

Community News

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Christmas Festivities

By Steve Edwards

The Aqueduct Community Association had another very successful Christmas with the pensioner's party going down very well; the feed back from the evening was 100% positive. Nights like these are what make it all worth while.

The pensioners' party is funded by the three Santa runs around our three villages and in all fairness they were very busy considering the rather cold weather we were having at that time, fortunately we raised enough money to cover all our outgoings for the party, which is always a relief to know!!

As usual we were struggling for adult volunteers on the afternoon of the pensioners' party and during the Santa runs; it really is a problem and something we will have to look at for next Christmas.

(For more photographs see page 2)



The Santa Run



Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Geraint Roberts

This will be my last Chairman's report, as the next issue will see Cllr. Glyn Jones in the Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him well in office.

I have had a very good year and would like to thank our County Councillor Pat Jeffares, the Clerk Sue Jones and all the Councillors for their support.

I have been to many places representing Llangollen Rural Community Council and have been honoured to do so.

To crown it all Margaret and I have been invited to attend the Buckingham Palace garden party representing Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Finally, thank you all for your support during the year.

Telecottage

Computer groups in the Garth & Trevor Community Centre are well attended on Mondays at 11am and 1pm, also on Thursdays at 1pm if you would like to join us, for any of these sessions, just turn up.

Some are just beginning, others are brushing up on skills, what ever your level, we would be pleased to see you. (Delwyn, Dave and Shaun). For more information call Delwyn on 01978-810119.

Living along the cut - Canal Memories

The Friends of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site ('Aqueducks') have been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to collect memories and images from the local communities along the 11 miles of the World Heritage Site. We will be holding a series of events including Walks and 'Show and Tells', where people will be encouraged to bring along their photos, objects and stories about the canal and the local industries.

EVENTS FOR SPRING 2013

Saturday March 16th Trevor Basin Walk with canal historian Peter Brown

Saturday 6th April Chirk Bank Show and Tell all day

Fri/Sat 12/13th April Chirk Bank Walk and Gledrid car park event

Saturday May 4th 10-4 pm Show and Tell Llangollen Museum

Please come along, meet people, find out about the local heritage, share your stories and have fun!

Further Information from Maggie Rowlands on 01691 773197 or www.aqueducks.org

Fron News.

By Julie Williams

History of Fron – a talk by Emrys Roberts at Fron Community Centre, 1pm on Wednesday 13th March 2013. All Welcome. Admission £1.50 to include tea/coffee. Proceeds to St David's Church, Fron.

Photograph: general view, Main Road, East Fron, showing Boer War Memorial on right.



2013 is the 150th anniversary of Froncysyllte School, and to celebrate the Community Centre History Cabinet will display items relating to the school over the years. If anyone can loan any items of interest with a connection to the school, such as photographs, reports, awards, certificates etc, please contact Julie Williams. Items will be placed under lock and key and will be returned at the end of the year. Items will be acknowledged.

Froncysyllte Walking Group enjoyed a number of seasonal activities including a visit to the Duke of Wellington for a hearty bowl of stew following the November walk, and an additional Advent Amble followed by a sumptuous Christmas lunch at the Duke of Wellington. Our December third Saturday walk ended with a Christmas meal, quiz and festivities. A hardy group met on the 1st January to see in the new year, but unfortunately our regular third Saturday walk in January had to be cancelled due to the snow. We are looking forward to a new season of walks including a weekend away in Derbyshire at the end of May walking with local guides. Details, and this year's walking programme available from Williams-Julie@hotmail.com

Cakes and Company will reopen on Easter Saturday (30th March) and we look forward to welcoming back our regular customers along with new visitors. We wish to thank everyone for their continued support.

Bird list / Garden list:

By Julie Williams

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Buzzard, Brambling, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Robin, Rook, Nuthatch, Siskin, Song-Thrush, Tawny Owl, Tree-Creeper, Wren, Woodpigeon.

This winter has been a real treat for some of the more unusual winter visitors, in that we have entertained quite large numbers of Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls as well as the occasional Brambling, Bullfinch and Tree-Creeper.

Llangollen Rural Community Council Dates of Meetings – 2013

Community Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7pm

January	-	No meeting
February	5th	Fron Community Centre
March	5th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
April	2nd	Fron Community Centre
May	7th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
June	4th	Fron Community Centre
July	2nd	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
August	-	no meeting
September	3rd	Fron Community Centre
October	1st	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
November	5th	Fron Community Centre
December	2nd	Garth & Trevor Community Centre

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PRECEPT.

