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Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation

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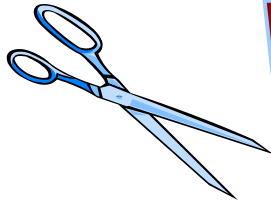
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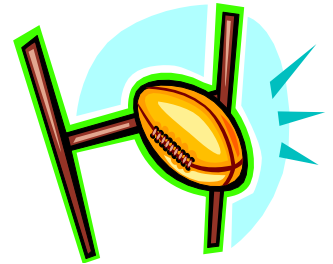


What do the cuts mean for Miners Welfare?

As the nation gets ready to tighten its belt there are signs that central and local government will be looking more intensely at their operations and possibly putting a few more things under the spotlight.

Recreational Land

It has come to our attention that certain local authorities have been in contact with respective community organisations/councils requesting they take over responsibility for the maintenance of former miners welfare recreation grounds. If you become aware of these approaches in your area please can you let us know.



Rating Relief

Councils are looking to generate income from all avenues and several charitable organisations have received letters from their local authority requesting additional information regarding occupancy and activities undertaken within their building. We'd encourage anyone who has received correspondence in relation to rating relief to get in touch A.S.A.P.

Licensing

We also believe that licensing will also come under the spotlight, please make sure that if you are operating with a club license that you are adhering to the terms and conditions of the license, don't give anyone the opportunity to impose penalties on you. **Remember** licensing is not just about alcohol, it also covers music, performances and cinema.



Keen eyed viewers may have spotted Penrhwiweiber Hall in 'The Indian Doctor' screened recently. Whilst the Newbridge Memo continues to get air time due to their funding success. Has your welfare been in the media recently?

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HMRC – Threaten Charities Tax Relief

HMRC have now determined that they require a **Fit and Proper Persons Test** for trustees and senior managers to ensure that tax concessions for charities will not, or are unlikely to be abused. This requirement was contained within the April 2010 Budget. The test has been introduced to ensure that charities are not managed or controlled by individuals who might misuse

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the valuable tax reliefs which charities enjoy. Trustees should therefore sign a Declaration. This is to be retained by the charity and not sent to HMRC, though they may request it.

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DRAFT DECLARATION

I
of
am a duly appointed Trustee of
(Charity Number) and hereby declare, in order to satisfy the requirements of the HMRC's Fit and Proper Persons Test, that:

- I am not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee.
- I have not been convicted of any offence involving deception or dishonesty.
- I have not been involved in tax fraud.
- I am not an undischarged bankrupt.
- I have not made compositions or arrangements with my creditors from which I have not been discharged.
- I have not been removed from serving as a charity trustee, or been stopped from acting in a management position within a charity.
- I have not been disqualified from serving as a company director.
- I will at all times ensure the charity's funds and charity's tax reliefs received by this organisation are used only for charitable purposes.

.....
Signed

.....
Date

A draft declaration can be downloaded from
www.minerswelfare.org

HMRC. To complete the draft Declaration it will be necessary for you to insert the full name and residential address of a trustee and the name and charity registration number of the charity concerned.

NOMINEE for Most Admired Organisation!



We were extremely pleased to receive a nomination in this years WCVA annual Network Wales awards. CISWO was nominated for the award of 'Most Admired Organisation'.

We were nominated by trustees of Fleur De Lys Institute who were appreciative of our efforts in restoring the building back to the community.

The Institute has successfully 'come back from the dead'. After the doors closed on

the bar trade the building was destined to be lost, but thanks to a core group of volunteers who were determined not to lose this valuable community asset, the building has found itself being transformed into an operational miners welfare.

Having received funding for a new central heating system and a fire alarm system the institute really is back open for business.

Land Registry Update!

I'm sure that all those that have been involved in the land registry initiative over recent months would like to join with us in offering our thanks to Gerald Dyer and his team from Land Registry UK for their helpful and courteous approach to getting welfare land registered over the past months.

With another date planned in December for four welfares, over 90% of welfares will have either had or been well on their way to achieving the goal of land registration.

Nomination Update!

Its good to report that almost every welfare in South Wales is up-to-date with their nominative trustee structure, after a successful drive to get everyone back into a regularised format, there are only a handful of positions which still require assistance. If you have trustee positions where terms of office have expired, or you have not responded to the recent circular on nominations then please get in touch.



The Regional Website is very much up and running at this time and we would strongly urge all trustees and volunteers within the South Wales welfare network to log-on and take a look. The website, which is still very much in its infancy is already producing positive results for CISWO, Court Royal and the welfare network.

In recent months the site has generated the following for various miners welfares:

- TV company interest for site locations
- Room hire requests for dance classes
- Room hire requests for conferences
- Local radio requests for community information

So please log-on, take a look and give us your suggestions, the website is there to highlight miners welfare on all fronts.

PROMOTE YOUR FACILITY !!!

CISWO SOCIAL WORK SERVICE

The South Wales Region's Social Work Service is continuing their efforts to help and improve the lives of former mineworkers and their families across the coalfield. They have also recently employed a new social work assistant, Lisa Trick.

Lead social worker John Anderson said 'We're constantly looking to expand our service and would encourage anyone who may benefit

from our services to get in touch'.

The social work service provides a free and confidential home visiting service, and offers benefits advice, assists with emotional issues and can also offer assistance to those facing financial hardship.

If you know someone who may need our help, please get in touch!

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CISWO Trading goes from strength to strength

Every charity needs to generate income to balance the books and CISWO is no different. 'CISWO Trading' has been running successfully for a number of years now. The accountancy services offered to miners welfare have always added additional flavour to our core services, but CISWO has never pro-actively 'sold' these services due to the resource required. Thankfully though, with two local officers holding accounting qualifications and a whole department in head office available for support we are now able to do so.

Rhys Williams (Community Development Officer) says 'We can produce a full set of accounting reports locally, also, because of the relationship we have with our clients, we can easily tag in some accountancy advice during routine visits without the wel-

fare incurring fees, this means they get professional accountancy advice for no added charge. We're always competitively priced, but if we can't beat the current arrangement, we'll tell the welfare to stay put, after all we're trying to help everyone become more sustainable and viable.'

What CISWO Trading clients say about us:

'We've made big savings by switching to CISWO'

'CISWO understand the charity sector far better than our last accountant, we were his only charity client, and unfortunately that cost us'

'CISWO help us, so we help them. Plus they were cheaper!'



Merry Christmas
to all Miners Welfare
trustees & volunteers



The staff at CISWO would like to extend their gratitude to all those people who have volunteered their time and efforts throughout the miners welfare network this year.

Andrew Morse, CISWO South Wales Regional Manager says

'We'd once again like to say thanks to all those who give so much back to their respective communities by providing the essential time necessary to keep their local welfare charity operational. Even though there are hard times forecast ahead we can pride ourselves that the community spirit and resolve that has seen us persevere through difficult times in the past will set in us in good stead for the future. I'd like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'