

Community News

Issue number 19

Autumn 2010



For free distribution in Fron Garth & Trevor.

Best Kept Garden Competition – 2010

The winners of Llangollen Rural Community Council's 2010 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre last week.

Mrs Julia Jones was the winner in the Large Garden category and won the Best Overall with the Fron Sensory Garden Committee winning first prize in the Small Garden section. Mrs Stella Fielding won first prize with her containers and a first prize went to Garth & Trevor Youth Club for their hanging baskets. This year there were two new categories, the Vegetable Garden and first prize went to Mr Jeff Roberts and Containers on the Narrow Boats with first prize to Sue & Dave Hunter on Beefur. The most outstanding feature was won by Mrs Julia Jones for her pond and rockery.

This year sixteen gardens were entered from Fron, Tower Hill, Trevor and Garth. The judges Mrs Gwen Manuel and Mrs Mary Baxter commented on "the exceptionally high standard of the gardens. There were two entries in the category for large gardens; six entries in the small garden category; four narrow boats, with a variety of hanging baskets and containers to choose from".

Overall Large Garden

1. Mrs Julia Jones
2. Mr Stephen Tudor

Overall Small Garden

1. Froncysyllte Sensory Garden Committee
2. Mrs Alyson Winn

Containers

1. Mrs Stella Fielding
2. Garth & Trevor WI

Hanging Baskets

1. Garth & Trevor Youth Club
2. Mrs Elaine Humphrey

Vegetable Garden

1. Mr Jeff Roberts
2. Mrs Marjorie Crosby

Containers – Narrow Boats

1. Sue & Dave Hunter – Beefur
2. Dave & Janet Norman - Pipedream

Most Outstanding Feature

Mrs Julia Jones

Monsanto Rose Bowl (Best Overall)

Mrs Julia Jones



Photographs were taken of all the gardens and these can be viewed on the web site www.llangollen-ruralcc.org

Casting back to iron days

From an original article by H C Diggory



The Pontcysyllte Foundry came into being at the time when Telford built the nearby aqueduct in 1795. Originally it was a satellite to Plas Kynaston Foundry, Cefn Mawr and it is certain that small parts of the aqueduct were cast at Pontcysyllte Foundry.

It was originally called The Pontcysyllte Ironworks and in its final years The Canal Foundry. (The location is now known as Bron Y Gamlas). In about 1897 James Diggory became the owner and for a short while used the premises as a depot for household coal. However, in 1910 the premises reverted to a foundry. The business remained in the Diggory family until 1964 when it was sold.

Following the end of World War 1 approximately 35 men were employed in positions such as moulders, furnace men, smiths, patternmakers, joiners and general workers. The foundry contained a large furnace, smithy, office, various workshops and other buildings.

All waste from the furnace (clinker) was taken on a small tramway to the far corner of the yard and placed on a flat bottomed boat, taken up the canal and deposited in the wood alongside. With the coming of World War Two, by order of the Government of the day, parts of Mosquito Aircraft and engines from landing craft were stored here for the duration of the war as a precaution against possible air-raids. In 1970 the premises and contents were sold to a Wrexham company who used it for storing scrap cars and other material. Eventually the site was cleared and today no evidence remains to show that a foundry ever existed there.

Public meeting to discuss improvements along the A5

By Cllr. Jim Davies

Residents of Froncysyllte, I am holding a public meeting at 10am on Saturday 18th September 2010 at the village Community Centre. The aim of the meeting is to get your views on how we can start to put plans together, to improve the A5 through our village. As one of your Community Councillors, I receive many requests from residents to make improvements to this particular part of our community.

Our village is the gateway to Wales via the A5 from the East and as such, it is the first Welsh village visitors pass through and is widely acknowledged as being a substandard representation of what the gateway to Wales should look like. Ironically since 1995, the whole A5 route has been recognised as an historic route, worthy of preservation!

We have so much to be proud of and our dedicated residents have created so many positive credentials for us to be proud of:

- The winner of Calor Village of the year
- Home of World renowned & successful male voice choir
- Location of a World heritage site

Llangollen Rural Council and The Aqueduct Association have agreed to work in partnership to support this project.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather an understanding from you, as to what you would like any improvement to your village to include. Currently we have a blank piece of paper, so anything is possible and any proposal can be included within the project. I have to be clear that at this stage we have no funding or permission for any alterations, but I am confident, that we have a winning combination of passionate, committed people and a significantly compelling need that will help bring about change to this area of our village.

I look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Smith - Sue, Martin, Malcolm and family of the late Mr. James Smith (Jim)

Wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone that attended the funeral on 26th July 2010 also for all the sympathy cards, calls and donations amounting to £539.10 in loving memory of Jim which will be shared between Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Nurses.

Special thanks to Llangollen District Doctors and Nurses, Nightingale House Hospice, Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie Nurses, Rev. Andrew Sully for a lovely Service and to Sue of E.Wyles & Son, Funeral Directors.

The Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who recently made the effort to attend our family fun day at Trevor Villa Barn. The day turned out to be dry but a bit cool, but at least the rain held off. During the day there were numerous stalls set up by local community groups in the fantastic setting of the barn.

In the evening local community rock band "Band Knight" performed, firstly on the outside stage and then due to a cold wind they moved inside for the second half. The music went on until late into the evening where a great night was had by all, or so we are told!

