

and let us know, we don't bite, honest. It is your society and you tell us what to do, not we tell you.

P.S

Don't forget we have produced Calendars and Christmas cards which are currently on sale, these are not restricted to members but are also on sale to the general public. These can be obtained from the committee.

SOCIAL EVENING / BUFFET

A Social evening and buffet has been arranged at The Red Lion Penderyn on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30 pm. This event is open to members and guests and the cost is £6.00 per head. We need to know numbers in advance, so if you would like to attend, please let the committee know, and pay no later than 7th December 2011

Reminder

As previously mentioned we have been unable to obtain the assets of the old society, so if you have any old photographs, documents, stories or any information you think may be of value to our society please contact any committee member. Any photographs or documents can be copied and the originals returned to you.

Thanks in anticipation

The committee

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Community Historical Society

Newsletter

No: 1

Dear member,

Message from the Committee

As you are aware, the above society has now been in existence for the past 6 months, and considering that we started with nothing, we, the committee think that we have achieved quite a lot during this time. We currently have 34 members on our books but are always looking to increase our numbers, so please spread the word and lets see if we can recruit more people!

Update

During the past six months we have been busy trying to get the society off the ground. We have received substantial donations from W D Lewis and Hanson, and in return have presented both companies with a framed photograph from years gone by. Welsh Whisky as you know has offered members a free tour of their facilities, this will take place on Sunday 20th November 2011 at 2.00 pm.

As you know the assets from the previous society had been distributed to local organizations and all photographs, audio and scrapbooks have been donated to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.. The Committee have tried their best to obtain copies of these items from the NLW but unfortunately the scrapbook has been copyrighted and we are therefore unable to obtain any copies for our records, we are still however waiting a response on the audio and photographs. It has therefore been decided that we will produce our own scrapbook. June has already started this project and if you feel that you can contribute towards it in any way please approach June or any committee member with your idea's.

We were lucky enough to get some names of people who were associates of the late Richard Evans, who many of you will know, held a vast amount of photographs both old and new of Penderyn and the surrounding district. We have approached some of these people and they have kindly given or allowed us to copy some of Richard's collection. To these people we are all gratefully thankful. To date we have in our possession about 150 photographs. These are stored digitally on an external hard drive which has been purchased from the funds. All

information regarding the society will be kept on this drive and backups are made in case of failure. We are also in the process of purchasing a filing cabinet which will be kept at the community centre to store the society's effects.

The Future

What of the future? what do we do now that the society is set up and running smoothly? We now need to start thinking about what our aims are, what information we need to gather and who/where we start collecting or researching.

For a such small village, Penderyn has a wealth of history associated with it, we need to collect this information and preserve it for future generations. This is no easy task, as Penderyn has changed counties on many occasions, it has been in Breconshire, Glamorganshire and is currently in the borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff. The records associated with Penderyn have also moved from county to county and some have been lost along the way, but there is still a lot of information out there if you know where to look. The internet is a great tool and source of information, **but** we have to be very wary of this. Although information is there to be accessed it is not always correct, proper research has to be done to confirm its accuracy.

As mentioned we are currently compiling a scrapbook hopefully to contain all aspects of Penderyn Village life, both past and present, but we need to look beyond this and start searching in all directions looking at different aspects at anything associated with the village that may need preserving for future generations.

We hope to produce a quarterly news letter for members which will keep you up to date with what is going on within your society, and the committee would be grateful to receive from the members any input to this publication.

Remember, it is your society and as a member we would like to know your feelings about our progress (or lack of) so far. Please approach us