

County Councillor's Diary

This is a brief update of the on going issues within the Llangollen Rural ward. The year got off to a mild start apart from the recent heavy snowfall. I feel the highways did an excellent job in keeping our roads as clear as possible. All our empty salt bins have now been refilled, and I hope we don't need them again this year.

I'm pleased to say Scottish Power have now completed the fencing around the sub station off Charles Avenue on Trevor estate. Also the pump field footpath in Garth has now been completed with steps, and a hand rail.

I have had my annual fight with the yellow pages regarding the wrong edition delivered in the ward, it should be Chester and North Wales, and we get Shrewsbury and Telford area. I have suggested if they want to waste money on the distribution, I would rather they make a donation to our local hospices.

The Local Development Plan for Wrexham. Anybody with land for residential or industrial development, now is the time to put your ideas forward for consideration to the Planning Department at Wrexham CBC.

As promised in the last edition we now have a date for the Public meeting and will be held at Trevor Community centre at 7pm on Friday 16th March. It is very important that this meeting is well attended, to hear your views on how any funding should be spent to improve the ward. This will also incorporate the Police focus meeting, with our local beat manager.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me

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Garth & Trevor WI news

Garth & Trevor WI met on Thursday 17th February.

The speaker was Miss Joy Thomas who gave an illustrated talk of Famous Wrexham Gentlemen.

The program for 2007 is as follows:

MARCH - Brenda Miles Easter card Craft
APRIL - Eric Lloyd History of the Breweries of Wrexham
MAY - Resolutions Evening
JUNE - Treasure Hunt on foot
JULY - Outing
AUGUST - Garden Party
SEPTEMBER - Who Do You Think You Are?
OCT - AGM - Quiz
NOV - Ruth Williams
DEC - Christmas Party

Forthcoming Events

Froncysyllte Community Centre

Monday night (every fortnight)	7.30pm start
Whist Drive	
Every Tuesday afternoon	
Darby & Joan Club	2pm - 4pm
Tuesday evening	
Youth Club	7pm - 9pm
Wednesday afternoon	
Bowls Club	1pm - 4pm
April 7th	
Social Evening and disco	
7pm on in aid of the Centre.	

Next Community News

Will be out first week in June and will be delivered to households by Councillors and the two Youth Clubs. Any items for inclusion in this the summer edition, should be in by Monday 7th May 2007.

Community News

Issue number 5

Spring 2007

For free distribution in Evon Garth & Trevor.

Chairman's Corner

Hello and welcome to this the spring edition of our Community News letter. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a forthcoming event within our community.

There will be a public meeting held at Trevor and Garth Community Centre on Friday 16th of March at 7 o'clock to discuss ways to move forward with community based projects. Incorporating the latest from our Community Beat Manager and the Police Focus group this promises to be a bench mark event for our villages. Hopefully a new Community Association can be founded. An organisation whose aim will be to enhance the lives of all who live within the villages of Froncysyllte, Garth and Trevor.

How that can be achieved is too complex to explain in this newsletter but please come along to the event and learn more. What I can do, is to appeal to everyone who has any interest in our villages to come along, learn more and hopefully join the Association. This would mean that we could contemplate projects in areas as diverse as environmental, study groups, youth groups, fitness areas, play areas and social enterprise. These types of projects can attract funding from sources that are closed to the county and community councils and without a community-based organisation this funding will be lost to us here in Llangollen rural.

If you are at all interested please come along, talk to us and find out more.

Sue Kempster
Chairman



The Flour Mills of Trevor

By HC Diggory

There were three flour mills in the Parish of Trevor during the closing years of the last century, and though none of them now exists as a working concern, their history is nevertheless a very fascinating one. The mills were Trevor Mill, near Plas yn Penite, Llyn Madoc Mill, near Pontcysyllte Bridge and Talent Mill off Pontcysyllte hill.

Trevor Mill is situated on the outskirts of Trevor, close to Plas yn Penite House and the River Dee. Built in 1848 it fell into disuse many years ago and has now been converted into a private dwelling. The old water wheel can still be seen alongside. Flour from this mill was conveyed to the Shropshire Union Canal, which is just above and there loaded on to barges alongside Millers Bridge.

When the mill was in production, there was a small wooden building alongside the canal where the flour was stored to await the arrival of a barge; this no longer exists apart from the concrete base upon which it stood.

Llyn Madoc Mill also a flourmill is said to be older than Trevor Mill. Originally called the Venture Mill and it lies directly alongside the river. Although the water wheel has long since gone, its foundations can still be seen. The mill ceased working during the latter days of the nineteenth century but in the outbreak of the First World War it was used as a factory for the manufacture of shell cases. After the end of the war it became a tinsmith's shop and in 1924, when it closed down, the mill fell into disuse.