The Community Council in it's December meeting agreed to keep the precept (the monies it receives from Wrexham County Borough Council to manage it's affairs) requirement at the same level as last year, which means that the portion of the Council Tax allocated to the Community Council will not increase.

Garth School News

By Cath Ivanhoff

2013 has started on a very positive note here in Garth school. We would like to thank all parents and pupils for their contributions to Mrs Hughes's leaving present, she was extremely moved by this kind gesture.

Since returning from the Christmas holidays, which I hope you all enjoyed, I am relishing my new role as acting Head Teacher and personally would like to thank all the staff and parents for their continued support.

I would like to congratulate all the pupils who are consistently working hard and have also been praised by staff and school visitors for their good behaviour and lovely manners; they continue to make us proud with their achievements.

Year 3 and 4 are enjoying their swimming lessons and are all doing well. The juniors are also looking forward to their residential trip to Robinwood in March. They will be canoeing, climbing and generally having a wonderful time. We have many fun activities planned for the future.

The school council would like to raise funds for Comic Relief so all ideas are welcome!!! We would like to encourage the pupils to have empathy with less fortunate children around the world. The children have already come up with some lovely ideas.

We would like to invite parents and grandparents to our Mothering Sunday service that will take place in Trevor church on Tuesday 5th March at 9.45 am. Some pupils will recite poems that they have written for their Mothers. Hope to see you there.

Although it is only early in our new term we have already faced a few hurdles regarding the adverse weather conditions. We always strive to stay open, however on some occasions we do need to make the difficult decision to close due to the geography of the school. Again, I would like to thank all parents for their understanding in this matter.

I would like to close by saying that we are looking forward to exciting times ahead. We have lots of ideas planned in the future to further bring together the communities, staff and parents.

Many thanks again for your continued support from Cath Ivanhoff and all staff at Garth School.

Homelink Library Service

If you are disabled or have difficulty getting to your local library a Homelink library service is provided by Wrexham County. This offers a home visit every four weeks and provides access to the whole range of library and reference services, including books, Audios, CDs and DVDs.

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The dates of visits to your area for the next three months are as follows:

Wednesday's 3rd April, 1st May & 29th May 2013.

Garth School

News from Owls after school club:

By Sue Jones

Owls continues to thrive, we have been busy making Valentines cards and biscuits. Netball practice will resume every Friday, 3 till 4 pm, once the light nights return.

We had fun in the snow building snowmen and igloos.

We will shortly be preparing for Saint David's day with lots of craft activities, dressing up and baking traditional Welsh treats.

We have many fund raising ideas planned in the future such as an art gallery where pupils will proudly present their art work to their friends and family. We will also be hosting a cheese and wine evening, quiz night, a Spring fair and an Easter egg hunt.

We have recently undergone an inspection and are pleased to report that inspectors felt that there were no recommendations of improvement needed and gave us a glowing report.

News from Diddy Ducks.

Diddy Ducks continues to offer high quality, affordable childcare at just £10 a session. We are open daily from 11.30 to 3pm. We accept childcare vouchers as payment.

This term, our topic will be birds. We will be having great fun identifying different types of birds and their calls. We will also be making bird hyde and bird feeders.

We are also enjoying Valentines craft and decorating the hall in readiness for our Valentines disco.

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Many thanks for your support by Sue Jones (Club Manager)

Sports and PE News

By Mr Hanmer

On Wednesday 30th January, 14 pupils from Garth went to Ysgol Dinas Bran to represent the school in their annual cross country competition.

The weather was cold and blustery winds challenged the runners as they pressed their way around the course. The runners from Garth ran in the small schools event and managed to secure the win in the team competition with the first four places as well as second and forth placed girls. The team returned to school with a clutch of team and individual medals.



Ellis Valentine, our first placed runner, ran the course in a time of 5'39. This equalled the exact finishing time for the winner of the large schools event. Overall the team would have come a close second in the teams event had all schools competed in the same race.

Only four of the runners were from year six, meaning that we should have a great team of cross country runners for years to come.

St David's Church, Froncysyllte.

Mothering Sunday (10th March) 9.30 am Family Service.

Sunday 17th March No service at Fron - united service at St Mary's Church Chirk at 10.30 am.

