

# Community Newsletter

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The pensioners Christmas party was busier than ever!!



Many thanks to everyone involved in making the evening so enjoyable,  
with special thanks to all the volunteers and the evening entertainment!!

## **Clerk to Llangollen Rural Community Council**

As many of you may know our Clerk to the council of many years, Sue Jones has stood down due to ill health. Sue has been a great provider of inspiration and help over the years introducing new projects into the community including the gardening competition, the Newsletter and many others.

Sue always kept the councillors on their toes! She was always heavily involved with all aspects of council life, and always available for some friendly advice. Sue will be missed from the council for sure.

"Good luck for the future Sue", from all the council members at Garth, Trevor & Fron.

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### **Community Council meeting dates 2018**

3rd April	Froncysyllte Community Centre	7pm
1st May	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	7pm
5th June	Froncysyllte Community Centre	7pm
3rd July	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	7pm
August	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
4th September	Froncysyllte Community Centre	7pm
2nd October	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	7pm
6th November	Froncysyllte Community Centre	7pm
4th December	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	7pm

*All dates are subject to change, please check [www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk)*

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### **Editor's Comments**

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Garth & Trevor Community Centre	Sue Kempster, Steve Edwards

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Thank you*

## **Community Agent**

### ***Working to support the over 50s in Garth, Trevor & Fron***

Hello I would like to introduce myself as the new community agent for Garth, Trevor & Fron my name is Jennie Wilson and I am excited to be working in my own area in this new role. The community agent roll is to provide people over 50 with help and advice on services available in the county and help to access them, this is a free and confidential service aimed to improve their quality of life. Anyone wishing to contact me my email is [trevorcommunityagent@gmail.com](mailto:trevorcommunityagent@gmail.com)

“The Community Agents Project is delivered by Wrexham County Borough Council, Community Councils and Avow commissioned by Wrexham County Borough Council.

Community Agents work with the over 50s in Wrexham, providing easy access to a wide range of information that will enable them to make informed choices about their present and future needs. The aim is to help older people feel more independent, secure, and cared for, and to have a better quality of life.

Community Agents will support people living in areas of Wrexham, bridging the gap between the local community and the statutory or voluntary organisations and are able to offer help or support.

The scheme works because Agents live close to and in the communities in which they work. Consequently, they know the villages and their people well.

Agents provide an overview of services available in the county and offer help to access them. They help in myriads of other ways too - thus winning the trust of those they help and enabling particularly older people to stay independent for longer.

Community Agents Wrexham have over the last 12 months worked with and visited 304 people to support them to live independently”

## **The Aqueduct Community Association**

*By Sue Kempster chair.*

It seems so long ago but thanks to everyone that helped with the retired resident's party way back in December. it was a huge success and the date for this year will be December the 7<sup>th</sup>, put it in your diaries now, special thanks to the 1st Trevor Cubs and Beavers along with the youth section of the Llangollen silver band and their conductor Trevor Williams. During the winter season we also had great delight in giving a donation of £500 to the Ysgol Y Garth PTA playground fund.

Well it's nearly Spring and the Aqueduct Community Association is in full flight planning this year's activities.

We have started with a site meeting with the AONB and Wrexham Council. This was to discuss the possibility of a new path through the woods at the back of the community centre and scout hut. To be known as "The Clinker walk" the idea for this walk was suggested more than ten years ago at a public consultation, we are now in a position to push forward with this and would be grateful to anyone who would like to know more or join in with this exciting project. Keep your eyes open for more news on our Facebook page as it comes in, don't forget " Aqueduct Community Association. "

The plans afoot at the moment are to open up the site around the clinker on the canal side to make a feature in line with our industrial heritage .This will be the beginning of the walk which will end at the Garth and Trevor Community Centre, we will be having a clean-up day or two to get rid of the years of rubbish deposited in the woods. Our first planned tidy up will be on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am Trevor & Garth Community Centre, many hands make light work! If you would like to express an interest in joining us on any of our clean up days leave a message on our face book page or get in touch with me.

