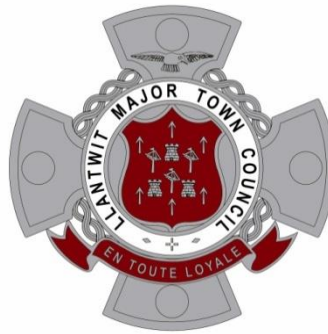


# *Llantwit Major Town Council Cyngor Tref Llanilltud Fawr*



**“IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF LLANTWIT MAJOR”**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For financial year 2016/17**

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2016/17.

Within this Report you will find information regarding the work of the Town Council as well as the many organisations who help make Llantwit Major such a brilliant community.

This year I have been privileged to serve Llantwit Major as Town Mayor. This has been a very rewarding, positive and personally challenging experience. I have been kept very busy visiting many different organisations throughout the Vale, and have organised many fundraising events for my two chosen charities which are Ed Evans Foundation and Marie-Curie – Penarth. I have successfully raised £5,000 during my term in Office. I would like to say how grateful I am to my fellow Town Councillors for all the support they have given me.

Finally I would like to thank all the Town Hall staff for their hard work and commitment to making Llantwit Major such a wonderful to live.

Councillor Mrs S Hanks

Chairperson Llantwit Major Town Council  
2016/17

## **Background to this Report**

This report was compiled following the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The report shows how the Town Council has taken steps towards meeting local objectives as laid out in the local Well-being plan for our area. These objectives are based on our own knowledge and consideration of circumstances and characteristics for our area.

The Town Council have worked with many local organisations to meet the objectives laid out, either financially, administrative support or use of facilities.

Majority of 'projects' are published in the local newspaper, or on the Town Council website. Feedback is always encouraged from local residents.

The report covers the municipal year of Councillor Mrs S Hanks's year in office as Town Mayor and Chair of the Council, which started in May 2016.

Ruth Quinn

Town Clerk to Llantwit Major Town Council

## **LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**

Llantwit Major Town Council serves a population of approximately 14,500. It is the third largest Town/Community Council within the catchment of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Town Council was formed in 1978 although before this Llantwit Major was served by a Parish Council and this can be traced back to 1894.

Llantwit Major (in Welsh Llanilltud Fawr) is steeped in history with it being named as the site of the main church of Illtud, one of the founding Saints of the monastic settlements of the 5th century AD in Wales. Nowadays Llantwit Major is surrounded by countryside and has excellent transport links, as well as to the South the Bristol Channel and the Heritage Coast line.

Llantwit Major Town Council is made up of 14 elected Councillors representing 4 wards, West Ward, South East Ward, North Ward and Boverton Ward. There is a team of 8 staff (including seasonal) working both full time and part time delivering services on a daily basis.

The Council is responsible for many facilities, including 3 community buildings (2 of which are listed), bowling green, tennis courts, 2 playparks, 2 open spaces, recreation field, ornamental pond, cemetery and allotment site.

In 2013 the Town Council resolved to work in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Services and provide a Youth Council. This has continued to grow and representatives from the Youth Council regularly attend Full Town Council meetings and take part in discussions.

The majority of the Councils funds derive from its precept (this is the amount of Council tax allocated to the Town Council). The Council budgets both its income and expenditure for the coming financial year and then a precept request is submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. For the financial year 16/17 the Council estimated that it would require an expenditure of £272,753.00 to allow for running costs of their facilities, projects and grants/donations. It was estimated that an income of £43,435.00 would be generated from its facilities, therefore the remainder, £229,318.00 would be funded from the precept request.

Further details regarding Council members, agendas, reports, minutes, finances and more information is available on the Town Council website [www.llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk).

## **CHAPTER ONE: A PROSPEROUS LLANTWIT MAJOR**

### **What we think we did well:**

- We have liaised and offered advice to local businesses and assisted with the setting up of a new Chamber of Trade for Llantwit Major .
- We continued to work closely with our Youth Council, who provides opportunities for young people from the local School and youth organisations to assist in improving services and facilities for young people within Llantwit Major.

We financially funded and organised an Acting Touring Company to come to Llantonian Hall and put on a Cinderella Pantomime for two consecutive nights in December 2016 for the residents of Llantwit Major.

We have continued to work closely with Fields in Trust and the Rugby Club to safeguard the Recreation Ground as an Open Space for future generations. This is to ensure that everyone – young or old, able or disabled, will have access to free, local outdoor space for sport, play and recreation.

- We have completed the re-roofing of the Old School (Grade II Listed Building). A major financial project undertaken by the Town Council over the last few years. The building houses 2 playgroups, Welsh Scouts and the local archive room.
- We have continued to financially support the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Services to provide a family fun day over the summer holidays.
- We have continued to support local Events organised within the Town which have included the Llantwit Major 10k, Christmas Lighting Up Event, Summer Fair and the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations.

- We assisted with organising and setting up the Llantwit Major Tennis Club, Three of the four courts and now playable to LTA Club Standard,

### **What we think we could do better:**

- Provide more support towards Play Rangers or Fun Days for the local children.
- Continue to build better relationship with local businesses through the newly set up Chamber of Trade.
- Further support family day projects and community events.

### **Facts and Figures:**

- Over 20 families attended the Family Fun Day.
- 30+ children attended the Play Ranger Day.
- Youth Council have met over 10 times this year to discuss many issues
- 40 children regularly attended the playgroup session that meet in the Old School
- The Youth Council raised money for the Town Mayors chosen charities by having a stall at the Llantwit Major Christmas Illuminations Event.
- Over 150 residents attended the Llantwit Major Pantomime over two consecutive nights.

### **What was said about us:**

- “We look forward to your continue support in 2017” (Rhodri Edwards, Manager Fields in Trust Cymru)
- “A wonderful Community Event that brought hilarity to both the young and old. Roll on next year!” Elenid Carlig (Publican of the White Hart)

## **CHAPTER TWO: A RESILIENT LLANTWIT MAJOR**

### **What we think we did well:**

- Continue to provide allotments for the local residents to rent. A Skip was provided by the Town Council to all Allotment Tenants enabling them to remove all unwanted building materials from their Allotment plots.
- The Town Council organised the local School Garden Competition, where all the local playgroups and primary schools are invited to enter. This year the theme was 'Grow your own Fruit and Vegetables'.
- We supported the local Church in their biennial Flower Festival. The Town Council awarded a grant to the committee.
- Members closely monitor the way the Council is run to ensure we use our resources wisely.
- When setting the themes for our School Garden competition we tried to ensure the topic encourages children to think of their environment and how nature can make a difference.

