

Community News

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Best Kept Garden Competition – 2017

The winners of the Llangollen Rural Community Council's 2017 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre. This year twenty-one gardeners entered the competition from Fron, Trevor and Garth. The judges Ms Andrea Evans and Mr Tony Roberts commented on "the exceptionally high standard of all the gardens".

Overall Large Garden

1. Joint winners - Mrs Marjorie Crosbie and Mr Stephen Tudor

Overall Small Garden

1. Ms Helen Suthers

2. Joint winners - Mrs Janet Valentine and Mr Hadyn Edwards

Community Award for Effort

Fron Community Centre for the baskets.

Fron Community Centre for the sensory garden

Garth & Trevor Community Centre for the baskets.

Containers

1. Mr John Turton

2. Mr Hadyn Edwards

Hanging Baskets

1. Mrs Mair Bowen

2. Mr William Brown

Children's Garden

1. Fron School

2. Towers Day Nursery

Outstanding Feature Fron School for the Scarecrow.

Monsanto Rose Bowl (Best Overall) Mrs Marjorie Crosbie /Mr Stephen Tudor

The Watkin Williams Memorial Trophy Ms Helen Suthers

The Community Council would like to thank John Beckett for taking the photographs of the gardens and at the presentation evening.

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

Garth, Trevor & Fron Diary Dates - 2017

September

2nd & 3rd Fundraising weekend at Fron Community Centre run by St. David's Church.

16th Fron Walking Group meeting at Fron Community Centre.

16th Fundraising café by Trevor Scout Group.

October

21st Fron Walking Group meeting at Fron Community Centre.

November

10th Fron Community Centre. Musical evening with Nige Parry and his fellow musicians.
7pm. Admission £5

11th & 12th weekend café in aid of Pensioners Group at Fron Community Centre.

17th Fron Community Centre. Prize Bingo in aid of Fron Walking group. 7pm.

18th Fron Walking Group meeting at Fron Community Centre.

18th & 19th Fundraising weekend café and stalls in aid of Wales Air Ambulance at Fron Community Centre.

24th Friday concert with Dyffryn Ceiriog Choir at Fron Community Centre.

25th Fron School Xmas fair at Fron Community Centre.

December

1st Pensioners Christmas party at Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

8th Fron Community Centre. James Lambert Singers. 7pm. Admission £5.

16th Fron Walking Group Christmas Dinner.

This photo was taken about 1896 and is the building of the extension to Garth School.

The picture has come from Allan and Envis Graham and they think it is the part of the building nearest to the road.

If anyone has any information about the building of the school we would be pleased to hear from you.



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Councillor Darrell Wright

The summer is now well and truly with us. Just this Sunday afternoon I walked down to the Aqueduct and was pleased and proud to see the number of visitors that this now attracts. Having said that the increasing popularity of the Aqueduct brings with it problems with car parking and this I know frustrates locals and a solution must be found. The Community Council together with our County Councillor, Rondo, have been in discussions with Wrexham to find an answer and I believe in the short term the adjacent field may well be open at weekends to help.

Judging took place in July for the various prizes on offer in the Garden Competition. There was a strong entry list with there being in excess of 20 entrants. The winners can be seen in this edition of the Community News. A splendid well done must be given to all who entered and the standard was high in all areas.

It was pleasing to see the Garth Playground opened officially on the 22nd July by Pat Jeffares. There was a really good turnout, the weather was nice and there was some delightful refreshments supplied by the ladies of the Community. I must thank all concerned who devoted time and equipment to make it a great success. Special mention must be made to Pat Jeffares, Mark Valentine and Sue Kempster for their hard work in obtaining the funding for this facility. It's a wonderful amenity for the children of Garth.

It will have been noted by the residents of Fron that their playground in Woodland Grove has been shut for some time. This was because of safety issues raised in relation to the quarry face and possible danger to children. Fencing is due to be erected very shortly which should alleviate the danger posed. It has been of considerable expense to the Community Council but safety is paramount. I thank the residents who have been affected for their patience in not having the use of this facility over the last weeks.

Editor's Comments

If you would like to see the back issues of the Newsletter, information about the Community Council, the local organisations and history about the three villages.

Please have a look at our web site www.llangollen-rural.cc.uk

Musings from the car park . . .