Good Friday (29th March) 12.00 midday - devotional service.

Easter Sunday (31st March) 9.30 am Family Communion with Easter Ceremonies.

Thursday 4th April Easter celebration in the Old Chapel, Black Park, at 7.00 pm. Worship, entertainment, refreshments.

Saturday 18th May Beating of the Bounds Walk - departs from Froncysyllte Community Centre 12.30 (returns about 2.00 pm). The centre will be open for refreshments 12 - 4 pm.

Everyone and anyone is welcome at these services and events.

Trevor Church

Mothering Sunday (10th March) service at 9.30am.

Good Friday (29th March) service at 9.30am.

Easter Sunday (31st March) service at 9.30am



Tiddlywinks Toddler Group welcome all children and their parents, grandparents and carers.

We meet up every Wednesday 11.45am – 1.45pm. A light lunch is given at midday and then activity after. £1.50 a child and 50p for each additional child. First session is free and we run through all school holidays. Please come along and join in the fun and have a drink and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers.

Contact Lynne Nash for further information on 07870 656180

Fron School News

By Mrs Catherine Jones



In Foundation phase our topic is "Twinkle Twinkle" all about the earth and beyond. We found a strange ring of white sparkling dust on our playground and to our amazement we discovered some rather odd looking footprints leading into school!

You can imagine the excitement this caused! Eventually, the mystery was solved.... Robo the friendly alien robot had run off course on his way home to planet Zorb and had to make an emergency landing in our school yard.



We had a wonderful time swapping stories with Robo and finding out about life on his planet. Robo spent the week with us and joined in our school daily routine and even had a sleepover at Jamie's house. We made flying saucer biscuits and alien jelly for a fabulous Alien Party on his last day. We will all miss him but have lots of lovely memories. Thanks Robo.

I've included some pictures of FRON SCHOOL in the snow. A great time was had by all and the snowman competition winners are in the photograph.

Also had a visit from Recycle with Michael from Wrexham Council. He came into school to talk to the children about the 3 R's REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

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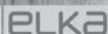
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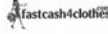
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Trevor Bowlers on Top

By Moira Griffiths

The Trevor indoor bowlers are proving they are the best, yet again!

In recent competitions held at the Flexsys club, Glen Arnold took second place in the National Singles heat with Moira Griffiths taking third. Joyce Evans and Moira also took third place in the National Pairs heat and in the National Fours Glen and Anne Arnold won the heat (along with two other Flexsys players) and Joyce, Moira, Steve Jones and Margaret Jones came second. All players will represent the county at Llandrindod Wells over two weekends in February.

The indoor season will be finishing at the end of March but there are still several competitions to be run . . . and won, by our competitive players.

Moira is also umpiring at the British Isles Championships which are held in Dumfries in March.

The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

Since Christmas we have welcomed some new children into the Nursery and have been busy working on our " Winter Weather" topic. The nursery has remained open despite the snow and the children have had great fun building snowmen in our play area.

Four members of staff have just attended a refresher course to renew their qualifications in Food Safety in Catering.

We will be busy this term celebrating Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes to eat and celebrating St Valentine's Day by making cards and heart shaped biscuits. We will also be celebrating St. David's Day when the children will be invited to dress up in traditional Welsh Costume.

This will be followed by making cards and gifts for Mothers Day then we will be getting ready for Easter by potting on the bulbs that were planted in the Autumn

All in all a very busy time!

Bird List – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Woodpecker, Great Tit, Nut Hatch, Green Finch, Siskin, Goldfinches, Robins, Thrush, Geese, Sparrows, Jays, Great Tit, Blue Tit, Buzzards, Bullfinch, Crows, Magpies, Seagulls, Chaffinch, Starlings, Owls, Heron, Blackbirds and Sparrow Hawk (which came and took a Blackbird off the feeding tray).

The birds are surprisingly active for this time of year.

Bryn Seion Presbyterian Chapel

Bryn Seion Chapel on Station Road circa 1900



The chapel is situated at the bottom of Station Road in Trevor and is an early twentieth century non conformist chapel, built in 1902/3 for the Calvinistic Methodist movement (later Presbyterian Church of Wales). The last service was held in the chapel in 1991, and by 1992 the doors had closed and it had been put up for sale. From 1994 it was used as an Antiques shop but has since been re-sold and is now empty.