### **What we think we could do better:**

- Work closer with outside parties and the local community to encourage sustainability.

### **Facts and Figures:**

- Our members sit on a range of community organisations, adding value to their work, strengthening community relations and reporting back to the Council to ensure public accountability.



**What was said about us:** 'The children and staff at Gillybeans look forward to the Annual Gardening Competition it gives the children something to look forward to and work towards knowing we will have visitors coming into the playgroup to see what we have been growing. Having the presentation gives our children the opportunity to mix with other children from other Schools and Playgroups' - Gill Holton (Leader of Gillybeans Playgroup)

Photographs School Gardens Event



### **CHAPTER THREE: A HEALTHIER LLANTWIT MAJOR**

#### **What we think we did well:**

- The Town Council assisted with the reformation of Llantwit Major Tennis Club. The Council helped with the cleaning of the tennis courts and getting the Tennis Committee up and running. The Tennis Club has regular children and adult coaching sessions, club times and has already a team playing in a Winters Mixed League Programme. The club had around 40 members since its official set up in June 2016.
- Since 1995 the local bowls club have run an interschool bowls competition on the Town Council bowling green. The event starts each year with a number of week's tuition, followed by a knock out competition. The Town Mayor attends every year to present the shield and gold medals to the winning team.
- By financially supporting the summer play rangers and family fun day the children were encouraged to learn and develop through play, including den making.
- The Town Council continues to maintain and improve the Play Equipment in the U10's and Recreation Ground Play Area.
- We offer a reduced rate in our hiring fees to the local Age Connect which provides a keep fit class for the over 60's.
- Within our School Garden competition we always try and encourage children to learn where their vegetables come from and how they form a healthy diet.
- The Town Council sponsored the Llantwit Major 10k which took place in August 2016 with over 400 runners participating in various races around Llantwit Major. Two Councillors presented prizes and Medals to all participants in the event.

- **What we think we could do better**

- Continue to work with the Tennis Club to improve the facilities and courts and to continue to offer advice and guidance to the newly formed Tennis Club Committee.
- Encourage the local youth services to use more Town Council facilities provide more holiday activities.
- Continually monitor our play provisions to ensure it is inclusive for all to use.

## **Facts and figures**

- 2 primary schools took part in the bowls club competition.
- Over 3,000 children have been coached by the Bowls Club since the competition began.
- The Tennis Academy regularly saw children and adults attending their tennis taster session held on Thursdays and Saturdays. Tennis Club members held weekly club sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

## **What was said about us:**

“A Thankyou to Llantwit Major Town Council for their generous sponsorship and support of the Llantwit Major 10k. Without this considerable contribution the event could not take place” (Llantwit Major 10k Committee)

“Thankyou Llantwit Major Town Council for all your support in our first year of our new Tennis Club. Roll on next year”. (Llantwit Major Tennis Club Committee)



Llantwit Major Children enjoying the Vale Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching Sessions

## **CHAPTER FOUR: A MORE EQUAL LLANTWIT MAJOR**

### **What we think we did well:**

- We supported two local based charities, Marie Curie based in Penarth and the Ed Evans Foundation. These two organisations charities were the Mayors chosen charities for her 2016/17 year in office. A Youth Concert, Coffee Mornings, Raffles and a Banger and Mash Nights were some of the events put on for the Community to raise money for the two charities.
- We awarded a grant to the local Boys Brigade Group to help with their organisation continuing to be able to enter Boys Brigade Members into academic and sporting competitions throughout the United Kingdom.
- The Town Council again supported the Age Connect Christmas Day meal with a financial contribution. The Town Mayor attended this event and thoroughly enjoyed herself.
- When looking at additional play equipment for its play park aimed at younger children, the Town Council always will consider inclusive items.
- Three new street lights have been installed by Llantwit Major Town Council by the Community Hall and the Bowling Club. The lighting was very poor in this area and residents, particularly the elderly who use these facilities during the dark winter nights. Therefore the Town Council have installed, maintain and continue to finance three street lights in these areas to ensure the safety of the residents using the Town Council premises.
- Supported Age Connect at their Christmas Tea party by providing 2 Christmas hampers and Councillors serving food on the day.
- The Town Council are looking into Government funding to increase the width of the footpath around the Recreation Ground to improve the access for families and safer access for the disabled.

- The Town Council are continuing to collaborate with the Vale of Glamorgan Council in the development of a new Play Park in Trebeferad, Boverton. The Town Council has been involved in producing Questionnaires and Meetings with residents of Trebeferad in support of this initiative.
- The Town Council held the Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Over 100 people were invited to attend the event and 12 citizens of the Town were awarded trophies for the selfless contribution to the community of Llantwit Major. (**Appendix A** gives full details of the event and the winners / runners up of each Award Category).

### **What we think we could do better**

- Include more inclusive equipment when upgrading play equipment

### **Facts and figures**

- The Town Council offers reduced rates on all its facilities for those using them to raise funds for charitable organisations or those holding an Event / Classes for those which help residents.

### **What was said about us:**

“Please could you pass on our thanks to the Mayor for her attendance last night at our presentation service. We appreciate the time she took from her busy schedule and hope that she enjoyed the evening. Please could you also pass on our thanks to Councillor Mrs Lancaster who was able to attend the first part of the service. It was lovely to see her once more, and the young people appreciated the gift she left for them.” *2nd L M Boys' Brigade*

“It is great to have these awards evenings to publicise the good works that are being done on our behalf’...’ superb evening to celebrate the Citizens of Llantwit Major Awards’ *Mrs M Geary-Andrews – Secretary of LM Royal British Legion*



## Newly installed Street Lights outside Llantonian Hall



## **CHAPTER FIVE: A LLANTWIT MAJOR OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES**

### **What we think we did well:**

- We administer the Town Study Steering Group which consists of Councillors, representatives from local organisations, police, schools and principle council officers. Major work has been undertaken with all organisations to improve the Signage within Llantwit Major. Particular considerations has been given to better Tourist signs throughout the Town and diversion signs to encourage heavy haulage vehicles not to drive through the Old part of the Town.
- We maintain strong links with the local police, who attend our monthly Council meetings and report any concerns they have and vice versa.
- We have representatives who sit on a number of committees within the principle council, where many issues are address regarding community issues and ways to improve the regeneration of our town.
- The Town Council has been very involved in the setting up of the newly formed Chamber of Trade for the Town. Two Councillors have been elected to sit on the newly formed Chamber of Trade Committee.
- The Town Council worked with local Business Organisations to provide an Open Morning / Coffee Morning for residents offering advice and guidance to the community on various topics including local banking / Insurance etc.
- The Town Council met with Bro Radio to assist with bring the Bro Radio Network to Llantwit Major.

