



25th October 2021

# CILCAIN COMMUNITY SHOP NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS



## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In late September 2021 we welcomed Margaret Humphreys on to the Management Committee and the Management Committee Members are now:

Milly Riley (Chairperson), David Facer (Vice-Chairperson), Sarah Parr (Treasurer), Lucie Skates, Margaret Humphreys, Philip Higgins (Secretary).

If you would like to join the Management Committee, and contribute to its governance, just get in touch with any of the current members.

We have a lot of work to do in the rest of this year and into 2022. The involvement of our members, employees, volunteers, and customers is vital to ensure that the Community Shop remains a viable proposition.

Remember, Cilcain Community Shop Limited is owned by its Members (you). The Management Committee is here to manage the affairs of the Society on your behalf.

This year, as last year, we sponsored one month of the Village Hall Calendar (more details on page 2).

In July of this year, we purchased a new bean-to-cup coffee machine with an integrated milk heating system, making the production of hot drinks simpler and quicker for our staff and volunteers.

Earlier in the year we had asked one of our regular café groups whether they would consider returning for their regular Wednesday morning get-together. As we could not run the café in the shop, we decided to hire the main hall and welcomed the group back on 6th October. Well, it was a slow start as quite a few had other appointments at one place or another, but the following week they returned en masse and the hall reverberated with conversation and laughter.



The Wednesday Morning Café will now be open every week from 10 am to 12 noon, so pop along and have a coffee, tea, piece of cake with your friends. We hope to be able to expand the café service one step at a time, depending upon main hall availability.



*Cilcain Community Shop is very grateful for support from the community of Cilcain and these organisations*



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## *Cilcain* **2022** **Calendar**

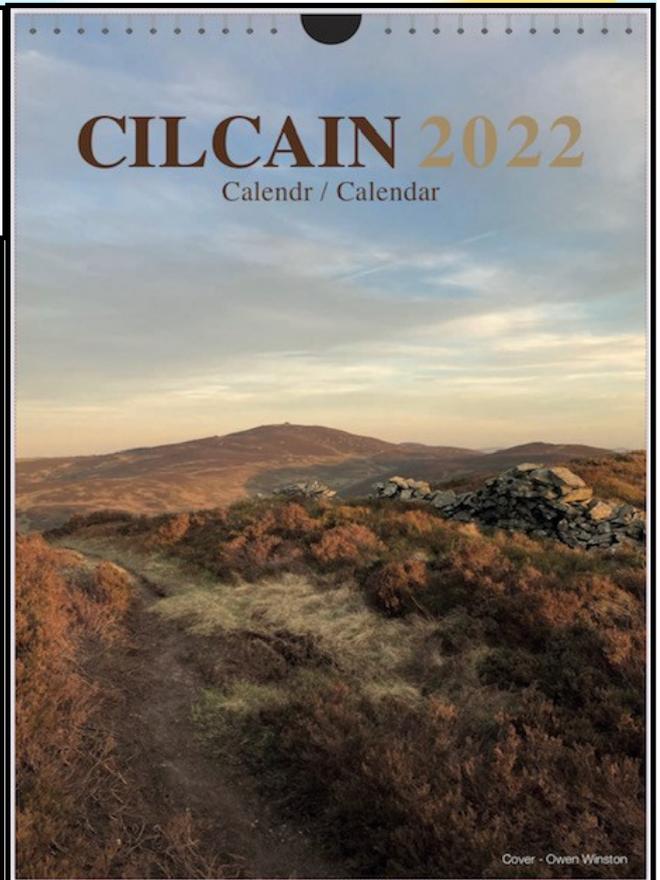
The Cilcain Village Hall Calendar, on the theme of 'Life In And Around Cilcain through the seasons', will be available soon. The cover photograph was taken by Owen Winston who did many shop deliveries on his bike in 2020.

Printing costs have been covered by generous local business sponsors. (Please support them where you can).

All proceeds go towards maintaining and improving Cilcain Village Hall.

Calendars cost £8, or two for £15 and are available from the Community Shop.

Cash or cheques payable to 'Cilcain Village Hall'. You cannot pay by card, sorry!



One of our challenges in 2022 will be the increase in electricity supply costs. Our existing electricity contract expires on 31st December 2021 and, at the moment, we are facing a 40% to 50% increase in electricity charges. We are considering many options that might help to reduce our electricity consumption, including solar panel installation, but in the short term increased operating costs are inevitable (as with most households).

Thank you to everyone for helping to keep the shop running. Sam, Di, Milly and Dave for keeping the shop well stocked with essential items and our customers for your patience and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment. Thanks to all those that have helped to run the Wednesday Morning Café's.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cilcaincommunityshop/>

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