

Colwinston News

This month we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Colwinston Newsletter in it's current format. The newsletter was started in earnest by Alan McNee who has recently joined the nonagenarian club. I'm sure we all wish him a very Happy Birthday and thank him for his work in starting this initiative that has proved so valuable to the village in terms of celebrating our community, disseminating information and enabling participation in many of the wonderful events that our community thrives on. He was admirably assisted by Phil Jones.

David Atherton who lived in Ivy Cottage also produced a newsletter in the mid 1980s but I'm led to believe that it was Alan and Phil who produced the newsletter in the current format.

Dates for your diary

February 1st	Church Service 9.15am.
February 9th	Colwinston and Llysworney Hive, Village Hall.
February 12th	Old Ford meeting, Village Hall, 7pm.
February 12th	Colwinston Philosophical Society, 8.15pm, Colwinston School.
February 15th	Church Service 9.15am.
February 21st	CLIC meeting, Village Hall, 10am to 2pm.
February 21st	Colwinston Cinema, Downton Abbey, 7.30pm for 8pm.
February 25th	Soup Lunch, Old School House, 12.30pm.
March 4th	Colwinston Philosophical Society, 8pm, Village Hall.
March 18th	Soup Lunch, Old School House, 12.30pm.

Church News

Christmas Carol Celebration

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Carol Celebration. We lost count of how many actually attended but full to the rafters came to mind.

Thank you to the readers who guided us through the Christmas Story and the congregation who sang familiar carols enthusiastically. The choir who had practiced over many weeks under the guidance of Paddy Shepherd sang their hearts out filling St. Michael's Church with their voices. It was really a joyous occasion getting us ready for the Christmas Celebration. We were grateful that Reverend Angela was able to join us for the Celebration. Thanks to Geoff Bates and his team who served us warm mulled wine and to those who made mince pies for us to share.

Christingle Service

The children made their Christingles and added the emblems to the banner. Rev Angela led us through the meaning of the symbols. Finally candles were lit and we sang "This little light of mine".

Thank you to all who supported our service.

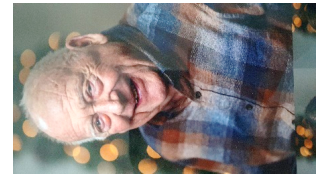
We WELCOME EVERYONE to our services. Please let either Pam Haines 01656 654330 or Liz Stone 07940398263 if you would like prayers to be said for family or friends.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE COLWINSTON NEWSLETTER

I'm not sure how many villagers will be aware that the founder of the Colwinston News is Alan McNee who lives opposite us (Pat and Martin Brand) at "Enzian". He initiated the Colwinston News in June 1994 and, as it happens, issue no 5 is dated February 1995.....so this current edition marks its 31 year anniversary. Furthermore, Alan celebrated his 90th birthday on 26th January so I'm sure the village would like to join us in wishing him a belated very Happy Birthday. Below is a piece from Alan himself about his arrival in our village and the founding of the Colwinston News [followed by excerpts from editions 1 and 5].

Pat Brand

My late wife, Ann and I were both singers with the award winning Cardiff choir "The Ardwyn Singers", which is how we came to meet Islwyn Morgan and his wife Caroline (long time Colwinston villagers will remember Islwyn and Caroline from their time as residents of Beech Park) on a choir tour. The four of us shared a breakfast table and that is when Ann and I heard of Colwinston for the first time. So enthusiastic was Islwyn in his description of the rural idyll and the thriving village community here that we decided there and then to take a look for ourselves. It so happened that we had decided shortly beforehand to downsize from our Penarth home, but without finding anything inspiring. We chose a Sunday for our visit and went to The Sycamore Tree to ask for a table for lunch, only to be informed that Sunday lunches were fully booked for four weeks ahead. Disappointed – yes, but we were also impressed by the demand. With our booking ahead made, we adjourned to Cowbridge to gaze into estate agents' windows. We finally moved into "Enzian" in the Spring of 1989 and the rest, as they say, is history. Not long afterwards there was a vacancy for Secretary of the Community Association which I was happy to fill, working alongside Treasurer, Phil Jones. Very enjoyable! One activity of the young people of the Youth Club was to produce an occasional news sheet, but Conway Hawkins reported to the Committee in 1994 that interest had flagged and it would be discontinued. We were sorry to hear this, but it was also an opportunity. So it was that the Colwinston News in its present format was born. The first edition was published in June 1994. In those early days I didn't have a computer – just a word processor producing just one hard copy. The Community Council under the chairmanship of Gwyn Thomas provided much needed funding and St David's School Head Teacher at that time, Nigel Kinsey, allowed me to run off enough copies to supply the whole village, including properties as far as Brocastle. I was very amused when the late Dave Thomas told me that he and his wife Margaret squabbled to get hands on the copy when it dropped through the letter box. Over the next eight years and four months I was proud to edit and hand deliver the first hundred editions, thanks to my team of helpers, before handing over the reins. I was delighted to be awarded a plaque by the Community Hall Association commemorating the first century of issues.