We have already booked next years event so watch out for further details closer to the time, we are hoping to make next years event even bigger and better!

Many thanks to everybody who helped out on the day, with a very special thank you to Ian and Janet Claybrook for all of their support. We made just over £400 on the day plus a £200 cash match from Cadbury at Chirk.

Community Work Have you ever considered doing some work in your community? Could you spare an odd couple of hours here and there? Maybe you don't fancy sitting in meetings listening to a load of talking.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us out, you don't need to attend any meetings if you don't want to, but maybe you could be available to help out when needed, if so, please contact us so we know you are available to help, let's get a bigger and better team in our community.

Wales & Wrexham In Bloom We would like to send our sincere thanks to all the people and local community groups who worked extremely hard preparing for the Wales and Wrexham in bloom competitions, there are far too many of you to list on this page, but you know who you are.

We came second in both competitions, which was a fantastic result for our communities, we all felt very proud to have brought our communities even closer together and at the same time we brightened up the area with a lovely selection of planters and hanging baskets. The big challenge now is to be even better next year.

Contact Details

Sue Kempster 01978 810302 Steve Edwards 01978 810906

Mark Valentine 01978 812113 Email: aca.treasurer@gmail.com

Some dates for your diary. Aqueduct Community Association Meetings at Garth & Trevor Community Centre from 7pm:

6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December

Santa visits: Fron 15th December, Garth 16th December and Trevor 17th December.

1st Trevor Cubs & Beavers

Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

Beavers recently had a sleepover at Trevor HQ, their theme was re cycling and all enjoyed it.

Cubs have been on an Adventure weekend and camp where we took part in such activities as Rifle shooting, Fencing, Quad biking, Zip wire, Swimming, Building a raft and more. It was a great weekend with plenty of sunshine, good time had by all. Leaders were even able to go to a cheese and wine tasting.



1st Trevor Cub Scouts working towards their local history badge went walkabout with Wrexham and District Walkabout leaders Vaughan and Julie Williams at the end of June. They covered the area around Trevor Basin and the North end of the Aqueduct learning lots of the history and heritage of the area.

Their thirst for knowledge and attentive behaviour ensured that their badges were well deserved. Their behaviour was a credit to the Scouting movement. Thanks to all who supported us at our fun day recently, we raised £103. Our next Bingo is September 8th eyes down 7.30pm

Factory staff help villages prepare for floral contest

By Steve Edwards

Resident's young and old along with councillors have been busy helping Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte prepare for the 2010 Wales in Bloom Competition.



Eight members of the Cadbury community team at Chirk spent the day helping with the preparations for the judging.

They worked at locations around the villages carrying out different tasks including hedge cutting, cleaning planters and filling them with compost and plants, planting fruit trees, weeding and planting flower beds and helping with a general tidy up of the area.

The E crew members have been thanked for their efforts by the Aqueduct Community Association and Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Stephen Edwards from the Aqueduct Community Association said "They really have made a difference to our villages".

Short Mat Bowls

Are you fed up of repeats on TV? Would you be interested in learning or playing the relaxing, but challenging game of Short Mat Bowls?

If the answer is 'yes' then why not pop along to Trevor Community Centre every Thursday evening, between September and March and join our current members for a game.

We have two mats, which can accommodate up to 8 players each game, so there's no need to sit out waiting for a mat to come free. We have several sets of bowls, all different sizes to suit everyone; or perhaps bring your own. We have a Club Coach to help your game along (if you need it) and we have a Club and International Umpire on hand to help as well.

Our members play a competitive game and several have represented Clwyd in the National Championships, but we also play for fun, so whatever your preference there is no pressure.

Adult fees are £1.50 per evening, 8 pm to 10pm, which includes refreshments. Junior fees are £1 per evening, 7pm to 8pm.

Please contact Moira Griffiths on 824401 for more details.

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
Pentre Village School	11.20 to 12.00	Trevor Community Centre	1.15 to 2.15
Rhosymedre Community Centre	2.30 to 3.45	Fron Lay-by by Cliff's Cafe	4.00 to 4.40

Dates for 2010: September 21st, October 12th, November 2nd & 23rd, & December 14th.

Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328.

Bird List – Fron

By Julie Williams

Blue tit, Blackbird, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Collared dove, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great tit, Hedge sparrow, Heron, Jay, Jackdaw, Long Tailed tit, Magpie, Robin, Swallow, Starling, Swift, Song Thrush, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Not much to report regarding our feathered friends during the summer period except the young Robin is feeding from my hand. Blue tits, Great tits and bullfinches fledging.



Other in-flight highlights are the butterflies in the garden which have included the Comma, Admiral, Painted Lady, Peacock, Large White and Meadow Brown.

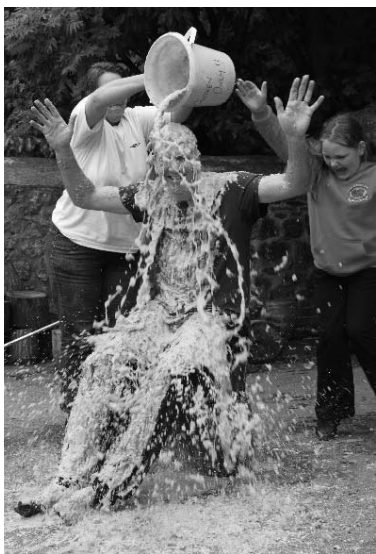
Froncysyllte CP School Summer Fayre

Froncysyllte School held their Summer Fayre on the 17th July. The day was a great success with lots of traditional stalls and games which were enjoyed by everyone. The highlight of the day for many of the children was the opportunity to "gunge" their headmaster Mr. Jarvis. Thankfully, Llangollen Fire Service was supporting the day and able to "hose" him down.

