



COLWINSTON NEWS

Welcome to the October edition of our village's newsletter. As the evenings draw in and the fire gets lit, let's hope for some crispy mornings, blue skies and a beautiful array of colour on the trees. As always there are many events for you to join in with so open your diaries and start making notes.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 1st	Colwinston Philosophical Society 8pm, Village Hall.
October 5th	Harvest Festival Service, Colwinston Church 9.15am.
October 5th	Harvest Festival Lunch, 12.30pm Village Hall.
October 13th	Colwinston and Llyswoorney Hive, Village Hall 7pm.
October 18th	CLIC, Village Hall, 10am-2pm.
October 19th	Church Service, 9.15am.
October 27th	Colwinston Community Council meeting, Village Hall, 7pm.
October 31st	Halloween party, Village Hall.
November 2nd	Church Service 9.15am.
November 7th	Fireworks display, Village Hall.
November 9th	Remembrance Sunday, Village Green, 11am.
November 15th	CLIC, Village Hall, 10am-2pm.
November 16th	Church Service, 9.15am.
November 29th	Colwinston Cinema, 7.30pm for 8pm, Village Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is WELCOME to the services at St. Michael's Church. If anyone would like prayers to be said for a family member or friend please contact Pam or Liz.

If you would like to join the Whatsapp group for church, keeping you informed about events, please contact Liz Stone on 07940 398263.

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy Sunday lunch and celebrate the Harvest Festival with friends from the village and surrounding area on **Sunday 5th October at 12.30**. All you need to do is **let us know** you would like to book a place and we will deliver your ticket to you. Adults £15.00 children £5.00.

The menu is jacket potatoes with a choice of lavish toppings: Coronation chicken, chilli beef, vegetarian chilli, baked beans and grated cheese, followed by a wonderful selection of desserts.

We always have very good feed back about the delicious food.

All we ask is for you to bring drinks of your choice and some cash for a Raffle ticket.

SO.....PLEASE contact Pam Haines 01656 654330 or Liz Stone 07940 398263

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

On **Friday 31st October** the youth club will be hosting a Halloween fun evening with some traditional games. We will also be selling spooky hot dogs and the bar will be open for the parents to unwind.

The following **Friday November 7th** will be our fireworks night with the amazing Sky Rascals coming to put the display on again. It really is one of the best displays around so don't miss out, details and tickets will be available soon.



TAFF TRAIL CHARITY RIDE

At 6am on Saturday 20th September an intrepid group of cyclists left Colwinston heading for Brecon and the start of the Taff Trail challenge. The group consisted of a van manned by **Roy and Karen Stokes** carrying all the cycles, and a backup car with bike spares and the all-important sustenance for the journey, manned by **John and Julie Lloyd and Jo Frost**.

On the journey up there was a slight spotting of rain on the windscreen: were we going to be lucky? The 8am start at Brecon was dry and on time with all cyclists in high spirits.

By the time we had reached our first official stop, the heavens had opened and everyone was soaked. The cyclists were dried as best as possible, fed and given warm drinks then sent on their way. The rain continued all day making cycling even more challenging.

I watched all the cyclists dig deep with extreme fortitude and courage to cycle all of the 55 miles and was very proud to be part of the team. A huge congratulations to **Alun and Phil Austin, Tony Morgan, Dai Thomas and Dave Frost**, also a special congratulations to **Cora Thomas**, who joined the team for the last section.

This endeavour was all to raise money for our Colly4Cancer25 fund raiser. So, if you have not yet had chance to support, our Just Giving page it is still open. The amount raised so far for the bike ride is just over **£5,000** a wonderful achievement.

THANK YOU.

Julie Lloyd.

 <https://www.justgiving.com/page/colly4cancer25...>



ST DAVID'S CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year here at St David's, and I am delighted to welcome back children, families, and staff for what promises to be another exciting term.

This is now my second year in Colwinston, and I continue to feel incredibly proud and privileged to lead such a caring and dedicated school community.

I'm also excited to share with you that our brand-new school website is now live and accessible at www.stdavidscwprimaryschool.co.uk. This site has been designed to provide clear, up-to-date information about school events, policies, and activities. One particular feature I encourage you to explore is our "**St David's Snippets**" section, where we regularly share snapshots and stories from around the school. This gives a glimpse into the variety of learning experiences and projects taking place, and I hope it helps you stay connected with school life throughout the year.

