; John Bruno and Foxy's Deli for generously donating the prizes. Thanks too, to Betty Thorne, without whom, this concert would not have been possible.

THE HUNTSMAN RECIPE

Peter and Hilary Rice, Huntsman Restaurant, Station Road

Orange And Cinnamon Shortbread

150 g softened butter

100 g castor sugar

100g plain flour

125g cornflour

3 egg yolks

Zest of 1 orange

1 tsp cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar with zest of orange and cinnamon.

Beat in the egg yolks.

Mix both flours into the mixture.

Press into a greaseproof lined 8 inch loose bottomed cake tin.

Bake Gas 4 (400f 200c) for 20 minutes.

Sprinkle with caster sugar when cool.

Slice and keep in an airtight tin.

Delicious with a big mug of cream topped hot chocolate on a cold winters day.

VILLAGE NEWS

Full War Memorial restoration now completed in time for Remembrance Sunday, funded jointly between Dinas Powys Community Council and a grant from The War Memorials Trust. All restoration work undertaken by messrs. Mossfords, Monumental Sculptors.

Parish Halls - now holding increasing numbers of wedding receptions - much cheaper than expensive hotels - new catering kitchens and other recent improvements make it an ideal venue. Contact the Council Office for further details or email theclerk@dinaspowys.org. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Community Council Website Visit www.dinaspowys.org for details of all that's going on in the Dinas Powys Community and your Community Council - register your email address to receive automatic monthly updates.

Dinas Powys, St Andrews Major & Michaelston-le-pit from old photographs. Latest Chrystal Tilney updated book available from the Council Office (£12.99).

Advertise your upcoming local events on the Council's web site - free of charge for charitable activities, small fee for commercial events. Visit www.dinaspowys.org or email theclerk@dinaspowys.org.

ST ANDREW MAJOR HAS A CURATE!

On Saturday, 26th June at Llandaff Cathedral, assistant Curate Christopher Seaton was ordained a Deacon to serve as assistant Curate in the Parish of St Andrew Major with Michaelston-le-Pit and has been warmly welcomed into the parish by the congregation.

In the Intercessions according to the 1984 Eucharist, the words of the Bishop to those who are to be ordained Deacons as found in the Prayer Book are:

"A Deacon is called to work with the Bishop and Priests as a fellow servant. Your task is to assist the Priest in leading the worship of the people, especially at the Holy Eucharist. You are to help the Priest in the ministration of Holy Baptism, and in preaching the word of God. You are to seek out and care for those in need. Take as the pattern of your calling Jesus Christ who came not to be served, but to serve."

The Deacon cannot celebrate the Holy Eucharist and perform other sacramental rites but assists the Priest in worship and pastoral care. After a year a Deacon is usually ordained a Priest. Christopher Seaton was born in Cadoxton, Barry and, apart from being in the merchant navy from 1974 until 1990, has always lived in Barry. He was baptised in, and attended, Saint Cadoc's Church in Cadoxton, but like many of his contemporaries, drifted away from the church for some years, not returning until his early forties when, at long last, he was confirmed into the faith. Chris's secondary education was undertaken at Saint Cadoc's Roman Catholic School, Barry. He trained as an electrician with the Rank Organisation (better known as Butlins) and in 1974 decided that the world was his oyster and applied to the Merchant Navy and was accepted by The Bank Line (Andrew Weir & Co.) as a second electrical officer. After a further period with Reardon Smith of Cardiff and with the Geest Line from 1979 to 1990 he then worked for Colston Electrical of Bristol for two years and finally ended up as Senior Engineering Technician at Rank Hovis flour mill in Barry. In 2005 the engineering department was restructured and Chris was fortunate enough to be able to take redundancy and become occupationally retired. He is now self-employed and is working once again at Rank Hovis on a part time basis.

Chris is married to Julie and has two children, Elizabeth and Paul, both of whom are married. Chris and Julie have two grandsons - Nico and Kieran. Sadly their only granddaughter, Imogen, was diagnosed with cancer at an early age and passed away in August of 2007 aged seven.

