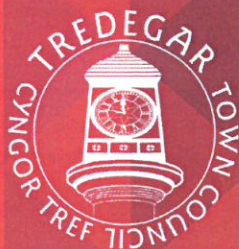


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# The Bevan *Festival*



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## FESTIVAL GUIDE

30<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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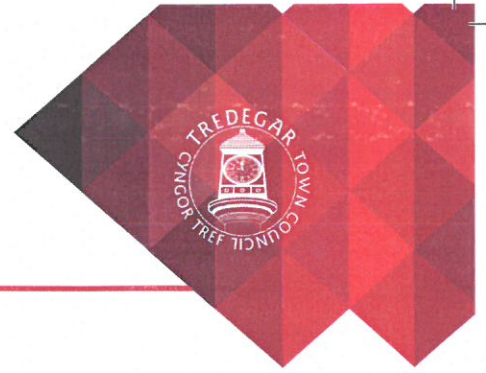
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## Foreword



Dear Friends,  
Welcome to Tredegar, the Home of the NHS and to the second Bevan Festival Week. Organised by Tredegar Town Council it celebrates our favourite son and Wales's greatest hero, Aneurin Bevan.

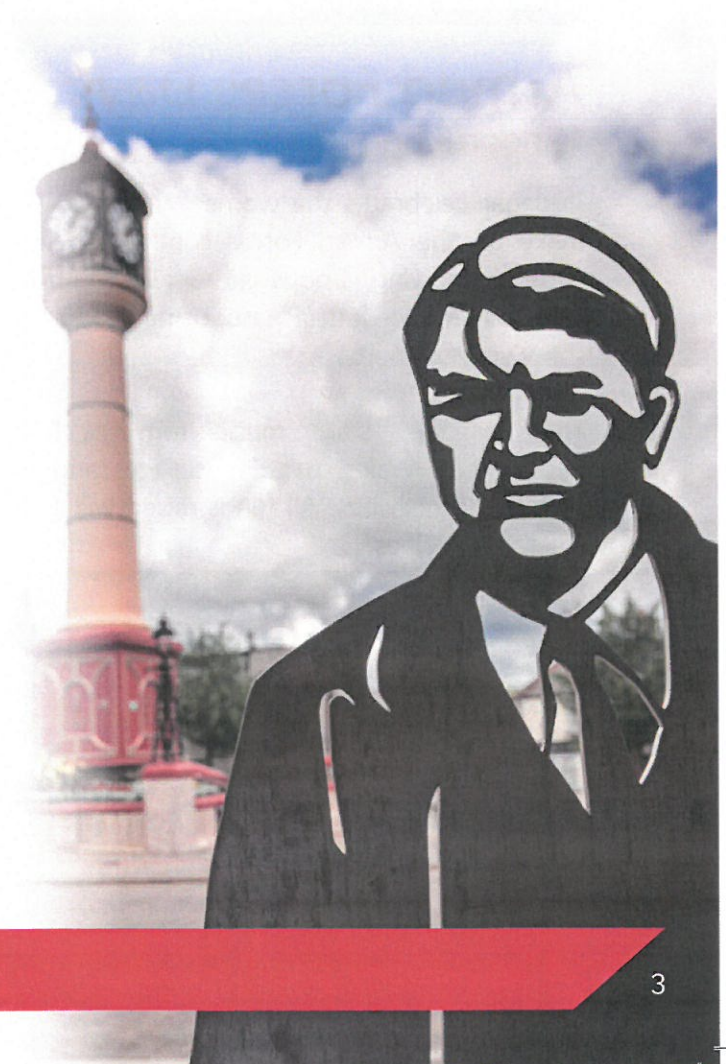
Through his childhood and early years he witnessed the poor conditions that working families lived in, the way mine owners treated their employees and later in his own life the victimisation of union leaders. These injustices left a massive impression on Bevan and set his mind to making a difference for the people of Tredegar and the UK, becoming a lifelong champion of social justice, the rights of working people and democratic socialism.

