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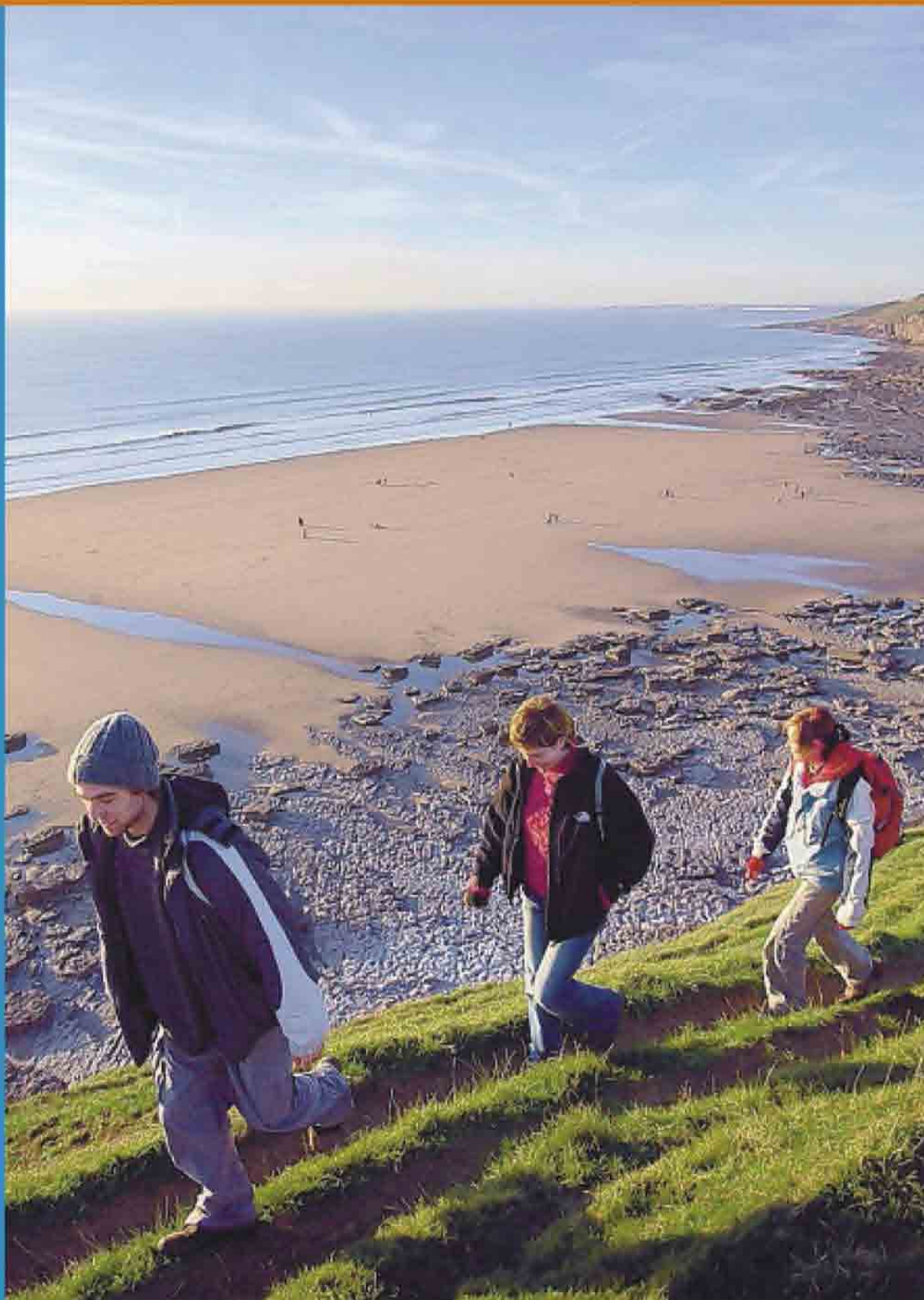
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News in brief

AROUND 1,700 pupils from primary schools across the county have undergone 'lifesaving' training sessions in an annual initiative promoted by the Vale Community Safety Partnership.

The national event, 'Crucial Crew,' teaches safety messages to pupils aged 10 and 11 years old through 10 different workshops in a purpose designed building.

The interactive workshops are presented by South Wales Police and Fire Service, the Council's Trading Standards, Cleansing and Waste Management, Road Safety and Health and Safety (building site) divisions, Western Power Distribution, Red Cross, Inroads (substance misuse education) and Network Rail.



THE Council has expanded a scheme through which residents and visitors are being offered a unique opportunity to make their mark at Penarth Pier.

Through the scheme, in which all proceeds will be reinvested to help with the upkeep of the Victorian structure, engraved brass plaques can be purchased and laid on the wooden decking.

Up until now, plaques measuring 100mm x 12mm (with room for a maximum of 20 characters, including spaces) have been available at a cost of £25 but the Council is now offering a larger format measuring 100mm x 36mm (with room for up to 60 characters, including spaces) at £60.

Application forms are available from Penarth Tourist Information Centre which is open daily until the end of September. Alternatively, requests can be received by email at tourism@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone (01446) 704754.

Unveiling a better Vale for everyone

I would like to draw your attention to the progress made since the last Council elections in 2004 – what you might call a half term report.

The Council continues to achieve against all performance targets and remains among the top performing authorities in Wales in this regard. The finances of the Council are well managed and, whilst having healthy reserves, we have many challenges to address in the medium to long term.

The biggest project is the School Investment Strategy to which we have committed nearly £70m over the next 12 years. This involves building new comprehensive schools for Cowbridge, St Cyres and Llantwit Major, while some £25m has been reserved for primary school improvements.

This represents the largest investment in assets made by this Council and is in addition to the Town Hall and new Central Library, Barry, Dyffryn Gardens and House as well as outstanding work due on the Pier Pavilion in Penarth. Work already achieved includes a new pavilion for Cowbridge Bowls Club, new library for Sully, new youth centre for Rhoose, new family centre for Llantwit Major (in partnership), new Welsh medium comprehensive school (Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg), a new sports centre, and a £3m investment in Barry Comprehensive School.

With the support of a grant, several millions of pounds have been invested in the Penarth Central

Renewal Area representing one of the most ambitious programmes in the history of the Council. This will ensure better facilities, restored buildings of importance and leave the architectural and cultural heritage of the Vale in much better shape than when I first became Leader.

In order to protect this ambitious programme, the Cabinet has made a recommendation to defer the Penarth Headland Link project until funds from development opportunities can be found and, in the meantime, work towards a new car park alongside the Pier. To progress this scheme, with estimates rising over £6.5 million more than predicted, would leave the Council badly exposed to risk and some of our key projects, like the School Investment Strategy, undermined.

At all times, the financial and governance matters of the Council are uppermost in the Cabinet and my mind.

With work already starting on the physical creation of a OneVale contact centre in the Civic Offices, I look forward to most of your queries and issues being dealt with by this method. You will have highly trained and capable officers to deal with your phone calls and e-mails and they will be responsible for providing you with the answer to your question or, indeed, providing the service you require.

Some large policy initiatives need still to be

worked up, namely the Tourism Strategy, Arts Strategy and Barry Regeneration – the way forward. In all these policy areas, we are keen to see a wide ranging view taking account of the fact that it is the Council as a whole that impacts on Tourism and also the Community that interacts with these policies. I will seek public views on any draft policies.

The future direction of the Council is towards serving the people of the Vale in a timely, efficient and effective way. To do this we need to seek your views through an annual client survey so that we are able to identify areas of concern and address them.