The Chapel is listed as a well-preserved example of late but typical Nonconformist chapel design which has strong regional character due to its use of locally produced red brick and terra-cotta.

The interior is generally unaltered save for the removal of the pews. The entrance lobby, has a decorative ceramic tile dado, recessed into the body of the chapel. There is a carved wood pulpit and the deacons 'great seat' is still to be seen. Behind the pulpit there is a stone arch and the walls in the chapel are plastered with inscribed 'ashlar-work'. There is a 3-bay plaster ceiling with decorative ceiling roses and at the rear of the chapel is a plain school room.

The exterior is of a single storey classically – derived design in local red brick with main decorative features, e.g. pilasters, cornice and surrounds in terra-cotta. A three bay front with pedimented gable; divided by plain pilasters and pediment broken by a key-blocked arch springing from inner pilasters. Single storey schoolroom, also in red brick, attached to rear of chapel.

Bryn Seion Chapel on Station Road, 2012



Photographs by Moira Griffith



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You can report an incident direct to the Public Protection Department, Ruabon Offices, High Street, Ruabon, phone 01978 298989.

Or phone the Environmental Officers on 07800 688790 or 07753 771711.

It will help to have a note of the date, the time and place the incident occurred as well as a description of the offender (if known) and any other relevant information such as colour, size and breed of dog.

Dog owners do you know that failure to pick up after your dog can result in a maximum penalty of £1,000? Fixed penalty notices can be issued to offenders caught allowing their dogs to foul and not removing the waste or failing to dispose of their litter in a correct manner. The fixed penalties are set by the Welsh Assembly. Currently fixed penalties of £75 are routinely issued for dog fouling and littering offences. The fixed penalty notices require payment to be made within 14 days of the notice being received to prevent further action being taken. Failure to pay can result in court procedures Dog fouling carries a maximum penalty of £1,000 and littering including dropping cigarette stubs can incur a penalty of up to £2,500.

The Environmental Enforcement Officers carry out frequent patrols of areas within the County Borough in order to catch offenders.

A GIFTED MINISTER OF RELIGION

(Emrys Roberts)

In all walks of life, wealth and privilege are not always essential necessities for men and women to achieve high positions in their chosen profession. We see a typical example of this in the life of Thomas Telford who, although born the son of a simple Eskdale shepherd and raised in humble circumstances, by the end of his life he had achieved the distinction of being among the leaders in the civil engineering profession. His professional work was acknowledged by his fellow engineers who chose him as the first President of the Institute of that illustrious body. On his death the nation also paid its tribute by arranging for his remains to be buried with the great and famous of our nation at Westminster Abbey.

We don't have to travel far to find a similar story of achievement in life, for we have a comparable example within our own community. In 1908 Edwin and Mary Jane Davies, who lived in a humble cottage in Froncysyllte, were blessed with the birth of their youngest child - a son who they named Emlyn. There were already five children in the family - four daughters and a son. The father Edwin was employed as a labourer at one of the local brickworks and the family were faithful members of the village Welsh Baptist Church. Following his education at the village school, Emlyn gained admission to Llangollen County School and afterwards he entered the Baptist College, Cardiff and also studied at University College, Cardiff, resulting in him being awarded the degrees of B.A.(Wales) and B.D.(Wales). In 1931 the Rev. Davies entered Oxford University as a research student and was awarded the degree of B.Litt. for his work on his chosen thesis.

He was ordained in 1934 at Merthyr Tydfil where he remained for six years then moving to North Finchley English Baptist Church, London before returning to his native Wales in 1942 and two years later he was appointed tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Cardiff University. In 1950 he was invited to be guest preacher at Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada which later was to lead to his appointment as Pastor of this Church and where he was to remain for the following ten years. It was during his pastorate here that he was able to find expression to the full potential shewn earlier in his career to become both a great preacher and administrator. It was also during this pastorate that the Rev. Davies was bestowed with Divinity Degrees from McMaster and Acadia Universities, Canada. The Rev. Dr. Emlyn Davies was also the recipient of other honours including a Governorship of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. In 1965 the Rev. Dr. Davies preached at the famous Sunrise Service on Easter Day in the vast Hollywood Bowl, California to a congregation of 25,000 people. Even this large gathering was dwarfed by millions who heard his sermon by radio and TV.