The Spring will also be the time we will have another swishing event or clothes swap. The last time we had one of these events great fun was had by all the ladies who attended, look out for the posters and info on our Facebook page nearer the time.

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings which are held at the Garth and Trevor Community Centre on Monday evenings at 7.30 the dates for the next few months are

March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hope we will see some of you very soon at a meeting or one of our events.

## **Trevor Community Centre**

Tap dancing lessons started on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 6-30pm every Wednesday, everyone welcome to come and join in.



Afternoon Bingo is starting back on March 22<sup>nd</sup> then will continue every fortnight after that. Eyes down from 1-30pm

## **Delwyn Roberts**

By now most of you will know that we lost a great community favourite when Delwyn Roberts passed away recently.

Delwyn had worked relentlessly in the community for many years working at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod, Llangollen Twenty Club and numerous other community organisations.

For many years he has helped local people learn how to use computers and the Internet at the "Telecottage" in Trevor.

He was officially recognised in 2016 by being awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours.

## **Dinas Bran School**

*By Annette Gardner*

### ***Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme***

More than 60 students are currently registered through school to take part in this world famous award scheme. With the enthusiastic support of D of E leader Mrs McSorley, students are tackling new skills, learning First Aid and all the necessary map skills to tackle the expedition.

There are some important dates which are a must for everyone wishing to complete either their Bronze or Silver award this academic year. Compulsory school based training will take place in school from 3.15pm – 5.15pm on each of the following afternoons: 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. This training will cover essential first aid, camp craft and route planning.

Practice expedition dates: Silver: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April    Bronze: 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April

Final expedition dates: Silver: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June    Bronze: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

If you are interested in signing up for this award it is now too late for this year. Watch out for the notices and meetings in September.

## Ysgol Froncysyllte PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association)

We welcome the warmer weather of 2018 to take our first steps to improving our outdoor classroom provision. We are keen that the children from the school and Hopscotch, our community playgroup, based on the school site, can use it.

We thank everyone who kindly voted for us by putting their blue counters in our box at Tesco and secured us £1000 to spend on the garden. We say a massive thank you to Tesco too and to Mr and Mrs Pakenham-Walsh from Gorffwysfa, Methodist Hill, who so kindly fenced the new garden area off securely for us. We are starting with upgrading the access steps down into the new piece of garden and then look forward to creating an educational wildlife friendly learning zone. The school were delighted to receive the sum of £300 raised by the New Years Day Tug of War and thank all those involved. We are using this money towards the outdoor provision improvements.

We have a busy year ahead with lots of fundraising activities planned so we can purchase as many of the educational resources and activities as we can to offer our children the very best school experience possible.



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# **1st Trevor Scout Group**

*By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.*

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their support with our fundraising efforts over the Xmas Period.

Our popular raffle raised £128, the hamper was won by a Kronospan worker, with lots of prizes including top prize of afternoon tea for 2 at Chirk Bistro were won locally.

The Carol singing in Tesco, Cefn Mawr raised £98, thanks to all the children, staff and management there who gave us a lovely warm welcome - as usual.

Members of the group helped out and sang at the Pensioners Xmas party, enjoyed by all, thanks for the kind donation.

Currently the Beaver section are working on their Experiment, Space and Home Cookery badges.

The Cub section now working on their Home Help And Space badges.

Last Friday a sleepover was held at Trevor HQ, with star gazing and a great camp fire. On the Saturday a coach load of us travelled to Cadbury World, Bournville we had a really enjoyable day out with chocolate tasting as well.

At the moment we have vacancies in the Cub section, boys and girls from age 8-10 and a half years. If you have a child interested please come along on Thursday evening between 6-7 pm for a chat with Akela.

Also if anyone is interested in helping out or becoming a Leader please call on a Thursday at Trevor.

It is with sadness that we heard we have lost a staunch supporter of ours in Louie James, she supported us in many ways over many years.

## **Dates For The Diary**

BINGO - Wednesday 21st March at our HQ 7:30pm

Fron Cafe - we will be serving on Saturday 21st April.