One of my favourite Bevan quotes says , 'I never used to regard myself so much as a politician, as a projectile discharged from the Welsh valleys... when I listen to the cacophony of harsh voices trying to intimidate, I close my eyes and listen to the silent voices of the poor.' He never stopped fighting for the underprivileged and for those who did not have the wherewithal to stand up for themselves.

Later he used the Tredegar Workingmens Medical Aid Society as the Blueprint for the NHS to end the health and housing poverty trap faced by so many. In his own words he 'Tredegarised' the UK and introduced the National Health Service, giving healthcare free at the point of need and put in motion the largest public housing programme ever launched in Britain.

We continue to celebrate the man and his most wonderful gift to our nation this week and long may we continue to help those who need it most.

Cllr Ellen Jones  
Mayor of Tredegar





June - August

## Sunday Afternoon Concerts at Bedwellty Park

3pm - 5pm

Throughout the summer months, Tredegar Town Council provides free musical entertainment in Bedwellty Park. The music is predominantly provided by traditional brass bands however other local choirs and musical groups sometimes take part.



26 <sup>th</sup> May	Monmouth Big Band
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Oakdale Silver Band
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Cross Keys Silver Band
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Rogerstone Community Band
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tongwynlais Temperance Band
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Welsh Regimental Band
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Tredegar Town Band
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Ebbw Valley Brass
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Abergavenny Borough Band
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Abertillery Town Band
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Markham Colliery Band

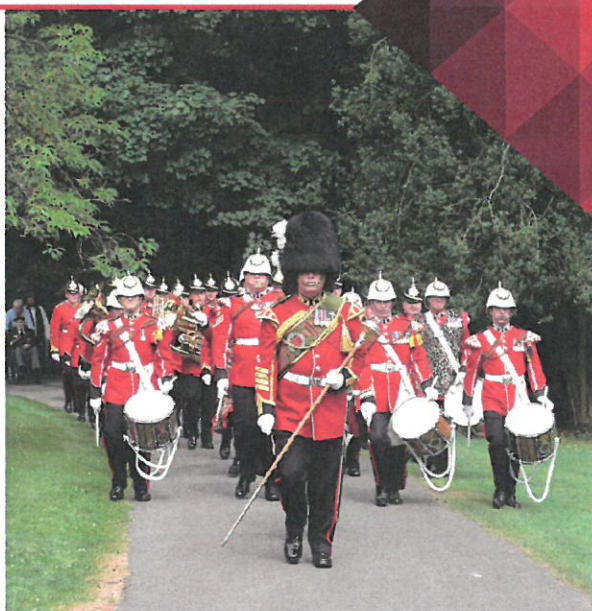
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

## Armed Forces Day

12noon - 5pm

Tredegar celebrates the women and men who make up the Armed Forces community, from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. Please come along and show your support.

There will be stalls, music from the Royal Regiment of Wales, parades, services and lots of fun and activities. All funds raised will go to veterans charities.



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Karaoke at  
The Castle  
1st July from 7pm





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## Bevan and his Tredegar

Aneurin Bevan was born on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1897, one of the 10 children born to David and Phoebe Bevan. They lived in a small terraced property in Charles Street. His dad was a miner, his mother a seamstress.

Tredegar at the turn of the century was a prosperous town yet poverty reigned for the working classes, with the powerful Tredegar Iron and Coal Company (TIC) hiring, firing and calling all the shots.

called the Query Club whose aim was to wrench the grip of power from the TIC. The club also raised and redistributed funds to needy members.



Bevan wasn't particularly academic at school, this in part due to the antagonistic head teacher who humiliated this shy stammering youngster. Nye left school at 13, going straight to the pit with his father where he joined The Fed and became a trade union activist. By the age of 19 he headed the Tredegar Lodge of the South Wales Miners Federation. He was already a well known orator but was regarded a troublemaker by the TIC who sacked him but had to reinstate him, following a victimisation battle.

Bevan earned a scholarship to the Central Labour College in London where he studied Marxism developing his socialist ideology.