Chris had been a member of St Cadoc's Parish Council for many years wearing many hats, including, people's churchwarden, Health and Safety Officer and extraordinary minister at the Eucharist! When he began training for the ministry he had to detach himself from parish life.

Christopher reflects that "the call from God crept up on me with, of course, all the doubts and wonders of believing that God could have a use for me and, if I'm honest, it was others who saw my potential long before I did myself, but isn't that the way it seems to work out? I went through Diocesan selection in 2005 and provincial selection in 2006 and was eventually asked to begin training in July of 2007. I have spent three years (part time) at St. Michael's Theological College and was ordained to the Diaconate in June 2010. I am to be a self financing - non-stipend minister".

"I am looking forward to serving in the Parish of St. Andrew Major with Michaelston-le-Pit and in becoming a part of their family. I trust God has a purpose for us all and where that will lead - only He knows".

DINAS POWYS - WHAT A PLACE!

How lucky we are to live in a place like Dinas Powys! From my window I can see the Bristol Channel and in the other direction are the fields on the edge of the Vale of Glamorgan. We can be at the seaside by car or bus within a very short time and we can walk to the countryside very quickly.

We call ourselves a village, though in many ways it has the facilities of a small town. The character of the place is, though, that of a village, a close knit community, caring and quite distinct from the neighbouring towns of Penarth and Barry. For big shopping trips we are surrounded by the large supermarkets, but otherwise, we are very well provided for in the village.

For our groceries we have two smaller supermarkets, and a mini-market in the Square, and we can get vegetables from the Square and Valley View Stores. We have a very good butcher's shop (which, along with the Valley View fruit shop, will deliver). Should we wish somebody else to do our ironing we can take it to Camm's Corner and if we want children's clothes there is a shop next to the supermarket in Castle Drive. Furniture can be bought from the corner of Elmgrove Road, and if we want a cup of coffee or tea and something to eat we can pop into The Pit Stop Café or the delicatessen at the top of Elmgrove Road. There is also a Funeral Director. Both ladies and gentlemen can have their hair done, both in

Camm's Corner or in the Square, and there are beauty parlours in both places as well. Even dogs can be made beautiful in Sir Ivor Place!

We have Post Offices in both parts of the village, three cash points, a Health Centre centrally placed on Cardiff Road and two pharmacies. For such a small place we are well-equipped with pubs which also double up as restaurants, and for that special occasion, there is the Huntsman Restaurant adjacent to the Square. For the musically inclined we can buy a guitar at the new guitar shop at Camm's Corner.

The youth of the village are catered for with playgroups, youth clubs, sports teams and the uniformed organisations. We also have our local schools which, for most children, are within walking distance.

There are six different religious denominations in the village, each with its own activities, and there is a great sense of close community between these congregations.

For the elderly or incapacitated there is help available from DPVC whose minibus is a familiar sight as it ferries people to the shops, the library, to church and to other meeting venues. We have bus services and two railway stations if we need to go further afield.

Have I left anything out? If I haven't mentioned your favourite place I apologise. However, I think all the above shows that we hardly need to leave the village at all. Yes, how lucky we are to live here!

Lesley Robinson

VILLAGE SHOW 2010

Dinas Powys Village Show, at the beginning of September, was a huge success and the weather remained dry, if cloudy, to enable all the attractions of the Show to take place. The garden of the Parish Halls was pretty crowded, with parents and youngsters enjoying the music provided by the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven, alternating with the excellent Punch and Judy Shows.

In all there were close on six hundred adults and youngsters through the doors and the Parish Hall was a really colourful sight for the people attending on the afternoon. It was gratifying, in view of the year's changeable weather, to see that the Floral and Fruit & Vegetable entries were superb; the Photographic entries nearly doubled and the Painting & Drawing section attracted some lovely work. There is a lot of talent around and the entries were sent in from many places outside the village.

The Cookery section was nearly overloaded and the items looked very tempting. Entries in the Needlework classes were tremendous and the Craftwork demonstrated a lot of originality. Despite fewer entries from the Schools, those that came in were very good and colourful - all those schools that did participate are to be commended.

A feature of the Show was the attractive display of teddy bears, knitted by Christine Pritchard, which were sold to raise funds for the NSPCC. A total amount of £75 was raised.

