

Community News

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For free distribution in Fron, Garth & Trevor.

The Aqueduct Community Association

**Extends a very warm and festive welcome
to all Pensioners within the villages of
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**We would like to invite you to our Complimentary
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Angela Williams 01978 821953

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We would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

News from the Aqueduct Community Association

By Carol Davies - Chairperson

In response to an appeal by Steve Edwards in the last Community Newsletter to keep the Trevor, Garth and Fron Aqueduct Community Association going, we hope to help to continue the Association with all those who have supported the Association in the past. Let me introduce your new Committee:-

Carol Davies - **Chairperson**

Margaret Morgan - **Vice-Chairperson**

Angela Williams - **Secretary**

Fran Berry - **Treasurer**

Since our election in mid-October we have had so little time to arrange a Santa visit to the villages this year, but as this goes to press we are still doing our best to book a Santa. **"HOT OFF THE PRESS" Santa will be coming to Trevor on Monday 9th Dec 6.30 to 7pm approx. He will start off by the Telford then tour the estate, don't forget to look out for him.**

Your Aqueduct Community Association would like to develop a programme of events which will benefit the people of the local communities. Therefore, we invite you to give us your ideas on the following:-

1. Coffee mornings
2. Lunch Club
3. Bingo
4. Quizes
5. Treasure Hunts
6. Your ideas

Thank you.

Contact:- Carol Davies, 87 Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank, Wrexham LL14 5DR
Tel: 01691 770107

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Glyn Jones

Since I last wrote my letter to you, Wrexham County Borough Council have informed all Community Councils that due to severe budget cutbacks they are reviewing the provision, management and funding of the facilities that it provides. As a result your Community Council has agreed to provide the maintenance and inspections of the children's playgrounds in the area in order to prevent them from closure. Inevitably this will mean an increase in our precept (the monies that Wrexham County Borough Council provide to conduct our business). We are also reviewing the cost of footway lighting, maintenance and energy, of the street lamp standards away from the A5 and A539, which we may adopt.

As promised in the previous newsletter I will conclude the duties of your Community Council –

- a) Each month considerable correspondence is received by our Clerk and this is reviewed at our meetings and is then circulated for further consideration.
- a) Any matters relating to footpaths and roadways is reviewed including the annual contract for the maintenance of the footpaths for which we are responsible.
- b) We maintain a project fund for each community so that when a request is received for funding we will consider it. Recent funding has been for the re-lettering of the cenotaph in Froncysyllte Church, the provision of plants throughout the area and a contribution to Trevor Church for toilet facilities.
- c) As a Council we are the owners of Noddfa cemetery in Garth and are responsible for its upkeep. Annually we conduct a risk assessment of the monuments.
- d) At each meeting our clerk, who is our Responsible Finance Officer, provides a financial statement detailing the receipts, pledges and payments for the previous month together with the current bank balance. The clerk also conducts the annual internal and external audits with the support of the Finance sub-Committee.
- e) Periodically we produce a newsletter, conduct a Garden competition, donate funding to local organisations and conduct a risk assessment of our property in the area.

I hope that the duties of the Council that I have outlined in this and previous newsletters have been useful and give a better understanding of what we do.

As this is my last letter before the festive season I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Almond Cake with Florentine Topping

By Jan and Dave Norman

6oz Butter

6oz Caster Sugar

6oz self-raising flour

3oz Almonds

3 Eggs

Set the oven to Gas Mark 4 or elec 180c or fan 160c

Sift the sugar and flour into a bowl, beat the butter till smooth gradually add the flour ground almonds and beaten eggs beat until smooth .

Spoon the mixture into an 8" round tin level the surface and cook for 45 to 50 mins until the centre is set.

For the topping

$\frac{3}{4}$.oz butter

3oz caster sugar

4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Level tablespoons golden syrup

3 $\frac{3}{4}$.oz flaked almonds

2oz of glace cherries or cranberries

$\frac{1}{2}$.oz angelica

To make the topping Melt the butter, syrup and sugar together, then stir in the remaining ingredients.

