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Y Cross Cas-lai

Newsletter

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Updates

Welcome to the latest edition of the Y Cross Cas-Lai newsletter.

As we head towards the end of 2024 we are pleased to provide you with an update on the latest pub developments. It has been a very busy and productive year for our Community Pub and Hwb.

Lots of hard work and dedication from the Board, Committee and our team of incredible volunteers has made all this possible. It has been a learning process for us all with lots of ups and downs, but we are proud of what has been achieved and we look forward to 2025.

Onwards and upwards 🎉🌟

Pub Management

We had initially hoped to recruit a Pub Manager. Several applications were received, 2 offers were made but sadly

both were turned down on personal grounds. As a result, the Board reviewed the situation and decided to implement a different strategy.

Overall running of the pub is now undertaken by an operations team working with the employed staff. This was the approach adopted in the interim period when there was no Pub Manager and as this was felt to be working well, it was agreed to continue with this operating model.

The downstairs area of the pub including the kitchen and dining area is now fully operational. There is now disabled access from the car park.



Food now available

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jane, a very experienced chef which has enabled us to start to serve food.

This is a significant step, offering a new and exciting dimension to the overall pub experience. The menus consist of delicious home cooked meals using local produce and a commitment to ensure prices are as affordable as possible.

Our team of dedicated volunteers continue to help with kitchen prep and serving of meals, ensuring diners have a great experience.

Come and try out the new menus!!!! Bookings are advised so please call 📞 01348 840216 to secure your table.

All menus available as takeaways too 😊



Mon - Weds

Sausage rolls and pasties are being served on the bar.

Thursday

Thrifty Thursday 2 courses for an amazing £10 available from 12 – 3pm

Main menu and lighter bites available from 5.30 – 8.30pm

Friday

Main menu and lighter bites available from 5.30 – 8.30pm

Saturday

Main menu and lighter bites available from 12 – 3pm and 5.30 – 8.30pm

Sunday

Sunday Roast menu available from 12 – 3pm

Opening Hours

The pub is now open at the following times:

Monday & Tuesday
Open 5pm – Close

Wednesday
Open 3pm – Close

Thursday
Open 12pm – Close

Friday
4pm – Close

Saturday & Sunday
12pm - Close

Community Hwb

The Hwb has continued to develop over recent months and now has a dedicated following. The groups meet each Wednesday afternoon and offer the following activities:

Craft@Hwb

The Craft@Hwb group meet from 12.30 – 2.30pm.

To commemorate Remembrance Day, they recently created amazing displays of both poppy artwork inside the pub, and knitted poppies which were placed outside the pub and on the village War Memorial.

This was indeed a novel and fitting tribute for this important occasion.



Plans are underway for a Christmas Nativity display. There's no stopping these ladies!!!

Walking Group

The Walking Group continues to get out and about from 2 – 3pm before returning to the pub for well-earned refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with the Craft@Hwb group.



New Hwb members are very welcome. Pop along on Wednesday afternoons.

CAMRA

Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) members get together each week, sampling our ale and providing valuable advice on what we should be serving. This helps us provide an ever-changing array of delicious real ales, often from local breweries.

CAMRA always welcome new members. For more information take a look at the [CAMRA](#) website or pop along and meet the regulars at Y Cross.

Please note there will be no Hwb activities on 18th Dec.

Job Vacancies

We have the following vacancies available:

Cleaner – Approx 1.5 hours per day to be finished by 10am.
Needed 5 days per week Thursday - Monday

Bar staff for evenings and weekends

Please contact Shirley Bevan on 07790 412287 to discuss.

Events

The pub continues to host regular events, including music nights, the fortnightly quiz every other Wednesday, hosted by our expert quizmaster Lucie and the weekly Darts League on a Friday evening.

We have a calendar of events so please take a look, get dates into your diaries and come along to support these events.

Music Nights

We are welcoming the following music acts during November and December:

30th Nov
Two Suns Band 8pm

26th Dec
Will Scott (Guitar & Vocals)

29th Dec
2 B Good 3pm

Welsh Lessons

Through our successful partnership with Menter Iaith and Dysgu Cymraeg Sir Benfro, we have been offering Welsh Lessons for learners.

The first session was held on 19th November.

At the 2nd session on 17th December Cor Dysgu Cymraeg Sir Benfro (Welsh Learners Choir) will be joining us from 7pm for an evening singsong, including Welsh folk songs and Welsh Christmas Carols 🎄

December Events

Running up to Christmas we have the following events:

4th Dec
Quiz night with Lucie 7.30pm

6th Dec
Darts League 8pm

11th Dec
Hwb Walking and Well-being & Knit and Natter Christmas party 12.30 – 3pm

12th Dec
Bingo night hosted by the YFC

13th Dec
Darts League 8pm

14th Dec
Christmas Darts Night 8pm

15th Dec
Choc/ Gin/ Wine/ Cheese tasting afternoon 3pm

17th Dec
Dysgu Cymraeg Sir Benfro Welsh Learners Choir, Christmas Carols, Welsh Folk Songs and lots of fun from 7pm

21st Dec
Father Christmas visiting 6-7pm, followed by Christmas raffle at 8pm

31st Dec
New Year's Eve Karaoke with 'Ginge' 9pm

All are welcome 😊

Please get in touch if you have ideas for future events. Kay, our Events Co-ordinator is always keen for new suggestions.

Recent Events

Halloween

Lots of spooky fun was had on 31st October with a Halloween event.

The pub was transformed inside and out with an amazing display of

decorations and many of the village children and their families enjoyed suitably themed games, food and drink 🎃👻🍷

Autumn Rugby

All the Welsh Autumn International rugby matches have been shown live in the pub. These games have all been really well attended.

We look forward to cheering on the Welsh team in the 6 Nations starting in February 🏉

Season's Greetings to you all and thank you for your ongoing support.

Brian, Ellie, Sharon,
Shirley, Steve and Mike