All in all, the afternoon was a great occasion and with the second highest attendance in the Show's history. Thanks go to all those who came on the day and to all those who entered into the spirit of the competitive classes and, of course, to the Women's Institute who provided all the delicious cakes and refreshments.

The Show will be on the same weekend next year - details of classes will be available early in the Spring. Readers may have noticed that the Penarth Horticultural Show was on a different weekend from the Dinas Powys Show and this may have contributed to the increased number of entries but this arrangement should work in both directions to mutual benefit.

The Trophy winners are listed below. The trophies were presented by the Chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council, Mr John Huw Williams.



Young People's Classes

1. Dell Smith Cup for Reception children - Alfie Sargeant
2. J. Brockhurst Cup for Reception children - Emily Maunder, Ross Newton & Tyler Perry
3. Aquarius Cup for Years 1 & 2 - Joseph Turner
4. Dinas Powys & St. Andrews W.I. Cup for Years 3 & 4 - Bridget Turner, Jack Doyle, Kate Brown
5. St. Cyres Cup for Years 5 & 6 - Coire Clarkson & Lowri Bullivant
6. Enid Jackson Cup for highest number of points - Alfie Sargeant

Open Classes

7. British Gas Wales Cup for Cookery, Baking & Preserves - Angela Reardon
 8. Harry Phillips Plate for Fruit and Vegetables - Cecil Townsend
 9. Dinas Powys Garden Society Cup for Flowers, Shrubs & Houseplants - Elisabeth Richards
 10. Randell Rose Bowl for Floral Art - Ann Dungey
 11. National Westminster Cup for Needlecrafts - Cynthia Greenslade
 12. D. Hampton-Jeffery Cup for Painting and Drawing - Rachel Collis
 13. Dinas Powys Community Council Cup for Craftwork - Sian Blackman
 14. Bernard McParlin Cup for Photography - Rita White
 15. Women's Institute Plate for Highest number of points in Show - Elisabeth Richards
- Val Hartrey*

DICKENSIAN FAYRE

On Friday 3rd December 2010 the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys will hold their annual Dickensian Fayre in the Twyn (village square), starting at 6 pm. For those unfamiliar with the Fayre, the evening is an opportunity for local organisations (mainly voluntary) to raise money and support local charities. Funds raised by the Rotary Club will be used to support local charities in and around the vicinity of Dinas Powys. In recent years the Rotary Club has donated a total of £7,500 to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern in order to help fund the new minibus.

This year's Dickensian Fayre will be graced by the Cardiff Ladies Morris Dancers and the Vale of Glamorgan Band. The usual stalls, selling crafts, cards and Christmas gifts, will be present and there will be plenty of food

and drink on sale, such as cawl, mulled wine, cakes, hot dogs and burgers. The highlight for the children will be a visit to Santa's Grotto where every child will receive a gift from Father Christmas.

Last year the response from voluntary organisations was exceptional with all stalls taken. If any organisation would like a stall please telephone Paul Williams for an application form as soon as possible (Tel 029 2051 2473).

Hopefully the weather will be kind, and once again the people of Dinas Powys will enjoy this festive evening.

On the weekend of the 17th and 19th December, the Rotary Christmas sleigh with Father Christmas on board will be travelling around the village, so make sure you look out for Santa!

NEWS FROM JANE HUTT AM

The role of organisations like Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern is even more important in these times of financial challenge and constraint and I am delighted to play my part in supporting DPVC as the Vale of Glamorgan Assembly Member and Minister for Finance in the Welsh Assembly Government.



Later this autumn we will receive our allocation of grant from the UK Government and we are planning our budget for Wales seeking to protect those services which are important to vulnerable people and disadvantaged communities. The popularity of free bus passes for older people, as well as disabled people and their carers, stands out clearly when I discuss peoples' priorities in the community. I have been meeting with UK Government Ministers to 'make the case for Wales' to secure the best financial settlement in these tough times to help protect these universal benefits.