The money raised on the day along with money donated from Cakes & Company completes the fundraising required for the white interactive board for our nursery/hopscotch classroom. We are hoping to have this installed during the autumn term.



We would like to thank the following local businesses for raffle prize donations:-



Cadbury's – Chocolate Hamper - Chirk

Potter's Delicatessen – Deli Hamper Llangollen

First Milk Cheese Company – Cheese hamper - Wrexham

Dee Valley Fruit & Veg – Llangollen

Spar – Llangollen

Co-op – Llangollen and Chirk

Stans Superstore – St Martin's

Somerfield – Rhos-y-medre

Thank you to all the volunteers at Cakes & Company for their continued support, and Llangollen Fire service.

Future fundraising events will go towards our next project; improvements to the school grounds; the introduction of an artificial grass area, play equipment and an outdoor classroom.

Our next big fund-raiser will be an auction during October if anyone would like to donate a auction lot or you can help in anyway with our next project please contact Fron PTFA:

Tel 01691 774197 or email Barbara.davies21@btinternet.com.

Youth Club News

By Helen Jones Youth Leader

Fron Youth Club

Tuesdays 6.30 - 9pm at Fron Community Centre, to all young people 11 and over, please come along and support us.

Has seen a variety of activities from pizza making, BBQ, Visit by Sara McKenzie from the Inspire Project to talk about any health/emotional problems as well as an open event for the area of Street Dancing, which was great fun.



Garth & Trevor Youth Club

Wednesdays 7 - 9pm at Garth & Trevor Community Centre

Another activity packed few months from a police sniffer dog presentation, planting the hanging baskets for Trevor and Fron Community Centres, a visit by Sara McKenzie on body issues, trip to see Saturn narrow boat, overnight camping and bushcraft at Nantyr, and a trip to Drayton Manor 20th August for both Trevor and Fron Young People.

You may have also noted we have planted the planters on the green in Trevor which look lovely and are for all to enjoy - please help us to look after these by pulling out any weeds if your walking past and giving them a drink if they are looking a bit thirsty.



Ysgol Dinas Bran

By Sue Jones

During Eisteddfod week we had 15 local students from Dinas Bran School who were working in the local community for the Welsh Baccalaureate Community Action Scheme.

There were 6 students from Froncysyllte who were with us for two days, and they weeded, cut grass, and did a general tidy up of the pensioner's gardens at Ffordd Lliadiart and Coedfryn.

There were 9 students from Garth and Trevor and they tidied around the flats at Hafryn, Garth, painted the boards and doors on the building at Reeds Yard, tidied around the Garth and Trevor Community Centre and weeded the planters on the green.

On behalf of PCSO Dave Jenkins and the Community Council, we would like the students to know how much we appreciated all their help and we will certainly be doing this again next year.

The Headteacher Mrs A. Duffy said "The feedback from our pupils has been completely positive. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I hope this introduction to volunteering will encourage many of them to become a volunteer as they get older".



The Aqueducks launch at Trevor basin.

'Aqueducks' is the name chosen by communities for its official friends group, which was officially launched in a blaze of publicity on the 6th of August. It has been formed to represent the community to help safeguard and develop the unique achievement that has placed the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal alongside the Statue of Liberty and the Great Barrier Reef as a global attraction.

Representatives from all communities along the eleven miles sit on the board and anyone can become a member. Visit www.Aqueducks.org for more photos or leave a message. Piers Warburton heads up the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal Community Project, which has provided hands on experiences for communities to increase their knowledge and understanding of Thomas Telford's mighty structure and waterway. He paid tribute to the commitment of 'Aqueducks'.

"Our two year project brought together 10 principal communities along this 11 mile World Heritage Site corridor. But it is the passion and dedication of individuals who are taking on new skills that will really deliver benefits as visitor numbers to this unique and beautiful region increase," said Piers.

'Aqueducks' is believed to be unique as a driving force among the 910 World Heritage Sites across the globe. It will ensure the project's achievements are safeguarded and developed for the benefit of future generations when the project officially draws to a close in February 2011.

Piers can be contacted at: piers.warburton@britishwaterways.co.uk



Matt's Barber Shop

Victoria House
Crane Street
Cefn Mawr

Phone 01978 812000

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 8am - 2pm

Closed for lunch 1pm - 2pm

Appointments taken

No appointments required
for Saturdays

Traditional Barber & Stylist

Tandoori

Authentic Bangladeshi Cuisine

SPECIAL OFFER

Vegetable Curry & Rice £2.99
Chicken or Lamb Curry with rice £3.99

20% Discount

on Order Over £10.00
(On collection)

FREE HOME DELIVERY

(On order over £8.00 within 7 miles radius)

Free Bottle of Coke 1.5 Ltr.