The first two years of this four-year term have been packed with activity and progress and, while there is still much to do, I have every confidence that the Council is succeeding and, in certain areas, being a beacon of success for others.

We are not in any way complacent and I would invite you to respond to any contact we may make and feel free to provide us with your views on how we might improve.



Thank you
Cllr Jeffrey James
Executive Leader

Awards in duplicate for the Council's new plans

The Council has achieved a double success in a national awards scheme.

At the annual National Transport Awards for Wales event held in Cardiff Castle, the Council's home to school transport policies and procedures picked up the top accolade for the best local authority plan or policy, while the Vale's interchanges at Rhoose and Llantwit Major stations, developed adjacent to the re-opened Vale of Glamorgan Railway line, won the best integrated transport project category.

The Council's school transport policies and procedures were devised following the tragic accident at Ystradowen in which Cowbridge schoolboy David Cunningham Jones died. The

judges of the awards, organised by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport UK, praised the Vale for its success in tackling a range of issues.

The response of the Council to the inquest was to establish a consultative group consisting of officers, parents, bus operators, school governors, headteachers and representatives from the Assembly to review practices and procedures.

This led to new initiatives being introduced to eradicate bad behaviour on buses, and the Council's comprehensive approach has resulted in the introduction of CCTV on a number of buses, the provision of a seat for every child on school buses, and the introduction of clear rules to deal with unacceptable behaviour and, where necessary,

exclude pupils from school buses. The Council further ensures that all policies are relayed to schools, operators and parents, and has also initiated driver and operator awareness training as well as on site training for schoolchildren.

The additional success for the Council arose from its work on the rail interchanges at Rhoose and Llantwit Major which were delivered within budget and which met an extremely tight timescale. These major developments provide park and ride facilities as well as facilities for taxis, buses and cyclists. At Rhoose, the Council worked in partnership with Cardiff International Airport to ensure a bus shuttle link meets every train in order to provide a free service to the airport.

School holiday dates 2006/07

| Term | Begin | Half term | End |
|-------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Autumn 2006 | Monday 4 Sept 2006 ★ | Monday 30 Oct 2006 – Friday 3 Nov 2006 | Friday 22 Dec 2006 |
| Spring 2007 | Monday 8 Jan 2007 | Monday 19 Feb 2007 – Friday 23 Feb 2007 | Friday 30 March 2007 |
| Summer 2007 | Monday 16 April 2007 | Monday 28 May 2007 – Friday 1 June 2007 | Monday 23 July 2007 ★ |

★ Monday, 4 September, 2006, and Monday, 23 July, 2007, will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days will be at the discretion of each individual school.

★ It is intended that the INSET day on Monday, 23 July, 2007, will either be taken on that day or at an alternative time to be decided by individual schools following appropriate consultation with staff, ie, on a weekend, during existing holidays or in the form of twilight sessions.

All schools will be closed on Monday, 7 May, 2007, for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Christmas
Monday, 25 December, 2006

Easter
Good Friday, 6 April, 2007
Easter Monday, 9 April, 2007

May Bank Holidays
Monday, 7 May, 2007
Monday, 28 May, 2007



Brighter future for young parents

News in brief

Clients have been singing the praises of a unique new project helping parents move back into work.

The Genesis Project aims to remove the barriers so many parents face when seeking to return to training, education, and, ultimately, employment and, subject to set criteria, can fund 100 per cent of childcare costs.

It is part of an all-Wales project linked to key central Government initiatives and is partly funded by the Objective 3 European Social Fund.

Based at 1 Police House on Winston Road in Barry, the Vale's Genesis Project team are Rachel Nugent-Finn and Vickie Wright.

Among the beneficiaries have been young mums Donna Dwyer and Marina Jones, both from Barry.

Mum of two Donna, who gained part-time employment after securing qualifications and certificates at college in typing and accountancy, "began to panic" on realising she had no childcare provision.

Donna was directed to Genesis, and Rachel says: "I was able to set up subsidised childcare for the children at Gibbonsdown Children's Centre to give Donna every opportunity to begin the new job in the knowledge that the children were being well cared for."

Donna said: "Genesis was a lifesaver. I couldn't find childcare and began to worry. But Genesis got it all sorted and for that I am very grateful."

Marina, who has a son, Jay-Lee, and has now accessed two college courses, says: "Genesis has



Among those benefiting from the work of Genesis are mum Marina Jones and son Jay-Lee, who are pictured with Rachel Nugent-Finn

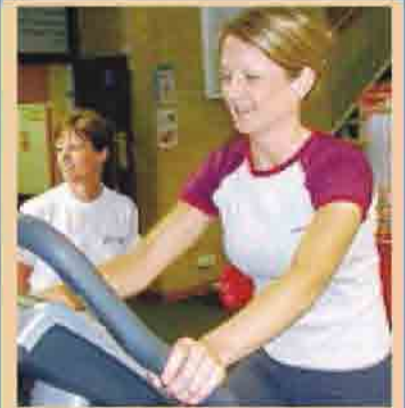
given me the capability to go out and discover courses to help me in the future. At last it felt like I was able to make little steps towards bigger steps to secure a better future for myself and family."

Another person guided by Genesis said "Genesis helped me back into employment and I am now hoping to start college in September to become a

qualified hairdresser."

Rachel said: "I have always had enormous commitment to the Vale and look forward to working with all families to offer every opportunity of a brighter future."

For more details, call Rachel or Vickie on (01446) 730852.



Vale leisure centre customers and staff and members of the general public have generously supported two "Help a Heart Week" fundraising events.

As part of the annual awareness campaign of the British Heart Foundation, the Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth centres organised a LifeStyle Health and Fitness "Tour de Capitals" cycling challenge, while individuals who attend 'Body Blast' and 'Young at Heart' aerobics classes at Cowbridge wore night attire to make collections. The total raised was more than £850.

Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan, which receives major financial support from the Council, has been recognised at the Charity Awards, 2006.

The charity supports people recovering from mental health problems in the Vale through special resource centres and arts/vocational projects.

Event organiser Daniel Phelan said: "The judges were looking for examples of excellence from which other organisations can learn and felt that the difference Mind has made in this area was especially deserving of that recognition."

Mind in the Vale Director Paul Clarke said: "The award reflects the success we have achieved in harnessing the abilities and skills of people recovering from mental health problems and our commitment to work in partnership."

As part of its educational work, the Council's Environmental Health Team has visited a number of the area's schools to emphasise the importance of handwashing as the single, most effective way to prevent spread of disease and infection. The team involved pupils in an interactive hand washing exercise using special equipment - an ultra violet light box and 'magic' cream - to show them which parts of their hands hadn't been washed properly.

Food and fun for all the family

ONE of South Wales' best family events has been given a cash boost by the Council - and is promising 2006 will be its best year yet.

The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival was handed £10,000 by Council Leader Cllr Jeffrey James as plans for this year's event (October 29-30) were unveiled. This is in addition to £10,000 from the Welsh Assembly Government and £5,000 from Capital Region Tourism, as well as sponsorship amounts from Cardiff International Airport and Spar.

The culinary extravaganza was a resounding success in 2005, when more than 12,000 visitors from all over Wales and across the UK as far as York, flocked to the Vale town to sample some of the tastiest treats it had to offer.

The 2006 festival promises to exceed the success of last year, with a host of

children's activities added to the agenda - an ideal weekend break for families.

Children of all ages are welcome at the Food Standards Agency exhibition trailer where they can test their nutrition knowledge.

This will all take place alongside the bustle of the Cardiff International Airport Market Place, which will be bursting with traditional local produce, as well as quality fare from around Wales and the rest of Britain.

