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Declaration of The High Sheriff of Clwyd at Trevor Church

By WM Strong

A Declaration Service for the newly appointed High Sheriff of Clwyd, Mrs Celia Jenkins J P, of Bryn Howel Farm, Llangollen, was held at Trevor Church on Saturday 30th March 2013. The Office of High Sheriff is a Royal appointment for a single year. It is independent and non-political. Dating back to the 10th century, it is the oldest continuous secular office of state. In the 11th and 12th centuries, the powers of the High Sheriff were extensive, including representing the Sovereign, raising armies, collecting taxes and enforcing law and order.

Today the majority of the powers previously held by the Shrievalty are spread among the Lord-Lieutenant, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Coroners, local authorities, HM Revenue and Customs and the Police.

Some of the remaining duties of a High Sheriff include acting as the Returning Officer in Parliamentary elections and proclaiming the Accession of a new Sovereign.

Under the Crown, the Office of High Sheriff remains second in precedence in the County to that of the Lord-Lieutenant, except when precedence is by courtesy deferred to a Lord Mayor, a Mayor or Chairman of the Local Authority in his own District.

Each High Sheriff's year in office is characterised by their particular skills, experience and areas of interest, although all share key objectives for the role which are:

- Uphold and enhance the ancient Office of High Sheriff and to make a meaningful contribution to the High Sheriff's County during the year of Office.
- Lend active support to the principal organs of the Constitution within their county – the Royal Family, the Judiciary, the Police and other law enforcement agencies, the emergency services, local authorities, and church and faith groups.
- To ensure the welfare of visiting High Court Judges, to attend on them at Court and to offer them hospitality.
- To support the Lord-Lieutenant on royal visits and on other occasions as appropriate.
- To take an active part in supporting and promoting the voluntary sector and giving all possible encouragement to the voluntary organisations in the County.

The High Sheriff's time and efforts are contributed freely for the benefit of the people and communities of the County in which they serve. They receive no remuneration and no part of the expense of a High Sheriff's year falls on the public purse.

The service commenced at 11.00am with Organ Voluntary, played by Mr Godfrey Williams, and a Trumpet Fanfare, played by members of Llangollen Silver Band. The procession, consisting of Recorders of the Crown Court, Mr John Philpotts and Mr Simon Medland QC, Justice of the Peace, Mr Edward Wardle OBE JP, The Incoming Under Sheriff, Mr Henry Wilson, The Incoming High Sheriff of Clwyd, Mrs Celia Jenkins JP, The Under Sheriff, Mr John Gregory, The High Sheriff of Clwyd, Mr Henry Dixon, Chaplain to the Incoming High Sheriff, Revd. Andrew Sully, and The Deputy for HM Lord-Lieutenant, His Hon. Judge Roger Dutton DL, made its way down the aisle of the church to the front of the altar.

The service opened with a greeting by the Revd. Andrew Sully followed by the singing of the hymn, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. There followed an address by the outgoing High Sheriff, The Declaration by Celia Jenkins as High Sheriff of Clwyd for 2013 -2014, the signing of The Declaration and High Sheriff's Appointments of Under Sheriff and Chaplain.

An address by the newly appointed High Sheriff followed with closing prayers and singing of The National Anthems before the final departure of the procession.

The congregation then departed for refreshments at Bryn Howel Farm where a warm welcome was extended to all. On a final note the officials of Trevor Church wish to extend their appreciation of the efforts made by Mr & Mrs Jenkins in procuring snow clearing equipment to clear the Church grounds in readiness for this service, and indeed for our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services, following the previous weeks snowfall.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Glyn Jones

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Cllrs. Joyce Evans, Pat Jeffares and Elfed Morris on achieving their long service awards. To have committed so much time and endeavour to the Community is very much appreciated.

Regular readers of the Newsletter may wonder why there are so many changes of Chair of the Llangollen Rural Community Council. The reason for this is that its Standing Orders state that a new Chair must be elected annually so that each community the Council serves is represented in turn. With an influx of new residents to the area in recent years it may be opportune to inform readers which communities the Council does serve. Besides Froncysyllte, Garth and Trevor it serves part of Pontcysyllte. Assuming the canal to be the boundary between Trevor and Pontcysyllte it serves Bron y Gamlas and the houses going down Bont hill as far as the end of the bridge. The remaining properties beyond the end of the bridge are in Denbighshire and are governed by Llangollen Town Council! Other properties in Denbighshire are Bryn Oerog, Trevor Hall (but not Trevor Church), Prospect Tea rooms and adjacent Bryn Golau. Conversely, the properties on Tower Hill have an Acrefair postal address even though they belong to our Council.