Older People's Forum

Dinas Powys has a strong voice on the Vale Older People's Forum and I was delighted to meet Rene Gannon, Winnie Davies and Lynda Wallis at the Vale Show on 11th August who were promoting the work of the Forum which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government as part of the Older People's Strategy. With many uncertainties about the impact of forthcoming budget pressures, we are seeking to safeguard those services which are important to maintain the health, well-being and independence of older people in Wales and it is always good to hear their views from first hand experience. The Assembly is funding the Healthy Ageing Programme delivered by Age Cymru and our Keep Well this Winter Campaign is already underway and last year we launched our Older People's Wellbeing Monitor.

Carers

We are moving ahead this autumn with our new Welsh legislation to support Carers more effectively in terms of their rights and needs to support those they care for.

Bryneithin

In support of Bryneithin I recently attended a fundraising event at the Murch Hall and was able to meet the relatives of residents and staff members who work tirelessly to support the Home. I have been pressing for beds to be used for respite and temporary residence, as I know there is considerable pressure on services for people suffering dementia in the Vale of Glamorgan, at all stages of this devastating illness. Crossroads also provides a vital service which we are helping to fund with the close links to Bryneithin.

A new building for St. Cyres School

In support of our young people in Wales, as Finance Minister, I have protected our schools capital building programme this year. This has resulted in the welcome announcement in July that an allocation of £57,329,391 has been approved 'in principle' by the Welsh Assembly Government for 'the Penarth Learning Community' which will include the new secondary school and Special Educational Needs provision. I recently visited St. Cyres School to welcome the new Head Dr Jonathan Hicks to his post and he was able to show me the exciting plans which would be implemented with this major level of investment. Good news for the young people of Dinas Powys!

Vale Magistrates Court

There are many policy issues which have a direct effect on Wales but are not devolved, such as the provision of courts like the Barry Magistrates Court serving the whole of the Vale. I have made my submission to the UK Government opposing the closure of this important centre for local justice providing Family, Youth and Domestic Violence Courts as well as dealing with fines and civil prosecutions. All these are linked to the services provided by the Vale Council and organisations such as Atal y Fro which support the victims of domestic abuse in the Vale. People from across the Vale signed the petition opposing the closure of these courts in Barry.

Vale Youth Forum

I am a Trustee of the Vale Youth Forum with young people engaged in active participation, volunteering and schools council including young Dinas Powys citizens. It is important to welcome and acknowledge the voluntary contribution of many young people who want to serve their communities and of course this leads to better communication skills, teamwork and self-confidence for further and higher education as well as job prospects.

Vale Walking Festival

Earlier this year I took part in the Vale Walking Festival organised by Valeways and chose a Dinas Powys Walk through Casehill Wood to Michaelston-le-pit. What a wonderful walk through Dinas Powys countryside right on the doorstep of Cardiff! Congratulations to all those

who made the Vale Walking Festival so successful.

Contact and Surgeries

I hold regular surgeries in Dinas Powys. In the meantime do not hesitate to contact me at my office at 115 High Street, Barry CF62 7DT tel 01446-740981 or by email on jane.hutt@wales.gov.uk or visit my website www.janehutt.co.uk

Once again may I congratulate Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern for being such a strong and enduring force for good and a model for all communities in the Vale of Glamorgan and the rest of Wales.

Jane Hutt AM

DINAS POWYS MUSIC FESTIVAL GWYL GERDD DINAS POWYS 2010

Peter Elias Jones, who had been chairman for many years, would have been proud of the way that the Dinas Powys Music Festival committee rose to the challenge after his untimely death. The show really did go on!

The festival opened with a welcome return of Llanelli Male Voice Choir who were supported by the stunning voice of soprano Llio Evans.

The sun shone on the village green for St Cyres Wind Band and Phil Dando and his jazz band got feet tapping at the Parish Hall.

St Andrew's Church by candlelight was the setting for a delightful evening of light music by Helen Huntley's string quartet whilst Dinas Powys WRVS Luncheon Club were charmed by the voices of Dinas Powys Infants School.

Martin May gave local schools a brilliant insight into the science and gift of flute playing.

The festival was brought to a satisfying and rousing close, as usual, by the Bethesda Community Choir.

