

Work to start on the new Cletwr



With 2016 drawing to a close, we are pleased to share the exciting news that the builders Davies & Evans of Penegoes, Machynlleth will soon be starting work on our new purpose built Cletwr Community Hub. Volunteers and staff at the Cletwr are thrilled with the prospect that they can look forward to working in a new and purpose designed building.

Arwyn George of Machynlleth architects George + Tomos describes the new development "It will be an attractive building to a high environmental spec, with wood cladding and covered outside seating as well as a garden". The new building will house the shop, café, meeting room and children's area. It will be even more welcoming and will offer something for everyone.

Don't let the building work stop you coming to the Cletwr

For the duration of the building work, car parking will be reduced. We hope that this doesn't cause too much inconvenience but are certain it will all be worth it!

So many from our community have generously given their work and time to make this happen and we can all be extremely proud of our new premises. It is owned by the people of Llangynfelyn and is a resource for everyone. As the gateway to Ceredigion, we are in the perfect location to offer a warm welcome to visitors and locals alike.

It's been a year to remember



On March 1st we became owners of the Cletwr and then on May 3rd we celebrated the 3rd birthday of the Cletwr project in style. Cake was eaten and everyone enjoyed themselves. We were thrilled that the Welsh language news programme Heno filmed the event for their programme that evening and joined in with the celebrations.

Could you be a Cletwr volunteer?

Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, ages and with a variety of skill sets. Some give their time on a weekly or monthly basis and some ad hoc, according to each individual. What we have in common is a passionate belief in the Cletwr Community Hub. There are a wide assortment of opportunities for volunteering both 'front of house' and behind the scenes. The café and shop offer people engagement roles and a chance to work directly with our community, as do the workshops, walks and talks.

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Less immediately visible are all of the supporting roles which help make the Cletwr project such a success. Volunteers are involved with gardening, maintenance, administrative support and many more essential jobs. When the new building is finished, volunteers with painting and decorating abilities will be needed. Volunteering can help you to reduce stress, find friends and reach out to the community. It offers the opportunity to learn new skills, and can even advance your career. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for the Cletwr project, please talk to a member of staff. Whatever your skills and available time, the Cletwr Community Hub will gratefully put them to good use.



Volunteering at the Cletwr has its just rewards

HIP HIP HURRAH! It's official!.....our volunteers are the very best and the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action have rewarded their hard work! The Cletwr volunteers recently received volunteer group of the year in the 2016 WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action) group volunteering awards. The Welsh Government award will be welcomed as another sign of the success and effectiveness of the Cletwr project in bringing new life to the Llangynfelyn community.

For the past three and a half years, our loyal volunteers have been working with the Cletwr project staff to establish a valuable and much loved resource. In this rural and relatively remote area, the work of our community hub is able to reach out and respond to the needs of the people of Llangynfelyn, thus tackling the problems of rural isolation. Offering workshops, talks, group meetings and guided walks, the Cletwr is able to unite the community in a unique way.

Karen is at the centre of the Cletwr project

In April 2013, the Cletwr project employed Karen Evans as Business Manager. With a background in retail, Karen was one of the first people in the country to develop stock ordering systems. She then took these systems nationwide, in a training role.

After seven years at home raising her children Karen successfully achieved preliminary accountancy qualifications and was looking for a new challenge. When she learned of the position at the Cletwr Community Hub, Karen said "It ticked all the boxes and I knew immediately that this was exactly the job I had been waiting for". Karen feels that she has learned new skills and particularly enjoys the chance to "bring people together". Living in the village, Karen says that "the community is an extended family" and she loves caring for and working with staff, volunteers, suppliers and users of the project.



What's new this season!

We have extended our range of dairy and gluten free products to cater for customers with these dietary requirements.

A special seasonal offer from us... for £10 you can make your choice of 4 local beers or 2 bottles of wine from a selection in the shop.

And our gift to you? To say thank you for your support, we'd like to offer everyone a Caffi Cletwr Loyalty Card – buy nine drinks and we give you the tenth drink free! Pick up your loyalty card when you are next in the shop.

You all have a stake in the company, so come along to the Cwmni Cletwr AGM on Sunday November 27th at 4.0 in the Llanfach, Tre Taliesin.



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