How long ago that seems from the standpoint of my 90th birthday last month. I hope that readers will be interested to learn how it began all those years ago and I would like to congratulate Rhian and her team for the developments that have been introduced more recently. Lovely!

Alan McNee

Excerpts from the 1st and 5th Edition of the Colwinston Newsletter

FLOOD CHAOS IN COLWINSTON.

After hours of torrential rain on Friday 27th January, fields in the centre of the village filled with flood water as the hedgerows, initially clogged with debris, dammed normal drainage. Eventually bursting through, a torrent of muddy water was released, which swirled across the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Northmore at the head of Beech Park to a depth of 6"/8", lapping at the edge of the patio windows, before pouring out into the road.

From there, the waters flowed through Beech Park and across the road to surround Quarry House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Padwick. The rear garden quickly flooded against a rear wall and eventually cascaded into the back garden of Kirk Brae, the home of Mr. and Mrs Paul Bowdler. There it surrounded the house and penetrated the rear entrance, before raging down Church Lane, lapping at the door of the Old Parsonage, home of Dr. and Mrs. Dyson. Ty Draw was cut off and there were road closures at Heol Faen, Stembridge and Llysworney.

TENNIS CLUB FACES IRRITATING PROBLEMS.

Some time in the last two or three months the gate to the tennis court was left unlocked and subsequently the padlock was either removed as a souvenir or maliciously thrown away. To replace this padlock means the expenditure of around £50, since keys have to be cut for each member of the Tennis Club. The recovery of the old padlock would be much appreciated and the club will reward its recovery.

During the Christmas holidays, because the court was open, it attracted the attention of other 'sports persons' and the centre net, including the cable were found dumped in a heap in the court - presumably to provide an open area for, possibly, football practice. The net may have been approaching the end of its useful life, but this vandalism finally destroyed it and now it is necessary to replace it before next season's practising may begin.

Now to a more positive note: the bench seats, one of which was purchased in memory of the late George Hawkins, have been removed for renovation by John Lloyd of Ty Colwyn.

When the court is fully reinstated, it is hoped that Tennis Club members will ensure the gate is locked after use and perhaps we should all remember that this facility, which cost a substantial sum of money to construct, is maintained for its intended use and not utilised as a playground.

IMPROVEMENTS at the VILLAGE HALL

This Committee has recently completed the programme of improvements at the Village Hall, which was adopted as a target during the September 1993 to August 1994 period. The carpet in the foyer has been renewed and the floor at the rear of the hall reinstated with tiles to match the remainder of the hall floor. Stage lighting brackets, made by Graham Ireland, have been mounted in the four corners of the Hall, lighting circuits have been installed giving a capacity for 8 lanterns and as a first step we have recently purchased 3 units. (We should like to thank Cowbridge School for their kindness in allowing us to borrow lights for our two most recent events) Finally, Rockwool insulation has been installed in the ceiling void in an attempt to cut heating costs and to improve temperatures in the Hall during the (long) cold season. Thanks are due to Nick Vince for arranging supply, and to Phil Jones, Richard and Cynthia Gibb who laboured to complete the installation in record time. Thanks also to those other volunteers whose help was not eventually needed.

AGATHA CHRISTIE IN COLWINSTON.

When you have got to the end of this piece you may feel that the title is a bit of a cheat, so I had better begin by pleading for a measure of artistic, or at least geographical licence!