(with order over £23.00)



Open 7 Days a week

(Including Bank holidays)

Sun - Thu: 5:30pm - 11:00pm

Fri and Sat: 5:30pm - 12:00

01691 774 858

01691 774 777

1-2 Holy Head Road, Glenside
Froncysyllte, LL20 7RA

AfonDec

Painting and Decorating Services

Matt Smith

01978 841614 - 07795 257809 afondec@gmail.com

Dry Stone Walling/Stonework

Lime mortar pointing

Lime plaster repairs

General garden maintenance

Gutter clearing

Tel. Mark 01978 810405

07980 102817

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.

For further details contact Wrexham Library 01978 292090 and ask for the Homelink Service. Maifun Rogers has now retired and Ellen has recently taken over her duties.

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

Wednesday 22nd September, Wednesday 20th October and Wednesday 17th November.

The Australia Arms is
to re-open soon under
new local ownership
and to be re-named
The Aussie Rooster!

Ian, Janet, family and
friends look forward
to welcoming you in
the very near future.

Trevor Villa Barn

Available to hire for your
special celebration and
recently approved for use
as a Civil Marriage Venue.

To arrange viewing or to
make a booking enquiry
e mail:

booking.enquiries@trevorbarn.co.uk

or call

01978 823429



Tel 01978 810011

Emergency Response Available.

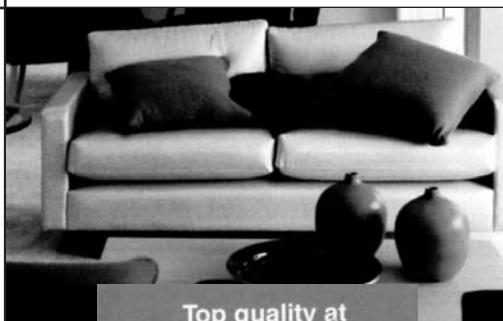
All Types of fire fighting
equipment supplied 24 hr. cover.

Supply Service and rental.

All manner of repairs carried out
at our workshops at Hill Street,
Cefn Mawr.

Mobile 07742749583

or 07751365450



**Top quality at
reasonable rates**

JR Soft Furnishings

Made to measure curtains,
blinds and accessories

Domestic and commercial
Clothing Alterations & repairs

Wheatsheaf Workshops, Rhosymedre,
Wrexham, LL14 3YE

Tel: 07854 654568

Email: jrsoftfurnishings@yahoo.co.uk

Gwyn Davies Ltd
Master Butchers – Where Quality Counts.

At Gwyn Davies Ltd. We provide a first class professional service.
We cater for every occasion from BBQs to formal dining.

Tel: 01978 860075
19 Castle Street, Llangollen. LL20 8NY

ERIC
GENTS HAIRDRESSER
CRANE STREET, CEFN MAWR.

OPEN
MONDAY & TUESDAY 8.30 – 12.30
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8.30 – 3pm
SATURDAY 8am – 12.00



RGT Registered Charity No.269668.
Greyhounds and lurchers looking for homes.
Contact Beth Richardson on 01978 812905 or
bethan-richardson@hotmail.co.uk

EVANS MOTOR FACTORS
WELL STREET, CEFN MAWR.
Tel: 01978 823735

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY

FOR ALL YOUR CAR PARTS
& ACCESSORIES
TOOLS & PAINT

The Oaklands
Bed and Breakfast



En-suite Rooms with T.V.
T.V. Lounge - Car Parking
Sited on the Offa's Dyke Walk
5 mins to Llangollen
5 mins walk to the famous Thomas Telford Aqueduct
Open all year round

Tel: 01978 820152
Email: oaklandstrevorbandb@hotmail.co.uk
www.oaklandstrevor.co.uk
Llangollen Road, Trevor, Llangollen, Wrexham. LL20 7TG

ADVERTISING

1 Business Card - **£10.00**
2 Business Cards - **£20.00**

Please mark all communications
COMMUNITY NEWS
and include a name and tel.number.

Send copy to: Clerk to the Council
1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor,
Wrexham LL20 7TF
or via e-mail to: clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.org
Tel. Enquiries: 01978 810466

**Winter issue deadline for adverts or
articles Noon Monday 8th November 2010.**



RICH SOUTHWELL
PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE
FREE ESTIMATES

T: 01978 824 654
M: 07905 656 924

richard.southwell@tiscali.co.uk.

· Decking · Patios and Paving · Fencing ·
· Fitting Kitchens · Bathrooms · Tiling · Floor Tiling ·
· Joinery · Doors · Skirting · Wood and Laminate Flooring ·

Disclaimer: Llangollen Rural Community Council declares that the publication of any advertisement does not carry its endorsement or sponsorship for the advertiser or their products or services unless indicated.

E. WYLES & SON

(Proprietors: J. M. & R. J. Wyles)

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Telephone:
(01691) 773468/778623

Greenfield House
Froncysyllte
Llangollen
Denbighshire
LL20 7SW

Quality Servicing for your vehicles

CHRIS'S MOTORS

- Servicing
- Repairs
- Tuning
- MOT's
- Bodywork

24 Hour Recovery

Telephone: 01978 824448 / 861261
Aqueduct Garage, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham

A.E. Roberts Electrical

Crane Street,
Cefn Mawr LL14 3AB
Phone: 01978 821863
Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 3pm

We stock all your Electrical Requirements
TV's, Cookers, Fridges, Dishwashers etc.