There will also be the chance to 'Trial a Sport' at Cowbridge leisure centre, with the opportunity for children to try out as many different sports as possible in an allocated time.

A licensed crèche facility will be available for parents who want to browse the festival and town at their own pace, and for those who would prefer to keep their babies close, free



Council Leader Cllr Jeffrey James and Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival chairman John Davies were joined by youngsters from the town to celebrate the authority's £10,000 contribution to this year's event

valet buggy parking is available to those who bring their baby carriers.

Food demonstrations and talks will also play a big part in the weekend's programme - with TV chef and author of The Accidental Vegetarian, Simon Rimmer, appearing at the festival alongside some of the best chefs in South Wales.

And last year's huge success - the Champagne marquee - will also be

returning with live music, and a place for visitors to relax, if they need a break after walking around the Festival and town.

Festival chairman John Davies said: "We are extremely grateful to the Council for providing us with this extra funding."

"It is sure to be an event to remember, with top quality entertainment for all ages."



News in brief



YSTRADOWEN won the top accolade in this year's Vale Best Kept Village competition.

High Sheriff of South Glamorgan Lady Webb, who was this year's chief judge, said: "All the individual gardens were beautifully kept and the lawns looked as though they had been manicured. Not a weed or a piece of litter to be seen anywhere."

Wenvoe, Gileston, Pendoylan and Colwinston were second, third and joint fourth respectively.

Junior class winners were St Bride's Major Church in Wales Primary School (above, age six to 11) and Cadoxton Nursery School (under five).

Competition chairman Basil Watkins paid tribute to the excellent support of two major sponsors – Lafarge Cement UK (Aberthaw Works) and the Council.

'BALANCING Your Life' will be the theme of a special event at the Barry Memorial Hall in October.

Organised as part of Women's Health Month, the fair has been organised by the Ageing Well Team at Age Concern (Cardiff and the Vale) in partnership with the Local Public Health Team and the Health Alliance.

The event will be held on October 19 between 2-5pm and, funded by the Older People's Strategy, aims to provide women aged 45 and over with a wide range of information and activities about health, well being and lifestyle issues, focusing, in particular, on the menopause and life beyond.

Don't be frightened says Judy

Just weeks after being identified as being seriously obese, a woman has conquered her fears about joining a gym by signing up for the Vale's 'Active for Life' scheme.

Her practice nurse first recommended Judy Ward to join the Big Lottery-funded scheme that encourages physical activity, aims to reduce the risk of heart disease and improve an individual's current general health.

Active for Life co-ordinator Emma Cresswell explains: "The referral programme lasts 12 weeks and is designed for people who want to improve their medical condition and/or well being by increasing activity levels. The scheme involves health professionals referring patients to a team of qualified instructors operating from Vale leisure centres in Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth."

Judy, whose medical conditions include Type II diabetes and arthritis which limit the activities she can undertake, asked her GP to make the referral and has seen amazing results in a short time. Sadly, too, just a year ago, Judy lost a close friend, who also suffered from diabetes and, motivated by the thought of being around a long time for her young family, she visited several gyms with daughter Vykki to find a suitable venue.

The Penarth centre was identified as providing the best facilities and ambience and, after cancelling an initial appointment, Judy rescheduled and was immediately put at ease by the LifeStyle Health & Fitness team. With the unwavering support of her daughter, she made it through the doors. And, what's more, she has not looked back!

Nerys James, one of the LifeStyle Health & Fitness assistants at Penarth, has tailored a unique programme for Judy, including a thorough health test, where she was surprised to discover she was



Judy Ward, LifeStyle assistant Nerys James, Active for Life co-ordinator Emma Cresswell and Judy's daughter, Vykki

dehydrated. Her three times a week routine starts with a gentle walk or cycle and she has now built up to using light weights. Judy has successfully reduced her body fat levels and increased her muscle tone.

Activity has helped to regulate Judy's blood sugar level and, to date, she has lost about a stone and reports "feeling fabulous". Accessing the state of the art Technogym equipment has offered a welcome distraction; she watches the news and followed Wimbledon whilst exercising.

Judy offers the following advice to anyone thinking of becoming an Active for Life member: "Ask your health professional to refer you. Go to the gym for a look around first and trust the LifeStyle staff. If you openly admit that you are nervous, they put you at ease instantly."

Judy, who has dropped an amazing four dress sizes, was so pleased at the end of her 12-week programme that she signed up for permanent membership.

LifeStyle and Active for Life Operations Manager Jon Rogers has congratulated Judy on her progress, and says: "With the help of our fantastic team, and the support of her family, Judy's a true source of inspiration. I hope others will read about her personal success and want to follow suit; as the name implies the scheme encourages you to be active and provides a platform for an on-going lifestyle change."

Anyone wishing to find out more about Active for Life should telephone (01446) 725959. Alternatively, to contact LifeStyle Health and Fitness telephone (01446) 732457.

Helping to spread a little warmth

A Vale scheme is helping stop more and more people from putting their health at risk by living in cold and damp homes.

Launched four years ago, Health Through Warmth has trained more than 700 key workers who have helped in the referral of more than 800 residents for help and advice.

People have benefited from insulation measures and heating repair/replacement.

A £10m nationwide partnership project, in the Vale HTW involves the Council, npower, Neighbourhood Energy Action, the NHS and other local health and community bodies.

An example of the support available is highlighted by the case of a 57-year-old Barry woman who, unable to work because of a back injury and spending a lot of time indoors due to depression, could not afford to have a much repaired central heating system replaced.

HTW arranged for a complete home survey, leading to the installation of a new heating system and loft and cavity wall insulation, the costs for which were covered by a HTW Crisis

Fund and a contribution from a trust fund for nurses. And, as a bonus, the woman's income was supplemented by the trust to the tune of £20 a week for life.

HTW trains health and social care volunteers and workers in communities to identify those at risk. Once trained, workers are able to refer vulnerable people to a range of grant assistance to provide energy efficiency improvements to their homes. HTW Vale co-ordinator Hannah Jones says: "This has a real impact on the comfort of their homes, the size of their fuel bills and also their general health and wellbeing."

The Crisis Fund – boosted by the Welsh Assembly Government – helps vulnerable people who do not qualify for means tested grant schemes or who need help more urgently than existing schemes can provide.

Anyone working regularly with vulnerable people who would like to arrange HTW training for themselves and colleagues can contact Hannah on (01446) 709847, or e-mail hljones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Do not lose your right to vote

In order to prepare the new Electoral Register, which comes into force on 1st December, every domestic property should by now have received an Annual Canvass form.

The Electoral Register is obviously used to enable you to vote. If your name is not on the register, you will not be able to vote.

The Electoral Register is also used by credit agencies to verify your details and proof of residency for mortgage applications, loans, credit agreements, opening of bank accounts, etc. You should be aware that, if you are not on the electoral register, you may be refused credit.

If you have not already done so, you should complete your canvass form immediately and return it in the envelope provided.

If you need further information about the Electoral Register, please contact the Vale Electoral Registration Section on (01446) 709304/305 or 358.



Rebecca tapping into new career

Making her mark in a male-dominated industry is Council apprentice plumber Rebecca Bennett.

Currently studying at Barry College, Rebecca is successfully juggling the demands of her NVQ work with the day job, and her enthusiasm and commitment earned her the accolade of 2004/05 Plumbing Student of the Year.

The only female in her year group on Barry College's inaugural plumbing course, Rebecca says: "It's not a problem at all being the only female working alongside male plumbers. I get on better working with men and find it much more fun. I love it!"

