

# Community News

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## Best Kept Garden Competition – 2011

The winners of Llangollen Rural Community Council's 2011 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre last week. 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 the gardens".

### Overall Large Garden

1. Mr Gareth Williams & Mrs Jay Leeson
2. Mr Stephen Tudor & Mr Peter Rushton

### Overall Small Garden

1. Francysyllte Sensory Garden & Shrubbery
2. Mrs Alyson Winn

### Containers

1. Ms Clare Jones
2. Mr Stephen Tudor

### Hanging Baskets

1. Garth & Trevor Community Centre
2. Mr Gron Roberts

### Vegetable Garden

1. Mr Jeff Roberts
1. Mr Peter Rushton

### Containers – Narrow Boats

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

### Children's Garden

1. Towers Day Nursery
2. Tiddlywinks Toddler Group

### Most Outstanding Feature

Mrs Marjorie Crosbie

### Monsanto Rose Bowl (Best Overall)

Fron Community Centre for their Sensory Garden & Shrubbery



Photographs were taken of all the gardens and these can be viewed on the web site [www.llangollen-ruralcc.org](http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.org)

## PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales has produced draft proposals for revised Electoral Arrangements for Wrexham County Borough Council. In it they propose that Llangollen Rural Community Council be merged with Cefn Mawr and be served by two County Councillors. The predominant basis upon which the report is based would seem to be to standardise as far as possible the number of electors per Community council. There was no consultation with local organisations and little or no consideration for

- a) Geographical areas – differing requirements of urban and rural/town constituencies,
- b) Social Status – some constituencies have ‘problem areas’ and/or changing electorate due to students or influx of immigrants,
- c) Councillor Responsibilities – Community/Leisure centres, burial grounds and/or children’s playgrounds and
- d) Future Population – no consideration for proposed developments of Flexsys and Air Product sites.

Your Community Council are unanimously opposed to the proposal as is the Cefn Mawr Community Council. Our rural area has little affinity to Cefn which is urban in nature and would present a problem to a County Councillor serving his/her residents. There are significant demographic differences (and thus cultural political preferences) and as our area will be the ‘junior partner’ the chances are that with a multiple-vote first-pass-the-post electoral system the elected candidates would be two from the ‘senior partner’ elected on the political preference of that component and therefore not reflect our wishes.

Our objections have been presented to the Commission but would appear to have had no effect. Subsequently we and Cefn Community Councillors have met with our Assembly Member, Ken Skates, who has expressed our concerns to the Minister for Communities & Local Government at the Welsh Assembly and requesting that boundary changes be halted until meaningful consultation takes place. Anyone wishing to contribute further to the proposal should contact Ken Skates on [ken.skates@wales.gov.uk](mailto:ken.skates@wales.gov.uk).

## Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

One comment we often hear from visitors to our area is how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful location. I suppose it is something we can often take for granted, but nevertheless it is very true. Over recent months there have been various initiatives to improve and enhance our three villages and much of this happens without credit to those involved. I also appreciate these people do it because they want to and not because they want the praise. However, to those people, and you know who you are, I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the community for the time and effort you put in.

We have seen ongoing improvement, including re-surfacing in Fron due to some dogged persistence from several people. We have seen improved flower beds in Trevor and I would like to single out the work of Haydn Edwards who has made the top of station road look better than I can ever remember it looking. In Garth the flower beds have been improved and new planters added to the playground. Thanks to all involved.

As a follow-up to the report in the last newsletter, I believe we have seen the last of the anti-social behaviour around Trevor shop which is welcome, but please give us feedback if you have ongoing concerns.

This month we have had a presentation evening for those who have entered the Best Kept Garden Competition with a record 21 entries. Our thanks to the judges Ms Andrea Evans and Mr Tony Roberts.

We entered the Best Kept Village/Community Competition organised by WCBC which was judged on 16th August. The Aqueduct Community Association have entered the Environmental Community Involvement Award again organised by WCBC. We have also entered Best Garden Competition, the award is for the best run garden competition.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

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## Trevor & Garth Women's Institute

By Jean Roberts

Members have been very busy replanting the WI garden. Despite some set backs, due to two-legged and four-legged beings taking a liking to our plants the garden is looking beautiful.

In June we held a "Yellow Evening" where everyone wore something yellow also the buffet had a yellow theme. The evening was a fund raising event in aid of Nightingale House approximately £90 was raised. On Sunday 14th August we are going on a cruise!!! A trip on the Llangollen Canal by horse drawn boat, followed by tea at the Wharf Tearooms.