Andy Jones

**Construction and Renovation
Extensions-Walls-Electrical Work
Plumbing-Plastering-Building Work
Replacement Doors
Windows-Conservatories**

**Office 01691 777410
Mobile 07792 829110**

John Forbes Window Cleaning Services

T 01691 778016
M 07837971269

Tegfan, Methodist Hill,
Froncysyllte, Llangollen



*The
Telford Inn
Restaurant*



Telephone:
(01978) 820469

For the care of your animals

The vets your pets would choose!



Monday: 8.30am - 6.30pm
Tuesday: 8.30am - 8.00pm
Wednesday: 8.30am - 6.30pm
Thursday: 8.30am - 6.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 6.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

24 hour emergency cover on evenings and weekends

**Daleside Veterinary Group
Elmwood, Pandy Industrial Estate,
Pandy, Wrexham LL11 2UA
Tel: (01978) 311881**

Your Local Printers

High Street, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham, LL14 3BY

Web: www.wtevans-printers.co.uk

Email: sales@wtevans-printers.co.uk

Tel: 01978 821292

Fax: 01978 810023



Established 1934

D. Southwell & G. B. Jones

• For all your printing needs • Friendly, helpful service

W. T. Evans Printers Ltd

Margaret's

Crane Street, Cefn Mawr

Total Beauty and Leader Salon

822355

821791

Call in to your local professionals for all your Beauty & Hair needs. Years of experience in the industry, to provide you with the perfect experience.

Call to book on the above.
Consultations free of charge

MEL ROBERTS & SON
Family Butcher
Crane Street,
Cefn Mawr,
Wrexham



THE TOWERS

CHILDRENS' DAY NURSERY

Llangollen Road, Acrefair, Wrexham LL14 3SG

Full or Part Time Childcare
from birth - 5 years

Proprietor: A. R. Roberts B.ed, M.A.

Tel: (01978) 822446



Sandra's Hair Studio

Tel: 01978 821271

34 Well Street, Cefn Mawr,
Wrexham LL14 3AE

Steve Davies Telecom-man

Ex BT engineer with over 12 years exp,
Telephone extension points installed, Line fault diagnosis
and repair, Broadband problems investigated,
Cat5 cabling for computer networking.

All work undertaken to professional standards.
Guaranteed over 50% cheaper than BT.

For a prompt response and appointment to suit you please
ring **01691 772064** or **07545 549080**
www.telecom-man.com

JOHN FRANCIS ROBERTS

FUNERAL DIRECTOR



LONG STANDING PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESS

PROPRIETOR J.A. ROBERTS

COMPLETE PERSONAL SERVICE DAY OR NIGHT

TEL (01978) 810884

10 Crane Street, Cefn Mawr, Near Wrexham,

The Aqueduct Inn Pub/Restaurant

Under new management
Sue & Steve Roberts

Serving traditional
home cooked food
Daily Menu & Sunday Roast

Open 7 days a week from
midday
Food served 12 - 4pm
and 6 - 9pm

Phone: 01691 772 481

Acrefair Newsagents & Convenience Store Llangollen Road, Acrefair

for

- All your everyday Groceries
& Toiletries
- Wines, Spirits & Beers
- Magazines & Newspapers
- National Lottery
- Paypoint for Gas, Electric,
Telephone
- Western Union
- Parcel Collect Service

Moreton Garage

MOTs

to Cars & Vans £40

Motor Bikes & Quads £25

Service & Repairs to all models

Fault Diagnostics

Tyres

Exhausts

Air conditioners

Welding

Combined MOT & Service from £99
Unit 4 Moreton Business Park,
Gledrid, Chirk, Wrexham

Email: moretongarage@btconnect.com
T 01691 773003

PROSPECT GARDEN TEA ROOM

Blackwood Road, Garth Llangollen LL20 7YL

Tel:/Fax: 01978 821602 Proprietor: Linda Evans

OPENING TIMES

Easter until End October

Wed, Thurs, Fri 12 noon - 5.00pm

Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays 10.30am - 5.30pm

Closed Monday & Tuesday



A PROFESSIONAL TILING AND PLASTERING SERVICE

INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF
TILING AND PLASTERING,
UNDER TILE HEATING AND
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS.

FREE ESTIMATES



SHAUN HEYWARD

TEL: 07921 261620
EMAIL: SHAUN@SHOB.CO.UK
WEB: WWW.SHOB.CO.UK

Support at Home from the Visiting Warden Service



**INDEPENDENCE
AT HOME
A Pilot Scheme
for residents of
Cefn,
Rhosymedre,
Trevor,
Garth and
Froncysyllte**

**Are you aged
over 60?
Would you welcome
a reassuring visit?
Then we may be
able to help you
with our new
Visiting Warden
Service.**

Our Visiting Warden
can offer advice and
support during a
regular visit.

For more information
contact:

**Housing Manager for
Older
People's Services and
Supported Housing:
Housing and Public
Protection Department,
Ruthin Road, Wrexham.
LL13 7TU.**

Phone: 01978 315300

Wales & Wrexham in Bloom

Llangollen Rural Community Council were thrilled to find that the judges had placed us 2nd in the Wales in Bloom 2010, receiving a Silver Gilt (two points behind Newport) and in the Wrexham in Bloom competition coming second to Chirk.

Llangollen Rural Community Council would like to thank all the Community Groups involved, for their help and support in this venture. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Steve Edwards for compiling a very impressive evidence file that covered a full twelve months work with the community, and to the Aqueduct Community Association for their support with this project.