Adjoining it was a house called Llys Madoc, where during the time of baptisms in the Dee, candidates who had been immersed were welcomed with hot drinks and given facilities for drying and a change of clothes. These baptisms ceased in 1944. The house and the old mill have now been incorporated into a dwelling house.

Talent Mill, which has now disappeared, was probably the oldest of the three mills, possibly dating to about 1843. It was near the Dolydd turning alongside the pathway, which leads to the Aqueduct. As this mill had no convenient water supply to turn its grinding stones, this power was supplied by a donkey walking in a circle, and tethered to a contraption geared to machinery inside the building. The mill fell into disuse about the end of the century and all that remains of the building, which was owned by a local lady, are a few fragments of its walls.

Near the mill there existed, many years ago, the parish oven, where parishioners who made their own bread, took it to be baked. Again, time has obliterated all traces of it, and below the canal are the ruins of another local industry, a malt house. At one time this served the wants of both local and outside breweries.

These three mills, along with Pontcysyllte Foundry and the ruined Malt House, made up all of that area's industries.

We are indebted to the family of the late Mr H.C. Diggory for allowing us to use this article.

Free evening out for every resident of Llangollen Rural

Welcome, and now that I have your attention I really would like to offer every resident the opportunity to a free evening out.

As some of you are aware the Neighbourhood policing plan (NPP) has been running for some time now and it is during these meetings that the issue of lack of facilities for young people always comes top of the list. NPP is all about, trying to make your lives better not just for the young but everyone. With this in mind a number of ideas have been put together to help improve the area.

Those that have discussed the issues include Council, police, youth clubs and residents plus many more. We have now reached the time when real decisions have to be made and we need your help in moving these decisions in the right direction.

So for the free evening out, we have arranged a public meeting to be held at the Trevor Community Centre at 7pm on Friday 16th March. I am urging as many people as possible to attend this meeting as we all have a view and thought on what we want to see happening to the villages, but if you don't say then we do not know and so can't help.

I hope that the community centre will be full and I look forward to seeing you at this important public meeting.

Thanks.

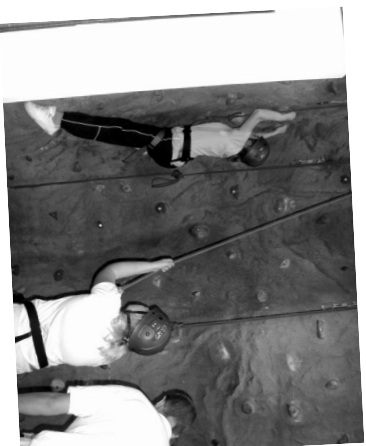
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Coconut & Lime Loaf Cake

100 grms (4 ozs) Self-raising flour	The topping
100 grms (4 ozs) softened butter	2 tablespoons caster sugar
100 grms (4 ozs) caster sugar	1 limejuice and grated rind
25 grms (1 oz) desiccated coconut	Desiccated coconut for sprinkling
1 lime, grated lime and 2 tablespoons juice	
2 medium eggs	

Pre heat oven at 180f gas mark 4 grease and line your 1 lb. loaf tin.
Place all cake ingredients in a bowl and beat well for 2 minutes by hand.
Using a wooden spoon or 1 minute with an electric hand whisk to form a thick mixture.
Spoon into the tin and bake for about 45 minutes until golden brown and firm to touch.
*Allow to cool for 5 minutes before removing from the tin.
For the topping, mix together the sugar and lime juice. Spoon the mixture over the cake allowing it to soak in. Sprinkle with coconut and grated limejuice.

Recent activities at the Garth and Trevor Youth Association



Opening Times:

JUNIOR SESSIONS 6.00 to 7.30
AGE 7yrs to 11 yrs

SENIOR SESSIONS 7.30 to 9.30
Age 11 and Over

Every Wednesday Night:

Finance

As chair of the Finance sub-Committee of the Community Council I am pleased to report that once again our external auditors have given our accounts the all clear with no adverse comments which is thanks to the excellent book-keeping of our Clerk.

Each year at this time we submit to Wrexham County Borough Council (CBC) a request for the monies we require to conduct the business of the Community Council for the following financial year (the precept). For many years we only requested sufficient funds to cover our running costs and never built up a reserve fund as other Community Councils do. However for the last 2 or 3 years we have requested moderate increases over and above our running costs in order to build a reserve and we have done so again this year. The purpose of the reserve is to enable the Community Council to finance small projects in the communities such as new street lamps, new seats, etc., that Wrexham CBC no longer support. If anyone has such a project that we could consider then please contact our Clerk.

Glyn Jones.