By Moira Griffiths

It's very enjoyable working as 'car parking attendant' at the basin in Trevor. Most people don't mind parking on the field if the main car park is full. Steve Jones and I have met many people, some who have travelled a long way; some who live near but have never been here before.

Most recently we had an American couple who arrived in a rather untidy car and who wanted to know where they could 'launch their kayak . . . and how far was the water?' We explained that the canal was only a short distance from the car park and so they decided to park up and carry their boat over. In the back of the car I noticed a pair of oars and life jackets.

After half an hour I realised the couple hadn't come past us with their boat. Looking round the cars I spotted the bloke using a foot pump to inflate their kayak! Ten minutes later the couple walked past us carrying an 8 foot boat, complete with oars, seats and life jackets! They headed off towards Chirk Marina and returned several hours later. It took them just as long to deflate the kayak before packing it neatly away!

Another couple arrived in an open top sports car. I waved them to stop so that I could explain where to park on the field . . . the driver wound down his window to listen to me and I couldn't help giggling. Later as they were leaving the passenger wound down her window to say goodbye!

Unforgettable!

Port & Damson Jam

1500g damsons, 200ml water, 1200g sugar and 75ml port

Wash the damsons. Put the fruit into the pan with 200ml water and simmer for 30 mins. Allow the fruit to cool a little then remove the stones. Add the sugar and return to a medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Turn the heat up until a rolling boil and continue to boil for 15 mins. Test for setting. When setting is achieved take the jam off the heat, add the port and leave to cool a little. Ladle the jam into sterilised jars and label when cold.

Tastes lovely. Port can be added to stewed damsons which can be used in many ways....cheesecake toppings, sponge cake filling or just eaten with yoghurt.

Dog fouling in the Llangollen Rural Community.

By Cllr. Sue Kempster

Dog fouling has become a huge problem within the area of Llangollen Rural as it has in many other places around the county

Some of the worst affected areas are Trevor estate where the foot paths are covered in dog waste. The old railway walk where some people think they don't need to pick up after their dogs, along the canal and Bryn Zion field (next to the car park by the toilets at Trevor basin.)

"Don't Be Foul - Pick up the Poo" continues to be the County Council's message to those irresponsible dog owners who are still allowing their dogs to foul without picking it up.

Kingdom security has taken responsibility for patrolling the areas and issuing the fixed penalty notices to offenders but we all need to do our bit by ensuring our dog waste is collected and taken home or disposed of in waste bins.

Cllr David A. Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said:

"Dog fouling continues to blight our communities and is something members of the public feel very strongly about. Kingdom Security has been paying particular attention to this offence and the figures show for themselves the success they are having. They are tackling offenders across the county borough and I thank members of the public for continuing to report the matter."

Reports to the Environment Department of dog fouling has increased since the beginning of this year and incidences of dog fouling can be reported via email to contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk. Names of offenders if known and times of incidences can be reported in confidence.

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 Ellen Edwards who looks after the Homelink Service.

1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader

The group had a great day out at RAF Cosford and we were lucky enough to be visiting the day before their air show, so we were treated to a free rehearsal of all the planes practicing their stunts. The youngsters (and adults) were enthralled.

At our District camp in July where we had an attendance of nearly four hundred with the theme being pirates was really great and fun packed with activities from start to finish. Other than Friday evening the weather was fine and volunteers provided exceptional catering. Some of the activities were air rifle shooting, archery, fencing, paddling a raft down the canal, climbing wall, water slide, face painting, evading the crocodiles, making a ship in a bottle, treasure chest, eye patch and tons more. A great well planned weekend thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our water fight at the last meeting was its usual fun, where of course the adults get the wettest. We catered in the Community Cafe in Fron recently; the parents supplied us with some mouth-watering cakes, many thanks to them. We will be repeating this on September 16th so come and join us for a Cuppa and a cake 12-4pm.

I would like to say a BIG well done to Harvey Jones of Trevor who this year won our Cub of the Year award, he has now been made Head Boy at Garth School, what an inspiration, we are all very proud of him.

Our next Bingo is Wednesday September 5th, eyes down at 7.30pm.



Bowls Update

By Moira Griffiths

The Crown Green bowling season is almost at an end with just one month of games remaining. The teams of our nearest green, Plaskynaston, have had mixed results during the season.

In the Wrexham league the Saturday games have gone fairly well with the team placed midway in the table. Fixtures will continue until mid September. Also in the Wrexham pairs league, played on a Monday evening, the team is again midway in the table. The final few games will finish by the end of August.