### **What we think we could do better**

- To try and publicise ourselves further throughout the Multi-media social network / Open Meetings etc. Ensure that residents are made aware of what



the Town Council is responsible for within the Town and to make them aware of the future challenges facing the Town Council .

- Continue to Work closely with the local businesses within the Town through the newly formed Chamber of Trade..

## **Facts and figures**

- There are over 40 shops and businesses based within Llantwit Major.

## **What was said about us:**

I would like to express my thanks to yourself and the Town Councillors for considering our funding application and for inviting and listening to our presentation at a recent Council meeting – Bro Radio

### Photograph from the Open Morning



## **CHAPTER SIX: A LLANTWIT MAJOR OF VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING WELSH LANGUAGE**

### **What we think we did well:**

- The Town Council have run a successful Heritage Centre for the past 9 years. The local History Society supports the Town Council with this project and provides the displays and manning for the Centre which is open every weekend between Easter and the end of August. The displays show the local history of Llantwit Major and any major events that have taken place.
- Llantwit Major is twinned with Le Pouliguen in France. Until recently there was a very successful Twinning Association of which the Town Mayor was President. The Town Council tried, unsuccessfully, to get the Twinning Association back up and running.
- The local History Society house their archive room in one of our premises, free of charge. The archive room is open once a week to residents and visitors.
- All new signs wording for our Town Council Buildings and Open Spaces are written in both Welsh and English.
- We now have a member of staff that is welsh speaking and all documentation can be translated into Welsh/English and English/Welsh.
- Any incoming telephone calls to the Town Hall are answered in both Welsh and English.
- Continually Reviewing the Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

### **What we think we could do better:**

- Work harder to try and re-establish the local Town Twinning Association.

## Facts and figures

- Over the past year the Heritage Centre saw over 200 visitors to view the displays.

## What was said about us:

‘ Wonderful to see the room doing so well’ Phil Chappell’

‘ Fabulous – Coming back!!’ Richard Heal

‘ Will come again to look around’ Gwyn Preese

‘Lovely historical town’ Paula Heald

*Comments from Llantwit Major Heritage Centre Visitors Book*

## Photograph of the Heritage Centre



## **CHAPTER SEVEN: A GLOBAL RESPONSIBLE LLANTWIT MAJOR**

### **What we think we did well:**

- Llantwit Major Town Council has been a committed supporter of Fairtrade since January 2009, and ensures all beverages served at the Town Council office and functions are Fairtrade.
- We have been working hard with the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to a increasing the width of the footpath around the Recreation Ground in Llantwit Major.
- Once again held our annual School Garden which is aimed at encouraging children to grow their own fruit and vegetables.
- We always aim to re-cycle items within the Town Council. No items is disposed of as rubbish, we try and use it elsewhere within our facilities if possible.
- Some of the grass collected from the ground maintenance is placed in compost and used in our flower beds and boxes. Any trees which are felled for safe reasons or blown down in winds, are shredded and used on flower beds.
- The Old School Roof (Grade II listed Building) has been reroofed during the Summer 2016. Much care was taken to ensure the preservation of the building and well as preserving the wildlife living in the Old School building. A nest of swifts was discovered within the roof and work was stopped in this area of the building until the nesting season was over.
- West Street Pool needed a major clean to preserve the Pool and its inhabitants for future years. The Project was undertaken with great care to the environment and to prevent as little as possible disturbance to the residents, wildlife and natural habitat. An Annual Maintenance Agreement is now installed to ensure the West Street Pool remains environmentally healthy and safe for future years.

- The Llantwit Youth Council took part in a 'Clean for the Queen Day'. Ten members of the Youth Council with local Town Councillors walked around Llantwit Town Centre and main Tourist attractions picking up all the litter.

### **What we think we could do better:**

- We will continue to look at ways of supporting sustainable approaches to re-cycling, waste management and use of resources.

### **Facts and figures**

- 3 local schools and 2 playgroups took part in our School Garden competition.

### **What was said about us:**

'Thanks to the Town Council for cleaning and maintaining the West Street Pool and the surrounding environment. The pond is much appreciated by Llantwit Major resident's' *Jane Williams (Llantwit Major Resident)*

### Photographs of the Clean for the Queen Event



Old School in the process of being re-roofed



## **CHAPTER EIGHT: A COMPETENT LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**

Within the Welsh Governments draft Local Government Wales Bill, there is a proposed section *General Power of Competence and Community Councils with Competence*. A number of 'competency' tests are listed to help ensure Town and Community Councils are well equipped to meet the challenges ahead. These tests are aimed at bring more consistency to the sector, with a higher standard of governance and financial management.

The proposed tests are (as at April 2016)

- Two thirds of Councillors must be elected – Councillors must be elected at either an ordinary election or a by-election
- Requirement that the Clerk is qualified – A Clerk with relevant professional qualifications, such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).
- Council needs to have clear audited accounts for last 2 years – sound financial management and internal control systems.

Following the release of these proposed 'tests', the Town Council conducted an audit of the above and found;

- 13 of our 14 members were elected by either an ordinary election or by-election.
- The Town Clerk holds the CiLCA qualification and permission has been given for the Deputy Town Clerk to undertake this qualification as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.
- We have a sound management and financial controls in place. Our accounts have been clear on audit for the last 2 years.
- In addition we have a website which contains all agendas, minutes, reports, accounts and contact details.

## **Way forward**

Following the completion of this year's Annual Report the Town Council are planning for the challenges they face in 2017. This includes the additional work that could be incurred as the results of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Reshaping Services Programme are announced as well as the Local Town Council Elections to take place in May 2017.

The Town Council will continue to promote their activities throughout their social media sites and look at further ways to promote and increase the knowledge of the Town Council to the Llantwit Major residents.



Pictures and press release relating to the Town Council over the past year.

## Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

### WELCOME TO LLANTWIT MAJOR

BY THE TOWN MAYOR, COUN SALLY HANKS

THE end of November and December are going to be very busy months for the town of Llantwit Major.

On the 25th and 26th of November, we will be starting the Christmas celebrations.

The Events Group are working hard on lots of exciting Christmas ideas, starting with market stalls on The Precinct on Friday, and the lights being switched on Saturday, with late night shopping and music for all.

There is also a Santa's Grotto and a lantern parade through the town.

The exciting and newly-formed Chamber of Trade, led by Mrs Clare Ingram as chair, Jackie Jenkins as secretary and Nicky Foster as treasurer are asking all local shops to dress their windows for Christmas, and I have the challenging job along with fellow councillor Mick Mason - of judging them.

Also look out for lots of Elves in many of the shop windows, which will be incorporated as a children's competition.

The town council, for the first time, is organising a pantomime, *Cinderella*, over two days on December 14 and 15 in Llantwitian Hall.

Tickets are just £5 each and available from the town hall. Places are limited so buy early.

The town hall will also be open on Saturday, November 26, from 2pm to 4pm for anyone wishing to buy tickets.

Llantwit Major Church is holding an ecumenical carol service on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

I would like to wish all the schools in Llantwit Major a Happy Christmas and I hope they enjoy all their concerts and parties, especially the children and staff of Ysgol-y-Ddraig who will be having their very first Christmas in their wonderful new school.



RIGHT: Just some of the varied Christmas stock that you will find at 'Stevff-Stuff'.

### Bro Radio offers more coverage across the Vale

ON Friday, August 26, Bro Radio switched on a new transmitter, increasing its FM coverage across the Vale, a move which the volunteer-led organisation has spent the past three years working on.

By moving its existing transmitter, the station has been able to expand its FM signal, allowing the station to reach more people across the Vale.

The transmitter move would not have gone ahead without the support of the Vale Council. Barry Town

Council, Llantwit Major Town Council, Llandough Community Council, the station's supportive advertisers and the local community which we serve.

Managing director, Clive Silver said: "The move is testament to the hard work of the staff and volunteers here at the station."

"It's not been an easy process, but we are really proud that the service we provide can now be heard across the wider Vale. We'd like to thank everyone who has supported the project and helped make this a reality."

The move is part of

the station's ongoing commitment to providing a truly local radio service which it hopes the Vale can be proud of.

Now the move is complete, the station is looking to increase its volunteering numbers. It is looking for people who are passionate about music, the Vale or would like to pursue a career in radio.

To find out more information about volunteering, call

Gareth Sweeney on 01446 420 681 or [Gareth.sweeney@broradio.fm](mailto:Gareth.sweeney@broradio.fm)

You can find out more about Bro Radio and the open day at [broradio.fm](http://broradio.fm), or by calling 01446 420 681 and tune into the station on 98.1fm.

### Park damage is 'a recurring event'

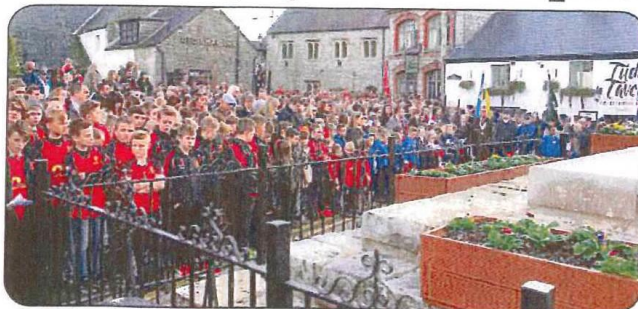
I AM writing this letter concerning the damage to fences in Lorna Hughes Park; it seems to be a recurring event.

The council are good enough to continue to replace the fencing, but recently I noticed that a number of fence panels along the footpath on which children walk to St Illtud's school, were severely damaged due to vandalism.

This is disappointing and disgusting behaviour in a beautiful neighbourhood which takes pride in its appearance.

Steve Moran, Llantwit Major.

## Pride in Llantwit Major, as hundreds of people pay their respects to the fallen



Llantwit Major residents "very proud" of the town: "Llantwit Major can be proud of all those who attended. To see the great number of children from a number of organisations was wonderful and so many residents were impressed. People wore their poppy with pride," he added.

The numbers attending have increased in recent years, reported Coun Gwyn John, who said he was



# TENNIS CLUB ANNOUNCES DATE FOR 'OPEN SESSIONS'

LLANTWIT MAJOR Town Council recently set up a tennis club in the town with the help of Vale Tennis Academy

and Wales Tennis – now it is encouraging people to go along to its first 'open sessions', writes a GEM reporter.

There are four courts on the Recreation Ground in Llantwit Major that local people feel should be used and developed to support tennis in the community.

Spokeswoman Dawn Howles told The GEM: "We are having our first open tennis club session this Saturday (June 4), from 2pm to 4pm at Llantwit Major tennis courts.

"All ages and abilities are welcome. People are welcome to come along and have a game and then join us in the rugby club house at 4pm for a drink and learn more about the newly formed club."

The club needs the support of the community to ensure its future success.

## Local tennis club look ahead to historic fixture



RENTLY re-established club, Llantwit Major will be hosting its first team tennis match in 10 years.

The match will take place on the courts next to Llantwit Hall at 10am on Sunday, September 25. The club is looking for as much support as possible to cheer on the team and witness the historic occasion.

LTC was reformed in July of last year thanks to the efforts of a group of volunteers. Llantwit Major Town Council and local tennis provider Vale Tennis Academy.

The club decided to enter the Wales' Mixed Doubles League to put the club

back on the tennis map competing against teams from all over south Wales.

The winter league season will run up until March 2017 and details of all the club's fixtures can be found on its website, [www.llantwit-tennis.co.uk](http://www.llantwit-tennis.co.uk)

The fixture on Sunday is billed to be the start of a great friendly rivalry against Barry Community Tennis Club, another local club that was set-up as part of Vale Tennis Academy's Park Tennis Programme. After the match both teams and spectators have been invited to celebrate at the rugby club next door.

Over the last couple of months LTC's membership base has steadily grown but to achieve its aim of replacing the current court

surface, will require more members to sign up.

The club meet up every Friday evening and Saturday afternoon from 2pm for social tennis and there is coaching for children every Saturday morning.