Our local community in Colwinston plays an integral role in shaping the ethos of our school, and we are fortunate to have strong links through members of our governing body, many of whom come from the village itself. These governors work closely with me and the Deputy Headteacher Mr Morgan Cudd to help steer the school's development and provide valuable support and guidance. Should you ever have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office, where we are always happy to assist and listen.

*This year, we are focusing part of our learning on Colwinston as a community, exploring its history and local environment. **If you have any historical knowledge, photographs, stories, or other resources about the village, we would be extremely grateful if you could share them with us to enrich our curriculum and bring our learning to life.***

Thank you, Mrs Morteo, Headteacher.



COLWINSTON AND LLYSWERNY HIVE



September's Hive meeting we were given an extremely interesting talk by David Crompton about the Cardiff Bay Barrage. David took us through the vision, how the barrage scheme was set up from the planning to getting it through the Houses of Parliament, the costs, the engineering, the construction of it and how the whole project was brought in both on time and on budget. Accompanied by photographs of before, after and during, it really was a fascinating evening.

October's meeting will be at 7.00 pm on **Monday 13th October** when we will be entertained by **Alex Wharton** the children's poet laureate for Wales.

Colwinston Community Council - Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn

Community Safety

Colwinston is a safe and friendly village, a fact reinforced by the visit of our local PCSO, Angela Stone, to our September meeting. No crimes in Colwinston were reported over the summer, but residents have been asked to remain vigilant after a spate of thefts from vehicles in other Vale communities. Arrests have been made following the incidents in Ogmere-by-Sea, Rhooose and other rural towns and villages.

PCSO Stone also shone a light on the issue of lampers, who have been targeting farmland nearby. If you have intruders on your land at night you should call 999, do not approach them. If possible, try to note vehicle registrations, the number of people involved and whether they have lurchers or other dogs with them.

Concerning activity can also be reported at any time to the non-emergency 101 number.

Village Maintenance

While the Vale of Glamorgan Council has cut some grass verges recently, they do not appear to have attended to all the expected areas and discussion is ongoing to ensure there are no cut-backs to the cutting back!

Trees are due to be pruned on Little Hill (the steps which descend from the side of the Sycamore Tree) and will be funded by your community council, while we have also agreed to fund fence posts for the Old Ford project team.

Sign Language

You will have noticed that the road sign welcoming visitors to Colwinston from the A48 Crack Hill route disappeared some time ago. After much back-and-forth with the council, we've decided to fund a new sign ourselves. Soon, visitors will once again know exactly where they are – and that they're very welcome!

Greenlinks

Residents are reminded to utilise the Greenlinks service. Leaflets have been distributed around the village and are available at the pub to explain how this community transport service can be booked.

Remembrance Service

The Community Council will again arrange Colwinston's annual remembrance service, which will take place at the war memorial on **Sunday 9 November**.

Have your say

Our monthly meetings are open to all residents, and there's always time at the start for your questions, comments or gentle heckling. Can't make it in person? Email us at colwinstoncc@gmail.com or check out meeting times, agendas and minutes at www.colwinstoncommunitycouncil.co.uk.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is on **Monday 27 October 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall**, while the dates of future meetings can always be found on our website.

CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

Thank you to everyone who supported the Colwinston Craft and Produce Show. The success of this event is down to those who enter the classes.

We raised **£330** which will go towards St.Michael's Restoration Fund. There were **141 entries** with a good entry for all classes.

Congratulations to all the successful winners but it is the taking part that is the import thing . The Mo Hawkins Trophy was awarded to **Jan Egan** in the Baking Section. Trophies were also awarded to **Chris Williams** in the Craft Section and **Bob Gatis** in the Vegetable Section. The Judges were very complimentary about the standard of entries and we thank them for their time and effort. Many thanks to the team effort of all those who helped to put on this event and to those who baked extra delicious cakes for the refreshments.