Nye along with his brother Billy, Walter Conway and others formed a political debating society

Walter Conway was the secretary of Tredegar Medical Aid Society and mentored the young Nye who too was a member of the Cottage Hospital Management Committee. Nye was elected to Tredegar Urban District Council in 1922 and then won a seat on Monmouthshire County Council in 1928 before becoming MP for Ebbw Vale in 1929 General Election. Following the 1945 Labour landslide election, he became Minister for Health. He put in place the largest public housing building program and 'Tredegarised' the UK through establishing the National Health Service.

**The NHS remains a cherished institution for the country just as Tredegar's Nye, our Nye will forever be Wales's greatest hero.**



# Nick Smith MP

Member of Parliament for  
Blaenau Gwent



## **Advice Surgery**

Friday, July 12

4pm - 5pm

Tredegar Library (Iron Street, NP22 3RJ)

No appointment is needed.

If you can't make the date, please get in touch and I will arrange to meet with you another time.

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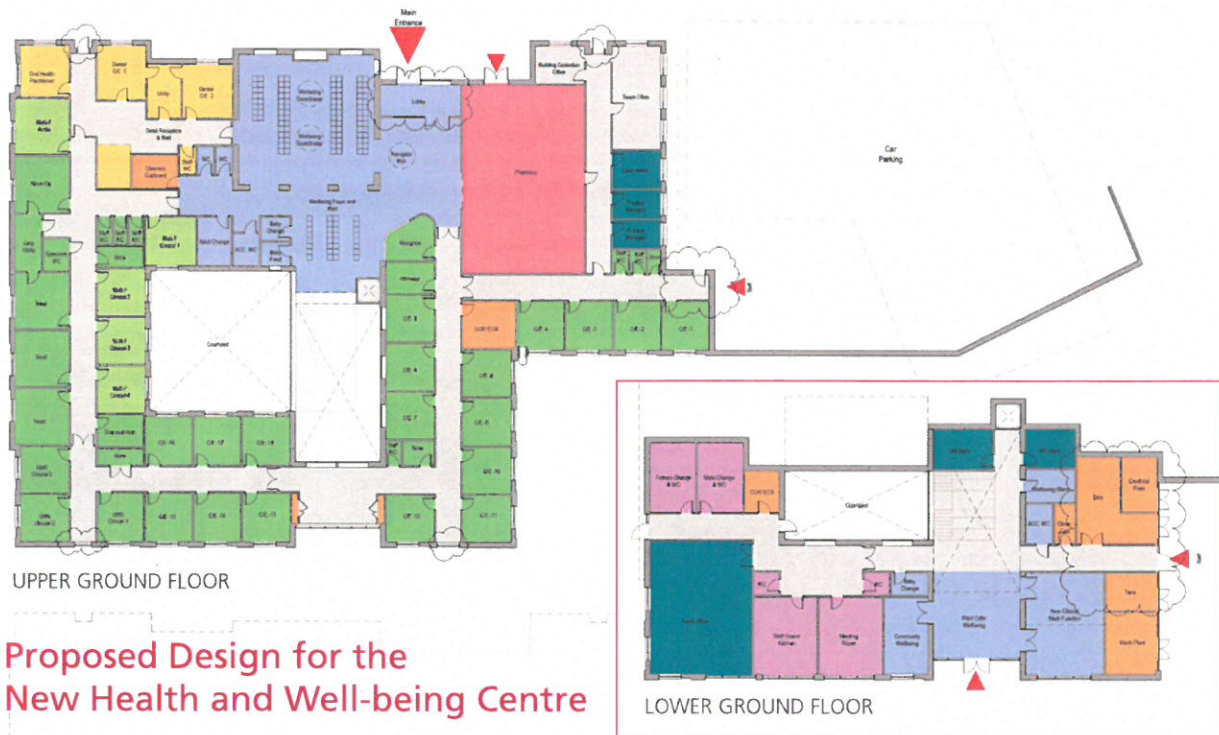
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# Health and Well-Being Remains Strongly at the Heart of Tredegar



## Proposed Design for the New Health and Well-being Centre

### Key Project Information

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are planning to build a new Integrated Health And Well-Being Centre in Tredegar, on the site of the former General Hospital on Park Row. The purpose of the Centre is twofold:

1. to ensure healthcare services are provided from high quality, fit for purpose buildings
2. to bring healthcare professionals, third sector and other providers under one roof to ensure a coordinated approach to health and well-being.