Joining Llantwit Major TC allows you free access to the courts, attend weekly social sessions for free, discounted rates on coaching and you will be able to go into our Wimbledon ticket ballot!

If you are interested in joining, please visit our website, [www.llantwit-tennis.co.uk](http://www.llantwit-tennis.co.uk), or email [info@llantwit-tennis.co.uk](mailto:info@llantwit-tennis.co.uk) - you can also find Llantwit Major Tennis Club on Facebook and Twitter.

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## COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IS UNVEILED IN LLANTWIT MAJOR



A special plaque has been unveiled in the town commemorating those who have suffered from conflicts around the world. Local businessman Ian Hunt, Llantwit Major Mayor Coun Sally Hanks, local RBL president Ian Colston, chairman Roger Elliott, World War 2 veteran Jim Morgan, RAF Sergeant Collins, RBL volunteers Heather and Mo were all present at its unveiling.

(FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS STORY, INCLUDING WHERE THE PLAQUE WILL BE PLACED, TURN TO PAGE 3).

## Town Council pantomime

CE again this Christmas cries of "no it isn't - Oh it is!" will be heard again in Llantwit when the ever-popular pantomime *Cinderella* comes to town.

Llantwit Major Town Council will sponsor a pantomime for the first time and has engaged a pantomime company to stage *Cinderella* at the Llantwit Hall for two nights on December 14 and 15.

Tickets are on sale at the Town Hall at £5.

Prince Charming."

for all classes, but under-16s will go free. Numbers are limited to 150 each night.

The town mayor, Sally Hanks, is delighted the Town Council has agreed to stage a pantomime and told The GEM: "There is nothing quite like a pantomime at Christmas. It is a good night out for all the family and if it is a success, I would like to see it become an annual event in the town. I will certainly be buying a ticket to see if *Cinderella* gets to the ball and marries Prince Charming."

## Llantwit panto entertains all ages



IT wouldn't be Christmas without a trip to the panto. Last week, Llantwit Major saw the return of a traditional pantomime with Gerry Graham Pantos and Productions' version of *Cinderella*, which was sponsored by Llantwit Major Town Council.

A spokesman said: "What could make a more romantic, heart-warming start to the Christmas festivities?" "The panto had all the emotional tugs of the

ball gown, really ugly sisters, a cheery Buttons and a magical coach – it was given so many updated twists that there was a surprise round every corner.

"Watch out for the vampire, 'it's behind you'!"

"The show was a laugh-a-minute with masses of interaction with the audience. Some children even begged their parents to return for the second night."

"Fantastic fun from

## Bangers and mash beef up Llantwit Mayor's charity



ABOVE: Mayor Sally Hanks with members of Half Tidy.



LEFT: Mark and Julie Griffin of OFL, with the Mayor and consort William Hanks.

ON Saturday, October 29, Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Sally Hanks hosted a bangers and mash evening in Llantwit Hall, sponsored by Mark and Julie Griffin of OFL (Oils Facilities Ltd).

The sausages and mash were generously donated by John Langford of the Welsh Sausage Company, Welshpool.

The Welsh group Half Tidy entertained everyone with jokes, true stories and music and generously donated their fee to the Mayor's two chosen charities – The Ed Evans Foundation and Marie Curie, Penarth.

The event was a sell-out and made £1,200.

"An enjoyable evening was had by all."



# Celebrating community spirit!



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THE community spirit of Llantwit Major was never more evident than last Saturday, June 25 at the town's fair. The event was held at the rugby club and despite heavy downpours there was an excellent turnout. People even stood in the rain to listen to performers on the stage, including local choirs. Next summer, Llantwit Major will host its traditional Victorian fayre.

## MAYOR'S CHARITY COFFEE



THE Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr Sally Hanks, held a coffee morning in Llantwit Hall on August 13 and it proved to be a huge success for her charities - The Ed Evans Foundation, and Marie Curie Penarth. "Family and friends attended in numbers and many donated yummy cakes to make the event such a financial achievement. "Many thanks to all those who helped or attended. A very enjoyable morning, raised £711," it was reported.

## Going for Gold! Hundreds of competitors turn up for the Llantwit Major 10k series

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EVERYONE who finished the Llantwit Major 10k event last weekend received a medal. What was even more important was that many people raised sums for charities close to their hearts.

Andy Wicks was on hand to capture many of the day's key moments.



The Harry family ran in memory of Claire Harry who passed away on a family holiday recently. They would like to thank the local community for their wonderful support during this difficult time. They raised funds for Thrombosis UK.



## Deep cleaning for local pond



ON Saturday, June 25, Llantwit Major Town Council arranged for West Street Pond to be cleaned. The cleaning of the bottom of the pond had not been done for more than 30 years. A south Wales company, Ponds 4 U, was contracted to clean the pond. However, this process would have taken up to a week to complete had it not been for the kind offer from Llantwit Major Fire Service Department which volunteered its services and time to assist with removing the water from the pond. It was estimated that pumping the water would take a maximum of two hours. However, the amount of sludge and slurry at the bottom of the pond made this task far more difficult than was anticipated. A fire engine and the Young Firefighters appliance were used throughout the day. Many local Llantwit Major fire fighters as well as the young firefighters ensured the project was not only completed, but took just one day to be cleaned. Firefighters were on hand from 10am to 5pm, and despite the awful weather and mud, they remained cheerful and their resolve ensured this project was completed. Their involvement meant there was minimal disturbance for the residents surrounding West Street Pond. A big 'thank you' must be given to the residents who supplied all the helpers, volunteers and contractors with regular cups of tea and coffee. Llantwit Major Town Council would like to offer a big 'thank you' to Llantwit Major Fire Service for its time, effort, determination and sense of humour in undertaking this very muddy task on a typically British summer day! The South Wales Fire Brigade is currently recruiting retained day system firefighters and young firefighters. Contact the South Wales Fire Services website for further information. Dawn Howles, Llantwit Major Town



## Good turnout for mayor's civic service

ON September 18, Llantwit Major Town Council held its Civic Service for the Town Mayor, Coun Sally Hanks.

The service was well attended, and included the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Alan Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, plus mayors and councillors from across the Vale.

The service was held in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major and was officiated by The Venerable Philip Morris.

Coun Hanks was accompanied by her consort, William Hanks, and the deputy town mayor, Coun Jayne Norman. The chains of office were carried by Natalie Hanks, Jessica Jones and Lucy Morgan.