In the next Newsletter I will summarise the duties of the Council. Meanwhile we are currently –

- a) Trying to obtain permission from Solutia/Eastman to repair the wall that originally fronted the JC Edwards offices, this being the only tactile remains of the former tile and brick works.
- b) Wanting to upgrade the children's playground on Rhosycoed estate in Trevor,
- c) Wanting to make improvements along the A5 road through Froncysyllte,
- d) Renewing the lettering on the cenotaph at Froncysyllte church and
- e) Seeking to obtain a grant to repair the Boer War memorial in Froncysyllte.

Pictured at the Cenotaph in St David's Churchyard are all who supported the Community Council's bid to Northern Marches Cymru for funding towards the re-lettering of the Cenotaph. The cost will be funded by Northern Marches Cymru's Heritage Fund and Llangollen Rural Community Council.



1st Trevor Scout Group.

Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

The whole group is very busy and active at the moment.

Recently the Beaver section had a sleepover at Penycae HQ and went on a planned hike; this was towards their Adventure award.

The Cubs played in the District 6-a-side football, and although they didn't win, they finished joint second. Well done all.

Three of our Scouts, their Leader, the Assistant Cub Leader and a helper joined up with 200 other scouts on May Day weekend to canoe the River Wye. They camped in three different sites while paddling the river. It was scorching hot, but a wonderful tiring time was had by all. They all managed to come down Symmonds Yatt without mishap.

The group held their AGM in May. All members received badges for their work during the past year.

Beaver of the Year was James Coyle

Cub of the Year was Ethan Cuffin

Scout of the Year was Pip Bolton

Congratulations to all three

Fundraising. We will be holding a fun day at our HQ with games, BBQ etc 12 - 4pm on Saturday 29th June.

We will also be having a stall at Ty Mawr's Fun Day on Thursday 25th July.

Of course we will have our usual BBQ and other stalls at the Fun Day at Trevor Basin On Saturday 3rd August. Our next Bingo is Wednesday June 5th eyes down at 7.30pm.

Finally we are planning our Group Camp, which all sections will be attending in June at Coxwood Marford. All cooking will be on open fires and the children will be able to learn new outdoor skills. We just hope the weather will be better than last year when the rain was horrendous and we had mud up to our knees.





Advice surgeries Fridays 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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Church Services

Trevor Church

First and Third Sunday of each month Holy Eucharist.

Second Sunday Morning Prayer

Fourth Sunday Family Service.

Fifth Sunday in June will be in St.Collens.

St David's Church Froncysyllte

9.30 am Family Communion every Sunday, except the last Sunday in the month, when the service is Family Service.

The church is being kept open for visitors every Saturday afternoon, 12 - 4 during summer time, to coincide with the Cakes and Company refreshments being held in the Fron Community Centre. The hope is that visitors to the Community Centre may venture into the village to visit the church.

St David's Church is hosting the following events at Fron Community Centre

- Saturday 8th June, 12 - 4, Strawberry Teas.
- Saturday 9th November, 12 - 4, Autumn Fair.

Trevor Community Miles Route

By Ros Stockwell

The team from the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB are working on improving the dismantled railway line between Trevor and Gipsy Lane. A new ramp and gate have already been installed at Gipsy Lane – replacing the very steep steps that were there previously. We'll also be looking at access at the Wrexham end, so if you have any issues that you think we might be able to help with, please let us know.



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and Dee Valley

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We are holding a family-friendly wildflower walk down the railway line and along the canal on Friday 14th June. We'll be meeting after school at 3.30 in the car park for the Aqueduct. The event is free and we would love to see you there.

If you would like to contact us, please contact Rhun on 01978 869618 or Ros on 869615, or pop into the office which is behind the Tourist Information Centre in Llangollen.

AGM May 2013

At the Community Council's Annual General Meeting Cllr. Glyn Jones was elected Chair and Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans the Vice Chair.

