

as cash rolls in for village hall project

The £214,000 multi-purpose community centre about to be built in St. Dogmaels is one of the most ambitious projects undertaken by a Welsh village.

The plans to extend and improve the village Memorial Hall is the biggest project to be submitted to the Welsh Office by a village and chairman of the fund raising committee, Mr Barrie Forster was proud of the way the village had responded.

"We aimed high when we made our application to the Welsh Office" he explained to the Tivy-Side.

"Many thought we were too ambitious and should settle for

less, but we made our application in two phases and got what we wanted".

He was the first to admit they would have had little chance of success if it hadn't been for the effort of Mr Brian Jones, of Menter Bro Preseli Rural Enterprise.

"The enterprise, run by the Development Board for Rural Wales provided the stamp of officialism that is so important. Brian Jones has his finger on the

button and knows who and what to approach and if it wasn't for him, I don't think the project would have got off the ground"

He was also full of praise for the hard work put in by appeal secretary Mrs Penny Rees.

The first phase of the work, which should start in January includes a new extension which will house a multi-gym, two changing rooms, a kitchen, two toilets, a committee room and provide a new roof for the existing building.

The second phase includes the refurbishment of the main hall, by replacing the existing stage

with a collapsible/foldaway facility, building a balcony for games such as table tennis, and snooker, creating a new multi-purpose room along with two toilets and a store-room.

"Work has to start on the first phase before the end of the financial year in March and we are awaiting detailed planning before going to tender.

"The present building is little more than four walls and a roof with basic toilet facilities, one small room which was originally meant to be a committee room, but now duplicates as a very inadequate kitchen and another room which is used for the baby clinic on a once monthly basis.

"The hall is totally inadequate to cater for the needs of the community. Built 40 years ago, the outside walls were never even rendered to be aesthetically acceptable, the large auditorium is barely suitable for the annual eisteddfod; local school concerts and drama. There are no facilities for the village youth or senior citizens, while the expense of heating the auditorium, with its excessively high ceiling is prohibitive to say the least and the cold concrete floor acts as a further deterrent for good attendances".

Architect Mr Harry James a native of St. Dogmaels, now living in Aberystwyth, is preparing the plans, while Mr Peter Jones, Schoolhouse, St. Dogmaels has done the costing and surveying free of charge.

"We have already received confirmation that the Welsh Office has approved grant aid of £75,000 providing that £25,000 can be raised locally.

"To date, we have collected £8,000, but the Festive Week Committee has promised us



The St. Dogmaels multi-purpose community centre 'thermometer' which the organisers forecast will be up to £17,000 by the end of the year. Pictured are fund raising committee chairman Mr Barrie Forster, secretary Mrs Penny Rees and treasurer Mr Iwan Davies.

Picture: Huw R.D. Thomas

from their duck race, the community council £2,100 over three years, St Dogmaels Regatta Committee £1,000 and the cricket club has also promised a substantial contribution. We hope to raise £3,000 from a raffle and we are looking to raise around £17,000 by the end of the year.

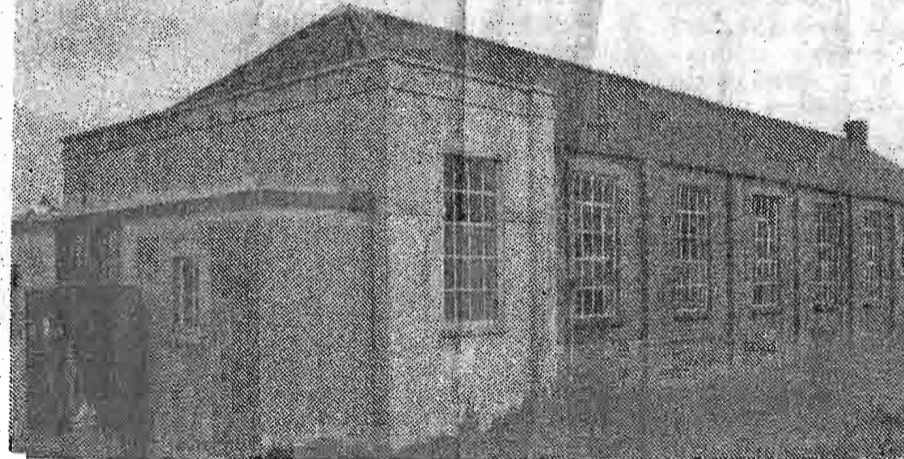
"After phase one is completed we hope to have enough money left over to get into phase two. One good fund raising effort next year and especially during the summer should be enough. If the whole village pulls together, I'm sure we can do it", Mr Forster said.

