



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Director's Chair 2
Saving lives in
Black Mountains 3
Air Ambulance
on tour 4
Take it to the
Top 5
Letters Page 8

Give blood across C&W:

Neyland Athletic Club,
John Street Monday 31
March 1pm - 7pm

Lampeter Arts Hall,
University of Wales
Fri 14 March 10.30 - 6pm
Fri 28 March 10.30 - 6pm

Mumbles Ostreme
Community Centre, Wed
26 March 10am - 6.30pm

Builth Wells Wyeside Arts
Centre, Castle Street
Tues 18 March 10.30 - 7pm
Wed 19 March 10 - 4pm

Got a story to
tell? Email
rachel.burch@ambulance.wales.nhs.uk
or call 01792 562955

New vehicles hit the road

The keys have been handed over and the petrol tanks filled; now four new Patient Transport Vehicles are taking to the roads of Pembrokeshire for the Welsh Ambulance Service.

Steve Hagget, new Regional Head of Service for PCS said, "We've had a very positive reaction to the new vehicles, and the aim is to provide a much more comfortable environment for both the patients and our staff."

Each year Patient Care Services carry out nearly one and a half million patient journeys to more than three hundred and fifty different treatment centres across the United Kingdom.

Steve said "The service acts as a vital link between communities. The sheer numbers of journeys we make every year, not only around Pembrokeshire but to other parts of the UK, mean we need to make sure our vehicles are of the highest quality."



L-R, Brian Diment, Hayley James, Kevin Taylor, Ross Davies, Peter McKay, Stuart Campbell, Dorian James, Steve Hagget

New features of the vehicles include heating in the back and an intercom system for the driver to communicate with the passengers. The vehicles are designed to be used flexibly and include a stretcher, wheelchair and a range of different seats to accommodate patients in their own chairs and patients with specific needs.

Dorian James, Locality Ambulance Officer for Pembrokeshire said, "I'm proud to announce the arrival of these new vehicles for the people of Pembrokeshire. Our dedicated crews will be able to provide a more comfortable experience for patients as they go to their appointments."

Bridgend makes the move

On March 11th, Bridgend Locality made the move from Church Village to Carmarthen Control and Communications Centre in the heart of the Central & West region. Mark Winter, Utilisation Manager said, "This move will help to streamline the resources we have in C&W to respond to life threaten-

ing emergencies in the region. We've re-arranged resources to cover this new area, whilst it is bedded in and have done detailed mapping of the area to identify any potential 'hot spots' such as Parc Prison and Southern-down Beach."

"There are also a number of new opportunities for staff to take up roles working within the control centre."