Current figures indicate that there are about 160,000 people describing

themselves as plumbers nationally, with fewer than one per cent being female. The construction industry is increasingly finding that members of the public request trained female plumbers to carry out work in their homes so Rebecca's skills are in great demand.

A job-matching exercise at the Youth Gateway Careers Service in Barry highlighted Rebecca as being "ideally suited" to plumbing, and she adds: "Most of my friends and family laughed at me at first. They didn't think I would be able to stick at it, but they have been really encouraging and are all very proud of me now."

The highlight of Rebecca's training so far was earning her place as a Modern Apprentice at the Council 18 months ago,

with officers recognising her potential to "make the grade." Adam Edwards, Education and Public Building Maintenance Manager, explained: "The local college, in association with the Vale Training Association, present pupils for consideration who are then subject to the interview process. We have been fortunate in recruiting trades where there is an identified skills shortage within the construction industry."

Rebecca is really enjoying the hands-on experience gained from her apprenticeship. "Every day I am learning something new – there is never a dull day," she says. "There are benefits left, right and centre for me. I would recommend it to anyone as long as they are 100 per cent committed."



Rebecca Bennett

News in brief

THE Cowbridge Physic Garden – the first of its kind in Wales – has taken a step nearer completion with the handover of the lease for the land by the Council to the Cowbridge Physic Garden Trust.

The garden, containing plants with medicinal properties, is situated in the centre of the town in a walled garden that belonged to Old Hall, now the Council's Cowbridge Community College. It is due to open to the public in the autumn.

The Council has given the Trust a 25-year lease, and the Garden will be freely available for local people and visitors to enjoy.

Trust Chairman, Dan Clayton-Jones said: "We're delighted by the Council's support for our project. I think this unique project will prove to be both a joy and a treasure to all those who love gardens."

What's on in the Vale

September

Tues 12th – Bat Evening, Dyffryn Gardens

Meet at the education centre for an illustrated talk about bats before walking the gardens with our guides. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Places are limited so please book in advance on 029 2059 3328.

Sat 16th & Sun 17th – Heritage Weekend, Cosmeston Medieval Village

To celebrate European Heritage, entry to the village is at a concessionary rate this weekend. Come and experience Medieval Wales between 11am and 5pm. Call 029 2070 1678 for more details.

Sun 17th – The National Village Show, Dyffryn Gardens

Would you like to be on BBC1's new TV programme, The National Village Show, presented by Alan Titchmarsh? Competition categories include giant vegetables, exhibition vegetables, cake decorating, jam making, and floral arrangement. We are also very interested in hearing from anyone who might want to run a small stall at the event.

To take part please call 020 7432 2935 or email: gbvs@12yard.com. For more details visit www.bbc.co.uk/gardening

Sun 17th – Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Memorial Hall Theatre, Barry

This epic romance is brought to the stage as an operetta with a storyteller, musicians, puppets, a motorbike and a goat! Tickets cost £8.50 and £6.50 and can be bought from the box office on 01446 738622.

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th – European Heritage Open Day, Dyffryn Gardens

All visitors are invited in free of charge this weekend between 10am and 6pm. Call 029 2059 3328 for further details.

Sat 30th – The Devil's Violin, Memorial Hall Theatre, Barry

A night of storytelling and music from 5:30pm. Tickets, costing £8.50 and £6.50, can be bought from the box office on 01446 738622.

Sat 30th – Antonio Forcione Quartet, St Donats Art Centre

Internationally acclaimed acoustic guitarist from Italy who combines technical brilliance with emotional depth. Get ready to laugh, cry and be inspired. The show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £13.50 for adults and £12 for concessions. Call the box office on 01446 799100 or visit www.stdonats.com

Sat 30th – Fri 6th October – Peterston-super-Ely Arts Festival

The festival celebrates its 10th anniversary with a week of art, music and drama including a late summer dance with Abba Dayz and performances by Welsh singer songwriter Mal Pope and The Sue Richardson Quintet. For a full programme of events or to book call 01446 760602, email: paulettehunter@hotmail.com or visit www.peterstonfestival.nildram.co.uk

October

Fri 27th & Sat 28th – Halloween at Dyffryn Gardens

Creepy trails, eerie pathways and spooky stories galore – this is not for the faint hearted! There will also be fancy dress competitions. Prepare to be scared from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Admission costs £3 adults, £2 children. For further details, call 029 2059 3328.

Sat 28th – Halloween at Cosmeston Medieval Village

Spine-chilling aspects of medieval life are revealed as villagers tell tales of terror! Visit the dark side from 6pm – 9pm. Call 029 2070 1678 for more details.

Sat 28th & Sun 29th – Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival

The festival is now in its third year. With over 70 suppliers of top quality produce from throughout Wales and beyond it promises to be another successful festival. Champagne Tent, Salon Culinaire competition, real ale festival, children's activities and more.

For further information call 07875 290428, email: info@cowbridgefoodanddrink.org or visit www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org

Sun 29th and Tues 31st – Ghost Train Specials, Barry Island Railway

The ghostly trains will depart at 4pm & 7pm on the 29th October and 5pm & 7pm on the 31st October. Call 01446 748816 for details.

November

Sat 11th & Sat 9th Dec – Ghost Tours For The Brave, Cosmeston Medieval Village

If you dare, at 9pm take an hour long, candle lit, ghostly tour of the medieval village then sip a glass of mulled ale around a roaring fire. Groups need to book in advance.

Call 029 2070 1678 for more details.

Any groups or organisations wishing to publicise events in future issues of Vale Waves can contact (01446) 709453/454 or email press@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



LINDA Ruston has been appointed as new Disability Sport Wales Development Officer with the Council's Sports, Arts and Play Development unit.

Known to many as 'Rusty,' Linda previously worked for four years at the New Horizons Day Centre in Barry as a day services officer supporting adults with physical disabilities and has also worked as a teacher's aide at Barry's Palmerston Primary School.

Linda, who will lead the strategic development of disability sport locally and determine local demand through liaising with residents, organisations and clubs, can be contacted on (01446) 704728 or email lruston@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Vale residents rise to World Cup recycling challenge

Hundreds of Vale residents showed waste the red card by pledging to make 'recycling their goal' this summer as part of the Council's campaign to maximise recycling during the recent football World Cup.

Residents' fantastic support for the campaign was demonstrated at the kerbside where an additional 100 tonnes of material (equivalent in weight to 100 family cars) was placed out for recycling compared with the same period last year.

Thanking residents for their support,

Cabinet Member for Visible Services Cllr Geoff Cox said: "Residents really got behind this campaign which is evident from the tremendous increase in the amount of recycling collected. We hope everyone will continue to use the kerbside service and help to ensure we meet the challenging recycling targets set by the Welsh Assembly Government."

Residents' pledges were entered into a prize draw to win a football shirt of their choice and Barry resident Ted Gurd was the lucky winner.



Cabinet Member for Visible Services Cllr Geoff Cox enjoyed a game of 'headers' after presenting Mr Gurd with his winning football shirt

Mr Gurd, who chose an Italian shirt which was presented to him by Cllr Cox, said: "It's a great honour to receive the Italian World Cup winner's shirt. Recycling is an important part of our everyday life, providing a cleaner world for our grandchildren's future".

Consumption of recyclable materials, such as cans and bottles, soared during the World Cup. Football fans in Wales alone were estimated to have consumed around 35 million cans or bottles of beer, lager or cider

and 62 million soft drinks!

Vale residents are reminded that they can recycle all of their cans and bottles, along with paper, clean plastic and cardboard using the Council's free kerbside recycling service – recycling doesn't get much easier than this!