Cllr. Glyn Jones was re-elected Chair of the Finance Committee and Cllr. Elfed Morris re-elected as Chair of the Noddfa Cemetery Committee. Other Councillors were elected as representatives on various other committees and organizations

Froncysyllte Walking Group

By Julie Williams

Over 40 members of Froncysyllte Walking Group joined together on Saturday 18th May to take part in our annual Beating of the Bounds walk. The Rev. Tony Rees asked for blessings upon the Parish at four spots which mark old boundaries between the villages of Froncysyllte, Chirk and Trevor. Upon returning to Cakes and Company Community Cafe we were presented with a stunning Beating of the Bounds cake made and decorated by Janet and Dave Norman. Cllr David Roberts chose the winning decorated stick and Cllr Geraint Roberts presented certificates and prizes to participants following the walk.

Picture: Shirley Bull winner of best decorated stick and Ffion who won best decorated stick in the Junior section, with Cllr David Roberts.

Emily, Ffion, Jamie and Harry with the Beating of the Bounds Cake.



Bird list/ Garden list:

By Julie Williams

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Buzzard, Brambling, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff (12th April), Cuckoo (15th April), Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Robin, Rook, Nuthatch, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrow Hawk, Swallow (19th April), Swift (7th May), Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler (8th May), Wren, Woodpigeon.

Highlights have been a large flock of Siskins; some are still with us, joined by Redpoll and Goldfinches. Summer visitors were inevitably later this year, highlight of which must be the Cuckoo which was heard on the 15th April. The Willow Warbler is back, we haven't heard it for many years. Let's hope it's a good breeding season.

Fron News

By Julie Williams



Froncysyllte Walking Group enjoyed a number of walks including a snowdrop walk followed by soup at the Aussie Rooster in February. The regular Saturday walk ended at St David's Church where we were warmly welcomed by the church members, we wish to thank them for providing refreshments after our walk. April was a busy month for the walking group, on Good Friday the walk was curtailed because of snow, but we did meet and

enjoy lunch at the Hand Hotel, Chirk. We made up for this on our annual walking weekend on the third weekend of April, on the Saturday we walked along the old railway path from Trevor to Bryn Howel and returned to Cakes and Company for refreshments. On the Sunday a coach trip was arranged to take us to Flint Castle to follow in the footsteps of weatherman Derek Brockway along the coastal path to Greenfield Dock, where the coach picked us up taking us to the Royal Oak, Holywell for a late lunch before returning to Fron.

A fun quiz was held in Fron Community Centre to raise money to pay for the coach, this was a successful evening, enjoyed by all. We wish to thank everyone for their support.

No housing shortage in Fron! It seems a long time since we had all the snow. At least some people had fun, Jamie and Harry Thomson with their friend outside their igloo (built with the help of Dad!).



History Talk A well attended History Talk took place in March. Mr Emrys Roberts gave a very interesting talk on the Roads in and around Fron, followed by an insight into local life from the perspective of Alice Grove Eddy, who recorded her memories for us to enjoy. The next talk will be held in the summer – look out for posters locally giving details.

Living Along The Cut Show & Tell

On Saturday June 15th at Trevor Community Centre from 10am to 3pm. Bring along your old photographs and any interesting things about Trevor and the surrounding area. Share your memories and stories; have a chat about the old times. Call Sonia on 823603 mob 07831 542872 for more information. Light refreshments available.

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus

Froncysyllte C.P. School

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus was opened in 2006 with the aim of providing the highest quality childcare within a warm and friendly atmosphere. It is therefore a small nursery, for up to 12 children.

Hopscotch is registered by CSSIW. We have recently been inspected in June 2012 and were found to be 'Outstanding' in all areas. The inspection report is available upon request.

Open to all nursery children age 3+ from 11.30-3.15pm (£10.00 per session). The children can then stay on in After School Club for an additional charge.

Also children aged 2 ½ years+ can attend from 1.00-3.15pm (£6.00 per session).

Hopscotch Nursery offers a range of stimulating activities in a safe and friendly environment. A place where fun and enjoyment go hand in hand with learning and discovery. We accept childcare vouchers towards payment.

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Discussions on-going on the possibility of a Federation

The Governing Bodies of Garth CP Froncysyllte CP and Pentre CIW VC Schools have begun discussions to explore the possibility of a Federation.

What is a Federation? A Federation is when a number of schools remain separate in law and in identity, but are managed together by a single Governing Body. (For example The Ceiriog Valley Federation-- Ysgol Pontfadog, Ysgol Llanarmon and Ysgol Cynnddelw are three separate schools with one Governing Body and one Head Teacher.) This is very different from an amalgamation when schools join together. (e.g. Chirk Infants and Chirk Juniors amalgamated to form Ysgol y Waun.)