BINGO - Friday 18th May for our group at Fron Community Centre.

BINGO - Wednesday 13th June at Trevor HQ.

We also have a Tombola and Produce stall in front of the Visitor Centre once a month during the Summer months starting from April 8th.



## Bygone Fron News

### Boys football at Fron

Much interest was taken in the match played at Fron on Saturday last, between Fron Boys and Trevor Boys. Trevor led by three goals to one at half time and full time score was five goals to three in their favour.

A. Vaughan scored three goals for Fron, while J. Bentley (3), A. Roberts and D. Swift for Trevor.

The teams were:

**Fron:** E. Minshall, Desmond Gough, Trevor Roberts, Cyril Jones, Merfyn Davies, Jack

Charles, Haydn Davies, Jimmy Davies, Carey Powell, Arthur Vaughan, Bob Davies.

**Trevor:** C. Edwards, C. Birch, Parry, A. Roberts, D.O.Jones, R. Roberts, S. Jones, F. Roberts, F.R. Roberts, J. Bentley, D. Thrift.

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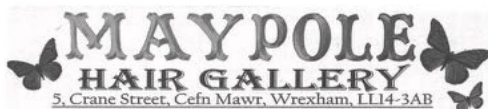
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## **Fron News**

*By Julie Williams*

The group Random Start were very well received at Fron Community Centre in November and will be returning in the near future due to popular demand— watch out for details.

Unfortunately the James Lambert Singers concert had to be cancelled because of the snow but another concert will be held at the Centre and anyone that had bought tickets for the concert in December may use them at the next concert or pay on the door. Date to be arranged.

Fron Walkers enjoyed some festive walks and meals at the Duke and at the Lord Moreton. On New Year's day a small group of walkers met to watch the very enjoyable tug of war, before having lunch at the Duke.

The walking group meet on the third Saturday of the month, 11.30am from the Community Centre.

A lovely Nativity play was held in St David's Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The young pupils being a credit to Fron School.

In January Fron Pensioners enjoyed the rock and roll pantomime Sleeping Beauty at Theatre Clwyd followed by a carvery at White Waters, Llangollen. Thank you to Betty and Shirley for organising the trip.

## **Bird list - Fron**

*By Julie Williams*

Buzzard, Blue tit, Chaffinch, Great tit, Heron, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Magpie, Nuthatch, Robin, Redwing, Sparrow Hawk, Song thrush, Tawny owl, Wren, Wood pigeon.

## **The Towers Day Nursery**

*By Ruth Roberts*

The Towers Day Nursery welcomed several new children when we returned after Christmas. They are all settling in well and are enjoying the varied, nursery activities.

The children have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year, St Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day. They have enjoyed stories, art/craft work and baking and also dressing up.

For Mothering Sunday we have been busy making cards and gifts and for St David's Day the children have been making Welsh flags, leeks and daffodils; as well as dressing up in traditional costume or a Welsh football/rugby top on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Now that Spring is in the air there will be more opportunity for outdoor play and for work on the garden. The children have been busy planting seeds and putting in plants ready for the Summer.

The staff have been busy too, renewing their First Aid Certificates. The nursery has also received an award from Wrexham Council for Environmental Standards.

## **Bird watch - Trevor**

*By Anne Arnold*

Collard Doves, Bullfinches, Sparrow Hawk, Goldfinch Robins (pair), Blue tit, Siskin's Nuthatch (pair), Black-bras Sparrow, Jays, Owls, Crows, Magpies, Seagulls, Pigeons, Pheasant, Geese, Buzzards, Heron, Great tit, Greenfinch & Ducks

## **Dinas Bran School**

*By Annette Gardner*

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, members of M.A.T club (More Able and Talented club) visited Glyndwr University in Wrexham. They had plenty of fun in the Creative Technology Department by creating their very own TV show! They experienced, first-hand, many different aspects of TV production as they were able to control the cameras, direct the show and even present it!