"Everyone from the Wives Club to the Mini Minors Football Club have made donations and the whole village has been very

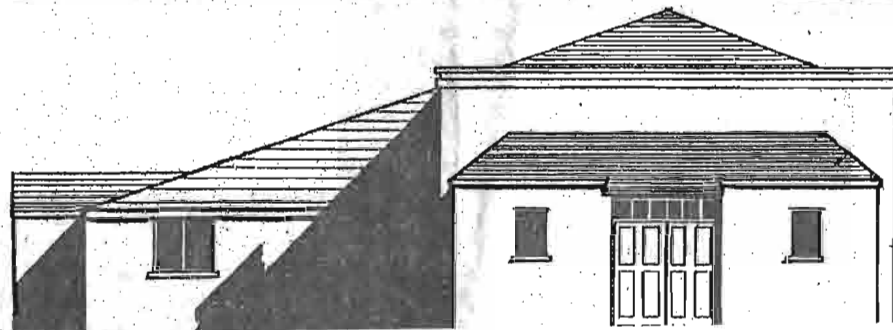
letters asking for donations from former St. Dogmaels villagers and the response, particularly from the 'old boys and girls' of the village, has been particularly generous with money coming from as far away as Canada and Australia".

The appeal has also been promised £1,500 from both the Prince of Wales Trust and the Pantyfedwen Trust thanks to the work of Mr Brian Jones.

"We have now got a three to five year strategy plan for the district" Mr Jones explained. "We are in contact with every community council in our area and anything that needs funding in their area during the next five years, we will try our best for them and that includes business or industrial developments, tourism, environmental and



BEFORE: St. Dogmaels Memorial Hall, built in 1948, is little more than four walls and a roof.



Corner House,
St. Dogmaels,
Cardigan.

May, 1955

Colin Phillipps
James
St. Wagon

Dear Mr./Mrs. *Sheels*

St. Dogmaels Memorial Hall
Repayment

I am pleased to inform you that the Management Committee of the above Hall are now able to repay the loan of ~~£10,000~~ you very kindly made to them on the *14th* day of *June*..... One thousand nine hundred and fifty..... which loan was covered by Certificate No. *FIVE*..... issued on the *14th* day of *June*..... One thousand nine hundred and fifty..... and arrangements will be made by our Treasurer, Mr. D.J.L. Thomas, or the undersigned to call upon you within the next 10 days or so to hand to you the Committee's cheque in discharge of the above amount.

I am directed by the Committee to express to you their sincere thanks for the very generous action in assisting them by granting them the loan of the above amount which I would assure you made it possible for the completion of the Hall to be carried out.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you would make arrangements for the Loan Certificate to be ready by the time our representatives call as the Certificate will, of course, have to be surrendered when the cheque is passed over.

Again with Many Thanks,

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

I. L. WILLIAMS

Hon. Secretary. *James*

NEW LOOK HALL FOR ST. DOGMAELS



Mr Ian Gollop unveils the plaque on behalf of his mother, Mrs Victoria Gollop at last Thursday's official re-opening of St Dogmaels community hall, pictured beneath.

Pictures: Emyr Rhys Williams



St Dogmaels' new-look community centre, believed to be one of the best equipped in Dyfed, opened its doors for the first time on Thursday.

The opening ceremony, watched by over a hundred villagers, was performed by Mr Ian Gollop on behalf of Mrs Victoria Gollop, Sherwood House. Following the ceremony Mr Barrie Forster, chairman of the St Dogmaels branch of Menter Bro Preseli, said he was proud to have been associated with the improvement scheme.