In the photo are

Brenda Miles accepting a cheque from Joyce Evans Trevor & Garth WI Treasurer on behalf of Nightingale House. Also on the photo is our President: she is the one wearing the "YELLOW" Paddington Bear hat.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ali Griffiths of Trevor for completing a year's internship at Chester Zoo.

Ali has been privileged in working with various animals including rhinos, gemsbok and meerkats and has found the experience very educational.

She will now return to Harper Adams University College to complete her final year studying for a BSc Hons in Animal Behaviour.



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## Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards

The Fun day at Trevor Villa Barn turned out to be a quiet event; unfortunately there were not many people around in the day time supporting our local groups. The evening was quite a lot busier but we would have loved to see more local people at this community event. After discussing the poor attendance at a recent meeting the committee has decided not to arrange a similar event next year.

Hopefully, you will all agree that we do have a lovely show of flowers around our three villages again this summer, many thanks to all the people involved in the planting and maintenance of the flower beds and baskets, without your help we would never be able to cope. We are always looking for more help maintaining the beds and baskets, please let us know if you can help out. Special thanks go to Llangollen Rural Community Council for their support with the funding and all the hard work of Sue Jones and Pat Jeffares for organizing and ordering the plants and to all who have made a contribution with planting, watering etc.

On a slightly down side we have still had a small number of plants go missing, a great shame that certain people feel they need to take these plants.

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## James Coster Edwards

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James Coster Edwards was born on 20th November 1828 at, according to the census, Llangollen. James, following his father, commenced the manufacture of fireclay goods. These consisted of firebricks, chimney tops and glazed sanitary pipes of various kinds of ornamental terracotta. He had, by 1856, established the Trefynant Brickworks and later acquired Trevor Hall. In planning for his retirement James had built a large house which is now the Bryn Howel Hotel, but he never got to occupy it. In 1896 he went to Guernsey to recuperate from an illness, but his condition deteriorated to the point he had to undergo an emergency operation, from which he never regained consciousness. He died aged 68 at Guernsey's Government House Hotel.

**Wrexham Advertiser 4th April 1896:** The funeral of James Coster Edwards took place on Tuesday in Llantysilio Churchyard and was witnessed by a vast concourse of people, estimated to be over two thousand. Special train arrangements were made for those attending, three extra trains being run from Ruabon to Berwyn, which conveyed upwards of a thousand people, however most alighted at Llangollen.

At one o'clock the cortege left Trevor Hall, the procession being joined on the way to Llangollen, and in the town by the workmen and greater part of the public. At Llangollen the procession was four deep and extended with traps and carriages for over a mile and a half and was watched by crowds of people. The cortege reached the churchyard about three o'clock in the afternoon. The grave was lined with moss relieved with bunches of primroses and white flowers.

## Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

In June we took the cubs to the All Wales Fun Day in Builth Wells, it was a really good day out, 5,000 cubs attended from all over Wales; there were loads of games such as climbing walls, water slides, stocks, skateboarding etc. The Beavers have recently held a celebration at Coxwood camp in Gresford with plenty to amuse them there. The scouts have been canoeing across the Aqueduct and really enjoyed the experience. Recently we had a fun day at our HQ in Trevor, the weather was lovely and we raised over £300 for our funds, many thanks to all who gave their help and those who turned up to support us. On the last evening before we broke up for the holidays we had a massive water fight, children against Leaders, it was great fun and everyone got soaking wet.



We are now a very large group with over 60 members, its hard work but very rewarding, if there is anyone out there who has any skills at all and able to commit to just a few hours a month to pass on their knowledge we would be very grateful .

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## The Towers Day Nursery

By Mrs Ruth Roberts

Children and staff have been very busy at Nursery lately. The children have been tending seeds that they planted and have been enjoying eating potatoes and strawberries that they have grown in the Nursery garden.

This terms topics are Transport and People Who Help Us. We have booked a visit from the police and their police car and are hoping to arrange a visit from the fire service and ambulance service with their vehicles too.

Six new children have been welcomed into Nursery. They have settled in really well and are enjoying being part of the Nursery family. They have already made lots of new friends and are very happy.