They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and as well as being a whole lot of fun, it was also educational, e.g. They learnt how to adjust and control the cameras on set, present a show successfully and direct a show from above in the 'gallery'. It was a fantastic experience and will be very beneficial when it comes to recording 'BBC School's Report' this year; overall it was a very successful trip!

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A Level Geography students had the opportunity to experience first hand Geography as taught by university lecturers. They attended an A Level Enrichment Day run by Aberystwyth University and held at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School in Flint.

Our students took part in interactive sessions looking at three of the topics currently taught at A Level. They demonstrated skill and confidence when taking part in the sessions, and Eve was rewarded for her insightful and well thought out contribution with her very own bright yellow Aberystwyth University umbrella - which she has kindly donated to the Geography department for use on future field trips.

Our students were a credit to the school and as their teacher I was very proud of their knowledge, maturity and attitude throughout the session. All pupils received a certificate of attendance which can be included on their future UCAS applications.

We look forward to this event becoming an annual activity as it was certainly beneficial for all.

## **Police Matters**

*By David Jenkins (PCSO 85)*

Car owners in Flintshire and Wrexham are seeing an increase in Car-Key Burglaries targeting high performance Audis, BMW's and Volkswagen Golf Type R's and GTI's.

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Car key burglaries are often committed by criminals who are working to order and targeting certain types of vehicle, based on demand and value.

If you have cars of different values, please park the higher value car in your garage. If you can't do this, please park the lower value car in front of the higher value car, as the thieves are more likely to target high value cars and will be deterred if they can't easily drive such a car away from the scene.

All vehicle owners should be vigilant with their vehicle security and take simple crime prevention measures to deter thieves. These include keeping vehicle keys safe and out of sight both in the home and when you're out and about.

Should you note any suspicious activity involving your home or vehicle please call 101 and report it.

Please feel free to contact me about any information regarding these or any other community issues in person.

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## **County Councillor Diary**

*By Anthony "Rondo" Roberts*

It's some time since the last newsletter and my contribution.

On the local side of things I'm sure most people are aware of Sue Jones stepping down after many years of great work for our community. In the last few weeks a Community Agent has been appointed and as time progresses I'm sure she will be a recognised figure in the community.

Part of the Monsanto/Flexsys warehouse site is being converted into a car park for visitors to our Aqueduct and hopefully this will ease traffic problems around the immediate vicinity of the canal. It was hoped that it would be ready by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April but this is now looking unlikely. After representations to Wrexham Council negotiations are taking place to temporarily extend the lease on Reads Yard car park until the new facility is open.

Whilst in that area I would encourage locals to enjoy the new Chapel Tea Rooms on Station Road. A welcome addition to the area's facilities.

Talks are ongoing to review the street lighting along Mill Lane past the warehouse as this area needs improved lighting. I will keep you informed.

I made strong representations to the necessary highway department to improve the bad weather treatment of local roads and this has resulted in increased gritting teams in the area.

Exploratory negotiations are in place to purchase a mobile speed awareness box for our use. As stated it would be mobile and could be utilised wherever residents perceive a speed problem. This would indicate to drivers their speed in a given area and hopefully cut down on the speed complaints we have.

There have been instances of fly tipping in the area and the dog fouling continues. This is an area of which we should be proud given the beautiful countryside and every instance of dog fouling and fly tipping detracts from its splendour, I would ask residents to be ever watchful.

## **Chairman's Corner**

*By Darrell Wright*

These last few months have proved to be quite eventful in the life of Llangollen Rural Council.

You will have noticed that the Newsletter has been missing for a while but has now returned under the stewardship of Cllr Steve Edwards. Many will know that our esteemed Clerk of many years standing, Mrs Sue Jones, has stepped down from her role. Sue was a driving force for this Council and her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. In the interim Ms Andrea Evans has stepped into the breach and has proved a valuable asset in these most trying of times. Steps are in hand to appoint a new clerk as soon as possible - see the advert overleaf.