Schools in a federation remain separate; retain their names and uniforms etc. In smaller communities it can be a way of ensuring the sustainability of the schools and enable smaller peer groups to network and share best practice, ideas and resources. This will help to enhance the education provision and raise standards.

Representatives from all three schools have been working together to draft a proposal which will be shared with all parents and published for consultation on 17th May. The period of consultation will run until the end of June.

If you would like to find out more information, you can visit the Welsh Government website www.wales.gov.uk Home > Topics > Education and skills > Publications > Guidance on the Federation process of maintained schools May 2012.

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Please mark your copy "Community News" and include a name, address and contact telephone number, items will not be accepted without these details.

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

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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

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WHERE? City Church Llangollen, Brook Street, Llangollen

WHEN? Monday: 11am – 1pm, Friday: 11am – 1pm

Matt's Food Bank has been established to help provide emergency food and support to people in crisis – and it is vital for everyone in the community to be aware that there is help available for those who are in need of food. If you are (or someone you are aware is) finding it increasingly difficult to afford to make ends meet then our message is simple – visit one of the following places to obtain a voucher for Matt's Food Bank:

- One Stop Shop, Llangollen Library • Citizens Advice Bureau • Doctors Surgery
- The Bridge Trust • District Nurses • Ysgol Dinas Brân • Ysgol Bryn Collen

The Food Bank is open every Monday and Friday in City Church Llangollen's premises on Brook Street and the vouchers can be redeemed for emergency food.

We will offer as much support as possible – and we also make a lovely brew! Sometimes, just having people to talk to can make such a difference and Matt's Food Bank is an organisation built on simple Christian principles of compassion, honesty, kindness and care of **ALL** people:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. (Matthew 25: 35-36)

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Telecottage

By Delwyn Roberts

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Sessions will finish for a Summer break at the end of June and start again in September.

However since people are being asked to complete various applications one line - if we can help with personal problems getting on line ring up on 01978 810119 for an appointment even if it is in the Summer break

Thank you

By Sue Jones

Due to ill health Roy Duggan has finally decided that he is unable to carry on raising money by house collections anymore. Roy will however be putting on shows for his favourite charity Hope House. He recently organised a Charity Concert at the Flexsys Community Hall on 25th May, for the SAU Department at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. To date he has raised nearly £3,000 to purchase a new ECG machine for the hospital which costs about £10,000. If anyone would like to make a donation he would be very grateful.

Roy's mother used to collect for charity and he and his sister Doreen used to go collecting with her for the Poppy Appeal and Dr Barnardos. In 1948 Roy and Doreen collected money for the Orphan Railway Children and they still have the certificates. In 1968 he walked from Llandudno to Llangollen to raise money for the Aberfan Appeal.....what an achievement!

When asked how much he had raised over the years, he had no idea.

However, he has raised £22,000 for the Scanner at Wrexham Hospital, over £50,000 for Hope House, he has given £2,000 for Alexandra and Johnstown Schools and the Shooting Star Appeal over £14,000; he bought an electric bed, cameras etc. for the McMillan Nurses and these are what he can remember!

Roy would like to thank everyone for supporting him and the various charities as without your help and support; he would never have been able to help so many good causes.

I think that the good causes he has raised money for would also like to pay a special thank you to Roy as the Good Samaritan and friend, who has helped them over the years.

Friends of Garth School PTFA

by Sharon Bateman

On March 7th we held our AGM and our new committee were elected. It was lovely to see some new faces, and we warmly welcomed Miss Cath Ivanoff to her first meeting as Acting Head Teacher. The PTFA are looking forward to working closely with Miss Ivanoff and Mrs Sue Jones to raise vital funds for both the school and its pre school and after school clubs.

The 100 club was again a success. Money raised from this has allowed us to repair the Dream Den roof, and buy some equipment for the school. The 100 club runs from September to August at a cost of £25.00 per year.

Prizes are drawn monthly and are as follows: 1st £50 2nd £30 3rd £10

and at Christmas we have a special draw with prizes being: 1st £350 2nd £150 3rd £50.

Tickets are available from Mr Adam Mayo via Garth School.

We will be looking to hold more fundraising events over the next few months. Details to follow soon. Our meetings are held regularly and everyone is invited to come along. Dates of the meeting are posted on the school notice board.