Yes, it is true, my grandmother, Agatha Christie, whom I used to call Nima, did spend considerable time at Pwlllywrach during the 1950's and 1960's. Usually she came for Christmas with my grandfather and it was at family occasions like this that she was at her most relaxed. She was a devoted church-goer and loved going to church in Colwinston. I remember that one of her favourites was Vicar Lofts, who (senior residents will remember) had a shock of white hair and a particularly magnificent selection of vestments which she admired enormously.

I wonder why it is that one has such vivid memories of some Christmas presents and no recollection at all of all the others. I can see before me as if they happened yesterday two small elephants, pillar-box red with light blue ears that Nima gave me for an early birthday. Flutt and Butt they were called - and she told me, with their help, all sorts of elephantine stories, which I wish I had written down. Tragedy of tragedies, they disappeared on a car trip to Devon - it is thought lost overboard on the old Beachley-Aust ferry. I also remember a brown wooden train with black funnel and red insides to the wheels, with three goods trucks and a tender which I used to wheel around the house. I think it's still in the attic.

Nima also used to enjoy visits to my other grandmother in Llanblethian. We used to walk around her garden (constructed by Italian prisoners-of-war in 1944) and gossip, which Grannie Nora was expert at. One day we were late for tea owing to an accident at Pentre Meyrick on the A48. I remember my grandfather saying that it was a particularly dangerous piece of road and ought to be widened.

"Wouldn't do any good if they did," said Grannie Nora, "that piece of land was cursed by the gypsies when they were turned off by old Harbour (Homfray)." Thus did Nima learn the legend of Gypsy's Acre from which the book "Endless Night" sprang, in which you find a dedication from one grandmother to the other. Please be careful next time you drive to Cowbridge!

What would she have thought of Colwinston today? It would be easy to say that it had been spoilt beyond recognition, but strangely I don't think she would have felt that. She wrote a lot about villages (particularly in the Miss Marple stories) and I think she would still recognise in Colwinston all the essential ingredients of village life - the church and the village hall, people in little estates, old houses, newer houses, council houses and, yes, the manor house - but still an essential feeling of community, which was for her a fertile ground for the conception of evil.

I miss both my grandmothers - for their love and understanding, for their honesty and for the contribution they both made to my childhood and to so many other people's enjoyment. I was a very lucky young man!

M.P.

Previous editors of the Colwinston News over the last 30 years

We are grateful to Alan for starting the newsletter but others have taken over the mantle over the years to keep this important part of village life alive. Thanks to

Philip Jones, Alan Horton, Julie Lloyd, Kath Jones, Conway Hawkins and Cordelia.

The next scheduled **CollyOil** syndicate delivery will begin on February 1st.
 The next scheduled delivery after that will be May 1st.
 For any questions regarding the oil syndicate please contact *Brett Clee* 07780993196.



Colwinston Cinema

Colwinston Cinema returns in February and the first screening is:

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale PG 118 minutes

Saturday 21 February 2026
 Colwinston Village Hall
 Doors & Bar 7.30 for 8pm start
 Pay on door: £5 (under 18s £4)
 Cash or Contactless

DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE, the cinematic return of the global phenomenon, follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. When Mary finds herself at the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton

Abbey into the future.

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 91%

Audience Guidance: mild bad language, sex references



CLIC

Our CLIC meetings resume on Saturday 17th January 2026 and we will meet on the third Saturday of each month until November 21st. Each meeting starts at 10am and ends at 2pm.

We are a friendly group with a variety of skills which we are willing to share!

Come and join us, bring a packed lunch: tea, coffee and cake are free.
 A £5 fee is charged to cover Hall hire costs. First visit is free.

Contact Sue Thomas
 07753416042

Here is a fascinating map of Colwinston dating back to 1540 which has been analysed by Phil Jones - many thanks Phil



This map is pre Reformation 1540 and I believe relates to property governed by **Eweny Priory**. It encompasses land to the west from Southerndown to Colwinston to the East with a dominant Eweny Priory. The perspective is difficult to read having been drawn South to North in narrative whereas our understanding of places needs to be viewed west to east.

The South West shows the Southerndown coastline. At the bottom of the map above elevation EST is a gathering of houses around a church and is called **COLWINPUS TOWNE**.

Our many medical students will recognise the Latin word PUS as a septic gathering around a wound but the word expanded to relate to other forms of gathering and it describes our village as a gathering of houses worthy of being called a TOWNE. Hence we now know it as COLWINSTON. A good example of the Latin PUS is the creature Octopus. It has Octo (8) tentacles to gather it's prey.