The Centre will have a focus on 'Pharmacy First' with a Pharmacist being situated at the front of the new Centre that can assist with a range of minor ailments, often without an appointment.

These ailments include:

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| - Sore throat  | - Backache    | - Diarrhoea  |
| - Chicken Pox  | - Indigestion | - Nappy Rash |
| - Constipation | - Hay fever   | - Head lice  |
| - Dermatitis   |               |              |

Together with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and our Third Sector partners, the Health and Well-being Resource Centre will form part of a vibrant community hub which will be available to all residents in Tredegar. It will include:

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|--|--------------------------------|
| - GP Services                          | - Learning Disability Services |
| - Dental Services                      | - Memory Assessment Clinics    |
| - Flying Start                         | - Community Pharmacy Services  |
| - Dieticians                           | - Citizens Advice Bureau       |
| - District Nurses                      | - Sexual Health Services       |
| - Podiatry Services                    | - Well-being Support           |
| - Speech and Language Therapy Services |                                |
| - Space for Recreation and Leisure     |                                |
| - Diabetic Retinopathy                 |                                |
| - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening  |                                |
| - Substance Misuse Services            |                                |

In addition to medical services, the community hub will bring people together to support well-being, reduce loneliness and promote independent living, all in a welcoming environment.





### What Will It Look Like?

The development of the Health and Well-being Resource Centre will retain part of the existing Hospital as the 'heart' of the new build. There will be full integration of existing buildings into the new design, which will have flexibility built in to it to deliver 21st Century health care planning and delivery. The architect's impression of the new build is shown above.

### Keeping In Touch

If you would like to be involved and influence the development with this exciting new Health and Well-being Resource Centre in Tredegar, please send your name, address and e-mail contact details to: [TredHWBC.Feedback.ABB@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:TredHWBC.Feedback.ABB@wales.nhs.uk)

We will add you to our distribution list and keep you up to date with regular newsletters on progress with its progress to ensure you don't miss out on feedback. Your e-mail details will not be used for any other purpose than keeping you informed of developments with the Centre build.

### Key Project Dates

#### May 2019

planning application made to the Local Authority.

#### April 2020

Business Case to Welsh Government.

#### July 2020

Construction starts on site.

#### December 2021

Completion of building works on site.

#### Early 2022

Opening of Health and Well-being Resource Centre.



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## Launch of E Trials

10-1pm at the Little Theatre.



## Bevan's Tredegar

Little Theatre, Tredegar, 1:00pm

Locally produced film about Bevan and his town.

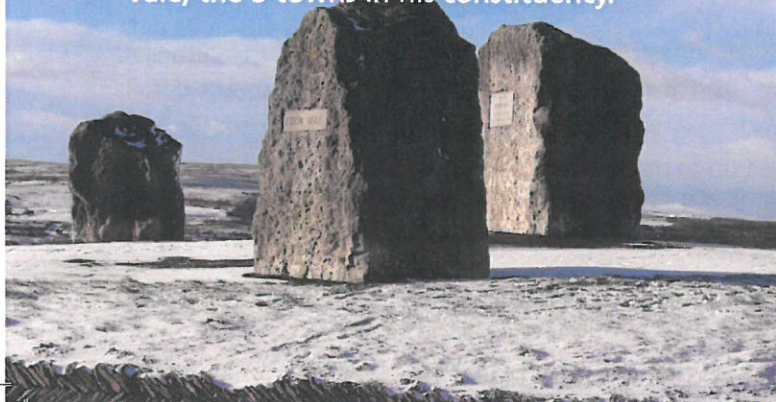
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OF TREDEGAR

### Aneurin Bevan Memorial Stones

The stones mark the spot where Aneurin Bevan, Labour MP for the Ebbw Vale constituency and architect of the National Health Service, addressed his constituents and the world. The hilside location saw enormous gatherings eager to hear one of the greatest orators in the history of British politics. The central monolith represents Bevan and the 3 smaller ones represent Rhymney, Tredegar and Ebbw Vale, the 3 towns in his constituency.