The Wrexham Vets league, played on Tuesday afternoons, is very hit-and-miss and both the A and B teams are finding a winning streak elusive. Fixtures will continue until the end of September.

In the Oswestry league the 'A' team is holding its own in its first year in Div 2. The 'B' team is unfortunately suffering and is currently in bottom position with fixtures due to be completed in the first week of September.

Once these games are completed the players will move into the warmth of the Community Centre in Trevor. We are hoping to start a singles and pairs league on a Monday evening. We also play on Thursday evenings when players will use the time to practice shots and discuss upcoming competitions. Our players compete in the National heats and have represented our county on numerous occasions at the National finals at Llandrindod Wells.

If you would like to play or learn the game of Short-mat bowls then why not come along on Monday and Thursday evenings (starting on Monday 25th September). We can provide bowls if you don't have your own. Fees: £2 per adult, £1.50 juniors. Refreshments included. Contact Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401.

Bird List – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Blue Tit, Green Finch, Gold Finches, Robins, Swifts, Blackbirds, Thrush, Magpie, Bull Finch, Redstart, Jays, Starlings, Pigeon, Collared Dove, Great Tit, Woodpecker, Owls, Redpoll, Linnet, Hedge & House Sparrows, Crows, Siskin, Chaffinch, Jackdaw, Rook, Nuthatch, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Swallow, Heron, Ducks and Geese overhead.

Ysgol Dinas Brân

Chirk Castle inspires budding poets

12 students from year 9 enjoyed a 2 day residency at Chirk Castle with Sophie Mckeand, Welsh Young People's Laureate, organised by Literature Wales.

Following a tour of the castle buildings, roof, dungeon and grounds, the students were treated to readings of some of Sophie's poetry. This helped them to understand that poetry could be about absolutely anything from the smallest most insignificant object to all embracing emotional themes. Comments along the lines of "I've never really 'got' poetry before but this is amazing" were heard.

Sophie explained that there is no reason at all for poetry to rhyme or have a regular rhythm or conform to any rules of form. Once the students started to write their own poems it became clear that the lessons had been well learned. Tasked with writing a poem about a single object they had seen on their tour of the castle, the students set to work and produced some outstandingly original pieces which can be read on the school website.

All the students had a marvellous time and received a 'shout out' from Steve Wright (Radio 2) on their way home after the first day, thanks to Mrs S. Morris. Thanks to Mrs A. Edwards for arranging this event and to Mrs D. McSorley for accompanying the students.



Ysgol Dinas Brân

An old favourite returns.

Once again the paths above Llangollen rang to the cheerful voices of some 600 students and staff as we circumnavigated Castell Dinas Brân hill in aid of our 'Curtain Up' appeal. This event was once a fixture on the school calendar and we are delighted that it has made its re-appearance this summer. Having successfully launched the appeal at Brynkinalt Hall this event will engage every student from years 7 -10 on July 3rd. Students were issued with sponsorship forms and asked to

aim to raise at least £20 each. (Students are warned not to approach strangers for sponsorship). The vast majority completed three laps and many people, especially those who chose to run the course, completed up to 7 laps.

So far we have raised over £1000 with sponsorship monies still coming in. If you would like to donate to our "Curtain Up" appeal to refurbish the school hall then please contact us on 01978 860669.



Ysgol Dinas Brân's Chamber Choir

On Thursday 6th July members of Ysgol Dinas Brân's chamber choir "Cor Canu Hardd" performed at the Music for Youth National Festival in the Town Hall, Birmingham. Following their success at the Music for Youth Regional Rounds, Cor Canu Hardd were invited to perform alongside some of the country's finest musicians and ensembles. Accompanied by Owen Roberts, they performed three varying numbers starting with Rachmaninov's beautiful acappella number Bogoroditse Devo. Following

on from this was a Billy Joel Favourite For the longest time, with a stunning solo from year 9 student, Maia Molloy. To finish the choir performed the vocally challenging Libertango by Piazzolla. The choir received a glowing adjudication where they were complimented on their "rich, warm sound, sustained by lovely legato lines". The adjudicator then went on to say how the soloist, Maia, brought "tears to my eyes" and that the choral sound was "beautifully lush". The adjudication finished with "what a terrific group of singers! A wonderful job!"