COLWINSTON RAINBOWS

It's been a very exciting start to the new term for Colwinston Rainbows! We are delighted to welcome nine new members into our Unit. With this wonderful boost in numbers, we've now reached full capacity—proof that the Rainbow spirit is shining brightly in our community.

The girls have a fun-filled agenda ahead. We're looking forward to celebrating a very special Promise Ceremony, where our newest Rainbows will make their promise and truly become part of the Girlguiding family. There will also be plenty of opportunities to get creative and hands-on: from baking treats to decorating stones for Remembrance Day, and of course, a variety of exciting skill-building activities that help our Rainbows grow in confidence and friendship.

As always, we're so proud of the enthusiasm and energy the girls bring each week. With so much planned, this term is set to be full

of laughter, learning, and Rainbow magic.



If you'd like to find out more about Girlguiding, or enquire about joining in the future, please visit: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

In this month's meet the villagers, we catch up with journalist Huw Thomas who also sits on the Community Council and is a school governor.....

"I have lived in Colwinston since 2017 when Isobel, Clara, Alys and I moved here from Cardiff. I work as a journalist for the BBC where I am the business correspondent for Wales, reporting on stories like the closure of Port Talbot's blast furnaces and the impact of inflation on the cost of running a household or a business. I quite often broadcast from home for live radio programmes, and otherwise work from the BBC HQ in Cardiff city centre or out on location. My brief covers the whole of the country, and each day offers me great variety and the privilege of being able to speak to people from all walks of life. Away from the day job I have written a book about the King (Charles: The King and Wales), which was researched and written at home in Colwinston during the pandemic. I particularly enjoyed speaking about the book to Colwinston's WI group! I have made many friends in the village and have enjoyed being involved with organisations here, including being a member of the Community Council and as a school governor. We are lucky to live in such a close and welcoming community, and in a beautiful part of the world."

Thanks Huw - next time you see him on the BBC news you can recognise a little bit of Colwinston!!



COLWINSTON CINEMA- CANCELLATION

Unfortunately Colwinston Cinema has had to **cancel its screening of The Ballad of Wallis Island** on Saturday 18 October as the film has been withdrawn from release.

We are currently awaiting confirmation of an alternative film and will confirm this via our mailing list, Facebook pages and Instagram as soon as we can.

We apologise for the disappointment.

Team Colwinston Cinema.

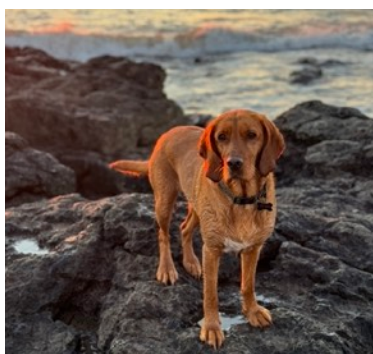
PETS OF THE MONTH

This is **Layla**, she is the best pet ever. Always up for cuddles, always making us laugh, and chief sock thief. If you live in the village and you've lost a sock, she probably has it! Benjamin, aged 8.



This is **Joslin** - she's 13 years old and she lives on Twyn-yr-Eglwys with my dad Mark. We've had her since she was 3 and she's a very beloved member of the Francis family! She's a Taurus, she's quite the explorer, and her favourite activity is eating the clovers on the lawn.

This is **Pippa**, she is 4 years old and is a Cockapoo. She is very friendly and loves a fuss when she is out on a walk. Pippa loves to play fetch on the village hall field but will bark loudly for the ball (sorry!). Pippa loves the beaches and digging holes. She loves seeing other dogs on her walk and going on walks with her dog friends in the morning. Pippa is a loving dog and likes cuddling up with **Arthur** or **Florence**. Feel free to say hello and give her a fuss when you see her. Lisa & Ben Horton.



Mali is 5 years old, she is a cockerdor so she's a lab crossed with a cocker spaniel and she came all the way from Edinburgh.

She is ball obsessed so you will always see her holding a



ball in her mouth. She is super friendly, loves a fuss and she has a lot of energy as she was bred to be a working dog.

Thank you to all contributors and to Sue for the proof reading. All are welcome to contribute to the next newsletter, which will be delivered at the beginning of **November 2025**. The closing date for submissions is **October 20th 2025**. Contributions can be submitted to colwinstonnews@gmail.com.

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