In addition to his pastoral work he taught at several colleges in Ontario and became a regular contributor to radio and television programmes. He undertook an extensive preaching tour in Australia and visited several other countries as a delegate of the Baptist denomination. He retired in 1972 and served as interim pastor and lecturer in Ontario. In May 1972 he returned to his Mother Church at Fron where he preached to capacity congregations. It was in this village Baptist Church that he had first experienced the meaning of the Christian faith and which was the inspiration for his life long ministry. The Rev. Dr. Davies died in March 1974 and in the following month a memorial service was held at his Mother Church in Fron when family and friends together with a large assembly including many pastors and officials of the Baptist denomination and others gathered to honour the memory of this most gifted Minister of Religion.

Thomas Telford left his native Scotland to come to our valley to build the now world famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, whilst the Rev. Dr Emlyn Davies went from his home in Wales to reach the very highest position a man could attain as a Minister of Religion. Two brilliant and distinguished men,

1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

I would like to thank all who purchased Xmas raffle tickets from us, this raised well over £200 for the group and the winner of the hamper was Mr. Dave Jones of Heol Penderyst, a long term supporter of the group. Due to heavy rain we were unable to carol sing around the village, but hopefully this year!

The Beavers will be having a sleepover within the next few weeks and as usual involved in lots of interesting projects. There are some vacancies for children 6-8years in that section.

The new Cub Leaders have all settled in and they and the children are looking forward to activities, badge work and camps in the near future. The Cubs had a visit from a professional Magician who entertained them with his tricks and showed them their own magic trick to show the rest of the group so they can complete their Entertainers Badge. Cubs will be competing in the district 6 a side football tournament at Plas Madoc with an aim to win the trophy.

Scouts very much enjoyed helping at the Senior Citizens Xmas Party, they were not so keen on singing the carols, although everyone else seemed to enjoy it. Many thanks for the collection on that evening and the £50 raised and also to Cllr. Pat Jeffares who has promised to match it. The scouts have been planning this year's calendar with plenty of canoeing trips and camps coming up.

We have vacancies in this section for children aged 10-14yrs. We also need helpers and Leaders within the scout section itself anyone interested please call at our HQ on Friday between 6.30-8pm.

Drop Scones

Preparation time:

5 minutes

Cooking time:

5 - 10 minutes

Makes about 30

Calories:

40 per scone

You will need:

225g/8 ozs plain flour

¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

25g/1 oz caster sugar

1 egg

300ml / ½ pint milk

Sift together the flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda and cream of tartar. Stir in the sugar and make a well in the centre. Gradually beat in the egg and milk to make a smooth thick batter.

Lightly grease a hot griddle or heavy based frying pan and drop large spoonfuls of the mixture on, allowing plenty of room for spreading. When the surface bubbles and the drop scones are set, turn quickly and cook the other side. Serve wrapped in a clean cloth to keep scones warm and soft.

Looking Back in Time

By Moira Griffiths

Drawbridge in Fron early 1940's

This photo was taken, (I think) in the early 1940's and shows Rita Jones (Nee Aidley) and their evacuee Pam who was staying with them at the time. We don't know why there is 'bunting' wrapped around the bridge pillars, so if there is anyone out there who does know will they please get in touch with me on 824401.



Horse Taxi

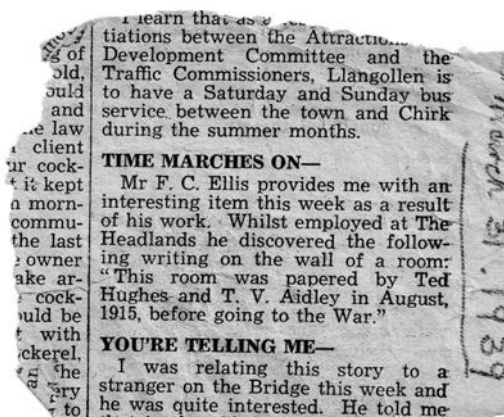
This photo was taken, we think, in the 1920's and shows one of my relatives, who we think was from Llangollen and had a taxi service at the time.

Notice the chimneys of the Pontcysyllte Foundry showing above the passenger's heads.



Time marches on . . .

An article regarding my grandfather Thomas Vaughan Aidley, which we think was printed in the Wrexham Leader in March 1939 . . .