Cor Canu Hardd was formed in September 2016 under their conductor Ms Debbie Neal, Head of Music at Ysgol Dinas Brân and have gone from strength to strength. In June they raised over £1000 at a charity event in Brynkinalt Hall, Chirk and they are already planning ahead to the next academic year where they will be competing in the North Wales Choral Festival and embarking on a European tour.

Ysgol Dinas Brân Year 8 are Triumphant

Mr Sinclair (Learning Manager of Year 8)

It was a sunny Wednesday morning in Chester Train Station (Platform 1 and 3/4). Mr Sinclair, Jim Norman, Lucy Holt and Charlotte Harding were waiting patiently for the train to pull in and whisk them away to London.

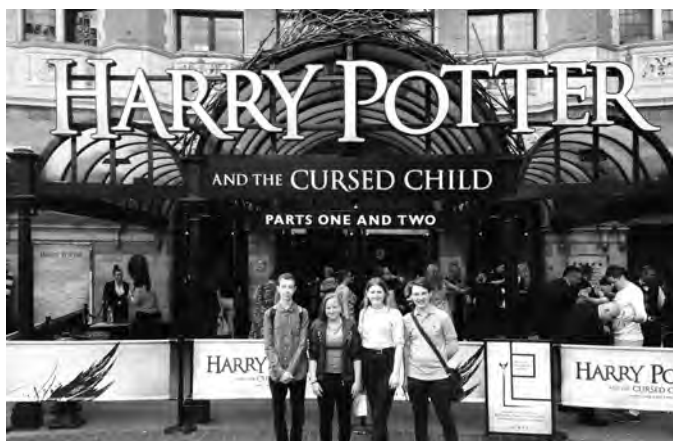
The journey however didn't begin there but in the ink of a pen and a thought in the mind. The three entered their stories into a Denbighshire wide 'Harry Potter: Quirky Quilling' competition. Their challenge was to write a creative piece imagining that they had an invisibility cloak for the day.

The trio didn't just triumph over their peers, in the biggest year group in the school, but fended off fierce competition from other schools to give Ysgol Dinas Brân a clean sweep of the pole positions.

Jim was placed third with his heart-warming story that saw its main character secretly aid his classmates. Lucy achieved second place with her character's mischievous antics around school. Charlotte was awarded first place for her imaginative and inventive invisibility tale.

The unbelievable prize was an all-expenses paid trip to London to see 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' at the Palace Theatre. This award winning production was both spellbinding and magical with an ending that left the quartet of Mr Sinclair and the competition winners hungry for more. All four enjoyed the brilliant show, the experience of a trip to London and a unique street performance of Tina Turner's 'Proud Mary' that left us all giggling.

I am very proud of Jim, Lucy and Charlotte for their amazing achievement. I now look forward to more triumphs in the future competitions (not that I'm competitive in any way) and wish the participants the very best of luck.



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Report from the Aqueduct Community Association.

Sue Kempster, Chair

Members of the ACA have been busy this summer first by helping out at “the picnic in the park” at Garth playground. Then we have also done our usual stint on the Bryn Zion field. For those of you not quite as old as me that’s the field next to the basin car park. This was where our members could be seen every Saturday and Sunday during the Summer months directing traffic into parking spots as well as directing visitors to the Aqueduct. It always surprises us how many ask “how far is the Aqueduct” when they are only a few hundred yards away and the look of joy on some faces when they realise they don’t have to walk a mile as the Satnav directs. A very helpful service you might think .keeping the visitors cars off our roads. True but as well as keeping the roads clear this service also helps us to raise much needed funds for good works in our community. Win Win!

The ACA was also invited to participate in the most recent consultation for the World Heritage Site as it’s the community group representing Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte and as such considered to be a key stakeholder. This gives us an opportunity to have our say as residents and understand what is going on with the World Heritage Site.

Our most recent project has been the green in front of Trevor shops where we have replaced the old planters. Some of you may have noticed recently how dilapidated these planters were looking. In fact they were falling apart. The old planters were put on the green some ten years ago by the members of Garth and Trevor youth group who tended the flowers and shrubs once they planted them. This was something Gary Claybrook reminded me of when he was putting the new planters in. In his words - “I couldn’t understand as a youngster why I paid £1.00 to come to youth club and was then put to work planting flowers “

This made me chuckle and reminded me of the good times we`d had at the youth club. If there are any parents or friends out there who want to restart the club please get in touch for details on how to go about this . If you would like to attend any of our meetings, help with forthcoming events or even want some information about us and our work please contact me. Details are on the Community Council website or via the ACA Facebook page. You could even come along to one of our regular meetings, they are usually held on the first Monday of each month at Garth & Trevor Community Centre and are very informal and friendly.