We will soon be saying goodbye to five of our older children who will be leaving us to attend Primary schools in Garth, Llangollen, Rhos, Cefn Mawr, and Ruabon. We are sorry to be losing them but it is lovely to see how they have grown and matured into independent, inquisitive and confident pupils. We wish them all the best in their new schools.

If you require further information about the Nursery please telephone 01978 822446

# **Trevor Indoor Bowling Club**

By Moira Griffiths

The indoor season will soon be starting again and anyone who is interested can come along to the Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Thursday evenings to participate in the games.

We would like to see more youngsters getting involved in this competitive sport and the early session starts at 7pm. We have several sizes of bowls available and the fee is £1 per session.

The adult session starts at 8pm and the fee is £1.50 per session. Refreshments are available at no extra charge.

We have a club coach available for those who are not sure how to play the game and two umpires in attendance too.

Trevor bowlers also take part in a league that is played at Flexsys on Monday evenings and there are always competitions being held for anyone to progress their level of game.

The season starts at Trevor on Thursday 15th September.

For further information please contact Moira on 824401 or Joyce on 823244.

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## **Concerned about Dog fouling in our area?**

You can report an incident direct to the Public Protection Department, Ruabon Offices, High Street, Ruabon, phone 01978 298989.

Or phone the Environmental Officers on 07800 688790 or 07753 771711.

It will help to have a note of the date, the time and place the incident occurred as well as a description of the offender (if known) and any other relevant information such as colour, size and breed of dog.

Dog owners do you know that failure to pick up after your dog can result in a maximum penalty of £1,000? Fixed penalty notices can be issued to offenders caught allowing their dogs to foul and not removing the waste or failing to dispose of their litter in a correct manner. The fixed penalties are set by the Welsh Assembly. Currently fixed penalties of £75 are routinely issued for dog fouling and littering offences. The fixed penalty notices require payment to be made within 14 days of the notice being received to prevent further action being taken. Failure to pay can result in court procedures. Dog fouling carries a maximum penalty of £1,000 and littering including dropping cigarette stubs can incur a penalty of up to £2,500. The Environmental Enforcement Officers carry out frequent patrols of areas within the County Borough in order to catch offenders.

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## Bird Watch - Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Bullfinch, Sparrows, Robin, Swallows, Sparrow Hawk, Goldfinches, Swifts, Jays, Greenfinch, Great Tits, Blackbirds, Crows, Magpies, Collared Doves, Wood Pigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker (feeding young in trees), Heron & Geese (overhead), Blue Tits, Blackcap, Buzzards, Nuthatch, Pied Flycatcher & Long Tailed Tit.

## Fron School news

By Barbara Davies

July was a busy month within school.

We took part in the peace message for the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen, children were singing on the main stage on the Tuesday and the Saturday with Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Roberts.

The children held a Fron's Got Talent concert followed by refreshments. This was a fabulous variety show, with singers, dancers, comedians and Ant & Dec. Well done to all those involved and thank you to all staff, parents and grandparents for your continued support, an enjoyable night was had by all.

The children finished their collage based on the theme "All things bright and beautiful" for the flower festival; this was displayed in St Mary's Chirk Church hall during the weekend festival. We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Roberts for their assistance transporting and displaying our collage.



There were several activities to help say goodbye and celebrate the success of our year 6 pupils. Aunty Dawn (School Cook) prepared a week of special lunch menus for leavers week including each child's favourite. We held the annual leavers service. Traditionally Year 6 pupils write and perform a short comical sketch followed by their speeches. It is always a moving service with many laughs and tears. As always Aunty Dawn's school dinners were the thing they would miss most! The pupils were presented with personalised leavers sweatshirts. They also went on a leaver's night outing with staff to Frankie and Benny's and the cinema. Good luck to you all.



To say a big thank you and fond farewell to Mrs. Bellis after 37 years we held a garden party. All pupils and staff attended along with guests from the local community, Hilary Harriman from LEA, previous head teachers, ex pupils, family and friends.

Over the summer break teachers and PTFA continued the school ground improvements with painting and a new surface being laid. Further improvements are planned during September.

After the success of our pamper night in the summer term the PTFA are planning an Indian night in Fron community centre during the autumn term. Date is yet to be confirmed but will be towards the end of September or beginning October. Posters will be displayed locally nearer the time.



## Garth and Trevor Youth Club

The young people of Garth & Trevor Youth Club are holding a fundraising evening on Wednesday, 12th October, at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

This is an opportunity for the community to come along and support the youth club in a fundraising event which they are going to organise themselves.