The 2010 Music Festival nearly didn't happen. It did and how!

Next year's Music Festival will run from Wednesday 11 May 2011 until Sunday 15 May 2011 and an exciting programme is being developed. The committee were delighted by the tremendous support that the residents of Dinas Powys gave to the 2010 festival, and look forward to meeting festival goers in 2011. It is **your** support that makes it all worthwhile - so look out for details!

MURCHFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEEDS A TREASURER!

The Murchfield Community Association is responsible for the day to day care and maintenance, and for the booking of, the Murchfield Community Hall in Sunnycroft Lane. The Association's treasurer, Dr Joan Andrews, has expressed her wish to retire in March - at the end of this financial year. Joan will be leaving the Association in a strong financial position, and the accounts are maintained through the use of Excel spreadsheets.

The committee would be delighted if a suitably experienced volunteer could come forward to take over this valued role. Ideally, the new treasurer could work with Joan over the next few months in order to become familiar with the system in place and with a role that is not too time consuming! If you are prepared to offer your services and expertise, or wish to know more, please contact the Community Association via the Secretary - Steve Nottingham, the Treasurer or the Vice Chairman John Fanshaw c/o DPVC at dpvc@btinternet.com or in writing to: Murchfield Community Association, Murchfield Community Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ

HELP POLICE IN THE VALE KEEP CRIME AT ITS 25 YEAR LOW

Crime in South Wales has dropped to the same low levels as 25 years ago, with South Wales Police recording less than 100,000 crimes in the 12 month period up to June 2010 – a feat not repeated since 1985.

The latest Home Office figures showed that crime in the Vale dropped overall by 11%, with significant reductions in the issues that affect residents most, such as vehicle crime which fell by over 20%.

PCSO Michelle Griffiths and PC Alison Davies are the dedicated ward officers for Dinas Powys, and are encouraging residents to work with their neighbourhood policing team and get involved with the PACT (Partnership and Communities Together) process so together we can keep up these great results.

PCSO Griffiths said: "PACT meetings for Dinas

Powys are held on a six-weekly basis, and all local residents are invited to join us to share any problems or concerns they may be having personally or within the wider community.

"Dates for upcoming PACT meetings including the time and location can be found on our neighbourhood policing website - www.ourbobby.com."

Chief Superintendent Carl Davies, Divisional Commander for Central Division which covers the Vale said "I am thrilled that there have been 2355 fewer victims of crime across Central Division compared with last year and that crime continues to fall.

"Working closely with our partners and communities to deal with the issues that matter most to residents will remain a central factor in our approach, and we appreciate their support in helping us to achieve these outstanding results."

WORTHLESS HERE: PRICELESS THERE

When John Haggitt, of Penarth, accepted an invitation to become a local collector for Tools With A Mission (TWAM) in the late 1990s, he didn't realise quite what he was letting himself in for.

In many countries of the world, people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency is impossible without help. TWAM started twenty six years ago with the aim of enabling people to make this switch from dependency to earning a living and to supporting themselves, and has given this help by collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK and by sending them overseas.

What kind of tools have you collected over the years, John?

Mostly, they have been small hand tools such as those used by carpenters, mechanics and plumbers, as well as sewing and knitting machines. Electric tools can be used – mostly in training centres, but many parts of the developing world still have limited access to electric power.

What about computers ... ?

We have collected these in the past, but with the number of machines and operating systems now available, we are having to be careful: we were recently asked to restrict our collecting of them to sets of five or more from the same source - which means from schools or other large organisations.

... or gardening equipment?

These are generally inappropriate for use in developing countries – TWAM sends most of the things to Africa - although spades, shovels and the bigger tools can be of use.

What have you done with the tools?

In the past, we have only been able to store them – in my basement, in people's garages and garden sheds in Penarth and Dinas Powys, in various places in the church I attend in Penarth – until there have been enough to warrant a delivery to TWAM's HQ in Ipswich or some intermediate collection point - in one case a

huge barn in the middle of Salisbury Plain and in another, a small storage box in a Worcestershire field, where we had to remove fleeces of wool before we could leave what we had brought (and then replace the fleeces before leaving).