"As soon as we decided to upgrade the Memorial Hall I was confident the people of St Dogmaels would do their bit and raise the necessary funds," he said. "Phase one of the scheme cost £100,000 with 50% coming from the Welsh Office and 25% from the local authorities. The remaining £25,000 had to come from the community and, not content with the first phase the village went on to raise an extra £25,000. This, together with grants from the WDA, the Sports Council, the DBRW and the Prince's Trust have realised a grand total of £186,000 - and the money is still coming in."

Mr Forster went on to thank the architect Mr Harry James and builder Wyn Bowen.

"Harry, Wyn and the entire committee pulled together as

"Now the improvement scheme is complete we believe we have facilities which are far better than most other village halls in Dyfed," Mr Forster told the *Tivy-Side*. "All we hope is that the locals will use their chance to take up sporting and cultural activities and make full use of the hall."

And Cllr Halket Jones, agreed. "This is one of the best community halls in Dyfed at the present time," he said. "I hope the young people of the village will put their shoulders under the load to ensure the continued success of the hall."

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For assistance and advice to secure the success of your Community Project contact the Bro Preseli Rural Enterprise.

Llongyfarchiadau i Bwyllgor Lleol y Fenter ar sicrhau llwyddiant prosiect y Ganolfan.

Congratulations to the Local Enterprise Committee on the completion of the Memorial Centre project.

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CANOLFAN GOFFA LLANDUDOCH

AR GAEL NAWR AR EI NEWYDD WEDD AR GYFER POB
MATH O DDIGWYDDIADAU A GWEITHGAREDDAU.

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Wyn Bowen

BUILDING

29th April 1925 enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court 25th August 1925.

A short history of the beginnings of Neuadd Goffa Llandudoch.

Monies collected under the auspices of the Saint Dogmaels Womens Institute for the purpose of providing a public hall for the use of the inhabitants of Saint Dogmaels. The premises shall be placed at the disposal of the Saint Dogmaels Womens Institute for one evening (not being a Sunday evening) in every week gratuitously for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of the institute only .

The property to be purchased was Llwynyreos situated in the High Street in St Dogmaels and formerly being occupied by Mary John. The transaction was carried out by three Womens Institute members known as the Grantors-

Edith Helena Evans, Mary Elizabeth James and Rosina Richards.

(Llwynyreos was demolished and a garage built on the site, to be later converted into the now Rose Lynn mini market).

‘ The messuage or dwelling house with the out buildings, yard and garden – width fronting the said High Street 30 feet or thereabouts and in the rear thereof 45 feet and in depth on each side thereof 291 feet or thereabouts.’

24th March 1941

An exchange of land took place on this date between the Trustees and Mrs Sarah Margaretta Davies of Belmont(formerly called Noddfa) High Street, St Dogmaels.

In addition the said sum of £150 was paid by Mrs Davies to the Trustees for equality of exchange – the site known as Llwynyreos now demolished plus the yard and part of the garden.

A fence was to be erected across the properties. Mrs Davies to maintain the fence between Llwynyreos and the hall and the Trustees to maintain the fence between Belmont and the Hall.

23rd May 1961

A scheme was sent to the Charity Commission in variance to the scheme of 6th April 1951 .

The AGM in the 1st scheme 6th April 1951 to be held in the month of June. The new scheme 23rd May 1961 the words “in the month of June” to be substituted the words “in the last week of the month of March or in the first week of the month of April”.

The village hall was built in 1951 with local subscriptions and a volunteer labour force in memory of those lost during World War 1 and 11. It was refurbished and extended in 1989. The hall is a meeting place for local organisations. Sited in the centre of the village next to the local primary school that has 130 pupils from a 12 mile radius, it is convenient for all age groups to access. It is a vibrant well-used community facility, used by 19 groups using the hall regularly with their 620 members benefitting from the facility. Our main hall is attractive to user groups as it is 74x30ft and licensed for 200 people and has 4 disabled entrances. A nursery room at the back with its own kitchen, toilets, separate disabled access and an outside play area. Another 2 smaller meeting rooms, toilets including disabled, changing/shower rooms and a kitchen. Outside are 3 disabled parking spaces and 10 other parking spaces.