Message from Tony Rees (Vicar of Chirk and Froncysyllte)

Baptism (commonly called Christening) I am particularly busy at this time of the year (Spring and Summer) with requests for baptisms. I have sixteen lined up at St Mary's Church in Chirk in the next fourteen weeks! Here I offer a few FAQs for your information about Baptism.

Is Christening and Baptism the same thing? Yes. Baptism is the word the church likes to use; Christening is the word most people like to use.

How much does baptism cost? Nothing. At the church service there is an opportunity to give a donation to the church, but it is actually against church rules (and the interests of the church) to make any charge for baptisms. However, baptism does cost the parents (and godparents) some time and effort before, during, and after the baptism, in bringing up the child as a Christian.

Can only babies be baptised? No. People of any age can be baptised. Some churches and chapels encourage adult (believers) baptism, and there is much to be said in favour of that practice. I have baptized parents and godparents at a child's baptism, as well as teenagers and adults.

What do you need to do before baptism? In common with most clergy and churches/chapels, I have a brief preparation course for parents before the baptism takes place. This informs them about Christianity and the baptism service, and advice on bringing up the child in the Christian faith. This is necessary, because in the baptism service the parents and godparents have to profess their Christian faith, make a declaration of penitence of sins, and promise to bring up the child in the Christian faith and church.

So what is baptism all about, then? Baptism is about having faith in God through his Son Christ Jesus, following the example and teachings of Christ, realising the forgiveness of God, and joining the fellowship of the Christian church. It is about being united to Christ and being committed to Christ. It is about entry into the Christian faith and church. That is why people are right to call baptism Christening, because it is all about having faith in Christ, and being allied to Christ throughout one's life.

Ask your local vicar or minister for a no-obligation discussion on baptism. It could change your life!

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.

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

Wednesdays 26th June, 24th July and 21st August 2013.

Garth School

We have been very busy here in Garth School, with lots of fun, learning and laughter. All children have been working hard throughout the school and we are all very pleased and proud of their progress.

The juniors have completed some wonderful projects on the Tudors and the Romans. They each independently researched historical facts and created a portfolio to a high standard.

We will soon be preparing for our Sports Fun Day which, weather permitting; will take place on Wednesday 3rd of July. We hope to see you there. We are also planning a trip to the Llangollen International Eisteddfod, which we are looking forward to.

The infants are studying the Rainforest and Africa so Mrs Davies and Mrs Haran will be taking pupils to look at the animals in Chester Zoo. The children are very excited about this.

Years one and two have also been very busy designing their own famous Steiff Bear. The Teachers and Miss Hartley were so impressed by these designs that they sent the drawings to the Steiff Bear Company. To our surprise Kev the Postman brought us 30 mini Steiff bears and two beautiful Steiff books as the company were so pleased with the children's hard work. Well done!



Mrs Davies and Mrs Haran have been working very hard to improve our outdoor learning environment. It is bright, beautiful and very colourful, the children are really enjoying the fun in the sun and rain!!

I would like to thank all of the parents and members of the community for their continued support. We have got so many generous parents who have donated much of their free time to school projects. I would also like to say a special thanks to Mr David Kynaston who has made beautiful signs and benches for the school. Thanks once again.

Miss Ivanoff (Acting Head Teacher), and all the staff of Garth school.

Sport and PE

by Mr Hanmer

Pupils from Garth have been taking part in lots of different sporting competitions this term. After great success in the Dinas Bran cross country competition in January, pupils will be taking part in hockey, a swimming gala and football competitions.

D&T

After last year's success in the Primary Engineer Competition, pupils from year 2 & 6 won their regional competition again with cars that were even better than last time. They will now represent the school at the national finals in June.

Bowling update

By Moira Griffiths

The indoor season is now at a close and the crown green season is in full flow. Players at both Plaskynaston and Royston are struggling to find form but it's still only early in the season as yet.

Both teams play in the Wrexham and Oswestry leagues with the 'A' teams in Oswestry Division three having yet to meet. The 'B' teams are in Oswestry Division five with Plaskynaston just ahead in the league table.

Plaskynaston also play in the Wrexham 'Pairs League' with the team playing their games on Monday nights. This is their first season and the recent results are showing a strong team with them currently in second place in the league table.