However, since February 2010, we have been working out of a unit in Penarth which allows us to sort, clean and refurbish the tools. We then despatch them to a unit in Coventry who pack them into sets.

We are constantly on the lookout for more tools to collect or have delivered; but we are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to come and help sort, clean, renovate (as appropriate) and pack the stock. We are also hoping to be able to open the unit more than the current once a week, so the more volunteers we have, with different availabilities, the better. No engineering or even tool-based background is necessary, though it can come in handy when we get unusual donations to identify.

If you would be interested in helping, either regularly or occasionally; or have tools that you would like to donate, we can be contacted by email – twamcymru@gmail.com or by phone on 029 2070 7027 (John Haggitt) or 0776 950 3237 (Andy Bowdler).

Andrew Bowdler – TWAM Collector



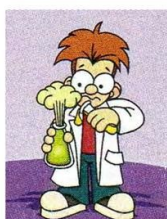
SUPERB SOUL IN DINAS

August 2010

Action week 2010

Matt's Lab

During the Soul in Dinas action week 2010 they held a holiday club for the children that couldn't take part in Soul in Dinas and the public ages 5-11. Matt, Helen and the team organised lots of fun experiments for them to enjoy while learning more about Jesus. Those experiments included making worms, slime and mini explosions to take home for their parents. Also the children were shown how to put a cocktail stick through a balloon without it popping, what happens when you mix diet coke with mentos, how to put a cocktail stick through a bag of water without it spraying everywhere and lots more.



The summer holiday club also included a barbeque on Saturday for the families of the children who came to the club. At the barbeque the children who came were presented with prizes for being good and collecting stickers also the person with the most stickers in each age group won another prize. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the barbeque and wanted to come again next year. Matt's lab was a big success!



Soul in Dinas with Mr Charlie Bones who attended Matt's lab every day! Can you find him?



Some of the team, posing for a group photo!

In the summer holidays, the churches of Dinas Powys came together to hold an event called Soul in Dinas action week. Soul in Dinas started in 2005 when two young people from different churches decided to do a lot more for the community.

Soul in Dinas teams work around Dinas Powys and help people by doing gardening, litter picking, painting, removing graffiti, car washing, clearing brambles and much more. This was their fifth year. Up to 70 people helped out in the team. They completed 50 jobs in Dinas Powys. Unfortunately the weather wasn't good and some of the painting jobs had to be moved to different days. It rained so much that on Wednesday the afternoon and evening were called off.

This year, Dinas Powys Community Council invited Soul in Dinas to clean the stone pillar stumps and paint the black metal chains around the war memorial in the village square. This was a very important job that the team completed with pride.



The Soul in Dinas team working so hard

The litter picking team found a TV by Eastbrook station. They also found a pair of headphones one was broken but the other worked. The headphones actually fitted someone from Soul in Dinas's phone - lucky her!

I managed to interview Jonathan Davis, who was one of the young people who came up with the idea of Soul in Dinas. He has been in every single hour, minute, second, day and year of Soul in Dinas except from one evening when he went home to change his clothes, when he fell asleep on the bed! He said, "The rain has affected this Action week but the teams have battled on." What a big success!

This article was submitted by Rebekkh West, aged 10.
Many thanks, Rebekkh, well done!
Ed.

The Tea Dance

Soul in Dinas also organised a Tea Dance for the older generation of Dinas Powys. This spectacular event was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 18th August. About 90 people came. They could either sit down at a table and have a cuppa and chat or they could dance along to the music. The men and the ladies were very grateful for Soul in Dinas as they all enjoyed themselves. This is the second year that Soul in Dinas has held a Tea Dance. I interviewed a lady called Pat West who organised it. She said, "It was a shame only 90 People came as we were expecting over 100, but everyone had fun. Last year it rained heavily all afternoon which made it awkward setting up the event, but this year it only rained at the end when we were packing up." The Tea Dance was a big success!

The Thank You Meal

As part of the Soul in Dinas programme for this year, the Soul in Dinas team invited all of the staff from the three local Primary Schools, including St Andrews, Dinas Powys Infants' and Murch Junior School, to a lovely evening meal at Hebron Hall Christian Centre.