Remove the cake from the oven and add the topping , return the cake to the oven for approx. a further 10 mins or until the flaked almonds start to turn golden brown. Allow the cake to cool for 10 mins before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Bird Watch Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Blackbirds, Robins, Chaffinch, House Sparrows, Nuthatch, Goldfinch, Jay, Buzzards, Collared Dove, Wood Pigeon, Bullfinch, Crows, Magpie, Goshawk (end of September), Great Tit, Blue Tit, Coal Tit, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Heron, Geese, Sparrow Hawk and Hedge Sparrows.

Canal tidy up . . .

By Moira Griffiths

At recent volunteering sessions with the Canal & River Trust guys, the work barge was brought up to the right hand branch at Scotch Hall. Several volunteers donned their safety gear as they worked on board and manoeuvred the barge under overhanging trees. Branches, brambles and larger trees were cut back to expose the lovely stone wall at the inner wharf.

I kept my feet firmly on terra firma, digging and scraping away excess grass and weeds that were encroaching on the footpath. The footpath towards the stile at Scotch Hall was also being narrowed by encroaching grass, so that was also cleared and the tree cut back to make the path safer.

It's a very rewarding exercise and we have had lovely comments from boaters, visitors and locals who appreciate our efforts.



Owls After School Club Garth School

Owls After School Club continues to grow, popular days are Thursday, which is baking day and Friday which is drama day.

We recently had a 'spooky Disco' which was great fun. We were really pleased with the amount of children who attended, they wore the most amazing scary costumes!!!

We are also looking forward to our ABBA sing-a-long night which will be in the Aussie Rooster on Saturday 30th November. 7.30 til late Tickets are available from school priced £7 each. Fancy dress 'if you dare'

Diddy Ducks Garth School

Places are available at Diddy Ducks 11.30am till 3.00pm daily.

Come join the fun. Thank you to all who have helped.

Garth School

By Cath Ivanoff - Acting Headteacher

Our new academic year has been a huge success so far here in Garth school. We have lovely new faces in the Nursery and Diddy Ducks and they have settled nicely into their routines. The pupils are working very hard and producing beautiful work in their books and the staff are very proud of their achievements. Keep up the good work!

As the pupils and parents are so giving and caring we have decided to do a lot of fund raising to support many charities this term. We were proud to host a Macmillan coffee morning in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and grandparents who attended the coffee morning, made the delicious cakes and donated money to support this important charity.

Our pupils also took part in a 'Design a Hero' competition for Hope House. The children were sponsored by friends and family to create their own superhero, to raise money for the children in Hope House. We were extremely pleased with the number of children who took part in the competition and we were very impressed with the wonderful designs that they created. A representative from Hope House came to our assembly and judged his favourite designs. The chosen pupils were given certificates and there was also a prize for the overall winner. Well done!

We had a wonderful Harvest service in Trevor Church. The children donated a variety of food which was then displayed in the church during the service. A representative from the Salvation Army attended the service then took all of the food to the local Food Bank, to help support struggling families. We were extremely pleased with the amount of food that we received which is a reflection of the generosity of our parents in Garth School.

We are on the countdown to Christmas, which is a magical time of year for the children. They will be involved in lots of Christmas crafts and activities, which creates a real buzz of enthusiasm around the school. We always look forward to the Christmas dinner, the annual Christmas disco and a visit from Santa. We cannot wait!!

The time will soon be upon us where you will hear the sound of children's singing voices coming from the hall as we prepare for our Christmas Concert. The infants will be performing 'The Little Red Robin' and the juniors will be performing 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We are looking forward to seeing all of their efforts being paid off. It is always a joy to see them transform into their characters in full costume under the bright lights of the stage.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to the New Year. Thank you, once again for the continued generosity, help and support.

Trevor Community Centre

Looking for a venue for your meetings or a party? Look no further Garth and Trevor community Hall has Seating for up to 100 at tables with crockery and cutlery, and large kitchen.



