

Wanging wellies contest

THE inaugural Welsh Welly Wanging Open Championship will be held on Saturday, June 2, at Shirenewton.

The championship, sponsored by Countrywide Farmers, is open to all-comers and will feature three age groups, over 16 years, under 16 years and under 13 years, with a male and female category in each age group. The winners of each category will receive a trophy and Countrywide voucher.

There is no need to enter in advance simply turn up on the day.

The fun championship starts at 2pm with final wanging at 4.45pm and prize giving shortly afterwards.

These hours coincide with the Shirenewton village fete.

Championship organiser, David Cornwell, said: "This is a unique opportunity to be the first ever winner of the Welsh Welly Wanging Open event."

Fete organiser, Diane Ward, added: "Everyone coming will have plenty to do whilst building up to their wang."

Student, 18, elected and brings a breath of fresh air to local is

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Is Cllr Jessica Crook, 18, the youngest councillor in Wales? Jessica has been elected to represent the Elms ward SWA

Offender's extra time

A CALDICOT man was ordered to complete an extra 20 hours of unpaid work after failing to comply with the requirements of a community order.

Andrew Viveash, 28, of Grove Gardens, appeared at Caerphilly Magistrates Court after being arrested on a warrant. The probation service told the court that Viveash was in breach of the community order given to him by the courts in February.

Magistrates ruled that the order continue and imposed an extra 20 hours of unpaid work.

IS THIS the youngest councillor in Wales?

The people of the Monmouthshire ward of The Elms have elected 18-year-old Labour member Jessica Crook, of Undy, to represent them on the county council.

The politics student from Swansea University joins a small group of young adults who have been elected to serve constituents on Gwent councils.

Miss Crook said she got involved in politics when she was an A-Level student at Wydean School, and previously worked as an intern in the office of Jessica Morden.

"I thought I had a good chance of winning, a lot of work and effort has gone into it," she said.

She said she wanted to bring a more youthful aspect to the coun-

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cil: "I want to blow away the cobwebs and change the scene a little bit."

The player for Caldicot's Cil-y-Coed Dragons netball team said she wasn't intimidated by anyone older than her, and added: "It's as much exciting as it is daunting."

Labour's Jessica Powell, 23, of Northville, was elected in the Pontnewydd ward of Torfaen council.

The PhD student and charity worker said it was important to have a wider range of representation among councillors: "You want to have someone you can feel you can relate to."

She said young councillors could help bring a new perspective even to planning issues.

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