The date was June 21st and what a beautiful evening it was! The staff dressed up for the occasion, wearing lovely dresses and smart suits. 54 staff came and enjoyed themselves. It is said that the compliments keep coming!



Enjoying the meal.

The food was organised, prepared and laid out by a highly trained team, led by chefs David and Farah Humphreys. A group called "Pat's ladies!" served the food. The food was presented very well and tasted delicious!



Cooking the food.

Soul in Dinas wanted to show the teachers how much they appreciated the teachers' efforts and what a difference they make to Dinas Powys. It was also to say Thank you to the three schools, which very kindly educate and look after the children in the community.

After the meal there was a quiz. It seemed to go well. The master of the scoreboard was Matt Lewis. He accidentally added up the scores incorrectly, placing the team that contained all three Head Teachers last! It was soon corrected and they came third! The winners were spoilt with Ferrero Rocher.



Enjoying themselves at the Tea Dance

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Forthcoming local events in Parish or Lee Halls - Further detail from the Community Council Office

Telephone 029 2051 3114 Website www.dinaspowys.org

Sat 20 Nov 1.00 pm	Parish of St Andrew Major Autumn Fayre	John Fanshaw 029 2051 4188
Sat 27 Nov 12 Noon	Tenovus Christmas Lunch (provisional)	Mrs B Hockley 029 2051 4001
Sunday 5 Dec 7.30 pm	Dinas Powys Orchestra Winter Concert	Tickets £6.00 (£3 under 12) including mince-pie and glass of wine
Wed 8 Dec - Sat 11 Dec 7.30 pm	Bethesda Community Choir Concert	
15 Dec 7.30 pm	Carols for All (with the Dinas Powis Ecumenical Seven)	See front page for details
1 Jan 2011	New Year's Day Concert (with the Dinas Powis Ecumenical Seven)	Tickets essential £5. Available from the Parish Hall, Post Offices and The Group Practice, the Health Centre

Special interest

3rd Dec	Dinas Powys Rotary Club Dickensian Evening	Village Square 6.00 pm
19 Dec 6.00 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols with the Ecumenical Seven The Methodist Church	
11 Jan 2011 7.30 pm	Dinas Powys Local History Society Tony Melville – History of the Rhondda . from its conception	Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non members and £1 for members
8 Feb 2011. 7.30 pm	Dinas Powys Local History Society Jeff Childs – Roath Splott and Adamsdown . An updated illustrated talk.	Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non members and £1 for members; this is to cover running expenses
8th Mar 2011	Dinas Powys Local History Society Matthew Salisbury – Captain Robert Scott and the Cardiff connection	Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non members and £1 for members; this is to cover running expenses
12th Apr 2011	Dinas Powys Local History Society Vintage Dinas Powys – Percy Randell Collection.	Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non members and £1 for members; this is to cover running expenses

Many other organisations use the various halls in Dinas Powys and details about these organisations are available in the Community Directory.
Adult Education classes are held in Murchfield Community Hall, the Lee Hall or the Scout Hall. Details from Adult Education 2070 1569 or www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

If you, or anyone you know, would be glad of the help and support we can offer - please contact us in the Resource Centre on 029 2051 3700

or write to:

Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern
Murchfield Community Hall
Sunnycroft Lane
Dinas Powys
CF64 4QQ

email: dpvc@btinternet.com

Or you could just call in the office between 9.30 and 12.30 on any weekday morning.

Have you recently retired, are the children at school, or do you just want to give something back to your community? As always we need drivers and in particular anyone willing to help with some gardening for those who can no longer manage on their own.

If so - will YOU be a volunteer?

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YOUNG DEPEND

WORDSEARCH No 15 (Age 8 - 14 years)

Find 10 fruits (all singular words)

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R	T	O	C	I	R	P	A	T	O
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Return your answers by mail to:-

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Please include your name, address, age and telephone number with your entry.

Thanks to those who entered last time.

The winner was Ceejay Mill of St Donat's Close.

We invite contributions to this page from anyone under 18 - for example, a short story, poem or an event you saw or took part in - or even a wordsearch.