There will be lots of stalls, games, and food including hot dogs, cakes, tea and coffee. This will be a fun event for all the family. Nail painting, hair curling, raffles and much, much more! Everyone is welcome. Please support the community of Trevor and come and learn about Garth & Trevor Youth Club.

The Fun evening will start at 4.30 pm. If you have anything you would like to donate towards the raffle please drop your item off on a Wednesday evening. Youth club is open from 7-9pm.

We look forward to having fun and raising funds for the youth club!

Many thanks Lowra, Ange and all the Young people, volunteers at Trevor & Garth Youth club.



In the photos are members of the Garth & Trevor Youth Club planting up 14 hanging baskets for the Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

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# TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



Tiddlywinks Toddler Group have been busy the last couple of months!

We raised £60.00 at the Barn in Trevor with our face and nail painting, thank you for Fran and Georgia who worked none stop to ensure all the children that wanted their faces painted were happy. Also we raised £40.00 on the raffle in the day.



The toddlers at Tiddlywinks have also been busy with a Grant from Tidy Towns to build a garden for wildlife. A special thanks to Johnny and Vin who helped to complete most of the hard work!!! The children had a brilliant time planting the flowers.



**Before**

**After**

**Having Fun!**

We have lots of fun at toddlers with fancy dress parties, teddy bear picnics, story time & trips out to various places including Ty Mawr.



Every Thursday morning 10am-12pm. We welcome all children and their Parents, Grandparents, and Carers.

Everyone welcome please come and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat whilst the children play. Juice and snack provided for children. £1.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> child and 50p per additional child.

**We run through all school holidays**

**Diary Note : 29<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Party**

## Fron Quiz

By Julie Williams

On Friday 20th May a quiz was held in Fron Community Centre in aid of the Chirk Hospital Scanner Appeal. £60 was raised on the night.

The winning team have now won twice in a row and are looking forward to defending their title at the next quiz which will take place at the end of September in the Community Centre. Look out for posters in Cakes and Company and Fron Post Office.



Why not rise to the challenge and give them a run for their money!

Winning team: Sylvia and Doug Johnson, and David and Pauline Roberts.

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## National Eisteddfod Competition for Children

By Mike Gleed

The Rural Llangollen & Cefn Mawr section of the National Eisteddfod Appeals groups ran a design a commemorative plate to celebrate the Wrexham 2011 event.

It was taken up by the Froncysyllte C P School under the guidance of teacher Mrs. Jones. We asked them to design a plate to commemorate and celebrate the event. We had a good response and some really good works. Entries were varied and imaginative and it was quite difficult to come up with eventual winners.

Honey Pots of Llangollen kindly donated their time and materials to allow the winners to put their designs onto real plates. The winners were for lower school, Sophie Roberts age 6 and upper school Jenna Leon age 10. All of the plates were seen by the committee for the National and they loved them and have opted to display them all on the Maes all week.

Thanks to Mrs. Jones (teacher) for encouraging the children and well done everyone.







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## **Scarecrow Festival and Family Fun Day** **Trevor Basin, Sunday 11 September, 1pm – 5pm**

A first for Trevor Basin; a scarecrow competition combined with fun for all the family. Entry to the event is free and there will be a whole range of activities and stalls to enjoy, along with fairground rides, face-painting, boat rides across the Aqueduct, guided walks and lots more.

There will be a prize for the best scarecrow (chosen by visitors to the event) and there will be other chances to win with the tombola and raffle but if you are not a winner you could console yourself with goodies from one of the many on offer at various stalls.

Anyone may enter a scarecrow in the competition and community and voluntary groups, as well commercial stallholders, are invited to bring a stall to the event. For an entry form for the competition, or an application form for a stall, contact the Wrexham Year of Culture team on 01978-667320 or [glen.lloyd@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:glen.lloyd@wrexham.gov.uk).

For tips on how to make a scarecrow see [www.makescarecrows.com](http://www.makescarecrows.com) or the Wrexham Year of Culture website [www.yearofculture.co.uk](http://www.yearofculture.co.uk)

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## **Best Kept Village/Community Award**

Llangollen Rural Community Council has this year entered the above competition that was organised by Wrexham County Borough Council. We would like to thank all who have helped with the planting, watering, deadheading and participated in the competition.

# Harvest Thanksgiving

By Rev. Tony Rees

Harvest thanksgiving is a major event in the life of the church in a rural community, because that is where harvests happen.