New recycling calendars

RESIDENTS are asked to keep a look out for new recycling calendars which will be dropping through every letterbox in the Vale this month. In addition to details on how the kerbside service works, the leaflet will contain information on home composting and our garden waste collection service.

Plastic & cardboard collections

FOLLOWING concerns from some residents about how we collect plastic and cardboard for recycling in the Vale, we would like to reassure you that all material collected at the kerbside is recycled.

We tested various vehicle types before the service was launched last October and found that refuse style compaction vehicles are the most suitable, especially for plastic.

Operational Manager for Waste Management and Cleansing Clifford Parish explained: "By using compaction we can get the maximum amount of recycling into the vehicle during each collection. This significantly reduces the number of times we have to travel to empty them, therefore lessening our impact on the local environment. Cardboard and plastic is easy to separate once it has been unloaded and this is done by our contractor, Biffa, before they send it for reprocessing. I hope this explanation will encourage even more residents to recycle their plastic and cardboard at the kerbside."

Cardboard collected in the Vale is sent to a mill where it is used to produce new cardboard products including boxes and packaging. Our plastic is processed in Wales where it is granulated before being used to make a wide range of items including traffic cones, garden decking, watering cans and kerbside recycling boxes.

Please remove all packaging and flatten cardboard and ensure plastic is washed clean before placing it out for collection.

Schools update

INVOLVING young people and schools in its 'What's in your bin?' campaign continues to be a key area of the Council's work.

The success of a wide range of projects promoting the 'reduce, reuse and recycle' message is very much a tribute to the enthusiastic participation of local children, their families and teachers. Below are just a few examples of recent projects.

To celebrate becoming a healthy and recycling school, Cadoxton Nursery pupils received a visit from one of our kerbside recycling lorries. This proved very enjoyable for the youngsters who were keen to learn how the recycling is dealt with.

We also supported a Cadoxton Primary School Eco Day and used a variety of fun activities to promote the serious waste message. A waste free lunch was very popular and was a great way of challenging families to create lunch boxes that contained no unnecessary packaging.

The eco committee at St Bride's Major Church in Wales Primary School have been helping us trial special 'fruit left over' bins to compost the



Left to right: Scott, Zoe and Louis and their waste free lunch at Cadoxton Primary School Eco Day

waste from their fruit snacks with great success. They estimate that, in one year, they will collect 194 kilos (around the same as 194 bags of sugar) of peelings. We hope to extend this to other schools this year.

Around a third of Vale schools collected an impressive nine tonnes of old Yellow Pages telephone directories for recycling in the annual Yellow Woods Challenge. Llancarfan Primary school were the overall competition winners, with each pupil collecting an astonishing 15 directories apiece to help their school to success.

Two innovative arts projects helped young people transform waste materials destined for the bin into useful items. At Christmas Penarth

Pier was festooned with seasonal decorations made from plastic pop bottles and the tea rooms at Dyffryn were transformed by local school children into a grotto inspired by the children's film, 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.'

Waste Awareness Officer Sam Harrison, who is looking forward to working with schools on a wide range of projects again this year, said: "These projects show you can have fun, learn some important messages and be creative. If you and your children have been involved with us so far, thank you for your support and interest. Working together can help us all think about what's in our bins, and how we can reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible."



Sign of success - McDonalds Barry Franchisee Huw Thomas, Senior Enforcement Officer Denny White and Cllr Geoff Cox, Cabinet Member for Visible Services

Fast food fines make litter campaign a success

A Council campaign targeting fast food litter in Barry has been so successful that it is due to be extended to other areas of the Vale.

Since May, the Council has been working in partnership with McDonalds in Barry to tackle problems with fast food litter in and around their Cardiff Road restaurant.

McDonald's staff carry out regular, half hourly, litter picks in the restaurant car park to keep the area clean but find that some customers continue to drop litter, both around the site and from their vehicles.

A litter enforcement warning sign has been installed by the Council at the entrance to the McDonalds site in Barry to help remind customers that dropping litter is an offence.

Offending customers can be identified by their vehicle registration details and will be faced with a £75 fixed penalty notice issued by the council's enforcement team. This action has resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of litter at the site.

Area Manager Huw Thomas explained: "As a company we strive to keep the area around our store clean. Unfortunately, our efforts are sometimes hindered by a small minority of customers who, despite there being plenty of litterbins, still drop their food and drink cartons in the car park. We were also experiencing real problems on the roads around the restaurant with litter being thrown from vehicles. However, since working with the Council's Enforcement Team we have seen major improvements and I'm sure this will continue."

Cabinet Member for Visible Services Cllr Geoff Cox, who is delighted with the campaign's success, explained: "McDonalds have bins in all of their restaurants and car parks so there really is no excuse for anyone to drop litter. We have seen real improvements in Barry and plan to extend this work to other fast food restaurants in the Vale. We would ask residents to support this initiative as money wasted on clearing litter could be put to far better use improving services".



Waste Management employee Gary Gordan tackles graffiti in a Vale park

Crime prevention on the move

THE Council's Waste Management Department has successfully obtained funding from the Safer Vale Partnership for a 'Clean Neighbourhoods' mini-bus. The mini-bus will be used by the Council and its community safety partners to tackle environmental crime

throughout the county, initially concentrating on graffiti. Residents can help by reporting incidents of graffiti to Visible Services on 029 2067 3000 or by visiting the 'Report a Problem' page of the Council's website -- www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Committed to cleaner streets

THE standard of street cleaning in the Vale is currently being reviewed under the Local Environmental Audit Management System (LEAMS).

Developed by Keep Wales Tidy, LEAMS helps local authorities identify areas for improvement and helps to ensure resources are being used efficiently.

Surveys are carried out on a regular basis, by both the Council and Keep Wales Tidy, to monitor a range of cleansing issues including litter, dog fouling, graffiti, fly-posting and overflowing street bins. This information can then be used to ensure standards are continuously improved.

Head of Visible Services Miles Punter said: "The Welsh Assembly Government is considering using LEAMS to measure performance in all Welsh councils and we are proud to be ahead of the game by implementing the system now. We are committed to improving cleanliness standards throughout the Vale and LEAMS will assist us by providing an independent assessment of our performance. This will enable us to plan our services to ensure standards improve year on year."



Head of Visible Services Miles Punter gives Barry town centre street sweepers Bob Hooper and Mark Steen a helping hand



Under scrutiny

HOMELESSNESS, domestic violence and nursery provision are the latest subjects to come under the microscope of the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

The review of homelessness in the Vale is being conducted by Community Wellbeing and Safety as part of its 2005/06 work programme and involves a widespread analysis of relevant services.

The work has included a series of workshops with homelessness forum representatives, interviews with service users and site visits to fully understand and explore the issues.

The review is now entering the final consultation stage during which recommendations for improvement will be made and a final report presented to Scrutiny during October.

Community Wellbeing and Safety is also leading the review of domestic violence. Focusing on evaluating how the Council contributes to tackling and preventing domestic violence, the review is taking a similar approach to homelessness by engaging with a variety of partner agencies across the Vale and service users who have experience of or been affected by the problem. This will involve conducting workshops with the domestic abuse forum as well as interviewing victims. The findings of this review will be reported to Scrutiny during October.

The third review is considering access to nursery provision, particularly in disadvantaged areas of the Vale, and aims to identify the extent of the provision and the level of demand.

The review also seeks to explore the costs of nursery services, as well as any gaps in provision, so that recommendations for improvement can be made. All key agencies have been engaged in the process, with interviews currently underway. The review will report its findings to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny during October.