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"We had our golden Wedding Anniversary here, it was great to have plenty of room, have outside caterers saving on hotel prices, provide our own drinks saving again on bar price, there was also car parking. Overall it was so much better than struggling at home or paying hotel prices." Lola & Delwyn Roberts

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Bird list / Garden list:

By Julie Williams

Blue tit, Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Brambling, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, House Martins, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Robin, Rook, Nuthatch, Swallow, Swift, Treecreeper, Tawny Owl, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Highlights – Kite spotted on Chirk Castle Estate in August, Goldcrest by canal in Fron in September.

Fron News

By Julie Williams

History Cabinet

The History Cabinet in Fron Community Centre this year covered Education in the village to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Fron School. Mr Emrys Roberts also gave a talk on the first 100 years of Fron School as part of our celebrations; and at the time of writing we are looking forward to a school reunion of former pupils on the 17th November at the Community Centre. To coincide with this event, a book of memories of Fron School has been published containing the recollections of a number of former pupils, photographs and extracts from old diaries of former headmasters. I wish to thank everyone for their contributions and support.



Next year, items on display in the History Cabinet will relate to conflict and its effect on a small rural community. This will tie in with the centenary of the start of World War 1.

Anyone wishing to contribute items, which can relate to any conflict, please contact Julie Williams. (Williams-julie@hotmail.com)

Cakes and Company

Another successful season, we wish to thank all our customers and also the volunteers for their continued support and hard work. This season, Cakes and Company purchased commemorative mugs for the children of Fron School, as part of the Community Celebrations. We also have some mugs for sale in the Community Centre at a cost of £3.50.



Cakes and Company also donated £1,000 to Fron Derby & Joan, Seion Chapel, Fron Community Centre, Fron Pensioners Group. £800 to the Boer War Memorial restoration fund; Hudl tablets for the Junior department of Fron School, printing of Memories Booklet, proceeds of which will be returned to Cakes and Company for distribution amongst good causes in the village.

Pictured: Dawn Needham, former pupil of Fron School and founder of Cakes and Company, presenting mugs to some of the school children.

The mugs were designed by Tommy Needham, former pupil of Fron School.



Cakes and Company cont..

Janet and Dave Norman, volunteers at Cakes and Company Community Cafe,

Froncysyllte, presenting Mrs Kerr, Junior Teacher at Fron School with eight Hudl Tablets for the Junior class. Pictured with Lily, Matilda, Amy and Sam.



Fron Walking Group (Walkabout Wrexham & District)

In September, the group spent a weekend in Cardiff, organised by Owens Coaches, Oswestry, calling in Ludlow Food Centre on the way down. We were dropped off in Llandaff where we spent some time, looking around the town and Cathedral before walking back along the Taff Trail to Cardiff City Centre. On the Sunday, we followed in the footsteps of Derek Brockway, (Weatherman Walking) and enjoyed the five mile Cardiff Bay walk. Photo: The Walkers outside the Holiday Inn, Cardiff.



The annual photographic competition was judged by Alison and John C. Jones, Penycae, and prizes were awarded by Cllr. Geraint Roberts. The judges were very complimentary about all the entries received.

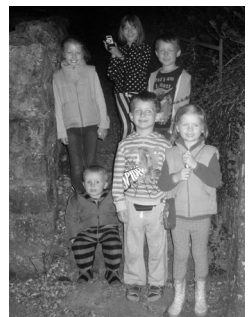
Winner of the adult section was Kelvin Mole. Junior section, Bethan Houghton. Highly commended, Don Downing. Photo: John C. Jones, Don Downing, Heulwen Houghton, accepting the prize on behalf of her daughter Bethan, Cllr Geraint Roberts and Kelvin Mole.



Bat Walk

Late August a number of children were taken on a bat walk. Results were somewhat disappointing although they were heard and seen at the top of Methodist Hill/Woodland Road. However the children did enjoy using the bat detectors and we hope this will become an annual event.