An exciting new development for the community has been the appointment of Jennifer Wilson as our Community Agent. This is a new role for our community and we are confident that Jennifer will be an invaluable asset to us. Other areas within Wrexham County have Agents in place. The vision and set of aims is to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people over 50 and their informal carers. There are many facets to this role but we wish to support and maintain independent living and to reduce the demands on health and social care services amongst other things.

Over time I'm sure Jennifer will acquaint herself with people in the community and install her own agenda which will be of assistance to those most in need. As Jennifer has only just started we need to give her all the help and support to enable her to meet those who need her most which I'm sure we will all do.

Due to increasing numbers of visitors at the Aqueduct and to tie into the end of leases on car parks, provision has been reviewed and is being altered to cater for the increased demand. Planning permission for a new Car Park was approved in December 2017 for the old Warehouse site and the intention was to have this operational by the beginning of the season. Unfortunately this has been delayed and a temporary agreement is being sought to continue to use Read's yard until the new Warehouse car park is open and operational. All car park signage will then be revised to direct people to the Warehouse site car park from whatever direction they are travelling.

The only exception will be for disabled drivers and they will be directed towards the existing car park next to the toilet block.

**Cyngor Cymuned Llangollen Wledig  
Llangollen Rural Community Council**

**Appointment of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer**

**Overall Responsibilities**

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The Clerk will also be the Responsible Financial Officer and therefore responsible for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances.

This position has expected hours of work of up to 16 hours/week.

Attendance is required at the Council Meetings held alternatively in the Garth & Trevor Community Centre and the Froncysyllte Community Centre on the evenings of the first Tuesday of each month, noting there are no such meetings held in January and August months. Other extraordinary meetings may be arranged as necessary throughout the year.

To apply for this position please send a C/V to:

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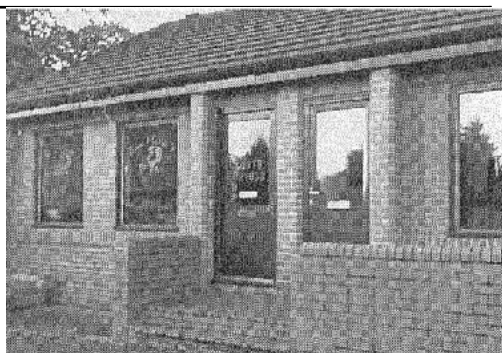
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## Trevor Bowls . . .

By Moira Griffiths

Trevor bowlers have now finished all competitions for this year and are nearing the end of their indoor league.

We held four National heats (singles, pairs, triples and fours) and had several players who qualified in all disciplines.

Over the last few weeks we have been down to the finals at Llandrindod Wells and found the games to be very tough. Although we won a few we didn't do well enough to progress into the quarter finals.

In the Tuesday afternoon league we are currently in first position with two games left to play, but the teams in second and third place have games in hand so the results are going to be very close.

In April we will be starting outdoors in the crown green leagues. Our first game in the Wrexham league will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April and we will be playing away at Ceiriog Valley. Our Oswestry league games will be starting the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> April. The Monday pairs games are not scheduled to start until May.

If anyone would like to join us and learn how to play either short mat or crown green bowls then please contact Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401

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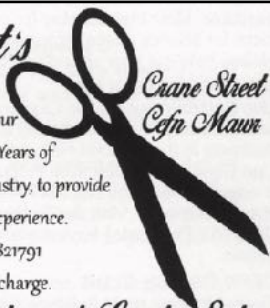
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Boublil and Schonberg's epic musical tale of broken dreams, passion and redemption, set against the 19th century backdrop of the French nation, in the grip of revolution, is a particularly challenging musical for young voices, being such an intense and dramatic piece.

Due to its formidable singing and acting requirements, *Les Misérables* is a feat to perform skilfully at high school level but this 60-strong young cast are getting ready to surpass all challenges in their revolutionary performances (Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 February 2018). Indeed, the school is giving plenty of blossoming performers a chance to do so, by having different soloists playing certain major parts, on each of the four nights.