Your project

Project name

Upgrading/renewing 14 windows and 3 doors to energy efficient ones approved by Building Regulations

Project location

Wales

Project postcode

SA43 3EF

Project description

Our project is renewing 14 single glazed timber windows for double glazed UPVC and renewing 2 single and 1 double timber fire exit/disabled doors for aluminium ones. When this extension was built 25 years ago, having raised £54,000.00 as a community we could only afford the timber windows and doors, and they did comply back then. Now they are deteriorating and no longer fit for purpose. Being successful in being awarded the funds to complete this project would enhance the hall taking it into the future with 25 plus years of daily use. Seeing the toddlers now using it for their own children in the future.

Community development

RENOVATION WORK TO ST DOGMAELS MEMORIAL HALL
FROM 1992/1993/1994

PHASE I £100,000-00 + VAT we spent £117,500-00

PHASE II £87,000-00 + VAT because of the shortfall of cash Phase II was downsized to £50,000-00. The grant money from the Welsh office finished after Phase I.

Welsh Office	£50,000-00
Dyfed	£12,000-00
Preseli	£6250-00
Ceredigion	£6250-00
Total	<u>£75,000-00</u>

Our contribution was £25,000-00 + £17,500-00 VAT on the £100,000-00

Community Council	£2,100-00 over 3 years
Princes Trust	£1,500-00 (asked for £3,000-00)
WDA	£5,000-00 (asked for £56,000-00)
DBRW	£10,000-00 (asked for £10,000-00)
Sports Council	£30,000-00 (asked for £30,000-00)
Welsh Church Act Fund	£1,700-00 (asked for £3,000-00)
Total	<u>£50,300-00</u>

Our contribution was £11,500-00

Grants received	£125,300-00
Our Money	£54,000-00
Total	<u>£179,300-00</u>

We raised £54,000-00 fund raising as a Village.

RECENT WORKS DONE IN THE HALL
NOVEMBER 2001 - AUGUST 2002

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
PAVS	£2900-00	Windows	£7549-37
WCVA	£87-00	Cutting trees	£240-00
Lottery	£5000-00	Stage curtains	£836-85
200 Club	£1100-00	Curtain hooks	£22-00
Mini Minors	£150-00	Labour-curtains	£325-00
Cyngor Bro	£250-00	Blinds+tracking	£1836-00
RDS	£10480-80	Bowls trolley	£364-25
Max+J Wigley (gift aid)	£420-00	Play ground	£7718-57
Phil+K Evans (gift aid)	£400-00	Carpet+glue	£100-00
Gift Aid Tax	£231-00 (tax returned)		
WDA	£10069-00	Builders	£9720-00
Wives Club	£200-00	Painter	£906-00
Bowls Club	£100-00	10 Green Tables	£986-41
Fitton Trust	£250-00	New gates	£146-87
M Y W	£53-00		
 TOTAL IN:-	 £31,690-80	 TOTAL OUT:-	 £30,751-32

Remaining balance to spend- £939-48

Electrician's bill to follow

Works done at St Dogmaels Memorial Hall over the past 3 years

- New 8 double glazed windows
- Aluminium double fire exit doors
- 124ft tannanised 6ft high fence to mark our boundary and secure neighbours' property
- New stage curtains and labour for making
- Curtain tracking for stage area
- Securing and relocating stage light
- Decorating the main hall
- Boxing in the central heating pipies
- New vertical blinds fitted on the new windows
- Ramp into store room
- Repairing and sealing the stage timbers
- Relocating stage steps and new hand rail
- New store room with decking area
- Carpet at rear of stage area
- Trolley for under stage storage of 3 short mats for Bowls
- Purchasing and laying of Induction Loop system + purchase of a secure cupboard for storing the equipment
- 10 new tables + chair transporter
- Play ground area for the nursery school children with aluminium fence and gate for security
- Disabled access along the side and into the rear of the hall
- Aluminium gates to secure this area
- New window into the gym room to enable its use as a committee room
- Purchase of Table tennis and Badminton equipment

All these works were carried out on receipt of grant monies from various places amounting to £41,825-00 plus £8,000-00 of our own savings.