## Quiz Night

Tredegar Moose Hall, 8:00pm

Test your knowledge at a fun evening organised by Blaenau Gwent Labour Party.

### Aneurin Bevan Heritage Trail

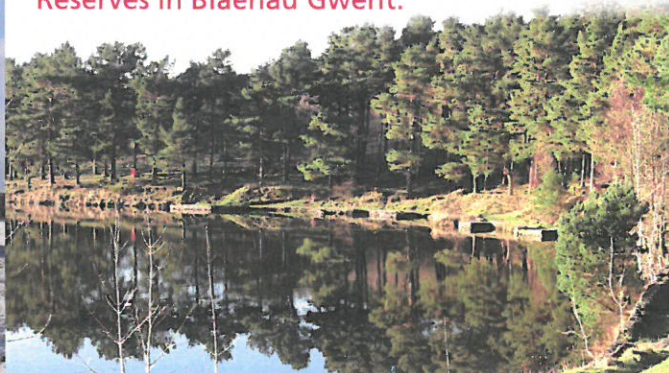
A walking & cycling/car trail taking in important sites associated with Aneurin Bevan. The town trail can be walked however we recommend the remainder of the trail is undertaken by cycling or car. Leaflets can be downloaded at [www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](http://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) or collected from Bedwellty House.

### St James Pond

A recreational area found to the east of Georgetown, Tredegar surrounded by forestry. The site includes picnic areas and pathways accessible by all.

Fishing is also allowed with carp, perch, roach, rudd, and tench being the main fish available. Permits are available from Tredegar Angling Centre, 5 Morgan Street, Tredegar Town Centre, 01495 725570 or from the bank side bailiff.

The site is also one of 5 Dark Sky Reserves in Blaenau Gwent.





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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

## Lecture on Marie Stopes by Dr David Llewelyn

7:00pm at Tredegar Bowls Pavilion

hosted by Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum.

Stopes was a campaigner for women's rights and a pioneer in the field of family planning but who were her challengers and what was her real motive? Free entry.