Royston have two teams in the Wrexham Veterans League with the 'A' team currently holding first place in Division three and the 'B' team placed midway in Division Four.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to our bowlers and the rest of the season will produce all-round good performances!

Newsletter update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

In the last newsletter I included a photograph and small article and asked if anyone knew of the reason that there was bunting decorating the drawbridge in the Fron.

As a result of this I had a lovely telephone call from a lady called Gwen Vaughan who said she knew my mother's family and recognised that the bunting was in place as a celebration for the end of the war.

Gwen gets to see the newsletters although I don't know if she lives locally any more, but she asked to be remembered to some of the Fron residents, especially Emrys Roberts.

Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at The Towers Day Nursery are currently getting very involved in all the work, activities and craft for their new maths topic; which this term is following the themes of Colour and Shape. We are also doing a topic on "Transport" which will involve looking at all the different types of vehicles that can be used for getting from place to place.

After all the heavy snow this year, it is nice for the children to be able to go outside onto the safety tarmac play area to develop their gross motor skills. They are also enjoying working in the garden where the potatoes have been planted and some seeds have been sown.

All the new children have settled in very well and are integrating really well with the staff and the existing pupils.

Some children were involved in fundraising for Comic Relief, they dressed up, had their hair sprayed red and made red nose cakes. A fun time was had by everyone who was involved !!

Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

Welcome to OWL for North Wales Watch Schemes

OWL is used by North Wales Police and local coordinators to build and communicate with 1,000's of watch schemes across the county.

OWL is an advanced solution for police & communities to grow and manage Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch, Pub Watch, Business Watch and many other schemes. OWL provides watch members with the latest messages and crime alerts sent by email, telephone, SMS or fax.

If you don't fancy joining Neighbourhood Watch but would like to receive crime alerts and crime prevention information direct from North Wales Police, then why not sign up to Community Messaging whereby messages and alerts are sent to you by e-mail. Joining OWL is completely free. You can apply online through a link from the North Wales Police web site or directly at www.owl.co.uk/northwales where further details about the scheme are available or by application form available from local officers.

Please feel free to contact me about any 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

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinches, Crows, Pigeon, Collared Doves, Starlings, Robin, Sparrows, Greenfinch, Blackbirds, Nuthatch, Blue Tits, Buzzard, Great Tits, Jays, Magpies, Owls, Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Heron, Pheasants, Coal Tit, Long tail Tit, Thrush, Sparrow Hawk, Red Start Ducks and the first sighting of Swallows.

TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



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

We meet up every Wednesday 11.45am – 1.45pm at the Community Centre in Trevor. A light lunch is given at midday and then activity after. £1.50 a child and 50p for each additional child. First session is free and we run through all school holidays. Please come along and join in the fun and have a drink and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers.

Contact Lynne Nash for further information on 07870 656180

Fron School

Our KS2 class have visited Chirk Castle as part of our topic on the Tudors. We had an excellent time and discovered lots of things about the Tudors:

Potions: These were medicines and concoctions that the Tudors used to cure illnesses and smells. They used pomanders and posies to cure smells as they didn't wash very often! They used leeches to suck the bad blood out of people's bodies and they thought that blowing tobacco smoke into people's ears would cure an earache. They also thought snail slime and treacle would cure a sore throat.

Defence and punishment: The stocks were pieces of wood with holes for feet, hands and head and people would throw nasty things at them like animal poo and rotten food. There were dungeons that once housed three Frenchmen who were kept there for six years. There was no light except for three small windows which were very thin so they couldn't escape and their beds were straw on the cold, hard ground.

Food: We discovered what foods the rich and poor people ate. The poor ate a healthy diet and the rich ate more food which was unhealthy. They drank beer because the water was so dirty. The poor used honey to sweeten their food and the rich had sugar.

Toys: Most of the toys were made from wood. They had playing cards that had no numbers, only pictures. The rich played badminton with a shuttlecock made from feathers and leather. Dolls were made from wood and material and the rich often played skittles and hoopla.

Life in the castle: The Tudors heated their homes using fire and their toilet was a hole. Boy servants slept on straw mattresses in the servant's hall and the girls slept in the Long Gallery.



County Councillors Diary

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

Snow This was the second worst snowfall that I can remember. It was great to see neighbours in their streets working together to clear their roads. I know the Council did their best working round the clock, but I had as many phone calls after the snow plough had been around as I did before. I had a few complaints as it blocked residents drives. If this is climate change maybe we need to start thinking like that of the Canadians/Norwegians, who have to deal with this six months of the year. Then the heavy downpour of rain came to cap it all!!