Alongside our village is an area called **THE SYLVENE MYLE**. This is old English and means THE WOODED / WOODLAND MILE. We now know it as THE GOLDEN MILE (common) Alongside is OLD CASTLE DOWN (Castle upon Alun) and NEWPUGS DOWN ??? which leads to Ogmore castle.

King Henry V111 instructed the passing of the Act of Dissolution and the Priory church was dismantled and to avoid rebuilding, instructed THE KINGS MILL be built on the stream at the bottom of EWENNY. With the need to supply the new mill with adequate grain Corntown farm was extended and workers in the area were encouraged to use the ready supply of building material. Eventually the village of **CORNTOWN** developed.

Colwinston and Llyswornery hive

Colwinston and Llyswornery Hive members started 2026 with a **New Year Dinner** in the Village Hall. 39 members gathered for a delicious three course meal provided by Vale Catering. Much fun was had with each table completing a 2025 Quiz, Dingbats and Photo Quiz. Thanks were given to the committee members and to our Chairperson whose will be stepping down this year .

We continue to meet in Colwinston Village Hall on the second Monday of each month. Our February meeting on the 9th will welcome **Debra John** who is a local Storyteller and will present Welsh Spring Stories. We look forward to that.

If you would like to join us, just turn up. A warm we come awaits.



Colwinston Philosophical Society

Thursday February 12th 8.15 pm in **Colwinston School**

Baroness Ilora Finlay will speak on the Assisted Dying Bill

Baroness Finlay is a cross-bench member of the House of Lords where she has been very active in the debate on Assisted Dying. She is also Professor of Palliative Medicine at Cardiff University Hospital. Many thanks to David Webb for inviting Baroness Finlay.

Wednesday March 4th 8.00 pm in the **Village Hall**

Professor Christofer Leygraf from Sweden will speak on The Struggle Behind the Front: Impressions from a Recent Visit in Ukraine. Many thanks to John Duxbury for inviting Professor Leygraf.

For your diary, meetings will also take place on **April 29th and May 13th**. Details from andrewmaclehose@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to our meetings – we have no membership or any other fee (in fact we have no members, officers, or funds). Just turn up. We suggest a £ 1 per head voluntary donation to the Village Hall or Colwinston School when we meet there.

Old Ford Project

After a short break in activity during December and January we are looking forward to 2026 and the joys of the upcoming Spring.

Our recently launched website is the 'go to' place to find out all about the project and all our future activities and working party events (<http://sites.google.com/view/colwinstonoldfordproject>).

We are expecting to receive 60 hedgerow tree saplings in late February/early March from the Woodland Trust to begin restoring the hedgerow line along the woodland boundary creating new habitat and further securing the site.

We would love to welcome individuals of all ages to the volunteer group. Our next meeting will be held on **February 12th** at 7pm in the Village Hall committee room. Please come along if you would like to find out more about how to get involved or drop an email to oldfordprojectgroup@gmail.com.

We would like to thank those who have generously made anonymous donations towards the costs of the project both directly and through our Crowdfunder page (crowdfunder.co.uk). Just search for Colwinston Old Ford Project or follow the donate link on our website.

We have worked with Colwinston Community Council to confirm that the activities of the volunteers are covered by the Council's insurance. This has enabled us to reduce our running costs and enable funds to focus on improvements.

A thank you to Anstee Tree Felling for supplying free wood chippings enabling us to keep the pathways maintained. This year's activities will include a proposed extension of the pathway in the woodland to provide a circular route.

Nature is thriving in the area. We have had sightings of egret and water voles in the waterways. The first bluebells and snow drops are emerging following planting in the Autumn and further wild flower seed planting in the meadow, near the old well, will hopefully result in a bold splash of colours this Spring that everyone can enjoy.



