

LATEST NEWS ON RUPERRA CASTLE



The good news is that SAVE Britain's heritage, which has helped to rescue many 'Buildings at Risk' and put Ruperra Castle on its list last year, has acquired some funding for repair work to the Castle walls. Cadw is organising the work to be carried out.

RCPT is very pleased that at last, 76 years after the fire, remedial steps are being taken.

The bad news is that NRW, which now manages the Welsh countryside, is reluctant to allow access for the work to be done. Let's hope that the great crested newts or whoever are holding up progress have now moved to a watery breeding place away from the dry walls of the Castle.

The efforts of RCPT are now concentrated on raising public awareness of the significance of this nationally important scheduled monument and all the beautiful countryside surrounding it. Just as the Morgan family contributed to the economic success of Wales in the past, Ruperra could now provide employment through tourism and ensure survival of the natural landscape.

Please look out for and attend our events.

Pat Jones-Jenkins May 2017

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS No. 5

A DOUBLE WIN FOR TIM!

Draethen is the home of the annual Local Point To Point Series which begins with the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt event followed two weeks later by the Gelligaer Farmers' Hunt event.

When local ex-jockey and trainer Tim Jones was a child, the Point to Point was a local event back then. Eventually it was moved when the land was sold, to return to Draethen in 2002, after an initial delay due to the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001.

Tim's job as Clerk Of The Course is to take overall responsibility for the regulated running of the event. Horses take part in 6 races around an average distance of three miles over birch obstacles of 4'6 in height. There's also a long-distance race of three and a half miles.

The three-mile race has an average first prize of £300 while the average first prize of the long distance race is £350. Also there are 2 children's pony races available. However, no more than 16 horses can race together.

This year, Tim came home with two firsts won by his homebred horses, one even named after our local castle-oriented forestry, Ruperra Tom!

The Point to Point is held annually early in May – so make a note in your diary for next year for a fun family day out. Spectators can enjoy the racing, trade stalls and a variety of food and drinks' stands with a sponsor's tent and licensed bar.

Meanwhile, to entertain the younger children, there's a fairground.



Monthly Luncheon Club:
at Rudry Village Hall on
MONDAY, 12th June
Booking essential – ring
Lyn Lee on **07769 750775**

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FAIR FOR ALL – CHWARAE TEG I BAWB

Have you seen our Vision for Draethen Waterloo & Rudry Community Council – it's on our refreshed website – together with contact details for your local Councillors. Why not check it out today - www.dwrcouncil.co.uk .

Not on-line – no problem, contact details are above.

On the website (and on the local Community noticeboards) we publish the dates of our meetings, minutes and event posters.

- ☺ Contact us through dwrnews@outlook.com to let us know of things going on in your village so we can tell everyone about it. Arranging a village or church fete, charity fundraiser etc etc.
- ☺ Information to share or questions to ask of the community – send these to dwrnews@outlook.com
- ☺ To the website, we've added the bus timetable, back copies of "What's On", links to useful information and other organisations as well as the Facebook feed.

Need to contact the Clerk of the Council for more formal Council business – then that's when you use clerk@dwrCouncil.co.uk .

DWR WHAT'S ON

The DWR Community Council sponsors this newsletter for the residents of Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry. This newsletter promotes local events for our community and produced and delivered by volunteers.

Deadline for July publication is 21 June, 2017. dwrnews@outlook.com

JUNE - WHAT'S ON IN DWR

WEEKLY LOCAL EVENTS

Monday: STEPS Ballroom Dancing, Rudry Hall – Gill on 07966 433818, Rudry Hall
Tuesday: DWR Playgroup 9:30 to 11:30 at Rudry Hall – for details ring 02920 851812.
Tuesday & Friday: Community Library, Rudry Hall 11am to 3pm – 02920 851812
Wednesday: Yoga classes, Rudry Hall - Cath (ccariad@aol.co.uk) or 07890 403654
Most Wednesdays - One Accord church music group. 7:30pm. Ros & Brendan Murray's home, White Hart Drive, Machen, 01633 441361. New singers and musicians welcome.
Thursday: Bedwas Bridge Club 6:00 pm to 9:30 Contact John: 07855 300525
Sunday: St James Church Services 9.30 a.m.

MONTHLY LOCAL EVENTS

Luncheon Club: Monday 12th June 12 to 2 pm at Rudry Hall – booking is essential. Contact Lyn Lee on 07769750775. £5 or 2 Time Credits – All are welcome
W! Tuesday 13th June Rudry Hall - 7:30 pm – Sara 07447 418416
Book Club: 7:30 pm – contact Fiona Evans for location – 07971 447492

LOCAL MARKETS

Caerphilly Farmers' Market: Saturday 10th June at The Twyn, Caerphilly 9am to 1pm.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

Sunday, 11th June – Rake & Bake & Children's Activities, 10:30 am
Pentecost events (Rev Dean Roberts 01633 309691 – rev.roberts@vicar.email)

LOCAL EVENTS

Rudry Parish Hall Music Events:
Friday, 9th June - Martyn Joseph www.facebook.com/martynjosephwales/
Friday & Saturday, 7-8th July 2017 'Between the Trees' Rudry Music Festival
www.facebook.com/RudryFestival/

Saturday, 17th June – Ffiliffest, Caerphilly Castle – Free Fun Day out for the family
Sunday, 18th June – Caerphilly 2k & 10k Fun Run – Remember to plan your journeys!
Saturday, 24th June - Ruperra Food, Craft and Blues Festival, Ruperra Arms, Bassaleg

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