Standards were presented on the day, including Llantwit Major Royal British Legion, Llantwit Major Boys Brigade, ATC 2300 (St Athan) Squadron, Rectorial Benefice of



Photographs by Clare Price

Llantwit Major Mothers Union, Llantwit Major Women's Institute and Boverton Women's Institute.

Readings were given by Glynis Owen, Christopher Hanks and Mark Hanks.

Those attending were entertained by St Illtud's Church choir and Mr Chris Williams, who performed *Calon Lân*.



## JEMIMA THE DUCK MOVES INTO HER NEW RESIDENCE!



LOCAL residents in the West End, Llantwit Major, have clubbed together to give Jemima, the duck, a permanent residence.

Jemima flew into the West End pond several years ago and has stayed there ever since, to the delight of the local community. Watching Jemima has become a firm favourite, particularly for children. However, a recent attack on her by an animal one night this year left her hurt and distressed.

Contributions from local people ensured that she had the veterinary care that she needed, but there was enough money left over to commission a local carpenter to build her a duckhouse.

With the permission of Llantwit Major Parish Council, this was installed last Saturday and will give Jemima a secure and cosy home.

Geoff Poole



## Council joins rugby club to urge owners – 'PICK UP YOUR DOG'S MESS!'



THE Llantwit Major Town Council and the local rugby club are joining forces – encourage dog owners to 'pick up' their dogs.

At a recent Minis trial, a member of public commented: 'While at the rugby b's Sinclair monument, I am appointed to say that ad to walk away m watching the game

to dispose of dog poo that was not far from the try line. This is disgusting, pick up after your dogs! Also, thank you to the lady who gave me one of her bags so I didn't have to use tissue.'

A spokesman at Llantwit Major Rugby Club stated: 'We appreciate it's only a minority who don't clean up after their dogs. At this tournament, there were four age groups of teams and lots of

children. Dog mess is dangerous – please be responsible! If you see another dog foul and the owner ignores it, please ask them to pick it up.'

The Town Council confirmed: 'It has been noted that there is an increasing number of dog owners using the Recreation Ground to exercise their dogs. Unfortunately, a small minority of these owners appear not to be 'picking up' after their dogs. Dog faeces is unhygienic and a health

hazard. Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocarais in humans, which causes serious illness and even blindness.'

'It is caused by a parasite known as Toxocara Canis (also known as Roundworm). These parasites live in dogs' digestive systems. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil. If someone ingests infected material, the eggs may hatch into larvae and can lead to toxocarais.'

'It usually affects children aged between one and four years, but cases of toxocarais have been reported in people of all ages – including those participating in sports, where open wounds can become infected.'

Symptoms of toxocarais can include seizures, breathing

difficulties, a very red and painful eye, and clouded vision, usually only in one eye. Left untreated, toxocarais can cause permanent loss of vision in the affected eye.'

The council added: 'There is no excuse to not pick up after your dog as dog bags are available to be purchased in the library and the Town Hall at a cost of £2 for 100 bags. You can also pick up bags from many shops. Dog bags can be placed in any public bin, although there are two designated dog bins on the Recreation Ground.'

'Over the next couple of weeks, town councillors will be up on the Recreation Ground handing out literature and free dog bags to try and encourage those not 'picking up' to do so.'

## BOWLS CLUB HOLDS SCHOOLS' FINAL DAY



The Llantwit Bowls Club held the Llantwit Major schools' finals on Tuesday, July 5, and the competition to lift the shield was fierce! St Illtyds prospered after a hard day of bowls.

(To read a full report and see more pictures, please turn to page 40).

## Photographs of Events during the past

### School Garden Competition June / July 2016



### Clean for the Queen Day with Llantwit Youth Council June 2016





## Open meeting for Tennis Club and first Children's Tennis Coaching Session



Coffee Morning / Open Morning for residents  
and local businesses



## **Llantwit Major Town Council Newsletter**

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Welcome to the next edition of Llantwit Major Town Council Newsletter. The aim of the Newsletter is to keep the residents of Llantwit Major informed of the Town Council and how they are working to improve and maintain our historic town.

**Can we wish all our Readers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2017.**

### **Remembrance Day Service**



Llantwit Major residents came out in their hundreds for the Remembrance Day Service held at the Cenotaph in Llantwit Major on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Organisations including the RAF, Army, local WI's, Boys Brigade, Brownies, Rugby Club, Local Schools, Vale Councillors, Town Councillors and Political parties marched from Llantwit Major Rugby Club to the Cenotaph.

A Remembrance Service was held at the Cenotaph followed by a minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives fighting for their country.



### **Jemima the Duck**

Following the major cleaning of West Street Pond in June 2016 another successful project has been completed at the Pond. Jemima the Duck, the only resident of West Street Pond, has been rehoused!! On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Councillor Tony Bennet and the Town Councils Handyman, Ray Duncan, installed a house for Jemima on the Pond. The house was bought by donations from local residents following Jemima's injury earlier in the year.



It is hoped to soon have fish re-stocked in West Street Pool following the mystery disappearance of the Koi Karp from the pond in the Spring of 2016 (was it down to a Minx or a Heron, votes still being cast!!). We hope Jemima will be very happy in her new home.

### Panto Comes to Town

Just to remind everyone that a local touring Pantomime Company are coming to Llantwit Major on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Pantomime is Cinderella and we hope to entertain over 100 people on both nights. It is not too late to get tickets. They are available from the Town Hall during Office hours. Tickets are £5.00 each, with U2's free. Please come along and support this local event.