A big thank you to the local residents and the Youth Clubs who gave up their time planting hanging baskets, flower beds and creating new raised flower beds. Thank you for watering, (a huge task during June and early July) and caring for the hanging baskets, adopting containers and flower beds. Thank you for litter picking and making our community look so clean and tidy, all of these actions enabled us to achieve this award. The judges were very impressed with all the community involvement, and the work done by all the community groups.

Also special thanks to the Garth & Trevor Youth Club for planting our 25 fantastic hanging baskets, to Fron Youth Club for planting the wild flower seeds at Fron Basin, to Dinas Bran School for the work done by the Welsh Bacculaureate Students, to Garth & Trevor WI for creating the 'Bee Garden' to Mothers & Toddlers for their garden by the soft play area, to Elaine Anderson Cub Leader, and her Team, for all their work with the 1st Trevor Cubs and Beavers, to Remani Jones from North Wales Wildlife in creating a wildlife garden and the Bug Hotel on the old railway line, and finally to Andrea Evans for her enthusiasm, help and commitment to our local Community and Wales in Bloom.

Thanks also to Martin Howarth and John Edwards's from Wrexham C.B.C., to Dawn and the Plas Madoc Housing Team, to the Cadbury's Team, Shane Hughes Tidy Wales, Piers Warburton British Waterways, and PCSO Dave Jenkins who organized a litter pick and spent four days with the Welsh Bacculaureate Students. To Julie Williams and the Fron Community Garden Committee, Stella Fielding, Marjorie Crosby, Julia Jones, and Audrey & Paul Bowen for allowing their gardens to be judged and to Dave & Jan for bringing in the boats all decked out with flowers. We thank you all for your help and involvement in this project.

It's been a great experience and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves? Can we do it even better next year?

Wales in Bloom



Roy Duggan raises cash to buy scanner for the Maelor Hospital

State of the art equipment has been presented to Wrexham Maelor hospital in memory of a former patient.

Pensioner Eirwen Chesters was cared for on the Surgical Assessment Unit in 2009. Before she died she had asked staff what they most needed on the ward and last week her family donated an ultrasound scanner.

Senior Sister Awi Hughes said "Mrs Chesters was a lovely lady, I told her that we had wanted an ultrasound scanner for a number of years, but that these were very expensive bits of equipment. Before she died her partner Roy Duggan promised her that he would raise the money to buy a scanner for the unit. He did this through a number of different charity evenings as well as door to door collections, and raised over £12,000".

The hospital has also had a donation of £22,000 from the Wrexham League of Friends to support the purchase.

Consultants are now being trained on the new equipment which means patients can be scanned on the unit instead of the main x-ray department.

Andy Scotsman Communications Manager at Wrexham Maelor Hospital said "This has clearly been the result of hard work and great generosity of people from Garth, Trevor, Fron and the Llangollen areas and we are keen to express our gratitude for this and to let people know that their donations have indeed been put to good use".

Roy has been involved with fund raising for charity all his life and has tirelessly raised money for Nightingale House, Hope House, McMillan Nurses, the Aberfan Disaster and disabled children to name but a few.

In 1968 he walked from Llandudno to the Rockmans in Garth for the Aberfan Disaster, in 1996 he walked from Whitchurch to Llangollen along the canal for McMillan Nurses, and also during that year walked from Llanarmon Dyffryn Clwyd to Air Products for the Hope House Hospice, and in 1998 Bala to Air Products for disabled children, these are just a few examples.

He has organised sponsored walks, concerts, various stalls at the Fun Days and many other events over the years. Although today, he does not have very good health, he is often seen riding his mobility scooter with the Hope House sign on the front, he is still raising money for this Children's Charity. To date he has raised in excess of £100,000.



WELL DONE ROY, WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Photo: From left, Staff Nurse Gareth Arndt and Senior Sister Awi Hughes receiving the scanner from Richard Williams, treasurer League of Friends, Jackie Wooding daughter of Eirwen Chesters and Roy Duggan.

Fron Sensory Garden

By Julie Williams

Members of the Froncysyllte Sensory Garden group were please to host a visit from Angharad Rhodes and her family to the Sensory Garden. Angharad is seven years old and is blind, and agreed to pay us a visit to give her opinion on whether we had really achieved a sensory garden. Angharad loved, the sound and feel of the water feature and was delighted to be able to taste the first ripe tomato picked from the garden. The smell of the mint trough reminded her of toothpaste and the tickly plant (fennel) made her laugh! When Angharad touched the House Leeks she said they felt funny but weren't prickly. Angharad said she had great fun and had enjoyed herself playing in the garden.



Project organisers were delighted to have Angharad's seal of approval, and we now believe we really have created a sensory garden that can be enjoyed by all.

Fron Sensory Garden Open Day

A large crown of invited guests and onlookers gathered at Fron Community Centre on the 14th August to see Chelsea Champion Medwyn Williams officially open the Sensory Garden.

The delighted onlookers heard Medwyn say what a wonderful achievement the garden was.

Little Alexa presented a basket of flowers to Mrs Medwyn Williams, Isobel Kerswell the scissors to Medwyn to cut the ribbon, and Angharad a basket of flowers to Gwennie Jones.

Accompanied by his wife, Medwyn then enjoyed afternoon tea provided by Janet Norman and the Cakes and Company team of volunteers.