Pictured: Matilda, Lily, Jamie, Charlie, Harry, Delilah.



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Telecottage News

Computer sessions at the Telecottage attached to the Garth & Trevor Community Centre are well attended.
Times will be as follows:-

Mondays 11am - 1 pm

Mondays 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursdays 1pm - 3pm

There are sessions for absolute beginners and those who just want to improve their skills, what ever your level, we would be pleased to see you. (Delwyn, Dave and Shaun). For more information call Delwyn on 01978-810119.

What's On

Saturday 30th November Café Open 12 – 4pm

Fron School Christmas Fayre at Fron Community Centre

Tuesday 3rd December Fron Darby & Joan Christmas Dinner at 5.30pm
in the Hand Hotel, Chirk.

Saturday 7th December Café Open 12 – 4pm

Christmas Celebrations Llangollen Silver Band, Father Christmas and the Tree lights being
turned on at about 4pm at Fron Community Centre.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will still be calling every three weeks on a Tuesday:

Garth Rockman's Arms 9.30 to 10.10

Garth Primary School 10.15 to 11.00

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2013: Tuesday 10th December 2013.

2014: 21st January, 11th February & 4th March.

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TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



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

We meet up every Wednesday 11.45am – 1.45pm at Trevor Community Centre. 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

Bowls Update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

Plaskynaston Crown Green bowlers had a mixed season with their Wrexham League Saturday team finishing at the bottom of the table and now relegated back to Division 2 after two seasons. The Monday pairs team however finished in second place and have been promoted to Division 2 after only joining Division 3 this year. Well done to them all.

In the Wrexham Veterans League Royston A won Division 3 with a big margin and will now enjoy promotion to Division 2. In Division 4 the Royston B team came 6th with some excellent results.

In the Oswestry League both Plaskynaston and Royston teams had fairly good results. Plaskynaston A and Royston A both play in Division 3 and finished 3rd and 4th respectively. Both B teams play in Division 5 and finished 7th and 8th respectively.

The outdoor season has now finished and the players have moved back into the warmth of the village halls. The indoor season competitions have already started and the Trevor club have won the National Fours. They will represent the county at Llandrindod Wells in January. The other three National competitions have yet to be held but things look promising for Trevor with some excellent play from the local club.

If you would like to try the game of Short Mat Bowls then why not come along to the Trevor Community Centre on Thursday evenings from 7pm. Entry fee is £2 for adults with £1.50 for juniors. Refreshments are included. Bowls are provided and we also have a Club Coach and International and Club Umpires on hand.

Contact Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401 for further information.

Fron School Reunion

Sunday 17th November saw a gathering of former pupils and staff of Froncysyllte School at the Community Centre to celebrate 150 years of education. A booklet of memories was launched at this event to commemorate the anniversary, well over 100 people from far and wide enjoyed meeting old friends and reminiscing. Booklets are on sale for £1.50 in Fron Post Office. Photograph shows Betty and Mary looking at old photographs.



A Christmas Message

Tony Rees, Vicar of Froncysyllte.

Christmas Day is not the birthday of Jesus (even the early church could not agree on that !), but it is the day on which Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. The day was chosen by the early church to supplant and replace a pagan festival of midwinter, thus demonstrating that the birth of Christ Jesus brings a new hope and a new light into our world, and consequently, a new faith to believe in and live by.

Jesus brings hope of a new start and a new relationship with God, as we learn from the teachings and example of Christ Jesus. He brings new light into our world by his divine perspective on life and his emphasis on love and forgiveness, generosity and joy. He brings a new faith we can live by and believe in: here surely is the Son of God who is worth following and trusting in.

For many Christians, believing in the divinity of Christ Jesus means that the birth of Jesus is the birth of the Son of God - the Incarnation - the Word of God in flesh. This "high" view of the Christmas story need not be shared by all Christians or the general public for them to celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus, the one sent from God to show us the way God wants us to live, and to show us the way to God himself.

So this Christmas, let this be a time of new hope and light to your life, and a new faith in Christ Jesus. Sing those Christmas carols, praise God our heavenly Father, and follow the Son of God born for you.