Jews and Christians have always thanked God for the harvest. We realise that for all our brains and technology, all our work and planning, the harvest depends on factors beyond our control, factors which are grounded in God's creation: the earth and the weather. Our lives depend on the provision and grace of God.

So we thank God for the sun and the rain, for the soil and the seeds. We will sing our harvest hymns, say our prayers of thanks, and celebrate with joy the food God has provided.

But harvest thanksgiving is also a time to thank our farmers. We thank them for their planning and preparation, for their hard work, for their care of land and livestock. They are God's agents in bringing in the harvest.

We too can be God's agents. Just as the farmers work to realise the goodness of God, so we too should work to realise the goodness and purposes of God. God looks to each one of us to bring to fruition what he wants of us and the world. Then we can all sing our harvest songs of praise to God.

St. David's Church Christmas fair will be held in the Fron Community Centre on Saturday November 12th from 12 until 4.

## St David's Church gets rewired

St David's Church at Froncysyllte had been getting darker! Two of the eight lights in the chancel were not working, and the old wiring was found to be forty years old and dangerous!

The new rewiring has included some minor changes to lighting provision indoors, with a new set of lights for the outside.

Forty years ago the cost of rewiring was under £400. This rewiring is costing about £11,000, including VAT. All contributions will be gratefully received!

## Harvest Services at St David's Church, Froncysyllte

Friday 23rd September, 7.00 pm:- Evensong and Harvest Supper.

Sunday 25th September, 9.30 am: - Family Service.

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## Services at Trevor Church

Harvest Festival 16th September at 7pm followed by a Harvest Supper at Trevor Hall.

Communion Service Sunday 18th September at 9.30am.

**From September:** The first and third Sunday in the month will be Communion. The second Sunday Morning Prayer and on the fourth Sunday there will be a Family Service.

## Do you remember this?

By Moira Griffiths

This paper cutting was published several years ago, but does anyone remember anything about it?

We'd like to hear from you.

This and other articles are in a 'local history' folder being held by Joyce Evans. We would like more information on the history of the area before it is lost forever. If anyone has something they think is worth including in the folder then please let us know. We will copy it and return it to you.

Please contact either Joyce Evans on 823244 or Moira Griffiths on 824401.

### COINS DUMPED IN THE DEE

What was thought by some people to be a discovery of some importance, turned out to be almost the opposite when bags of coins were lifted from the river Dee on Sunday.

It all began when Mr Samuel Evans of Heol Penderyst, Rhosycoed, saw something shining in the river as he looked over the old "Roman Bridge," at Bont on Wednesday. But he did not think much more about it then.

Investigations got going in earnest when Mr. Jack Pumford of George Avenue was informed of the matter, and on Sunday he went into the river up to a depth of some 4ft 6ins and returned with a bag of coins.

The police were informed.

Soon on the scene were Inspector D. J. Bevan, Sergt. Shlerson (Ruabon) two constables and two Wrexham underwater swimmers.

The Wrexham men cleared the river bed of more coins and found another bag.

But all that glistens is not gold ! The shining objects were foreign coins and shaped metal discs, probably slot machine rejects. Enquiries were made by the police, and it is believed that they have traced the origin of the "find."

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### Garth and Trevor Community Centre

Computer sessions start again in  
September:- Mondays 11am-1pm and  
1pm- 3pm.

Thursdays, 2 pm.- BBC First Click Course,  
for people over 50 who want to start using  
a computer for more information telephone  
01978 810119

### History of Fron - a talk by Emrys Roberts.

1pm, Wednesday 31st August at Fron  
Community Centre.

Admission £1.50 to include tea/coffee.

Raffle. All Welcome. Proceeds to St Davids  
Church, Fron.

Also 1pm Wednesday 9th November.

# **Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod of Wales 2011.**

Bethan Grey – Davies, Co-ordinator and Treasurer of the local appeal group

By the time you will be reading these reflections on the eight day festival nearly a month will have gone by. I am actually writing this article within two days of the concluding concert and they are busy packing the distinctive pink tent to be transported overseas to another festival. Within weeks there will be no trace of the eisteddfod having been held at Lower Berse Farm but the memories will be alive to many for years to come. The whole theme this year was 150 CELEBRATE which was commemorating 150 years of the eisteddfod in its present form. The HAPPY BIRTHDAY EISTEDDFOD was sung a number of times.

