



## Momentous day for the Memo!

A landmark EU-backed project to restore Newbridge Memorial Hall and Institute to their former glory reached a key milestone in July with the official re-opening of the iconic Institute building. A plaque dedicating the building back to the local mining community, who originally helped fund it, was officially unveiled by Lord Don Touhig. The trustees were also delighted to welcome local star James Dean Bradfield of the Manic Street Preachers to the event.

## Have your say

Residents are being encouraged to give their feedback on the frontline Public Services that the council is responsible for, including Recycling and Refuse Collection, Grounds and Parks Maintenance, and Civic Amenity Sites. Take part in the survey at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/surveys](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/surveys)

## Caerphilly signs up!

**50+** Positive ACTION  
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Caerphilly has signed the Dublin Declaration 2013 for Age Friendly Communities and Cities, which shows our commitment to work towards adopting the World Health Organisation principles that will make our communities more age friendly. To find out about Caerphilly 50+ positive action call Mandy Sprague on 01443 864277.



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# Caerphilly County Borough Delivers



## Honour our heroes

Residents are being encouraged to turn out and show their support for the brave men and women of the Royal Welsh when they march through Bargoed on Saturday 28th September at 12 noon. The troops will parade through Bargoed town centre to mark the third year anniversary of the regiment receiving the Freedom of Caerphilly county borough.

## Proms return

BBC Cymru Wales has revealed a star-studded line-up for BBC Proms In The Park 2013 on Saturday 7th September in Caerphilly. Tim Rhys-Evans and Connie Fisher will co-present this year's event. To keep up to date with the latest developments and ticket information visit [www.bbc.co.uk/promsinthepark](http://www.bbc.co.uk/promsinthepark)

**BBC Proms**  
IN THE PARK  
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## 3,000 Get online

Get Caerphilly Online has now helped 3,000 people get online and start their digital journey. In the last three months alone, nearly 500 people have been given opportunities to get online, whether they are starting from scratch or just improving their digital skills. For information visit the website [www.getcaerphillyonline.org.uk](http://www.getcaerphillyonline.org.uk)

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## Big Cheese Success

**Over 60,000 people turned out to enjoy the fun at this year's Big Cheese Festival in Caerphilly.**

People of all ages flocked to the site to take advantage of the wealth of attractions including live music, historic re-enactments, craft stalls, comedy shows, food marquees and the huge funfair.

## Outstanding volunteers



**Grassroot Heroes from across the county borough have been recognised for the valuable voluntary work they undertake in the local community.**

This year's Voluntary Sector Achievement Awards, run by the council and Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO), attracted entries from people of all ages, from all sections of the community. Rita Evans from Abercarn was crowned Supreme Volunteer.

## New school for 21st Century

**The council has announced plans to build a new state-of-the-art secondary school as part of the authority's ambitious 21st Century Schools programme.**

A wide-ranging consultation exercise will be undertaken to ensure all interested parties get the opportunity to have their say during the 2013 Autumn term.



## Landmark takes shape

**Building work on a brand new community hub in the heart of Caerphilly town centre is set to be completed this autumn, bringing a range of first class facilities for residents and visitors alike.** Work on a state-of-the-art Library and Customer Service Centre located on Twyn Square is expected to be completed by October this year with the facility likely to be open for business early in 2014.

## Cheer the Cyclists

**Elite cyclists from across the world will race through the streets of the county borough on 19th September during the Welsh leg of the Tour of Britain.** We play host to the end of Stage Five of the race, which will again include two gruelling ascents of Caerphilly Mountain before the riders cross the finish line at the Castle.



## Improving YOUR homes

**The council recently invited tenders from suppliers of materials needed to complete the Welsh Housing Quality Standard programme of work.** A 10 year partnership agreement has been offered to Robert Price Builders' Merchants, a family run Welsh SME with a long history of supplying materials for WHQS contracts. The Council will invest £210m up to 2019/20, to bring all the homes up to the WHQS.



## Supporting front line staff

**Caerphilly has become the first council in Wales to be officially accredited by The Living Wage Foundation.** The authority has been named as a 'Living Wage Employer' for the commitment it has shown to providing lowest paid members of staff with the living wage, currently calculated at £7.45ph.



## Spotlight on Ystrad Mynach

**The council's Town Centre Management Team are now supporting Ystrad Mynach alongside the other key town centres in the area.** New branding has been developed and businesses are being encouraged to get involved. The council's 'Unique Places' model of Town Centre Management, has already been successfully applied to Caerphilly, Blackwood, Bargoed and Risca town centres.

## New look for Newbridge

**Newbridge Leisure Centre is back in business with a brand new welcoming atmosphere for customers.** The Centre boasts a refurbished reception area, an additional poolside changing room, and impressive improvements to the pool.