School Transport Policy At the last Wrexham County Borough Council's Executive Board meeting the Members voted in this new School Transport policy, despite protests from Councillors and petitions from parents. This policy will affect fifteen schools and the Garth being one of them. The policy states that no transport will be provided to children who live under the three miles to the nearest school.

I fought for this route from Trevor to Garth school to be put on the hazardous route list because of the very busy narrow road with no footpaths. I will be arranging a meeting with our MP Susan Elan Jones and Ken Skates AM as this is our only hope of getting it resolved. I will let the school know the date of this meeting and arrange for the parents to have a site meeting.

Drainage and re-surfacing Trevor Hall Road drainage scheme is now complete. We did have a minor problem with one of the gulleys, which blocked during the recent heavy rainfall causing flooding. Hopefully this has now been resolved. We still have some re-surfacing projects outstanding, which are on a work programme which is on going.

Planting Season Thank you to Steve Edwards and his Cadbury's team for giving us a day to clear out our flower beds etc., and prepare for the new planting. This will be a great help for myself, Sue Jones the Clerk and all our volunteers in the ward to get the planting done. We had a great show last year, and this is thanks to all our volunteers for watering and weeding etc.

Skip Day Due to all the bad weather we have now re-arranged for Thursday 6th June at 9am. The skip will be in the usual place, flyers will be posted through your doors nearer the time. Any issues please contact me.

Cakes & Company They have now opened their doors at Fron Community Centre for another season. They are open Sat/Sun 12-4pm and its all run by volunteers, raising a lot of money for the community.

Long Service I was very pleased to receive a presentation clock for 30 years service as a community councillor, along with Elfed Morris who served 40 years, and Mrs Joyce Evans who served over 30 years. The presentation was made by the deputy mayor of Wrexham Cllr. David I Bithell.

Call Centre Numbers: If you can't contact me, it has been proven that contacting the call centre directly is the quickest way to get issues resolved, as all calls are logged and have to be dealt with within a time limit. Phone number 01978 298989

For Council Tenants the same applies for any issues regarding repairs etc. phone **08000 855 808** this is free on a land line phone.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me. Pat Jeffares Phone: 01978 820570 E-mail: pat.jeffares@wrexham.gov.uk

Best Kept Garden Competition

We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts have agreed to judge the garden competition again this year. Both very keen gardeners one enjoys more plants whilst Tony Roberts is a very good fruit and vegetable gardener. Tony Roberts has his own allotment at Price's Lane. Andrea Evans has her own gardening business. Both love plants and gardening is more of a passion than a job. Andrea Evans has been on the Wales in Bloom team as a volunteer since it began and this will be her sixth year of entering.

Llangollen Rural Community Council Best Kept Garden Competition 2013 Application Form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

* Categories are:-

Overall Large Garden
Hanging Basket

Overall Small Garden
Container.

Vegetable Garden
Children's Garden

***Please circle category(ies) entered.**

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each category.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding feature and the Monsanto rose bowl for the best garden.

The gardens will be judged on Tuesday 23rd July 2013.

The competition is open to all residents in Fron, Garth, Tower Hill and Trevor.

If you are interested in applying please complete the application form. Forms will also be available from Councillors and the Clerk.

This year we are having a category called Children's Garden. This can be a garden, pots or containers etc. as long as the children have planted them themselves and can explain to the judges what they have done. This is open to Schools, Nurseries and After School Clubs.

Please return the completed form to:

Mrs Sue Jones, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor by Friday 19th July.

For further information please phone **01978 810466**

Congratulations



At a dinner held recently at the Hand Hotel, Chirk the Deputy Mayor of Wrexham Councillor David Bithell MBE presented gifts in recognition of long and outstanding service by the following three Councillors to Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Cllr. Elfed Morris with forty year's service, Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans with over thirty year's service, Cllr. Pat Jeffares with thirty year's service.

In the photograph are: Cllr. Elfed Morris, Cllr. Geraint Roberts Chairman, Cllr. David Bithell MBE Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans and Cllr. Pat Jeffares.

Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Pictured are Cllr. Geraint Roberts and Mrs Margaret Jones.

This was taken during their recent visit to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, where they represented Llangollen Rural Community Council.