The meetings for the rest of this year are below

Our AGM is on the second of October at 7.00pm

Normal meetings are September 4th, October 2nd then November 6th

Why not volunteer or come along as a guest to our retired residents Christmas party on Friday December 1st it’s a great night out for all. That`s right our Christmas party for retired residents is on December 1st please put this date in your diary as a reminder not to double book.

Church Services

St. David's has its Autumn fair booked for 2nd and 3rd September, in Froncysyllte Community Centre, 12-4pm. Cafe open and stalls, raffle and tombola.

St David's Church services:

Family Service 1st Sunday of the month, remaining Sunday's Family Communion, service times are 9.30 am.

The Harvest Festival and supper is on Friday 29th September at 7.00pm in St.David's Church.

Trevor Church services:

Services every Sunday at 9-30am

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday Holy Communion Service

4th Sunday Family Service

5th Sunday - Normally no service.

Harvest Festival Thursday 28th September followed by Harvest Supper at Trevor Hall.

Tickets available from the Wardens:

Mrs Mary Green 01978 822312 and Mr Chris Davies 07543834141

Tele Cottage

Sessions start again first week in September

Monday 4th. September -- 11a.m.

Monday 4th. September -- 1 p.m.

Thursday 3rd. September – 1 p.m.



These sessions are for beginners and improvers, Tuition is free, but a charge of £2 is made to cover electricity, telephone and tea or coffee. For more details call 01978 810119, or just turn up

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Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of all the nice weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the sunflowers are out and the children have been harvesting herbs, strawberries and potatoes. The garden has recently been judged in the community garden competition.



left to right Faith, Phoebe and Tila

Other visitors to the nursery include the co-ordinator from the Healthy Schools campaign and the dental nurse from the Designed to Smile initiative.

Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Our older children are soon to leave us ready to go to school. We wish them well in the next stage of their education.

Fron Walking Group

By Julie Williams

Fron Walking Group continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month. May Bank Holiday, the Fron Walking group enjoyed their annual trip to Bethesda, walking back along the valley to Ogwen Cottage and calling for a carvery on the way home at the Voelas Arms, Pentrefoelas.

In June, a number of the group met for a summer solstice stroll and supper at the Aqueduct Inn.

St David's Church will be providing refreshments at the church after the August walk.



Well Done Fron School!

In the Best Kept Garden Competition, Fron School received first prize with their 'Children's Garden'. The judges Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts were most impressed that the children had asked if they could have a vegetable garden and that they had dug the garden, sown all the vegetables and had kept the garden weed free. They also took the prize for outstanding feature with their scarecrow that they had made from recycled containers. In the picture are Owen Keble, Rhys Bathers & Jamie Thomson.



What a surprise!

A surprise birthday party was held in Fron Community Centre for Ivor Williams, 80 and Geraint Roberts (over 80!). The party was organised by friends in the village and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Many happy returns of the day to the two gentlemen.



Fron Choir

Fron choir's 70th anniversary concert took place at Seion Chapel on 27th July. An evening of wonderful music and reminiscing enjoyed by all.



Fron Community Centre

By Alyson Winn

Please check our Facebook page for updates as we do have private bookings occasionally on a Saturday or Sunday.

A massive thanks to everyone who has supported our community centre cafés over the last few months when we have been fundraising to improve the centre facilities. Come and see our fantastic new 'stage' curtains and the new non slip flooring in the entrance and kitchen areas. We are now planning to upgrade our 'back room' into a pleasant and usable meeting room so we will be continuing our fundraising café one weekend a month. In total over £2000.00 has been raised!

Other weekends it will be Cakes & Co café who are raising money to support local groups selling their delicious cakes, sandwiches and drinks. We have more and more tourists and visitors calling in for refreshments but also we very much appreciate the support of our local community who are very much valued customers! If you have a few hours to spare please consider volunteering in our café – just pop in and see us.

Our bingo sessions continue every two weeks raising money for charities such as Leonard Cheshire and Guide dogs. Please get in touch if you would like to organise a bingo session for your favourite charity.