### Highlights of 2016

Brief summary of what Llantwit Major Town Council have been up to this year:-

**Feb 2016** – Mayors Musical Charity Night in St Illtud's Church

**March 2016** – Tennis courts cleaned and relined and Llantwit Major Tennis Club set up

**March 2016** - Cemetery Gates re-galvanised

**April 2016** - Recreation Ground Play Park flooring resurfaced

**May 2016** – Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks elected as Town Mayor for 2016/2017

**June 2016** - School Gardens Competition

**June 2016** - Summer Fair – Promoting Llantwit Major Town Council

**June 2016** – The cleaning of West Street Pool

**Sept 2016** - Skip Hire Day on Allotment Site

**Sept 2016** – Mayors Civic Service

**Sept 2016** – Completion of project to re-roof all of the Old School

**Oct 2016** - Three Street Lights installed by Llantonian Hall and the Bowling Club

**Dec 2016** – Llantwit Major Town Council Pantomime

**Ongoing Projects** – Redecorating and carpeting / re-flooring parts of the Old School Buildings & the Town Hall.

### Mayors Diary

#### 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov (18:00) – Cheese & Wine Evening (Llantwit Major Sixth Formers) – Town Hall

11<sup>th</sup> Nov (11:00) – Armistice Day Commemoration – Civic Office, Barry  
(Deputy Mayor attended)

11<sup>th</sup> Nov (11:00) – Remembrance Day Service St Illtud's Church

13<sup>th</sup> Nov (10:30) – Remembrance Day Parade Cenotaph, Llantwit Major

13<sup>th</sup> Nov (10:30) – Remembrance Day Parade MOD St Athan, RAF St Athan

21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Opening of Ysgol Y Draig School, Llantwit Major

5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Age Connects Xmas party, Llantonian Hall

### Future Town Council Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Footpath Forum

12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Finance & Policy

17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Town Study Steering

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Youth Forum

26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Full Town Council

### Upcoming Events

11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Mayors Music Concert in St Illtud's Church

8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Llantwit Major Citizen of the Year Awards

### Plans for 2017

To replace 100 chairs in Llantonian Hall. The chairs will be burgundy in colour and be a silver framed Banquet style

To expand the width of the Footpath around the Recreation Ground to make it easier for residents to walk safely through the park.

Memorial Safety checks in Boverton Cemetery. New fencing posts around the Centre Circle in Boverton Cemetery.

Town Council elections are planned for May 2017











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Funding Forum  
Town Study Group  
Cemetery Forum  
Fairtrade (Chairman)  
Footpath Forum  
Working Group (Chairman)  
Youth Activities Forum (Chairman)  
Youth Link Councillor  
Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast  
Llantwit Major Lifeguards

## **APPENDIX A**

### **LLANTWIT MAJOR CITIZEN OF YEARS AWARDS 2017**

On the 8th April 2017 Llantwit Major Town Council held its bi-annual Citizen of Year Awards in Llantonian Hall to celebrate the unsung heroes of Llantwit Major. The Town Council would like to thank the sponsors of the event Principality Building Society, Kingfishers Developments (Wales) Ltd and Llantwit Major Masonic Lodge. An enjoyable night was had by all. The Award winners are as follows:

#### **OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY/LOCAL ORGANISATION**

##### **RUNNER UP (Geoff Mortimer)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Mr Geoff Mortimer, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Runner Up in the category of Outstanding Fundraising for Charity was awarded to Geoff Mortimer.

Geoff has spent many years raising funds for Marie Curie. He organises all the Charity Collection Boxes for the local Businesses and Organisations in and around Llantwit Major. He regularly gets up in the early hours of the morning to go to Cardiff Airport to try and get holiday makers to donate to the Marie Curie Charity.

Geoff has raised last year a total of £22,484 for Marie Curie and for 2017 is already raised a total of £6000. An amazing achievement.



He has been nominated by Marie Curie for Fundraiser of the Year and therefore we feel it is only right that Llantwit Major recognise this amazing achievement.

## **OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY/LOCAL ORGANISATION**

### **WINNER (MICKY DIXON)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Mr Micky Dixon, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Winner of the Award for Outstanding Fundraising for Charity/Local Organisation was Micky Dixon.

The success over the last few years of Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club has in no doubt due to the considerable effort, enthusiasm, contribution and coaching skills that Micky Dixon has provided.

In May 2015 Micky was the main spring in organising a Charity Boxing Event at the Cambrian Club, Rhoose which raised £6000 for local charities, including the Welsh Air Ambulance. The event was watched by over 300 spectators that enjoyed ten boxing bouts. All Boxers were Members of Llantwit Major Boxing Club.

This well organised open air event would not have taken place without Micky's outstanding effort and organising abilities.

## **BUSINESS/ORGANISATION, SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

### **SPECIAL COMMENDATION (Mrs Brenda Percy)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Mrs Brenda Percy, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

A Special Commendation Certificate was awarded to Mrs Brenda Percy. This 'young lady' is an inspiration to us all. At over 80 she is still keep Llantwit Major clean and tidy. She is seen daily sweeping up the leaves and collecting the rubbish around all parts of Llantwit Major. Always cheerful and nothing is ever too much trouble for this very special lady.

A Big Thank You from all Llantwit Major Residents, you provide a wonderful service to the Community.

## **BUSINESS/ORGANISATION, SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

### **RUNNER UP (Mr Arthur Thompson)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Mr Arthur Thompson, Jacquie Jenkins, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Runner Up of the Business/Organisation, Service to the Community Award was presented to Mr Arthur Thompson. Most of Llantwit Major will know Arthur as the Funeral Director of W A Browns and a fanatical supporter of Manchester United Football Club! However this is only part of the Story.

Arthur is a regular volunteer at Llantwit Major Events. He helps the Event Group to put up all the equipment for their Summer and Christmas Lighting Up events.

He helps at the annual Aged Connect Christmas Day Dinner held at Bethal Baptist Hall.

Each year Arthur organises a Christmas Service at St Illtud's Church to remember the loved ones that are no longer with us.

He also organises the Annual Easter Egg Collection for Ty Hafan.

Arthur will provide Raffle Prizes for any good cause. A prize he has donated including him chauffeuring and paying for two people to have a meal at a restaurant.

Arthur does not let people know of his kindness and generosity and therefore his recognition goes unnoticed.

### **BUSINESS/ORGANISATION, SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

#### **WINNER (Mrs Elaine Smith)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Elaine Smith, Nicky Foster, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*



The winner of the Business/Organisation, Service to the Community was presented to Elaine Smith of the Chocolate Box Shop.

Elaine is an extremely helpful and dedicated Shop Owner that goes above and beyond to help her customers and other members of the Community. This has helped to ensure the distinctive and unique style of Llantwit Major High Street.

She has been described by many as a friendly, bubbly lady who always has time for a chat! I believe there is even a chair to rest upon in the Shop if a longer chat is required! Her kindness extends beyond the shop and she will regularly hand deliver cards and confectionaries to people unable to get to the Shop themselves.

Elaine is an outstanding citizen of Llantwit Major. Her business over the years has provided so much more than cards and gifts; it sells a real service to the community.