Police

By PCSO Dave Jenkins

Llangollen Rural has had little crime reported over the Christmas period but we should all maintain our guard and not become complacent taking common sense precautions. Two of the issues that are regularly brought up as concerns to residents are parking and dog fouling. Parking is an acute problem in parts of the ward due to the lack of public parking for the number of vehicles owned by residents and there is little scope in certain areas to increase suitable spaces. There have been incidents recently where waste collections have been unable to be made due to inconsiderately parked vehicles. I would ask that residents consider the need for larger vehicles to access the community notably the 'bin wagon' which is on a regular schedule but also the possible need for fire engines, ambulances etc. Parking should be avoided on yellow lines or where the footpath is obstructed forcing pedestrians into the roadway.

Woodlands Grove in Froncysyllte is particularly susceptible to road disruption and its junction along with other junctions on the busy A5 should be kept as clear as possible.

Dog fouling is another issue that is concerning many residents and has health concerns for the young as well as making walking in some areas a lottery especially at night.

Whilst I hope the residents of Llangollen Rural are supportive of keeping the ward clean and safe the Wrexham Council wardens have been asked to visit the ward in regard to these issues and will issue Fixed Penalty Notices where appropriate as will North Wales Police.

If you would like more detailed crime prevention advice or have any other matter which you would like to discuss then please contact myself, PCSO David Jenkins on 07854332425 or e-mail me at david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus

Froncysyllte C.P. School

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus was opened in 2006 with the aim of providing the highest quality childcare within a warm and friendly atmosphere. It is therefore a small nursery, for up to 12 children.

Hopscotch is registered by CSSIW. We have recently been inspected in June 2012 and were found to be 'Outstanding' in all areas. The inspection report is available upon request.

Open to all nursery children age 3+ from 11.30-3.15pm (£10.00 per session). The children can then stay on in After School Club for an additional charge.

Also children aged 2 ½ years+ can attend from 1.00-3.15pm (£6.00 per session).

Hopscotch Nursery offers a range of stimulating activities in a safe and friendly environment. A place where fun and enjoyment go hand in hand with learning and discovery. We accept childcare vouchers towards payment.

For any enquiries, please contact Anita Jeffares on (01691) 773310 E-mail: neatjeffares@aol.com

County Councillors Diary

This is a brief update of the ongoing issues within the Llangollen Rural Ward.

I would like to start by saying what a good year 2012 was, and I hope this success continues during 2013. We have seen the coming together of our three villages working for the good of their communities. What a wonderful Christmas spirit, with the switch on of the Christmas tree lights.

The Santa run around our three villages was another great success, and I would like to express my thanks to Santa and his helpers for all their hard work.

The pensioner's party at Trevor Community Centre was once again enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to say a special thank you to all that made it happen. I had many a phone call saying how much people enjoyed it, and as a pensioner myself I agree whole heartedly with their sentiments. During the night Mrs Loui James arranged a collection to show appreciation, to the Trevor Youth Club and the 1st Trevor Scouts for all their hard work on the night. What a lovely gesture! Also a special thanks to the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones for helping me out since I broke my shoulder.

Power Cut: I would like to say a big thank you to Lyn the warden and her team for coming to the rescue of our senior citizens who lost their power. Lyn and her team went that extra mile to make sure they all had hot drinks and were looked after.

Congratulations: Congratulations to our Community Council Chairman Cllr. Geraint Roberts on his invitation to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Skip Day: This day has now been re arranged for Wednesday 27th March at 9am. Skips will be in the usual places. Flyers will be coming through the doors nearer the time, any issues please contact me.

Bin Day: During the last few months within the ward we have had a few issues with cars parking on the streets which have caused an obstruction where the bin wagon couldn't get down. This meant some residents were not having their bins emptied for over a month. The council did leaflet these streets on two occasions without success. I am asking you nicely can you please make sure on the eve of bin day, that your vehicles are not causing obstruction. If we keep obstructing the bin wagon it could lead to the council having to resort to a bin collection point only, which we don't want. So please can you give consideration to your neighbours and the bin men, as these lads do a good job.

Flooding: Trevor Hall Road – this is now on a priority work programme to get this problem resolved.

Call Centre Numbers: If you can't contact me, it has now proved that if you contact the call centre on any issues that this is the quickest way to get issues resolved. As it is logged and has to be dealt within a time limit. Phone number 01978 298989.

For Council Tenants the same applies for any issues regarding repairs etc. phone 08000855808 this is free on a land line phone.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

Pat Jeffares

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