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Bid update

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Bid Steering Group, led by Wrexham County Borough Council, are now writing and researching the various sections of the nomination documentation required by UNESCO. Two major pieces of work have to be researched, written up and published as two books - one is the Nomination Document and the other is the Management Plan. The Nomination Document will contain information on why the Aqueduct and its associated canal and other structures are special and how they meet the World Heritage criteria. The Management Plan has to set out how the site will be conserved and protected for future generations. This work has to be completed by January 2008. The Steering Group is still waiting to hear if the 2007 UK nomination, the Antoline Wall, has made it through to the first 45 sites to be looked at by UNESCO for 2007. If it did not, it will be delayed until 2008, knocking Pontcysyllte back to 2009.

Bird Watch – Froncysyllte By Julie Williams

December 2006 – February 2007

Buzzard, Black Bird, Blue Tit, Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great tit, Song Thrush, Nuthatch, Jay, Tawny Owl, Redwing, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Magpie, Robin, three hen Pheasants and two cock Pheasants, Pied wagtail, Long tailed tit, Woodpigeon, Sparrowhawk (trying to catch a small bird on the nut feeder), Wren, and a pair of Bramblings.

Message from Rev. Tony Rees Vicar of Chirk and Froncysyllte

It seems that no sooner is Christmas over than I have to start thinking about Lent, Holy Week and Easter! But what do they entail?

Lent is that period of six weeks leading up to Easter. It is a time of penitence, prayer, and preparation for Easter. It is a time for study groups, no flowers in church, and the liturgical colour of violet or purple. However, the fourth Sunday in Lent is Mothering Sunday, when the church remembers that the Church is the mother of us all, and most people remember their mothers.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and is marked by a change of liturgical colour to red. On Palm Sunday we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by waving palm leaves during the service. Maundy Thursday (colour white) is when the church celebrates our Lord's last Supper; Good Friday (no colours) is when the church remembers the death of Christ Jesus on the cross – the crucifixion: the most solemn day of the church year.

This is followed by Easter Sunday, the greatest festival of the church's year (yes, more important than Christmas!) when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead. The liturgical colour changes to white, the Gloria is sung for the first time in six weeks, the paschal candle is lit and carried in procession, and you must come to our to experience the joy and drama of it all!

Special services at St David's Froncysyllte include:

- Mothering Sunday (1 8th March) 9.30am Family Service
 - Palm Sunday (1 st April) 9.30am Liturgy of palms and Family Communion
 - Good Friday (6th April) 12.00noon Devotional Service
 - Easter Sunday (8th April) 9.30am Easter Rites and Family Communion
- Everyone welcome – Happy Easter

Trevor Church Easter Services

- 18th March
Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30am
- 1st April
Palm Sunday Service at 9.30am
- 6th April
Good Friday Service at 9-30am
- 8th April
Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 9-30am

Concert

- 19th May at 7.30pm
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Garth School News

On 9th January 2007 pupils participated in a Tudor Day, followed by a Roman Day on 29th January.

Bob Buckle joined us at school on February 7th. All years enjoyed a morning of singing and banjo playing by this internationally famous musician.

A Soul and Motown Night with Bongo Eddie, original member of Kid Creole and the Coconuts will be held at Flexsys Club on Friday 30th March. Tickets are £7.00 each to include, Raffle, Support Act, Hot food, Music and Dancing. A very inexpensive evening, with proceeds in aid of Garth School Music Fund.

Froncysyllte After School Club

Anita and staff would like to say a very big thank you to everybody who was involved in their Christmas fair, it was a great success. £880 was raised on the day, and a further £400 was donated by Barclays Bank and Cadburys. The money is to be spent on new equipment for the children.

Fron School News

In December the children of Fron School visited the theatre in Rhyl to watch the pantomime Aladdin; they were also treated to a McDonald's lunch.

Fron After School Kids Club raised over £800 at their Christmas Fayre. Thanks to everyone for their support on the day. Special thanks to Anita and Anna for all their hard work. The children enjoyed a visit from Santa.

A Nativity Service was held in Fron Church, the event was well attended by friends and families. A Family Christmas Quiz was held in Fron School on the last week of term, thanks to Vaughan for organising the questions and Dawn for the refreshments. Lots of fun was had by all and prizes were presented to the winning team and a booby prize to the losing team! On Friday 16th February a Spring Fayre was held in the School.

School was closed due to the snow on Thursday 8th February, but the children didn't seem to mind at all. Many took their sledges up to the top of Fron and had lots of fun, some made do with shower curtains and bin bags. We don't get snow that often; perhaps it should be a national holiday when we do, to enable the children to enjoy the loosing team! On Friday 16th February a Spring Fayre was held in the School.

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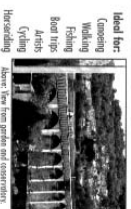
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