Christmas services at St David's Church, Froncysyllte:

Nine Lessons & Carols Service: Friday 20th December, 7.00 pm

Christmas Communion Service: Tuesday 24th December, 7.00 pm

Family Carol Service: Sunday 29th December, 9.30 am.

Christmas Event

Cantiones Choir Christmas Carol Concert in St Mary's Church, Chirk

Tuesday 17th December, 7.30 pm. Admission £5.

Christmas services at Trevor Church

Carol Services: Sunday 22nd December 9.30am

Holy Communion: Christmas Day 9.30am

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR GRAVES AND UNCLE JOHN

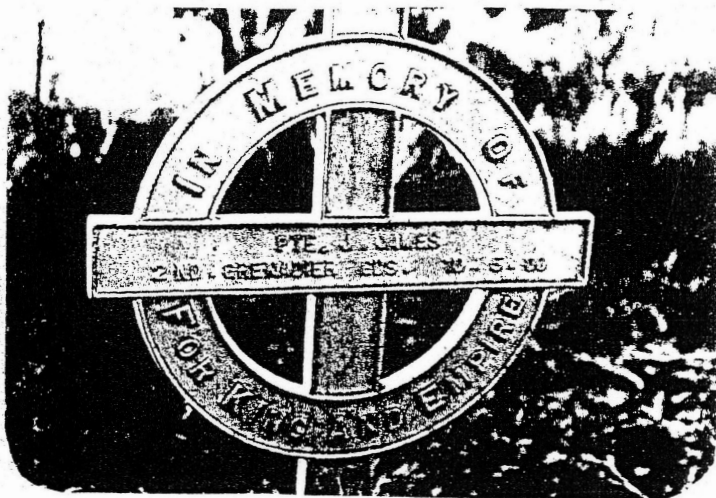
by ELIZABETH V. JONES

Uncle John (John Charles Jones) was a victim of the Boer or South Africa War dying on 10th May, 1900, aged 26, whilst serving as a in the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Like so many of his fellow-soldiers he died of enteric fever and was buried in what is now the military section of the Municipal Cemetery of Thaba 'Nchu, which is a small village about 41 miles from Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State.

My enquiries in 1979-80 to the South African War Graves Board (Kerkstraat-oos 698, Arcadia Pretoria) were answered with the greatest kindness and an efficient courtesy that included a special visit by the Board's secretary to photograph my uncle's grave and its surroundings.

A Drinking Fountain was erected on the main road in the village of Froncysyllte, where they lived, to the memory of my uncle and another casualty, William Williams. I have photographs of the ceremony, in 1910, and the committee which included General Lloyd.

The purpose of this note is to draw members' attention to another aspect of the many sources of information on relatives with a military background.



CRIMEAN AND BOER WAR ANCESTRY ?

Committee member, W. Alister Williams, has copies of the casualty returns for the Crimean War, 1854-6, and the Boer War, 1899-1902, with the names of all those men who were either killed, wounded (slightly or severely) or died of disease or accident whilst on active service. Members interested are asked to contact Mr. Williams (address inside front-cover) by post or 'phone, but please send a SAE if you want a written answer, and, given reasonable details, he will make a search for you. He will also bring the lists to meetings.

Boer War Memorial Fountain, Froncysyllte

By Sue Jones

In the Autumn Newsletter I had asked if anyone had any further information on the memorial or of the families. On the opposite page is an article from Elizabeth Jones who is the niece of the late John Charles Jones, thanks to Julie Williams for sending this in.

I have also been contacted by Emrys Roberts who has given me the names of the gentlemen in the photograph, so I'm putting this in again. Finally Charlie Mellish has sent me some information on when the memorial was moved from the bottom of Methodist hill to its present location. Thanks to everyone for their help and support in securing funding for this project.