There are a number of events coming up and these are listed in the 'Diary' which can be found on page 4.

Check our Facebook page for updates and look out for posters in the area or contact secretary Alyson Winn 01691 770912/ 07944736741 or email alysonw1811@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile Library

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

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| 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 |

2017 5th & 26th September, 17th October, 7th & 28th November.

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

Telephone Numbers

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| Telephone Numbers | |
| Llangollen Rural | |
| Community Council | 01978 810466 |
| C/Cllr. Rondo Roberts | 07792844493 |
| WCBC Pride in Your Streets | 01978 298989 |
| PCSO Dave Jenkins | 07854 332425 |
| Cefn Police Station | 01978 348409 |

WCBC Services

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| •Sewers & Drains | 01978 298989 |
| •Pest Control | 01978 298989 |
| •Refuse Collection | 01978 298989 |
| •Housing Services | 01978 298989 |
| •Housing Repairs | 01978 298989 |
| •Housing Benefits | 01978 298989 |
| •Council Tax | 01978 298992 |
| •Registrar’s Office | 01978 298999 |
| •Highways | 01978 298989 |
| •Visiting Warden Service | 01978 315300 |
| •Dog Fouling | 01978 298989 |
| •Telecare Solutions | 01978 292075 |
| •Welfare Rights | 01978 298255 |
| •Planning | 01978 298994 |
| •Trading Standards | 01978 298997 |

WCBC Emergency out of Hours Numbers

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| •Highways | 01978 292055 |
| •Homelessness | 01978 264240 |
| •Social Services | |
| (Emergency Duty Team) | 0845 053 3116 |
| •Sewers & Drains | 01978 298989 |
| •Telecare | 01978 292055 |

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| Gas Emergencies | 0800 111 999 |
| Dee Valley Water | 01978 846946 |
| Dee Valley (Leak Line) | 0800 298 7112 |
| MANWEB / Scottish Power | 0845 272 2424 |
| Welsh Water | 0800 052 0130 |
| Adult Social Care | 01978 292066 |
| Bus Services | 01978 266166 |
| CAB | 01978 364639 |
| Community Fire Safety | 01745 352693 |
| Crime Stoppers | 0845 404 0506 |
| Dementia Help Line | 0808 808 2235 |
| Home Fire Safety Checks | 0800 169 1234 |
| Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline | 0808 801 0800 |
| Wrexham Credit Union | 01978 266843 |
| Wrexham Maelor Hospital | 01978 291100 |
| Llangollen Health Centre | 01978 860625 |
| Caritas Surgery, Cefn Mawr | 01978 720450 |

Local Organisations

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| 1st Trevor Scouts | 07939 476208 |
| Aqueduct Community Association | 01978 810302 |
| Cakes & Co | 01691 774792 |
| Cefn Mawr Historical Society | 01978 823380 |
| Fron Community Centre | 01691 770912 |
| Fron Darby & Joan Club | 01691 773056 |
| Fron School | 01691 773310 |
| Fron Walking Group | 01691 778286 |
| Garth & Trevor Community Centre | 01978 823244 |
| Garth School | 01978 820582 |
| Garth & Trevor W.I. | 01978 810302 |
| Llangollen Maelor Angling Society | 01978 280608 |
| Maelor Boxing Club | 01978 823551 |
| St David’s Church, Fron | 01691 778519 |
| Telecottage | 01978 810119 |
| The Fron Male Voice Choir | 01978 845048 |
| Tiddlywinks | 07870 656180 |
| Towers Day Nursery | 01978 822446 |
| Trevor Indoor Bowls | 01978 824401 |

Birds & Butterflies seen in Fron

By Julie Williams

Birds: Blackbird, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Heron, House sparrow, Jackdaw, Magpie, Nuthatch, Robin, Songthrush, Swift, Treecreeper, Wood pigeon, Wren.

Butterflies: Orange tip, Small white, Painted lady, Peacock, Comma, Red Admiral, Small tortoiseshell.

POLICE MATTERS

By PCSO Dave Jenkins

I have received numerous reports and complaints about inconsiderate parking of vehicles in some areas of Llangollen Rural, whilst I am aware that the geography of some areas and the number of vehicles owned by residents exceeds the possible parking spaces, vehicles parked on pavements are a potentially dangerous street obstruction which can force pedestrians to walk along the road to bypass those vehicles. This is especially problematic for pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired and may not see oncoming traffic, as well as wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and older people.