## **Was it a good birthday celebration?**

The key to a successful party is planning and yes it had been planned meticulously with an excellent venue, easily reached by car from the by-pass or by public transport using the shuttle bus from town. The facilities and wealth of activities on the field were impressive. Children thoroughly enjoyed the Science and Technology hands on activities and mums and dads had ample trade stands and charity stands to look at. The Art and Craft Pavilion was another popular venue and the translation facilities made the main competition element in the pink pavilion accessible to non Welsh speakers. Also there was food, food, food everywhere.

What about paying for the party? We in our little area raised over £12,000 and my thanks go to those who helped raise this substantial amount. I can also tell you that the 16 areas of Wrexham Authority together raised beyond the £275,000 target set.

## **Did the guests turn up?**

There was an open invitation and 149,692 people accepted the invitation. Many were unable to reach the venue but were able to get a taste of the party by watching S4C, and no doubt over the winter months we will have repeats of the eisteddfod to relive the week. They catered for 750 caravans on site which I believe is a record. These people will go back to their homes with their memories of the welcome extended at Wrexham.

## **Was the standard high and entertainment good?**

The main ceremonies all had winners which was encouraging and the standard of competitors on the stage was good. A great deal of thought had gone into the planning and I hope that there was something to suit all tastes. I certainly enjoyed being in the eisteddfod choir and made many new acquaintances through this eisteddfod.

Yes it was a happy eisteddfod with few complaints and will be a celebration which will hopefully have a lasting effect on the area and all those who attended the party.

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## **Tai Chi Classes**

By Mike Gleed

A change in Tai Chi classes times in the Froncysyllte community centre? They will now be held on Thursday am 10 - 11 and Thursday pm 7 - 8. Fees are still £2 per session and suit all levels. We practice Dr. Paul Lam's internationally acclaimed Tai Chi for Arthritis which I am qualified to teach. We also practice Chi Kung and other relaxation techniques.

For further information call 01691 774802.

# Plea to stop dumping garden waste in Pisgah Quarry

By Kate Poyner

Volunteers from North Wales Wildlife Trust and the local community, including 2 and 5 year old boys, were busy in April clearing garden waste which had been dumped by people in the Pisgah Quarry local nature reserve in Froncysyllte.

Pisgah Quarry is a small and enchanting reserve with a fascinating mixture of woodland, wildflower grassland and superb views over the Vale of Llangollen. It forms part of Coed Pen y Graig overlooking the Dee Valley. Of special interest are its Ash woodland and calcareous grassland.



During waste clearance day over 20 Christmas trees were found and removed. The type of garden waste dumped on the site doesn't rot down quickly and ends up preventing the growth of the natural flora and fauna for which the reserve is protected. Dumping garden waste on the site increases the chance of invasive species and garden flowers becoming established on the site, which would be extremely detrimental to the reserve.

During the Autumn, Forest school sessions with children are planned in the reserve with Froncysyllte School. It is hoped that we can keep this beautiful piece of woodland full of wildlife, and a safe, rubbish free place where children can experience wildlife.

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## Bird list Fron

By Julie Williams

A summer highlight was hearing the Cuckoo calling in the woods at the back of the house for the first time in 30 years. Wonderful even though it only lasted one day. Another first was a very close view of a Hummingbird Hawk Moth feeding on a Buddleia. This is a Mediterranean species which is not known to breed in the U.K. (according to the books).

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Crow, Cuckoo, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Pied Wagtail, Robin, Rook, Sparrow Hawk, Nuthatch, Starling, Swallow and Swift, Wren, Woodpigeon.

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## Family fun quiz

Friday 7th October 7pm in Froncysyllte Community Centre. All welcome. Admission £1.50 including tea/coffee. Raffle, Proceeds to St David's Church, Fron. Don't worry if you're on your own as teams can be made up on the night.

# Aqueduct Classics Trials Club

By Andrew Jeffares

Members of the Aqueduct Classics Trials Club, with a cheque for £2394.78 which will be presented to the Christie Hospital in Manchester shortly.

Aqueduct Classics were recently asked to run a classic motorcycle trial to raise money for The Christie following a chance conversation between Russ Jones and fellow rider and friend Peter Salt. The event was held at Llanbrynmair Forest near Welshpool on June 19th, with all proceeds being donated to this worthy cause.



The event was run over a 35 mile course through various challenging terrain set in the beautiful Mid Wales scenery. A capacity entry of 130 riders took part in the challenging but enjoyable event.

