

50th Anniversary of Aberfan Disaster



Official commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster have begun, to remember those that lost their lives on 21st October 1966.

A total of 116 children and 28 adults died when a coal waste tip slid down a mountain, engulfing a school and surrounding houses. To mark the 50th anniversary, a series of events have been organised for those wishing to pay their respects and to remember the lives that were lost on this tragic day. Information on these events is listed below.

**13th September to 29th October
at REDHOUSE**

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE
Exhibition Aberfan - Remembrances of a Photojournalist.
Opening Event with I.C. Rapoport
<http://www.redhousecymru.com/events> Tel:- 01685 384111

8th October

at Wales Millennium Centre

Bute Place, Cardiff Bay CF10 5AL
Memorial Concert

<https://www.wmc.org.uk> Ticket Information Office 02920 636464

15th October

at Aberfan Memorial Garden

Moy Road, Aberfan CF48 4QE

11.00 am Veterans from The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment will parade from Aberfan Community Leisure Centre to the Memorial Garden, Laying of Wreaths

17th October

at REDHOUSE

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE
Poetry Event with Professor Tony Curtis & Dr Grahame Davies
on Monday 17th October at 7pm.
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October 2016 – January 2017

at Cyfarthfa Castle Museum

Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RE

Exhibition on the concept of what happened.
Large display boards with excerpts from the original newspaper articles of the first 10 days after the Aberfan Disaster

17th – 21st October

at Smyrna Chapel

Aberfan Road, Aberfan CF48 4QN

Open to visitors to the village where original newspaper articles will be on display.
Light Refreshments and Toilet facilities available

Thursday 20th October at 7.00 pm

St David's Parish Church

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE

Service of Remembrance Conducted by Assistant Bishop of Llandaff,
The Right Reverend David Wilbourne & Father Mark Prett, Mayor's Chaplin
Ynysowen Male Choir

Friday 21st October from 9.15 am

Aberfan Cemetery

Memorial Service - Official Laying of Wreaths

Restricted Vehicle Access

Friday 21st October 7.00 pm

St Mary's Church

Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

Aberfan Memorial Church Service

All these events are open to the public
Books of Condolence will be placed in:- Aberfan Library
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Civic Centre
Cyfarthfa Castle Museum