A group of villagers led by Alun Austin have organised several fundraising events in 2025 and have raised an amazing **£35000** for Velindre Cancer Charity. Many of us have benefited from the excellent treatment Velindre offers. Over the past 20 years Alun has been at the forefront of fundraising totalling over **£141000**, benefiting **39 charities**. Our Vale Councillor Christine Cave organised an 'Award for Outstanding Contribution' certificate which was presented to the group by Community Councillor Chairman Gareth Jones on New Years Day in the Sycamore Tree after the Collyball. Alun and the team then held further fundraising that afternoon. Well done to Alun and all the team for their hard work and dedication and to all the village for their support over many years



Colly 4 Cancer – A Remarkable Community Achievement

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Colly 4 Cancer has raised an outstanding **£35,000** for Velindre Cancer Centre. This incredible total is a testament to the generosity and spirit of our village.

It was a real honour to present the cheque to Jonathan Davies and Dr Emma Hudson, who accepted it on behalf of Velindre. Dr Hudson, a Consultant Oncologist, kindly spoke about her vital work at the centre and her own impressive fundraising efforts. Her words offered a moving insight into the dedication and compassion behind the care Velindre provides.



We were also pleased to hear from Catherine Theron, our neighbour from across the road, who has recently taken up the role of Head of Nursing at the brand-new Velindre Hospital, currently under construction. The new hospital will be three times larger than the existing site and represents a major step forward for cancer care in Wales.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated, fundraised, attended events, or supported us in any way. This achievement truly belongs to the whole community.



Message from Alun Austin

Over the past 24 years, our small village has raised an astonishing **£141,650**, supporting **40** different charities. This is an extraordinary achievement, and heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has contributed in any way. A special thank-you to the fantastic team who have supported the events over the past year and beyond. Your hard work and enthusiasm make everything possible.

As many of you know, the past 18 months have been a difficult time for Jane and our family. Your kindness, support, and friendship have made an enormous difference and helped me achieve things I once thought impossible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I believe the time has come for me to step aside and allow the next generation to bring fresh ideas and energy to our village fundraising efforts. I will, of course, be happy to help whenever I can. When you have a moment, please take a look at this short video that was recently shared with me: <https://youtu.be/fmtyvQw5ROk>. Finally, thank you all for everything we have achieved together in our Village and the place I like to call “God’s Little Acre.”

Together we make a difference

Alun Austin

New Year’s Day Events

New Year’s Day brought another hugely successful day of village fun and fundraising.

The competition for the Best Decorated Swede was as strong as ever, with our judges struggling to choose a top three! Unfortunately, the notes were misplaced, so we can’t name the winners—our apologies, but well done to all who entered.

The Swede Rolling Competition saw what we believe to be a record number of participants. While some notes were also lost from this event, we can confirm the following winners:

- Best Boy: **Alex Dodds**
- Best Adult Female: **Lisa Dodds**
- Best Adult Male: **Miles Davies**

A big well done to everyone who took part and helped make it such an enjoyable day.

The auction was once again very well supported. Sincere thanks to all who donated items and to everyone who bid so generously.

In total, the day raised **£1,500**, which will be split equally between the Village Church and the charity Cure EB. Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a group of inherited conditions that cause fragile skin and blistering, often triggered by the slightest friction. Funding research and support for families living with EB is immensely important, and we are proud to contribute. Cheque presentations will follow in February.

Message from Conway Hawkins

Colwinston, Thank you very much.

2025 was an unusual one for me.

It started on January 1st with an entry in the New Year's Honours list saying that I was to be recognised for work that I had done with young people in Colwinston.

In May I was invited to meet The Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan when I was presented with the British Empire Medal, to be followed in June by a visit to Buckingham Palace for a tea party with the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Whilst receiving my medal I was very moved by the kind words contained in the citation I would like to thank the residents of Colwinston who wrote such a magnanimous citation testifying to the value which I, and Colwinston Youth Club have brought to the young people of the area over the years. There have been thousands of them.

I know that I can speak for all of the volunteers who have supported our club when I say that it has been a privilege to work with the young people of the village and their friends. Looking back, we have achieved so much over the years.

Once again Thank You.

Conway



Colwinston Youth Club.

When Colwinston Youth Club opened in 1981, we charged the young people attending 50p a week towards our expenses, rent, insurance, equipment etc.

About 20 years ago that increased to £1 a week and has remained the same ever since.

I am afraid that inflation has caught up with us and our costs are far outstripping our Income so reluctantly we have decided to increase the weekly subs to **£2**.

We are sorry we have had to do this as we recognise that there is still a cost-of-living crisis for some families.