Over the next few months, Corporate Resources Scrutiny and Economy and Environment Scrutiny will review facilities at Holm View Leisure Centre in Barry and recycling within the Vale respectively.

For more information about Scrutiny, visit our website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk click on 'Our Council' and follow the 'Scrutiny links' on the left.

Scrutiny meetings

SCRUTINY meetings start at 6pm and are generally held at the Civic Offices in Barry. Members of the public welcome.

- Lifelong Learning – September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 4.
- Corporate Resources – September 12, October 10, November 7 and December 5.
- Community Wellbeing and Safety – October 2 and 23 and November 27.
- Economy and Environment – October 3 and 24 and November 28

Determined to be one of the best

In this follow up article to the 'Improvement Plan' summary published in September 2005, we aim to provide readers with an indication of the progress being made by the Council in a number of key areas.

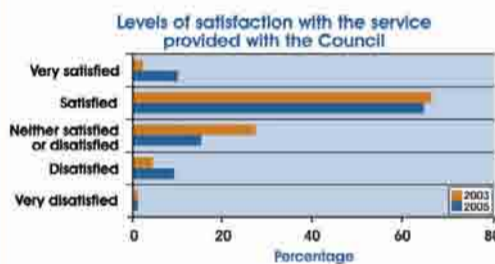
The information shows the determination of the Council to maintain its position as one of the best performing local authorities in Wales.

Community leadership

Achieved through customer focus and good leadership, the Council aims to tackle issues that matter the most to the people of the Vale.

Some of the results show the following trends:

- higher levels of public satisfaction with the overall service provided by the Council
- increased pride amongst Vale residents
- improved satisfaction with communications from the Council; there are plans for future improvements, including changes to this Council produced newspaper.



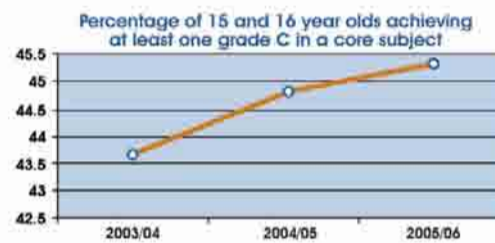
Lifelong learning

Enhancing opportunities for all is extremely important to the Council. Wider participation has much larger benefits than simply on individuals; it also has positive impacts upon local communities and economies.

The results for 2005/2006 included:

- levels of satisfaction with the access and quality of both adult and youth education services remain extremely high
- a slight fall in the number of adults (those aged 16 and over) enrolled on accredited IT, literacy and numeracy opportunities; changes are being made to ICT courses in the hope that more learners will be attracted in the coming year
- the percentage of 15 and 16 year olds

achieving at least one Grade C at GCSE level in either English, Welsh, mathematics or science has increased; there are still improvements to be made; the School Improvement Service will be continuing to provide support to ensure that further positive developments are achieved.



Community wellbeing

Community wellbeing means creating a safe environment for residents, one which looks after and protects all residents. The Council works in partnership with local bodies, such as the Local Health Board, to achieve these aims.

In this area in 2005/06, the following results were achieved:

- 100% of looked after children began the year with a care plan in place
- there has been a reduction in the number of days, on average, a homeless household spends in temporary accommodation and, with the extension of the Homes 4U scheme, further reductions should be possible
- increased levels of satisfaction with leisure centres, with around nine out of 10 people satisfied with the facilities.

The environment

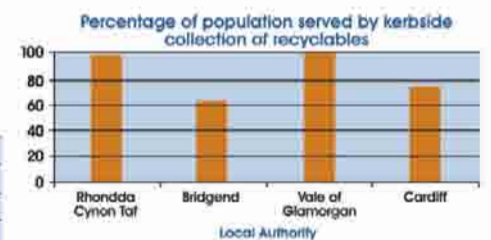
The Council feels it important to conserve and enhance the local environment. There are plans to try to limit the amount of impact of Council provided services on the local environment and to reduce waste production.

Some of the key areas of performance in the last 12 months:

- public satisfaction with the cleanliness of public spaces has increased by over 10%, and further improvements are planned
- 100% of households in the Vale are now

served by kerbside collection of two or more recyclables

■ the condition of principal roads has improved slightly; further investment is being made.



Regeneration

Improvements to the local area directly benefit residents but also help to encourage other people and businesses to locate within the Vale. Regeneration projects are also central to the plans of the Council.

Key areas to note are:

- the near completion of the Barry Town Hall and surrounding area
- the maintaining of high standards in inspection of food premises
- in 2005/06 a further 26 businesses received Council help at the start up stages.

Corporate resources

The Council strives to make best use of the assets and powers at its disposal, including the workforce. Making the best use of available resources means improvements in service delivery and performance.

Key performance information includes:

- a seven-day reduction in the average length of time to process new benefit applications
- a reduction of nearly 1.5 per cent in the levels of employee absence due to sickness
- the percentage of Council Tax due to the Council and received in 2005/2006 rose to 97.4 per cent; the Council hopes to maintain these levels in the coming year.

Targets to ensure further improvement have been set for 2006/2007. If you want to obtain more information, visit the Council's website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Meetings focus

ALL members of the public are invited to attend meetings of the Council which start at 6pm in the Civic Offices at Barry unless otherwise stated:

- Cabinet (2pm) – September 20, October 4 and 18, November 8 and 22.
- Full Council – October 4.
- Planning – September 27, October 18, November 15 and December 13.
- Licensing (10am) – November 7.
- Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison – November 22.
- Community Liaison (7pm) – September 26 and November 21.

September 30 deadline

THE Council is reminding residents that they have just this month left if they wish to appeal against any Council Tax revaluation of their properties. The revaluations were announced by the Welsh Assembly Government in April, 2005, and any appeals must be lodged with the Valuation Office Agency by the end of September.

Anyone unhappy with their new band must, in the first instance, contact the VOA on their helpline number 0845 600 1748. All households within the Vale have

already been informed of their valuation band but they can be checked on www.voa.gov.uk.

The Council is emphasising, however, that, lodging an appeal, does not entitle an individual to withhold Council Tax payments. If an appeal is successful, individuals may be entitled to a refund of any overpaid tax.

Anyone requiring further general information on Council Tax can telephone (01446) 709564 or email counciltax@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Lifelong Learning – Courses for adults 2006 – 2007

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is committed to supporting and encouraging more people to enjoy the benefits of learning throughout life



Visitors to the annual art exhibition celebrating the achievements of Adult learners in the Vale

Making learning fun – whatever your age

Sign up now for one or more of the many learning opportunities available to you locally. Courses start in the week commencing September 25, 2006.

How to enrol

You can obtain our full prospectus and enrolment form from Community Learning Centres and libraries or by telephoning main centres. Late enrolments are accepted when places are available.

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| Barry 01446 733762 | Penarth 029 2070 1569 | Cowbridge/Llantwit Major 01446 773831 |
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How much will it cost?

The cost of a 10-week, two-hour class is £45. Concessions are available if you are retired or in receipt of benefits.