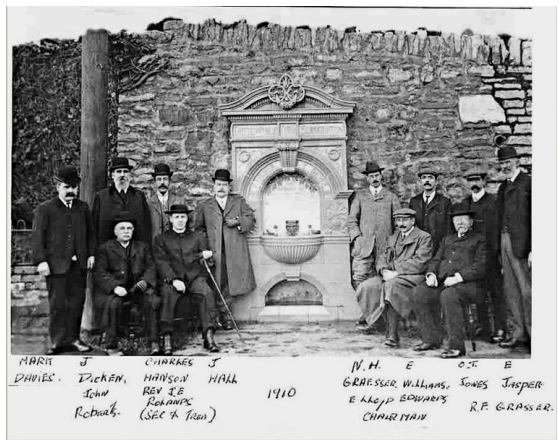
The Community Council are very grateful to Northern Marches Cymru and Cakes & Company who will fund the restoration of the Boer War Memorial Fountain and this work will be undertaken in the Spring 2014. Sincere thanks to you both.

Photographed are....

Left hand side standing Mr John Davies, Mr John Dicken & Mr Charles Hanson. The man leaning Mr Joseph Hall the Chief Designer at JC Edwards's.

Seated left hand side Cllr. John Roberts, the Curate of Fron and Trevor who was also the Secretary.

Right hand side standing Mr NH Gresser, then there are two gentlemen with flat caps who are the fathers of the two soldiers Mr Williams and Mr Jones. The very tall gentleman standing to the right is Mr Edward Jasper and seated on the right hand side Mr Lloyd Edwards and Mr Robert Gresser.



LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The above Council will consider applications for financial assistance from organisations in Froncysyllte, Garth and Trevor. All applications must be forwarded to the Clerk – Mrs.S.A.Jones, 1 Ael y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Llangollen, LL20 7TF. Applications will be considered at the February meeting of the Council. The closing date for applications is Monday 21st January 2013.

Towers Nursery Autumn News

In recent weeks the nursery has welcomed several new children. They have all settled in well and are enjoying all the nursery activities.

The children at the Towers have been very busy lately, working on their Halloween art/craft and tending the pumpkins in the nursery garden. The pumpkins were cut and carved for the Halloween party. All children who attended nursery on Thursday 31st October came dressed in a Halloween costume and enjoyed a party. Tempest has recently taken photographs of the children. These are now ready for parents to use as Christmas gifts.

On November 15th, it was Children in Need Day, and the members of the nursery came dressed in pyjamas and dressing gowns. They had fun making Pudsey biscuits and a voluntary collection was made for the charity. The nursery is taking part in two projects designed to create jobs for young people. Students will be working at the nursery over the next few months. They are from Yale Training and from the Jobs Growth Wales initiative.

The children are now getting excited about Christmas and have started making decorations and cards. They are also learning some Christmas songs and are looking forward to the Christmas party; when hopefully Father Christmas will pay a visit!

1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader.

The Beavers and Cubs recently had a joint Halloween party. There was a fancy dress competition, bobbing of apples, making spider biscuits and other activities. Our HQ was decorated very sparily by the Leaders and looked pretty impressive.

The Beaver section has recently had a sleepover, and they also went by bus and train to Techniquet for some hands on experiences. At the moment they are working on Explorer, adventure, experiment and sleepover badges.

The Cubs are also working on badges and have recently made friendship bracelets.

The whole Group will be Carol Singing on Thursday 19th December 6-7pm in the foyer of Tesco, Cefn Mawr, so everyone is practicing their singing. I would like to give a huge thank you to the Management at Tesco for this opportunity.

We will be holding our Xmas Bingo on Wednesday 4th December, eyes down at 7.30pm.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and thank our numerous supporters locally.

Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

Over the Halloween/Bonfire period there have been no reported incidents in Llangollen Rural related to these festivities which is a credit to the local community. During this period the Police work closely with other Emergency Services including the Fire Brigade who issue the following advice for home safety:-

Follow North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's 12 top tips for fire safety at home:

1. Fit smoke alarms on each level in your home. Test them once a week. Keep them free from dust. NWFRS will fit these for free.
2. Make a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there's a fire.
3. Keep the exits from your home clear so that people can escape if there's a fire. Make sure that everyone in your home can easily find the keys for doors and windows.
4. Take extra care in the kitchen – never leave young children alone in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended.
5. Take extra care when cooking with hot oil. Never use a chip pan – use a deep-fat fryer which is controlled by a thermostat.
6. Never leave lit candles in rooms that nobody is in or in rooms where children are on their own. Make sure candles are in secure holders on a surface that doesn't burn and are away from any materials that could burn.
7. Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out properly and are disposed of carefully, and never smoke in bed.
8. Get into the habit of closing doors at night. If you want to keep a child's bedroom door open, close the doors to the lounge and kitchen. This may well help save their life if there is a fire.
9. Don't overload electrical sockets. Remember one plug for one socket.
10. Keep matches and lighters where children can't see or reach them.
11. Take special care when you're tired or when you've been drinking.
12. Don't leave the TV or other electrical appliances on standby as this could cause a fire. Always switch them off and unplug when not in use.

Keep responsible - Keep safe!

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service offers free home fire safety checks and will install smoke alarms where necessary - to request a visit contact our 24 hour hotline on freephone **0800 169 1234** or e-mail cfs@nwales-fireservice.org.uk

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

If you need to report any non-emergency incidents please call 101, or 999 in an emergency.

County Councillor's Diary

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

We are coming to the end of another year, and the first frost has arrived. I'm pleased to say that all our salt bins have been refilled. With all the Council's cutbacks in the budget, it is likely to affect all front line services, so make sure your cupboards are stocked in case we get snow like last year.

Public Meeting I called this meeting on the 15th October as there were major issues regarding coach parking in Fron basin, and at Fron Community Centre. I chaired this meeting, and in attendance to answer public questions, were representatives from Wrexham Council, Canal & River Trust, and Cruise Boat Operators from Llangollen and Trevor basin. It was a very lively meeting! It was stated by a resident, that there are often three coaches waiting in Fron basin for over two hours. The Boat Operators stated that they have been operating their businesses for the last twenty five years, and were doing nothing different. A petition was also handed in to the Wrexham Council representative with one hundred and fifty signatures, as part of the protest. Sat. Navs. and lack of signage were also to blame. This issue was causing major problems for residents living in the bungalows, with access for ambulances etc. The outcome, will be more signs put in place, to redirect the coaches to the appropriate parking at Trevor. The Chairman of Fron Community Centre gave an assurance, that there will not be any parking of coaches at the Fron Community Centre. I also set a site meeting up on the 25th October, with Ken Skates AM, and local Community Councillor Jim Davies, to see how we can improve the appearance of the village and the A5 trunk road.

Playground A bid has now been submitted to refurbish, and update the playground at George Avenue Trevor. Special thanks to everyone for their letters of support, Garth School Children and their staff, and Sue Jones Clerk of the Community Council. This bid will go before the panel in February. The bid is for 45k.

The new Dee Valley Federation of the three schools, Garth, Fron and Pentre has now been completed. I feel this was the only way forward, to save our village schools, and I wish them every success.

Bont Bridge, discussions are now on-going with Wrexham County Borough Council about limiting the access across the bridge to large vehicles. We have already seen new signage and hopefully in the near future this problem will be solved.

I would like to say a special thank you to a Fron resident, Mrs Pat Wilson who again has raised £200, and donated it very kindly to this years Christmas party. What a fantastic achievement! Overall I feel we have had another extremely busy year. We are now looking forward to the Christmas events that will be taking place throughout the ward. Thanks to all the Community Councillors, the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones, Amanda Evans and her team, Dave the PCSO, Ken Skates AM for their help and support this past year.

I would like to wish everybody in the ward, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Thanking you all for your support during the past year.

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 them 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: **0800 0855 808** this is free on a landline phone.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me. Pat Jeffares **01978 820570**

Email: pat.jeffares@wrexham.gov.uk