No child should be reluctant to attend if they don't have £2, just sign in and say you don't have it this week. As before only one child from each family has to pay subs: brothers and sisters pay nothing once the first child has paid.

Conway

**Newsletter update from
Colwinston Community Council - Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn**

Little Hill

The Council recently arranged for a regular safety check on the trees at Little Hill. Following this, some work has been undertaken to maintain the integrity of the trees with the removal of some branches to improve the stability of the trees. The work has been completed to avoid any impact on the nesting birds that will be arriving in the next few weeks as Spring arrives in the Village.

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

The dates of future meetings can always be found on our website.

Village Hall News

Happy New Year everyone and we hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year. Santa really enjoyed his visit to the village again this year and he hopes you did to.

As you will see the roof replacement work on the village hall has started and is expected to last until the middle of March, there is a considerable amount of scaffolding around the hall so please be mindful of that when allowing children to play in the area.

We are developing a new website for the hall and would welcome any ideas of things that we should include on it, please contact us at colwinstonvillagehall@gmail.com with any suggestions.

Going forward we feel we need to add some events to this years calendar, although it's early days we are looking at a music night in March/April and Ascot Ladies day (not just for ladies) in June but we will keep you informed as we make plans.

Many thanks to all of those who have supported me during my time as Editor of the Newsletter. To all those who have met the deadlines that I have set, provided ideas on new features, written articles and delivered the newsletter around the village- I am truly grateful. To those who have sent me messages of encouragement or stopped to talk to me when I have been walking Loki - thank you so much for your support.

Special thanks to Sue MacKinnon, my sounding post and of course I thank the Community Council for their support in printing the newsletter.

However, family commitments have changed to the extent that I must now step aside and let the next editor take the newsletter on to greater heights.

If you wish to be the next editor of the newsletter then please do not hesitate to contact me at Colwinstonnews@gmail.com.

Thanks and best wishes, Rhian



Soup Lunch

Pam Haines will be holding Soup Lunches on Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 18th March 12.30pm at the Old School House Colwinston . Please let her know on 01656 654330 if you would like to join in this opportunity to get together with the community.

Some photos from recent church events



Pets of the month

Hello lovely villagers!

I'm **Maggie**, a 5 month old West Highland White Terrier, and I live in the village with my humans, Dexter, Evie, Jo and Fox.

I love **walks, cuddles, stealing laundry**, and occasionally **digging up Mum's bulbs** (I'm working on that...sort of).

My Mum did try to get a pic of me in a Christmas jumper, but I'm not a fan of my clothes...just other people's!

If you spot a small white fluffball trotting about, that's probably me, please say hi!



Tail wags,



Maggie

I thought I'd share this photo with the village of my two long haired Dachshunds **Astra & Ginny** .

Astra (dog on the left) is a shaded cream long haired and Ginny is a cream long haired .

Astra is exceptionally well bred and true to breed ,she was a top show dog .

Astra had a pup before I rehomed her and her pup won two breed classes at crufts last year and is now a grand champion show dog (she is the image of Astra).

Astra's showing career was cut short when she was one certificate away from grand champion status as she had been playing in snow and ended up with frost bite on the end of her tail ! She had to have about an inch of her tail amputated which of course meant no more show ring . She is a pet to us and is enjoying a relaxed life. Both dogs love to travel to horse shows around the UK with us and they are the best lorry guard dogs you could wish forlittle things with a very loud protective bark!

So whilst we have this cold snap please bear in mind any ice balls that gather on tails or feathers need to be kept an eye on. They love visiting the stables with us and they both absolutely love horses!



Linda & Amira Tanner



In September last year, **Jenson** excitedly welcomed **Neos** to our family. He is now a 7 month old golden labrador. He is a typical energetic puppy, who gets very excited when meeting people and has made many friends with waggy tails too! He especially loved the Boxing Day meeting kindly organised by Rocky with a little help from Kath and Gareth too!

Neos is a very clever sock and shoe thief! So please beware if visiting, he likes to leave socks with more than just the one hole in them! When he isn't hiding under the bed with contraband, he loves squeaky toys and chasing a ball - though he still is a little reluctant to give it back so we can throw it again for him!

He is very friendly but he can get a bit too excited sometimes and leaves his listening ears at home! We appreciate all the kind words advice and patience we have received while out walking in our wonderful village.

Thank you all so much, the Nicholas family.