Key to venues

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Barry area | | SO | Sully Old School |
| BI | Barry Island Community Hall | SS | Sully Skills Development Centre |
| CM | Cadoxton Moors Community Centre | VS | Victoria School |
| CS | Barry Comprehensive School | Rural Vale | |
| HP | Highlight Park, Barry | CC | Children's Centre, Llantwit Major |
| PC | Palmerston Centre | CL | Cowbridge Lower School |
| RL | Rhoose Library | CM | Cowbridge Middle School |
| RC | Rhoose Community Hall | ES | Eagleswell School |
| Penarth/Dinas Powys area | | LC | Leisure Centre, Llantwit Major |
| AR | Albert Road Community Centre | LS | Llantwit Major School |
| BC | Bryd Street, Penarth | OH | Old Hall, Cowbridge |
| KH | Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys | PS | Peterston-super-Ely Church Hall |
| KY | The Kymin | SA | St Athan Village Library |
| LH | Lee Hall, Dinas Powys | SB | St Brides Major, Church Hall |
| LP | Lower Penarth Community Centre | SD | St Donats Art Centre |
| MC | Murch Community Centre | TH | Town Hall, Llantwit Major |
| PY | Penarth Library | YC | Youth Centre, Llantwit Major |
| SC | St Cyres Comprehensive | WV | Wick Village Hall |
| SH | Stangate House, Penarth | WC | Wick Cricket Pavilion |

Sign Up Now Campaign

Free taster courses and special events will be taking place throughout the Vale during September. New courses, one-day courses, special events and summer schools are held throughout the year so keep in touch with main centres to find out what's going on in your local area.

Barry

FREE creche available at Palmerston Centre (limited spaces available)

Art

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-------|
| ACE1AR104E | Painting and Drawing | Mon | 30 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1AR105D | Drawing for Pleasure | Fri | 30 | 10-12noon | PC |
| ACE1AR116E | Life Drawing | Wed | 30 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1AR101D | Painting and Drawing | Tue | 30 | 10-12noon | PC |
| ACE1AR102D | Painting and Drawing | Wed | 30 | 10-12noon | PC |
| ACE1AR110D | Painting and Drawing | Wed | 30 | 1-3pm | BI |
| ACE1AR113D | Painting and Drawing | Thu | 30 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1AR117D | Painting and Drawing | Wed | 30 | 1-3pm | RC |
| ACE1AR103D | Painting and Drawing/complete beg | Thu | 30 | 10-12noon | PC |
| ACE1AR108D | Watercolours | Tue | 30 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1AR109D | Watercolours | Wed | 30 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1AR117E | Watercolours | Tue | 30 | 7-9pm | CS |

Commercial and Computers

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|-------|
| VG5048P1 | CLAIT (Improvers Word/Excel/Access) | Tue | 30 | 1.30-3.30pm | PC |
| VG5044P1 | CLAIT (Word/Publisher/Internet) | Wed | 30 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1IT116D | Computer Workshop/Improvers | Fri | 30 | 1-3pm | RL |
| ACE1IT167E | Computer Workshop/Improvers | Wed | 10 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT210D | Computer Workshop/Improvers | Tue | 10 | 11.30-1.30pm | PC |
| ACE1IT101D | Computers for Beginners | Wed | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | CS |
| ACE1IT103E | Computers for Beginners | Thu | 10 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT105E | Computers for Beginners | Mon | 10 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT129D | Computers for Beginners | Thu | 10 | 11.30-1.30pm | BI |
| ACE1IT131D | Computers for Beginners | Tue | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1IT170D | Computers for Beginners | Mon | 10 | 1-3pm | RL |
| ACE1IT219D | Computers for Beginners | Mon | 10 | 10-12noon | CS |
| ACE1IT222D | Computers for Beginners OCN | Mon | 10 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1IT134D | Computers for Beginners with Internet | Tue | 10 | 1-3pm | CS |
| ACE1IT110D | Computers for Improvers | Thu | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1IT132D | Computers for Improvers | Thu | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | CS |
| ACE1IT235D | Computers for Improvers | Mon | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | CS |
| ACE1IT174D | Computers Workshop/Improvers | Thu | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | BI |
| ACE1IT229D | Computers Workshop/Improvers Plus | Thu | 10 | 1.30-3.30pm | BI |
| VG5026P1 | ECDL | Fri | 28 | 9.30-12noon | CS |
| VG5087E1 | ECDL | Tue | 28 | 6.30-9pm | PC |
| VG5046P1 | ECDL | Wed | 28 | 9.30-12noon | PC |
| VG5041E1 | ECDL | Thu | 28 | 6.30-9pm | PC |
| ACE1IT196D | ECDL Advanced | Wed | 30 | 12.30-3pm | CS |
| ACE1IT505D | ECDL Workshop | Mon | 10 | 4-6pm | PC |
| ACE1IT136D | Email (Nov,Mar) | Mon | 5 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1IT242D | Internet and Email | Thu | 10 | 11.30-1.30pm | CS |
| ACE1IT135D | Internet (Sep,Jan) | Mon | 5 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1IT157E | Introduction to Web Design | Wed | 10 | 5-7pm | PC |
| ACE1IT232E | PC Maintenance | Wed | 20 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT127E | Using Your Digital Camera/Beginners | Mon | 10 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT173E | Using Your Digital Camera/Beginners | TBC | 10 | TBC | PC |
| ACE1IT206D | Using Your Digital Camera/Beginners | Tue | 10 | 10-12noon | CS |
| ACE1IT300D | Using Your Digital Camera/Beginners | Thu | 10 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1IT207E | Using Your Digital Camera/Improvers | Tue | 10 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1IT230D | Using Your Digital Camera/Improvers | Thu | 10 | 3-5pm | PC |
| ACE1IT301D | Using Your Digital Camera/Improvers | Wed | 10 | 3-5pm | PC |

Crafts

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|-------|
| | Card Craft Club (Affiliated Group) | Wed | 20 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR116D | Christmas Crafts (Nov) | Wed | 5 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR117D | Creative Cardcraft | Wed | 10 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR139D | Creative Cardcraft | Tue | 10 | 1-3pm | HP |
| ACE1CR133D | Festive Floral Arrangements | Tbc | 5 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR130E | Flower Arranging for Beginners | Tue | 30 | 7-9pm | CS |
| ACE1CR129D | Flower Arranging for Improvers | Thu | 30 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1CR131D | Jewellery and Textiles | Thu | 10 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR132E | Jewellery and Textiles | Tue | 10 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR112E | Sugarcraft | Wed | 30 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR113E | Traditional Leaded Glass | Wed | 30 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR114D | Upholstery | Fri | 30 | 9.45-11.45am | PC |
| ACE1CR108D | Modern Decoupage | Tue | 30 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1CR113D | Mosaics and Crafts | Mon | 10 | 1-3pm | BI |
| ACE1CR127D | Mosaics | Thu | 10 | 9.30-11.30am | PC |
| ACE1CR109D | Pottery and Ceramics | Thu | 30 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR110E | Pottery and Ceramics | Tue | 30 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR122D | Soft Furnishings for the Home | Mon | 20 | 1-3pm | PC |
| ACE1CR126E | Soft Furnishings for the Home | Wed | 10 | 7-9pm | PC |
| ACE1CR112E | Sugarcraft | Wed | 30 | 7-9pm | PC |

To enrol for any of these courses, please telephone Barry 01446 733762, Penarth 029 2070 1569 or Cowbridge/Llantwit Major 01446 773831

Lifelong Learning – Courses for adults 2006–2007

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|------------|---|-----|----|-----------|----|
| VG5021E1 | ECDL Workshop | Thu | 30 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2IT702D | Excel – Beginners (17/11/06) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT709D | Excel – Advanced (23/3/07) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT715D | Excel – Advanced (9/12/06) | Sat | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT708D | Excel – Intermediate (2/12/06) (16/3/07) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT711D | Internet/Email (21/10/06) | Sat | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT113D | Internet/Email (Sep,Jan,Mar) | Tue | 10 | 11.30–1pm | OH |
| ACE2IT710D | Powerpoint – Beginners (30/9/06) | Sat | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT705D | Publisher – Advanced (26/1/07) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT704D | Publisher – Beginners (8/12/06) (24/3/07) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT700D | Word – Beginners (29/9/06) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT701D | Word – Intermediate (20/10/06) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |
| ACE2IT707D | Word – Advanced (18/11/06) (9/2/07) | Fri | 1 | 9.30–3pm | OH |