Local history wanted . . .

By Moira Griffiths

Following on from our request in the last Newsletter for any local history, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far. We have received a small amount on the area but would welcome more.

If you have anything, no matter how small (photographs, newspaper cuttings and personal history) we would appreciate it. We would be willing to make copies and return the originals as soon as possible.

If you would prefer to email items to me then my email address is: strumpyiddop@hotmail.com

Alternately please contact me on 824401 or Joyce on 823244.

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Blue Tit, Great Tit, Thrush, Blackbirds, Robin, Jays, Coal Tit, Nuthatch, Hedge Sparrows, Collared Dove, Pheasant, Chaffinch, Gold Finch, House Sparrows, Crows, Magpie, Jackdaw, Bullfinch, Owl (on garden fence), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Woodpigeon, Stock Dove, Buzzard, Bats and Heron, Ducks, Geese flying overhead.

Garth & Trevor Community Centre

By Delwyn Roberts

Iola and I have recently celebrated our Golden Wedding with a party in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre and I would just like this opportunity to say what a great location it proved to be. This is a picture of the room, but it does not show the new floor, the new toilets or the large kitchen. We were able to have a large gathering without handing a massive profit to some hotel. We cannot recommend it too highly.



Telecottage

Garth and Trevor Community Centre- Computer Classes for Beginners and Improver's start again in September at the following times: Monday 11am - 1pm, Monday 1pm - 3pm. Thursday 3.30pm - 5pm and Thursday 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

WATER FANTASTIC DAY

The Aqueducks Fun Day proved a huge success last Saturday, the 14th of August. The event started at 12pm, but was bustling with families at least an hour before, as people couldn't wait to see what goodies the stalls were selling or raffling.

Thomas Telford was there in person to open the day and gave us a fascinating talk on how the Aqueduct was built. There was also barge painting, dressing up clothes and a balloon artist for the little ones - and not so little ones! All the visitors seemed really happy with the choice of stalls and entertainment, even if it the heavens did open every now and again - but that was just water off a duck's back.

If anyone would like to join the Aqueducks or upload any pictures of the day, then please do so at www.aqueducks.org



Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod of Wales 2011

Bethan Grey-Davies Co-ordinator and treasurer of the local appeal (01978821288).

Money has trickled into our appeal fund but from now on we need a steady flow if not a flood to reach our target. PLEASE help us by supporting the following events.

September 11th – We will join the other areas to collect on the streets of Wrexham with the money we collect going to our target.

Between September 13th and the 18th our group will visit as many of you as possible in our house to house collection. Please donate generously.

ALL COLLECTORS WILL HAVE PERMITS OR BADGES.

September 24th will be an opportunity for you to listen to two bands from two generations at Flexsys Club – Band Knight, a group of young people making a name for themselves and After Dark a well established group. Not your cup of tea? Call in for a cup of coffee instead at our Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall, Llangollen on October 2nd.

These are definite dates but look out for details of a talent competition, a classical concert and other musical evenings. We will try to cater for all tastes. If you have ideas why not tell us.

Frncysyllte County Primary - School Leavers Ceremony

Congratulations to all Year 6 pupils from Frncysyllte School who finished their final year and celebrated with a leap backwards in time. The school and parents were treated to a lovely play, in the style of an episode of Dr Who. The play, written and performed by all of Year 6, told the story of their fond memories and experiences of their years in Frncysyllte School.

Headmaster, Mr Jarvis, presented them with their certificates of achievement, praising them for their outstanding behaviour and hard work at the school. The Governors, teaching and support staff, children and parents wished them all the best for the future in this emotional farewell.



Harvest Festival or Harvest Thanksgiving?

By Rev. Tony Rees Vicar of Chirk

I used to call the occasion "Harvest Festival" until my first curacy. Then a new vicar arrived in my parish (Smethwick, Birmingham Diocese), a man from India, who pointed out that in most of the world, harvests are so precious because of climatic and ground conditions, that "Thanksgiving" is the word to use – thanksgiving to God for seeds and soil, sun and rain, farmers and producers, bringing us food to eat. Harvest reminds us that we can work hard in life, but the results are by no means certain, and that our life and health are not within our control. Our lives are in the hands of God, and our faith is therefore in God our creator and sustainer. We may mark the occasion with a festive supper, but thanksgiving must be uppermost. Thirty-five years on now, and climatic changes make harvests even more variable. So we thank God, the source of life, for providing us food, and we thank God daily for all his blessings to us.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons: as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Harvest Services

St David's Church, Fron

Friday 26th September 7pm Evensong, followed by Harvest Supper

Sunday 28th September 9.30am Family Service

Trevor Church

Friday 17th September 7pm Harvest Festival Service followed by Supper at Trevor Hall. Tickets available from the Wardens.

Eric Hughes 821413 and Mary Green 822312

Sunday 19th September 9.30am Harvest Service

History talk by Emrys Roberts.

Friday 10th September 7pm in Fron Community Centre

Admission £1 - proceeds to St Davids Church, Fron.

All welcome.

St David's Churchyard, Froncysyllte

A working party has been formed to undertake maintenance and development of the churchyard as a wildlife area. They meet in the churchyard every Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4. More volunteers always welcome: if you can bring some gardening tools, that will be helpful! Thank you !

Local Tai Chi Groups

By Mike Gleed.