Aqueduct Classics would like to thank all event sponsors, competitors, observers and helpers who helped make the day such a huge success, enabling such a fantastic amount of money to be raised for such a worthy cause.

Left to Right: - James Samuel, Russ Jones, Paul Needham, Andrew Jeffares, Mark Samuel.

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## 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:

Wednesday 21st Sept., Wednesday 19th October, & Wednesday 16th November.

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## 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 2011: 13th September, 4th & 25th October, & 15th November.

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

# Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

I am pleased to be able to report that incidents of anti social behaviour in the ward that were recently occurring appear to be on the decline and whilst the summer months are ideal for alfresco gatherings Llangollen Rural as part of Wrexham Borough has been designated as an Alcohol Control Zone. These powers are to enable anti social behaviour and disorder resulting from alcohol consumption to be dealt with whilst not penalising responsible persons.

If any body would like to register for OWL(Online Watch Link) either as an individual or by forming a local watch scheme please contact myself and I will provide registration forms. OWL provides messages including crime alerts and crime prevention advice. Communications can be made by telephone, fax, email, mobile phone, flyers or letter to local watch members but only by e-mail to individuals.

Please contact myself regarding any problems or information as below

PCSO David Jenkins tel: 07854332425 e-mail davidjenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report any non emergency incidents please call 101 or for an emergency 999.

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• Housing Repairs	08000 855808
• Registrars	01978 292027
• Highways	01978 298989
• Dog Fouling	01978 298989
• Visiting Warden Service	01978 315300

Gas Emergencies	0800 111 999
Dee Valley Water	01978 846946
Scottish Power	0845 27224 24
Maelor Hospital	01978 291100
CAB	01978 364639
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Bus Line	01978 266166
Home Fire Safety Checks	0800 1691234

# County Councillor's Diary

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

This year is flying by, September again and time to start thinking about filling the grit bins!!! What a busy year it has been so far sorting out the plants and hanging baskets throughout the Ward. The clerk to the community council Mrs Sue Jones has played a major role in this project by ordering all the plants that were required. Myself, Sue & Mrs Julie Jones spent a few hours planting up the planters on Trevor green. The hanging baskets were made up by Sue and Mrs Julie Jones, with the help of Trevor youth club, local residents, and myself, and I must say they look an absolute show. Well Done.

Steve Edwards and his team from Cadburys raised the flower beds, at the entrance to Trevor Estate, and what a difference it has made. A big thank you to everybody who helped cheer up our areas with all these colours! I would also like to thank the people who look after these plants with the weeding and watering. Special thanks to Mr Stan Jones for the use of his trailer.

**Skip Day** I would like to say a special thanks to Dawn, Louise, Alex and Alan from Plas Madoc Housing Office, we moved lots of stuff, and again it was a great success. I received many phone calls saying thanks for our efforts.

**Alcohol Free Zone** Due to recent anti social behaviour in the ward which was alcohol related, I held a meeting with the police re designating areas. I brought it up at the Community Council meeting on the 12th July, and after a good debate it was decided that they should have alcohol free zones. These area's are Trevor and Fron basins, the three playgrounds, Trevor estate green and the old railway line, this will allow police to confiscate alcohol from groups causing anti social behaviour. A common sense approach would be used if any families were having a picnic in these areas with alcohol. Signs will be installed by PCSO Dave Jenkins who has played a major role in solving this problem.

**Litter Picking Day** It was unfortunate that this day clashed with other events, which meant we didn't have our usual community team. However PCSO Dave Jenkins, myself, Jenson from Trevor Scouts and his father we did manage to fill a few bags!

I would like to say a big thank you to all, especially Jenson who was a good ambassador for Trevor Scouts.



**School Transport** As we all know Wrexham Council will no longer pay for free transport for our children attending Dinas Bran after September 2012. I am pleased to inform you that the School will now fund this transport, so our fight was not in vain. Thank you.

**Resurfacing** The A5 through Froncysyllte village has been completed, along with the community centre. We have also agreed to resurface Mill Lane Trevor Issa, sections of Tower Hill, Blackwood Road Garth, and Pen-Y-Gaer Road Garth. This will be done in this financial year.

Gas Central Heating has now been installed by Wrexham Council at Hafryn, Garth. Good job done as we have been chasing this project for the last 2-3 yrs. I know it will make a great difference for the tenants.

Any Problems don't hesitate to contact me

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