To help put the final touches to what promises to be an outstanding production, on Friday 26 January 2018, Ysgol Dinas Brân, Llangollen, in partnership with Denbighshire's Curriculum Enrichment initiative, hosted a workshop, to give students an insight into the history of the musical '*Les Misérables*' and the stagecraft used during the performance.

And in the very experienced hands of Rob Houchen, Musical Theatre Actor, who brought to life the timeless character, Marius, in the West End's *Les Misérables*, they could not have been better taught.

"It's been absolutely amazing being taught by someone who's actually been in *Les Misérables* in the West End", said one young cast member. "It been really cool because Rob has really helped us. He appreciates the way we're doing it. We're really proud of ourselves".

Elin Parry, Head of Drama, who is directing the school production said, "This is the biggest show we've ever done. We felt that we were ready to tackle the challenge of *Les Misérables*. It's been a hard slog and six months of intensive rehearsals but I couldn't be prouder of the cast, crew and musicians".

Ms Neal Head of Music added, "It has always been my dream to do this production; the music has the power to bring our audience to tears. It was an invaluable opportunity for our students to work with Rob".

"I've been amazed by the talent in the school at taking on a complex production", said Rob Houchen, "I'm sure it will be a production to remember and I look forward to reading rave reviews".

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# Fron Community Centre

*By Alyson Winn*

Firstly, a massive thank you to community centre café volunteers who have worked tirelessly managing the café facilities and have raised a grand total of £5100.00 towards refurbishments at the centre. The money raised has meant the centre now has new curtains for the stage area, flooring, decoration, electrical work, fridge freezer and cupboard storage. It would be great if more people could join the volunteering team so if you have a few hours spare to help in our café please get in touch.



Cakes & Co café will return at Easter raising money for local voluntary groups. The group would very much appreciate more volunteers joining the ranks. Come along and raise vital funds to support the community.

Recently, the Centre achieved a five star food hygiene rating. In addition representatives from the school, Chirk Church and other local groups joined the centre volunteers on a training day and all achieved their Food Hygiene level 2 award. Congratulations all!

Local groups are welcome to use the facilities at weekends to raise their own funds by managing the café – only £25 to hire for the day for charity events. Bingo will resume fortnightly commencing April 6<sup>th</sup> – book your own charity bingo session (Friday 7-9) for £20.

The centre was pleased to host home safety / security and 'cuppa with a copper' sessions during 2017. Look out for more events during 2018.

Also get in touch if you are looking for a venue for your meeting or private event. Hire costs are £10 per hour.

Check out our Facebook page for more information and other social events coming up - 'FRONCYSYLLTE Community Centre'. – we are a registered charity!

## Trevor Tidy-up...

*By Moira Griffiths*

Last October, Steve Jones, my husband Howard and I tidied the area behind the garages on Charles Avenue, Trevor. We were very surprised to see the amount of rubbish that had been dumped there. We cleared away building rubble, old record decks, pushchairs, bags of clothes and shoes and numerous tyres.

Steve organised a van to collect the rubbish and he and Rondo took it away to the tip at Plas Madoc.

There is no excuse these days to dump rubbish anywhere as the council are willing to take it away and will even come to your house to remove items if you contact them.

Let's all be proud of the area that we live in and do our best to keep it tidy in future.



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## Canal Update . . .

*Since November, The Canal & River Trust has started organising a work force of volunteers (World Heritage Task Force) to maintain the area around Trevor basin and aqueduct.*

So far we have pruned trees, planted bulbs, dredged the 'dead end' by Jones the Boats, litter-picked and cleared vegetation from the footpaths.

We meet at the information point by the basin at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. If anyone would like a bit of a challenge and would like to join us, then you can either contact Lynda Slater at the information point or Moira on 01978 824401.

## **Tug Of War - Fron**



After several years the annual New Years day fundraising event has been resurrected to raise some much needed funds for outdoor education equipment for Fron school.

This years event raised £297.60 The school PTFA would like to thank everyone for their generosity, and to the brave souls that took part!



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