Held a day of Tai Chi at Flexsys Club in July raising £125.88 for Breast Cancer Research.

This amount has been added to the National total which now stands at over £5,000 that Tai Chi groups have raised for this worthy cause.

Many thanks for everyone for their support.

Tai Chi is held every Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday at 10am in Fron Community Centre.

Trevor & Garth WI

By Jean Roberts

We have had a very busy Summer:

June - Trip to Llanberis and up to the top of Snowdon by train!!

July - We visited the Fine Food Exhibition in Grosvenor Garden Centre.

August - The members were eating again this time at the Prospect tearooms In August. Members were busy putting the finishing touches to the WI garden ready for the judging days and we had a Bookstall at the Aqueduct Funday. It has been a very busy two months but enjoyed by all.

Muffin in a mug!

By Helen Jones

4 Tablespoons each of sugar, flour, milk and cooking oil

3 Tablespoons Cocoa powder

1 egg

Chocolate chips are optional for extra mmmmmmmm!

Mix all ingredients together and microwave on high for 2-3 minutes, depending on your microwave... You can make it a solid muffin or reduce the time slightly to create a soft centre and therefore creating a chocolate pudding worthy of the Ritz!

This makes a HUGE muffin, so I normally divide the mixture in half (half makes a rather large muffin) and put the other half in the fridge for another time.... Try it and you'll crave it most days!

Police Matters

Firstly I would like to thank PC Gary Robertshaw for all the good work he has done in Llangollen Rural over the years as your Community Beat Manager and to introduce you to PC Chris Ryder who is now responsible for this position. Feedback from meetings and speaking to members of the public shows a general high level of satisfaction with the environment in the ward but littering, dog fouling and speeding vehicles appear to be issues of concern to local residents. In response to this, council enforcement officers will be looking to patrol the ward regularly in regard to littering and dog fouling and speeding checks will be made in identified problem spots and tickets issued where appropriate. I would also ask you to continue to take basic common sense precautions to prevent opportunist crime and to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team for any advice or with any relevant information.

CBM PC Chris Ryder Tel 07896 172556 E-mail chris.ryder@nthwales.pnn.police.uk
PCSO David Jenkins Tel 07854 332425 E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report any non 999 justified incidents please call 101

Best regards to you all
David

Bird Watch from Cae Bryn, Garth.

By Susan Morris

We read and enjoy our Community news here in Garth and follow with interest the birds seen in our area. We have had an exciting week in our garden, the male woodpecker has been visiting our garden now for some time, followed by a female some weeks ago. Now we have their youngster as well. So yesterday the parents were showing the baby how to feed from our fat block. The same day a Kestrel rested on our decking rail for some time before continuing its journey. We thought you may like to add the baby woodpecker to the Bird List. Keep up the good work.

Grants for students

With reference to the item in the last newsletter, applicants for the Mathews Charity should consult the charity's website, where information and the application form are available:
www.johnmathewscharity.co.uk

Next Community News will be out during the first week in December and will be delivered to households by Councillors and the Garth & Trevor Youth Club. Any items of news for inclusion in the Winter edition should be in by Monday 8th November 2010. If you would like to see any of the previous newsletters, then these can be seen on our web site www.llangollen-ruralcc.org

County Councillor's Diary

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

What a busy few months we have had within the ward. We have been getting ready for Wales in Bloom; we were selected to be part of Wrexham's route along with Cefn Mawr. The Community Council were asked to get involved with setting up the route, in conjunction with all the local organisations. Everybody in the ward worked so hard from the youngest to the oldest, there was so much involved from making hanging baskets, setting up planters, litter picking, planting, and of course all those people who adopted the baskets and planters along the route for watering. They all did a great job!!

Wrexham came second to Newport only two points difference, we also entered Wrexham in Bloom and we came second to Chirk yet again. Not forgetting our own Best Kept Garden competition which has also been held. The results were announced at a Presentation night on the 2nd September at Garth & Trevor Community Centre Trevor. You can see the results on the front page of this newsletter.

Lots of people from outside the area have commented on how tidy the three villages look, and its thanks to our active litter pickers. My sincere thanks to all those people who litter pick on a daily basis, and wouldn't it be great if more people took pride in their areas to keep up the standard.

Dog Fouling It is with regret that I have to say people are still not picking up their dogs mess, and having walked around the ward in the last couple of months it seems to be on the increase.

Be Warned I have asked the dog wardens to do some extra patrolling in all areas.

Fun Day The fun day which was held at Trevor Basin, was a great success. Big thanks to Wrexham Council, British Waterways and the newly formed Aqueducts Steering Group. This is made up of membership from the 11 mile zone, which is chaired by Sue Kempster. The weather could have been better, but it was so nice to see all these communities working together.

Sensory Garden I had the pleasure of being part of the official opening of the Sensory Garden at Froncsyllte Community Centre, which was opened by Mr Medwyn Williams. This project is thanks to Julie & Vaughn Williams who took the leadership working in conjunction with a very active garden committee. It is well worth a visit, and not to be missed.

Police Meetings The police and I hold monthly meetings the first Monday of the month 6.30pm at Garth and Trevor Community Centre. These are for the public to come along to with any issues for myself or the police. All are Welcome.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

Pat Jeffares **Phone:** 01978 820570 **E-mail:** pat.jeffares@wrexham.gov.uk