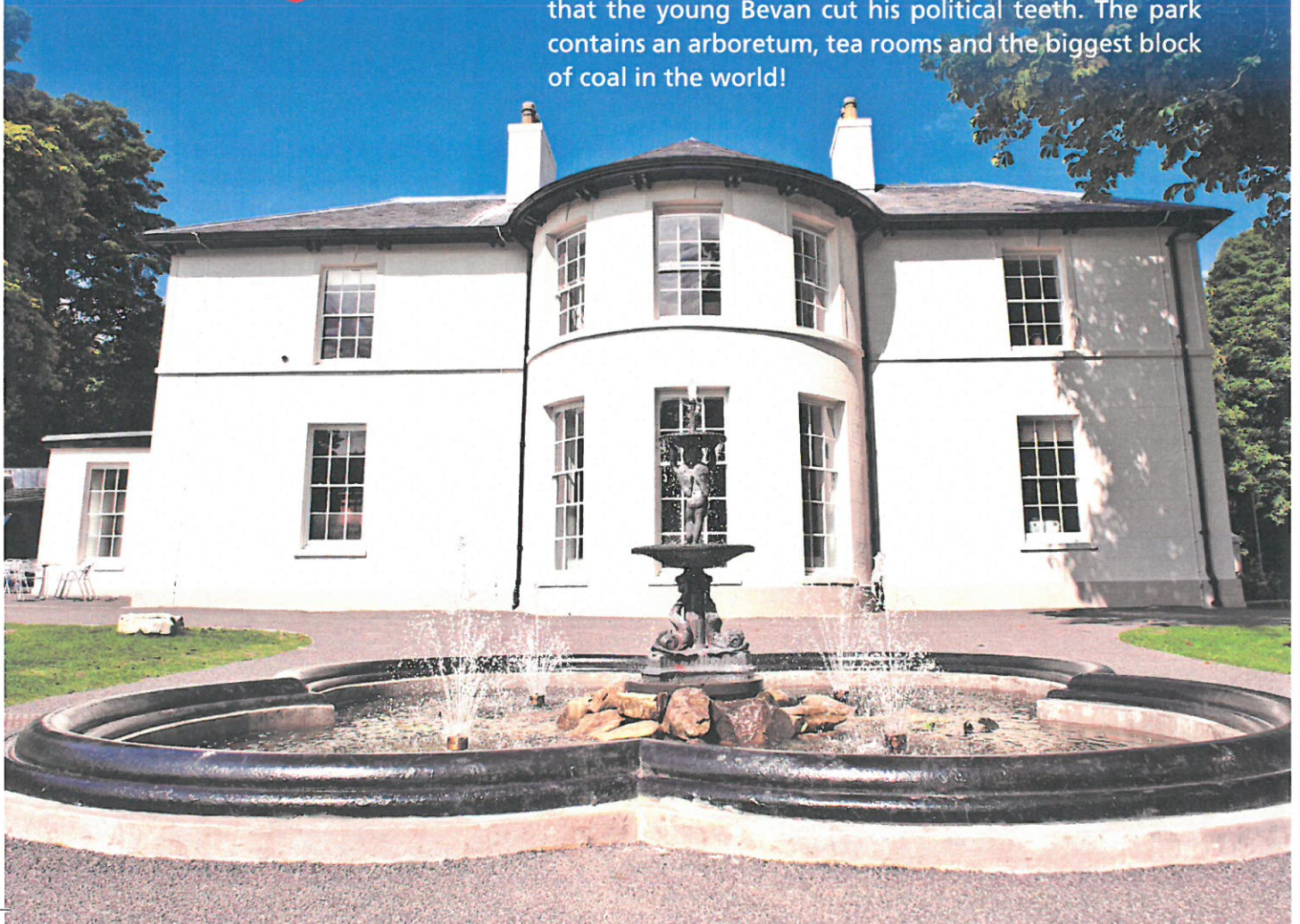
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19th Nov - 17 Dec 2017

### Bedwellty House & Park

A listed Regency villa surrounded by a historic garden established in 19th century for the famous Homfray Ironmaster dynasty. Bedwellty House and Park are intimately linked with the early social history of Industrial Wales. Its relevance continued when the house and park were given to the people of Tredegar in 1901 and consequently became a centre of the Labour movement in Wales and Britain. It was in the council chamber here that the young Bevan cut his political teeth. The park contains an arboretum, tea rooms and the biggest block of coal in the world!





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We have been the sufferers,  
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**-Nye Bevan**

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## Walking in the Footsteps of Nye

Meet at Tafarn Ty Uchaf, Trefil 10am

Nye loved to walk across the lonely moors above Trefil, through a landscape packed with myths, archaeology and political history. Follow in the footsteps of this legendary man to his favourite view of the Dyffryn Valley and hillsides around Trefil.

Call 07968472812 to book  
and for more information

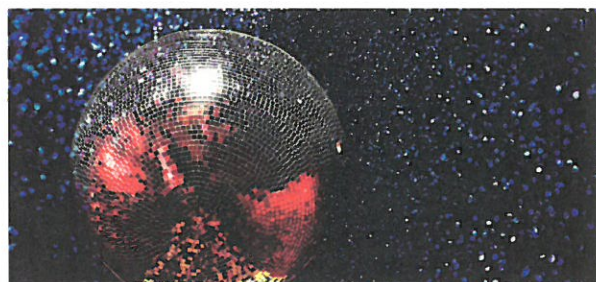


## Gala Dinner

Bedwellty House, 7:00pm

On Friday evening a Summer Gala Dinner will be held in Bedwellty House to celebrate the Centenary of Tredegar Labour Party, Nye and his achievements. Guest Speaker Rt Hon Lord Kinnock.

This event is organised by Tredegar Labour Party and to book your tickets contact 07944 881333 or 07538 752247



## Disco Des and Artist

At The Castle, 8:00pm

*"We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run down."*

Aneurin Bevan, The Observer, 6 December 1953