NEUADD Y PENTRE

Building work undertaken. Costing £18,881-20

New store room, disabled access along the side of the hall to the back, boundary fence, new window into committee room II etc.

Windows and fire door - £7549-37 the Lottery gave us £5000-00 towards the cost.

Tree surgery and clearing the back - £240-00

New stage curtains - £1184-65

Vertical window blinds + new curtain tracking for the stage curtains
£1836-00

Bowls under stage trolley £364-25

Playground at the rear £7718-57

Painting and decorating £906-00

10 new green tables + chair carrier £1000-00

Electrical work £750-00

New aluminium gates at the side £250-00

Jan 2003 Shell £1800-00

PAVS £2845-00

WDA £987-00

Cooker, fridge, tarmac, flooring, 2 condensing boilers.

Jan 2004 PAVS £1827-00

Galvanised fence –school boundary, outside timed sensor lights.

Before looking out some days

The 2nd 2/1/15

Section 2: About your project

2. Project name

What is the name of your project?

Hall extension and refurbishment.

Project summary

2.1 Project aim

What is the aim of your project?

To increase community participation by providing modern multi-functional meeting areas where a wide programme of events can be offered.

The aim is a brief statement of the overall purpose of your project. Try to keep your answer to one sentence. For example, "Young people, who are at risk of misusing alcohol, will be physically and mentally healthier."

To see some examples and help to give us the best possible answer to this question read the 'Aims and outcomes' section of our guide Getting funding and planning successful projects.

Project summary

2.2 Project description

Briefly describe your project, telling us what you plan to do and what you plan to spend the grant on.

St Dogmaels is a beautiful village built on the banks of the River Teifi. two miles away from the estuary and beach at Poppit Sands. Poppit is a large sandy beach popular with locals and tourists. The beach has seasonal life guards and a strong Surf Lifesaving Club which the village children aged 8 upwards are members. This is invaluable when living and growing up on the coast. Walking the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path from here to Amroth is 186 miles long. There is still a lot of Welsh spoken locally and children learning it as a second language in school helps to keep the language alive. Growing up locally there is limited employment, so a lot of the youngsters move away to University but it draws them back eventually when they themselves are parents.

The hall was built in 1951 with local subscriptions and a volunteer labour in memory of those lost during World War I and II. It was re furnished and extended in 1989. The main building comprises of a main hall 74ft x 30ft, a nursery at the back with its own Kitchen, toilets and outside play area, a further two committee rooms, toilets including disabled, changing/shower rooms and a kitchen.

Our main hall is attractive to user groups as it's licensed for 200 people and has four disabled entrances, 3 disabled and 10 ordinary parking spaces. It is a vibrant well-used community facility, used by 19 groups regularly and 620 users in total. We have been successful over the years in being awarded grants, 1989- 2009 £110,737-00. As a community we raised £57,000-00 ourselves to qualify for match funding. For every £1 we raised we were getting another £3 from Cardigan, Pembrokeshire and Dyfed County Council and from February 2014 to date £5,400-00 for 2 new disabled entrance railings and ramp upgrade and also cavity wall and extra loft insulation throughout. We have tirelessly carried out our own fundraising which is needed for maintenance work and match funding. We have a 200 club, we are in the process of setting up "Friends of the Hall" and the Community Council has agreed to give us an annual donation.

This application relates to extending one of our committee rooms, doubling it in size from 17ft sq to 17ft x35ft. Upgrading and enhance our dated kitchen bringing it up to catering standard. Renewing the light fittings throughout replacing them with energy efficient ones.

The new facility will be attractive to new user groups as well as enhance the experience of the present users, allowing them to expand and grow and also enable us as a committee to organise a varied programme of events. These efficiency changes will also help us keep the hire charges affordable by offering a variety of spaces of different sizes making the hall more sustainable, increase income significantly as there will be income generated by the space by increasing the flexibility of the space.

We have 19 groups using the hall on a regular basis, with their 620 members benefitting from the facility.

2.3 Project location

Give the location of the places where your project will happen.

You can enter up to 5 locations in the table. If there are more than this select the top 5.

Building name (or number) and street	Postcode	% per location	Main location
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