Please have consideration for pedestrians and other road users when parking including parking near junctions and corners where visibility is limited. The situation is not helped by any vehicles that are abandoned or not road legal which can be reported to Wrexham Council or the DVLA online or to North Wales Police if necessary. I am aware of a car park in the local area which recently had six or seven vehicles clamped by the DVLA for being untaxed, the removal of which will free up parking spaces for others.

Speed of vehicles and manner of driving in certain areas of the ward also continues to be identified as a problem and speed checks will continue in the ward. Over the past few months in the Wrexham area there has been numerous thefts from vehicles many of which were unlocked, despite campaigns and publicity regarding vehicle security. North Wales Police initiatives are still finding many vehicles unlocked and insecure and valuables in plain view. Insurance companies will often not pay out if 'reasonable precautions' have not been taken which also applies to household and other policies.

Lastly house to house traders. We get numerous calls concerned about traders calling door to door selling produce such as fish. Bona fide traders should be registered by their local council and supply the name they trade under and provide a receipt for goods sold. If in doubt you can contact Trading Standards or the Police.

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

E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Tel 07854 332425 (if I am not on duty the call will forward to the control room who will pass a message)

If reporting incidents requiring Police response please call 999 in emergencies or 101 for non-emergency matters. Incidents can also be reported online at the North Wales Police public website.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S DIARY

C/Cllr. Rondo Roberts

Well I am now into my third month and I must admit it's been quite an eye opener for me.

I have attended an endless stream of courses all designed to acquaint me with the workings of being a County Councillor.

On the works side I have held meetings with Street Scene and requested their assistance in addressing some of the problems some of you have raised. The road markings in Fron are being looked at and hopefully will be completed shortly. A rubbish bin is being situated at the entrance to the Canal from the old warehouse side.

A large bone of contention within the area is of course parking in Trevor by visitors to the Aqueduct. Discussions are ongoing and a short term solution is the opening of the field for car parking. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem over the summer months and could provide income for local groups.

While on the subject of parking I know that Fron has similar problems around the basin with coaches parking for long periods and causing problems for residents. Again this is a subject that I have brought to the attention of Street Scene and with the Lead Member, David Bithell. I am actively pursuing all the parking issues we have and I will report to you on further updates when they become available.

Work in progress and still waiting on Wrexham County Borough Council to resolve the issues on:

Trevor Railway line trees and bushes

Various areas that require new road markings Methodist Hill in Fron

Anti-social neighbour behaviour on Heol Penderyst / Charles Avenue

Numerous parking and traffic problems in the ward

The new litter / dog fouling bin at the entrance to the canal towpath behind the warehouses

A **Skip Day** has been arranged again this year (for Council tenants only), on the 20th September.

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

To speak to repairs during office hours, or for out of hours Emergency Repairs, please phone 01978 298993.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me. 07792 844 493

Email: rondo.roberts@wrexham.gov.uk

Opening of the newly refurbished play area in Garth.

After a £45,000 park revamp, the new play area in Garth has been officially opened with a community event.

The upgrades were paid for by Llangollen Rural Community Council and a significant Waste Recycling Environment (WREN) grant which allowed a nest swing, boulders, a zip wire, a multiuse goal end, a spinning dish, cradle swings, basket swings, a tunnel and climbing mound, a multi user seesaw, picnic benches and seating installed.

The children and residents from Garth and Trevor have given the park their seal of approval after attending the 'Picnic in the Park' with refreshments being served by the Aqueduct Community Association.

The Chairman of Llangollen Rural Community Council Councillor Darrell Wright said "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved, especially to the teachers and pupils of Garth School, Councillor's Mark Valentine and Sue Kempster, to Mr Pat Jeffares, our Clerk Sue Jones and finally to the whole community for supporting this project."

The play area was opened by our former County Councillor Mr Pat Jeffares who said "It was so nice to see the children from Garth so excited as they tried out all the new play equipment, especially the zip wire".

WREN, is a not for profit business which awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment to the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, WREN grant manager, said: "The applicants submitted a good application which has resulted in WREN funding a new play area in Garth.

The local advisory panel were impressed with the level of consultation which showed that the play area will be well used and that local people support the project'."

The photos of this event can be seen on both sides of the back cover of this newsletter.