Cookery

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| ACE2CK106E | Cooking for the Terrified (Jan) | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | CM |
| ACE2CK105E | Cooking with Tony (Sep,Jan) | Wed | 10 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CK103E | Italian Cookery | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CK107E | World Cookery | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | CM |

Crafts

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-------|
| ACE2CR100D | Calligraphy | Thu | 20 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2CR121E | Calligraphy | Wed | 20 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CR123D | Card Crafts | Thu | 10 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2CR117E | Ceramics and Mosaics | Wed | 20 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2CR118E | Floral Designs for Beginners | Tue | 20 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CR116E | Interior Design | Thu | 20 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2CR103D | Pottery | Wed | 30 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2CR104E | Stained Glass Workshop | Wed | 25 | 7–9pm | CM |
| ACE2CR105E | Woodwork and Woodcarving | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | CM |

General Interest

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|---|-----|-----|--------------|-------|
| ACE2GI124D | Bridge (Year 2) (10 Oct) | Tue | 20 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2GI125D | Bridge (Year 3) (10 Oct) | Tue | 20 | 12.45–2.45pm | OH |
| ACE2GI120D | Bridge for Beginners | Tue | 20 | 3–5pm | OH |
| ACE2GI126D | Bridge for Beginners (9 Oct) | Mon | 20 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2GI104E | Bridge for Improvers | Thu | 20 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2GI114D | Gardening for Pleasure | Mon | 10 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2GI128D | Lunchtime Reading Group (Monthly) (4 Oct) | Wed | | 12–1pm | OH |

Health and Beauty

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|-------|
| ACE2CH123E | Introduction to Astrology | Wed | 10 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CH122E | Introduction to Dowsing (Jan) | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CH120E | Introduction to Reflexology | Tue | 10 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2CH121D | Meditation and Relaxation | Wed | 10 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2CH124D | Pilates | Thu | 30 | 12.45–2.45pm | SB |
| ACE2CH127D | Pilates | Mon | 30 | 1.30–3.30pm | WV |
| ACE2CH128D | Pilates | Fri | 30 | 9.30–11.30am | OH |
| ACE2CH106E | Tai Chi | Mon | 20 | 7–9pm | CL |
| ACE2CH107D | Yoga | Mon | 30 | 10–11.30am | OH |
| ACE2CH108D | Yoga | Mon | 30 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2CH109D | Yoga | Tue | 30 | 10–11.30am | OH |
| ACE2CH110D | Yoga | Tue | 30 | 1–2.30pm | OH |
| ACE2CH111E | Yoga | Tue | 30 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2CH112D | Yoga | Wed | 30 | 10–11.30am | OH |
| ACE2CH116E | Yoga | Wed | 30 | 7–8.30pm | ES |
| ACE2CH117E | Yoga | Wed | 30 | 7–9pm | ES |
| ACE2CH118D | Yoga | Thu | 30 | 1–2.30pm | TH |
| ACE2CH119E | Yoga | Thu | 30 | 7–8.30pm | ES |
| ACE2CH120D | Yoga | Thu | 30 | 1–2.30pm | WC |

Languages

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
|----------|---------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------|
| VG7022E1 | Cymraeg (1) | Wed | 30 | 7–9pm | LS |
| VG7093P1 | Cymraeg (1) | Wed | 30 | 10–12noon | OH |
| VG7060E1 | Cymraeg (1) | Wed | 30 | 7–9pm | OH |
| VG7080P1 | Cymraeg (2) | Thu | 30 | 1–3pm | OH |
| VG7061E1 | Cymraeg (2) | Tue | 30 | 7–9pm | LS |
| VG7005E1 | Cymraeg (2) | Thu | 30 | 7–9pm | OH |
| VG7011P1 | Cymraeg (3) | Tue | 30 | 1.30–3.30pm | WV |
| | Cymraeg (3) | Thu | 30 | 10–12noon | OH |
| VG7020E1 | Cymraeg (3/4) | Tue | 30 | 7–9pm | LS |
| VG7012P1 | Cymraeg (3/4) | Mon | 30 | 1–3pm | TH |



Nearly 300 'Learning Journeys' stories from students at Vale Community Learning Centres were displayed at various venues as part of celebrations for Adult Learners' Week

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|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|
| ACE2LA110E | French (1) | Mon | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA126E | French (1) | Wed | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2LA109D | French (1) OCN | Mon | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA128D | French (2) | Mon | 25 | 12.45–2.45pm | OH |
| ACE2LA111E | French (3) | Mon | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA112D | French (3) | Tue | 25 | 12.45–2.45pm | OH |
| ACE2LA161D | French (3/4) | Mon | 25 | 1.30–3.30pm | LC |
| ACE2LA114D | French (4) | Tue | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA162D | French (5) | Thu | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA161E | French 2 | Tue | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA164D | Intermediate / Advanced Italian | Thu | 30 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2LA118D | Italian (1) | Tue | 30 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA137E | Italian (1) | Thu | 30 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA138E | Italian (1) | Wed | 30 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2LA157D | Italian (2) | Mon | 30 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2LA163D | Italian (3) | Tue | 30 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2LA142E | Spanish (1) | Tue | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2LA143E | Spanish (1) | Tue | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA165D | Spanish (1) | Tue | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA140E | Spanish (2) | Thu | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2LA141D | Spanish (2) | Mon | 25 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2LA159E | Spanish (2) | Wed | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2LA166D | Spanish Two Day Intensive (Sep) | Tue and Thu | 10 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2LA120D | Spanish (3) | Mon | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2LA122E | Spanish (3) | Mon | 25 | 7–9pm | |

Music and Dance

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
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| ACE2MD113E | Biodanza | Wed | 10 | 1–2.30pm | OH |
| ACE2MD101D | Music Appreciation | Fri | 20 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2MD109E | Salsa Dancing | Mon | 20 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2MD103E | Salsa Mixed Dance Beginners | Thu | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |
| ACE2MD102E | Salsa Mixed Dance Improvers | Thu | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |

Personal Development

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
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| BCL2PD103E | British Sign Language Stage 1 (BC) | Wed | 28 | 6.30–9pm | OH |
| BCL2MT108E | Maths Workshop GCSE/AS (BC) | Wed | 30 | 6.30–9pm | LS |
| BCL2EX103D | Professional Teaching Qual Stage 1 (BC) | Mon | 12 | 12.30–3.30pm | OH |

Sports and Fitness

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
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| ACE2SF101E | Men's Keep Fit | Tue | 20 | 7.30–9pm | CM |
| ACE2SF102E | Men's Keep Fit | Wed | 20 | 7.30–9pm | CM |

Textiles

| code | course title | day | wks | time | venue |
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| ACE2TX100D | Patchwork and Quilting | Mon | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2TX101E | Patchwork and Quilting | Wed | 25 | 7–9pm | OH |
| ACE2TX102D | Patchwork and Quilting | Thu | 25 | 10–12noon | OH |
| ACE2TX103D | Patchwork and Quilting | Thu | 25 | 1–3pm | OH |
| ACE2TX105E | Patchwork and Quilting | Tue | 25 | 7–9pm | LS |