### **SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2017**

#### **RUNNER UP (Mr John Deakin)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, John Deakin, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Runner Up of the Sports Personality of the Year 2017 was awarded to Mr John Deakin.

John has spent a large part of his working and social life playing sport and deserves recognition for the all time and effort he has given both to football and running over the years.

John was a Professional Referee from 1980 to 1992 and has many tales to tell of players and Mangers including interesting conversations with Mr Brian Clough!

On retirement from refereeing John took up a full time post as the Welsh Football Association Premier League Secretary. He was in the role for twenty years and has worked hard to improve the profile of Welsh Football.

Since retiring John has continued his love of sport and at 70+ still runs at least four times a week and is a member of 'Barry Adults Running Club' where he supports and encourages the young ,old (and especially the ladies) to continue running!! He is an inspiration to us all and can still run a half marathon in around 2 hours!!!

He still regularly runs the Barry Island Park Run and hopes to reach 50 runs within the next few weeks. If he is not running he will volunteer at the event.

For John's past and continuing commitment to sport he is thoroughly deserving of the Runner Up Sports Personality of the Year Award

### **SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2017**

#### **WINNER (Mr Adrian Abbott)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Adrian Abbott, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The winner of the Sports Personality of the Year 2017 Award was presented to Adrian Abbot.

Adrian is dedicated to sport despite having a learning disability and cerebral palsy. He tackles every event he takes part in with tremendous enthusiasm and drive and always gives 100%, a lesson to us all.

He has represented Great Britain at the Special Olympics and at the Worlds Games in Los Angeles where he won both Gold and Silver Medals in Kayaking.

Adrian has also won Gold Medals in Golf playing at the Bromsgrove Golf Course. He takes part in any Sports he can including Swimming, Bowling and takes part in the Bob Cook Games held each year in Swindon.

Adrian is a real ambassador for Sport in Llantwit Major and is so deserving of the Sports Personality of the Year 2017 Award. We look forward to hearing all about his further sporting successes. Well done Adrian.

### **YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017**

#### **RUNNER UP (Liam Taylor)**



*Andrew Clarke, Liam Taylor, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Runners Up Award for 2017 was presented to Liam Taylor.

Liam is actively involved in the Community as a member of Llantwit Youth Council , Llantwit Major Boys Brigade as well as recently singing in the Town Mayors Charity Youth Musical Events held at St Illtud's Church.

Apart from all this Liam is being awarded a Runners Up Award for his Charity Work. Liam undertook a sponsored Bike Ride from Llantwit Major Rugby Club to Southerndown and return to raise much needed funds for the Royal British Legion. He arranged his Own Just Giving Page via the Internet and in all raised £353.75 for the Royal British Legion.

As Liam is only 13 years old we feel this is a great gesture and makes him worthy of the Young Citizen of the Years Runners Up Award.

### **YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017**

#### **WINNER (Nat Peters)**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Nat Peters, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Winner of Young Citizen of Year Award was presented to Nat Peters.

Nat's father, Mike, suffered a sudden and serious illness last May. Nat not only continued with his studies at Bridgend College to complete his BTEC Course but he became the main carer for his father. He has taken on all the main household chores; cooking, cleaning, washing....as well as being there throughout the day to support his father while his Mum continues to work. His further education has been put on hold but his positivity, commitment and supportiveness to his whole family is a credit to him. Moving forward he is hoping to continue his further education this September.



## CITIZEN OF YEAR AWARD 2017

### RUNNER UP (1) (Mrs Kath McCollon)



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Kathy McCollon, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

Due to such strong nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award the Committee decided to present two Runners Up Trophies.

The first Runners up Award for 2017 was given to Mrs Kathy

Mc Collin. Since moving to Llantwit Major Kathy has become very much part of the community. She has gone above and beyond her job as a Librarian to support the community including organising many events including participating in the Queen's Birthday Party, organising Charity Coffee Mornings and film nights held at the local library. Many of her initiatives involve children. She runs story telling sessions in English and Welsh both at the Library, schools and local events. She is often known to 'dress up' in an appropriate theme for the event!

She is also very creative and organises knitting and crotchet classes as well as making things to sell for Charity.

Her commitment and support to Llantwit Major made her a worthy candidate for Runner Up of the Citizen of the Year 2017 Award.

## **CITIZEN OF YEAR AWARD 2017**

### **RUNNER UP (2) (Mrs Patricia Mears)**

The second Runners up Award for 2017 was presented to Mrs Patricia Mears.

Patricia has been the driving force in establishing the Llantwit Major Arts and Crafts Groups. Over her time as Chair the Group has grown and diversified. She has organised many Exhibitions of the Groups work. She is a prolific artist in her own right and has used her art to portray images of soldiers on duty.

In addition to all this Patricia has work tirelessly to support and fundraise for 'Help for Heroes. This is a Charity close to her heart as both her sons are in the Army and both served tours in Afghanistan.

Throughout all this Patricia has suffered ill health but has carried on regardless with great determination and humour. An inspiration to everyone and thoroughly deserving of the Runners Up Award.

## **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017**

### **WINNER**



*Mr Andrew Clarke, Matthew Mazzatelli, Councillor Mrs Sally Hanks*

The Winner of the Citizen of Years Award 2017 is given to Mr Matthew Mazzatelli. Maz( as he prefers to be know) received 95 nominations for this Award, totally surpassing any previous Nominee. This shows the appreciation of the Community to Mazz's achievements over the last few years. He has worked tirelessly to organise fundraising events for many charities whilst working full time as Head Steward of Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club. He has supported organisations such as the British Legion, Macmillan, Welsh Air Ambulance, Marie Curie, Churchhill Lines, Help for Heroes and Breast Cancer for Wales.

Maz made Llantwit Major Rugby Club the centre of the Community again, it is not just a Rugby Club now but so much more.

Maz was the main instigator in setting up the Llantwit Major 10k, 5k & 1k Run. This event is now an Annual event, part of the Welsh Athletics Running Calendar and is anticipated for 2017 to have around 500 runners. It is an event for athletes and fun runners and provides business to the Community whilst raising money for Charity.

Also Maz organises each year the 'Party in the Park' giving local Music Bands the opportunity to perform on Stage to the Llantwit Major Community. A fun, family Event providing great entertainment to Llantwit Major, during the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

The commitment, selflessness, enthusiasm and dedication Maz gives to organising these and many more events made him the clear winner of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award.



*Llantwit Major 2017 Award Winners*

