

2002

Average price of petrol was 70p per litre or £3.18 per gallon. The average wage was nearly £30,000 per annum.

Devolution for Wales had happened in 1997 and the 2003 Welsh Assembly election saw Labour returned with an increased majority. The introduction of the Euro happened on the 1st January with 11 national currencies being abolished in June.

Fox hunting was officially banned in the U.K.

Britain deploys 1700 troops to Afghanistan.

In September large areas of England and East Wales were rocked by a powerful earthquake.

France won the Grand Slam with England picking up the Triple Crown.

Cardiff City won promotion to Division 1 of the Football League after beating QPR in the play-off final.

Concessionary travel scheme introduced in April by the Welsh Assembly Government



The DPVC Resource Centre is located at the rear of the Murch Community Hall and is open for business between 9.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday except for the month of August and Bank Holidays. Normally our coordinator Wendy Lees is available during office hours but in her absence volunteers will cover the office. A messaging service is available on the telephone outside of office hours.

The telephone number is 029 2051 3700 and the email address is dpvc@btinternet.com

The centre is equipped with a photocopier, laminator and binder and members of the public may use this facility for a small charge. There is a wealth of community literature kept in stock for distribution and our coordinator will only be too pleased to help you with any queries you may have.

Volunteers

We rely heavily on the service of volunteers. To show our appreciation we hold an annual Garden Party to thank them for their support.

If you are thinking of volunteering then why not ring Wendy at the Centre.

Drivers, Escorts, Handypersons, Gardeners, Befrienders are some of the positions that may be of interest to you.

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1972

Decimal currency had been adopted the previous year and the price of petrol was 35 pence a gallon or just over 7p a litre - A Loaf of Bread was 8p. The average wage was £2,2062.18. per annum

Top rated Television show was 'The Eurovision Song contest.'

Prime Minister at the time was Edward Heath.

Unemployment level was in excess of 1 million. (the largest since the 1930's) UK officially joins the EEC.

The 5 Nations Grand Slam competition was unique in that both Wales and Scotland refused to play in Ireland resulting in a 5 way tie.

However the 1970s marked the golden age for Welsh rugby as they won three Grand Slams and one Triple Crown during the decade.

Cardiff City were in Division 2 of the Football League.

Hypermarkets make their debut in the UK with the first being opened at Caerphilly (Carrefour)



This supplement accompanying the Spring edition of the Depend is part of the celebrations in this our 40th year of operating. We have decided to give a brief but informative overview of the charity to illustrate how we function. The side bars on each page give readers a few random facts concerning the start of every ten years of our existence.

A History of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) is currently being researched by one of our trustees Alan Higgins OBE and will be published later on this year. If you feel that you can contribute Alan will be most pleased to hear from you. He can be contacted by email at alan.higgins@btinternet.com

Management

Our charity is managed by volunteers who meet as a Management committee every quarter and comprises

John Fanshaw (Chair); Alan Higgins (Vice Chair); Barbara Daniels (Treasurer); Wendy Lees (Secretary and DPVC Coordinator)

Brian West; Chris Franks; Colin Turner; Heather Todd-Bennett; Christine Holder; Keith Hatton; Lesley Robinson; Steve Nottingham; Val Hartrey

The AGM will be held this year in October.

The aims and objectives of DPVC are met through the establishment of sub groups comprising Governance Policies - Publications - Community Services - Human Resources & Transport. The day to day operations are assisted by two part time paid employees :- Wendy Lees (DPVC Coordinator) & Angela Campbell (Friendly AdvantAGE Project Coordinator)

1982

The average price of petrol had risen during this last decade to £1. 59p per gallon or 35pence a litre (just under a fourfold increase). The average wage was £9,370 per annum. James Callaghan came into office in 1974 & Margaret Thatcher began her tenure in 1979 through to 1990.

Countdown had its debut on Channel 4 With over 5,000 episodes, it is one of the longest-running game shows in the world, along with the original French version, 'Des chiffres et des lettres', which has been running on French television continuously since 1965 .

The Five Nations and Triple Crown winners were Ireland (Wales only success was against France)

On 2nd June Pope John Paul II became the first Pope to visit Wales. The pontiff's message in Welsh of "Bendith Duw arnoch" - "the blessing of God be on you" - was received with enthusiastic applause from the crowds gathered in Pontcanna Fields.



Transport

DPVC operates & maintains a specially adapted minibus which is used for shopping trips and visits to regular social venues. Other organisations in the community also use the minibus including the WRVS, the WI, Penarth Stroke Group, Bryneithin and local Churches.

Without the wonderful support and dedication of volunteer drivers and escorts none of this would be possible.

We also offer the facility of private cars which provides transport for example hospital and surgery visits.

The day to day service of the minibus is undertaken by one of our volunteers and the management of the scheme is managed by the Transport sub group.



Funding

We are grateful for the generosity of individuals and organisations within the community which support our operating costs.

An annual grant from the Vale of Glamorgan Council assists in meeting our coordinators salary and contributes to the Good Neighbour Scheme. The recent successful lottery bid funds our enhanced Good Neighbour scheme for the next four years.

Annual events make an input to the overall funding and the individuals who have joined our DPVC Supporters scheme are appreciated.

Many local traders have adopted our charity and support our events by donating raffle prizes. The also benefit from the plastic bag charity scheme is also a feature in many shops.

Finally a big thank you to all those in the community for their support - without you we would not be able to meet our objectives.

1992

Average wage for this year was £9370. Although during the mid eighties petrol had seen a slight drop in the pump price it was now 40p per litre or £1.80 per gallon. Average price of a pint of beer was £1.30 .

The Maastricht treaty was signed on February 7th and the UK now became part of the EU.

Cardiff City won the Division 3 title in the 92/93 season and were promoted to Division 2 of the Football League. Liverpool won the FA Cup and Manchester United the very first Premier league title

In the 5 Nations England won the Grand Slam.

The Conservative party are re-elected for the fourth consecutive term under the leadership of John Major. 1992 was a bad year for the economy and included nearly 3 million unemployed, a severe recession and the infamous 'Black Wednesday'.

In March White South Africans voted for political reform in order to end apartheid

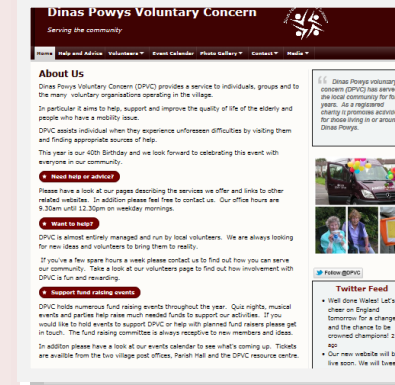


Community Club

A New DPVC Venture – Coming Soon !

Meet others in our community - The Community Club will be held fortnightly on Monday afternoons and is open to all – 0 to 100! Why not join us for refreshments, activity taster sessions, speakers .. and more?

For further information contact Wendy on 029 2051 3700 or E mail wendy@dpvc.dinaspowys.com



DPVC Website

Our new website is in the process of being finalised and should be operational by the time you read this article. The new web site address is www.dpvc-dinaspowys.com .



The Management Committee in action:-

Left to right standing - Brian West, Colin Turner, Alan Higgins, Barbara Daniels, Leslie Robinson.

Seated - John Fanshaw, Val Hartrey, Wendy Lees, Christine Holder