

Community Newsletter

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Pensioner's Party December 2018

Yet another very successful Pensioners Christmas Party!
Many thanks to everyone who attended and to those who gave up their time to make the night such a success. This years party will be on **Friday December 6th 2019**.



Fron news

By Keith Sinclair

Some of the issues taken up by Community Councillors in Fron recently include:

Gritting and salt boxes

Following representations, Wrexham Council replenished most, but not all, of the salt bins in Fron and provided salt piles on Cwmalis Road. Issues remain with gritting routes and the replacement of damaged salt bins.

Street Lighting

Several faulty street lamps have been reported and they have all been repaired.

Fly tipping

Compared to many areas, fly tipping is less of an issue here. But it does occur, when it has taken place it has been reported and has been cleared by Wrexham Council.

Litter

Litter picking equipment has been acquired from the council and any volunteers would be warmly welcomed. A productive meeting was held with the Manager of McDonalds in February and they have agreed to send a team of people to carry out a litter-pick in our villages.

Dogs and the children's play areas

Everyone is reminded that dogs should be not allowed on the two children's' playgrounds in Fron. Additional signs have been displayed outside the Community Centre reminding visitors that the grassy area is a Children's Play Area.

On all these and similar matters, I recommend residents log the issue on the Wrexham Council website: <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/>

I am very happy to offer support to residents in my role as Community Councillor. I can be contacted at keithsinclairLRCC@gmail.com



Interested in Fron Past & Present?

There are two lively Facebook groups for those interested in both the past and current life in Fron. They are both recommended to readers.

For matters concerning the village today, "Froncysyllte Community Noticeboard", provides a useful forum for village matters whilst for those interested in the past, "Froncysyllte memories" is a fascinating treasure trove of old photographs and memories of life in Fron over the years.

Froncysyllte Community Centre also runs a Facebook page which highlights the work of the centre.

Memory Lane event

A successful Memory Lane event was held in Fron Community Centre in December. Local people enjoyed getting together. One of the highlights was Dennis Williams spotting himself a picture taken outside St David's Church in 1947.



Community Agent

By Lynda Broe

Happy New Year to you all, let's hope Spring is on its way!

Before Christmas we held a 'Memory Lane' afternoon at Froncysyllte. We were able to access a huge array of local photographs which were kindly lent to us by the granddaughter of a former local resident. The event was a success and we look forward to meeting local residents at future events.

The Christmas party was great fun and enjoyed by all.

I am continuing to have referrals from the residents and offering information and support, signposting to the relevant organisations.

Can I remind you of the Community Calendar for 2020? We have received only a few possible entries. We are looking for photographs of local landmarks or local seasonal scenes, also photographs of your own artwork/craft. Entries can be e-mailed to me or handed into a community council member. We would need to receive these by October in order to send it to print in time for Christmas 2019.

Christmas craft took place during every Wednesday during December and new members joined the group and enjoyed the sessions. At the present time the Wednesday group is not running but hopefully as we approach spring this will re-start.



Cefn Mawr library started a crochet session every Monday afternoon if anybody is interested in starting a new craft or rekindling an old one, it runs from 1.30 – 3 pm.

Our 'Fun Dance' afternoon was a great success and 'fun' was had by all. Our thanks to Julie Thomas for her time and enthusiasm. Classes for dance take place at the town hall in Llangollen every Monday morning at 11 am if you are wanting to keep up your moves!

Please keep in touch. 07956292546 or trevorcommunityagent@gmail.com

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

I would like to thank the people of Trevor for supporting our Xmas Raffle yet again. The main prize of a hamper was won by one of our beavers and lots of other prizes were won by local people. This raised £160 for the group, and also thank you to Tesco Cefn Mawr and their customers who donated through our buckets when we sang carols there, raising well over a £100 in just over an hour.

We are back into our stride now, both Beavers and Cubs are concentrating on badge work in the Winter months. The Beavers have recently been on a trip to Imagine in Liverpool where there are numerous hands on activities to enjoy. The Cubs are going on a day out to Kibblestone where there are a number of fun activities to enjoy, go-karting, shooting etc.

Shortly we will be helping with the tree planting on the new Clinker Path, behind the scout hut, which will be very interesting for the children.

Community Diary Dates....

Charity Quiz

Each month, the Aqueduct Inn hosts a charity Pub Quiz. The quizzes are held on Sunday evenings from 8.00 to 10.00 pm. The next Quiz Nights are 24th. March and 28th April.

All are welcome.

Community clean up - Saturday 30th March 10am-12noon meeting at Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

Pensioners Christmas party - 6th December

Our Picturesque Landscape Heritage Lottery Funded Project

By Kate Thomson

Since the 1700's people have been on inspirational journeys through the Dee Valley, across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, along Telford's A5, the Llangollen Railway and the River Dee. They came to enjoy and engage with the unique landscape and many felt compelled to recall this stunning landscape in art. People today follow in their footsteps, yet this is a landscape under growing pressure, with high numbers of visitors attracted to environmentally fragile sites.

The Our Picturesque Landscape Project aims to protect this unique area by;

- Conserving views, heritage and habitats
- Improving access
- Engaging communities with our special landscape
- Working in partnership with other organisations

The £2 million Our Picturesque Landscape Project is predominantly funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund. It is a partnership project developed by the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site, Denbighshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Shropshire Council, The Canal & River Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Cadw,

Cadwyn Clwyd, Aqueducts (Friends of the World Heritage Site) and the Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley. The project is delivered through a Programme Manager, Community and Engagement Officer and a Social Media and Administration Officer.

Through the improving access elements of the lottery funding, the Our Picturesque Landscape Project has enabled the creation of the new footpath linking Trevor Community Centre and the Canal. As part of this project the team are looking at the history of the clinkers in the woodland and would welcome any information or memories that people have of this area.

Over the course of this year to mark the tenth anniversary of the Pontcysyllte and Canal World Heritage Site there will be many opportunities for the communities to take part in a wide range of creative and health and wellbeing activities inspired by the wonderful landscape and heritage on our doorstep.

If you would like to know more about the OPL project then please contact;

our.picturesque.landscape@denbighshire.gov.uk or 01824 706163

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Police matters.....

Elderly residents targeted.

By Inspector 1426 Steven Owens

If you are elderly and reading this for yourself, if you have elderly relatives or neighbours or care for an elderly person then please read on.

This communication is not intended to cause undue alarm or concern. It is intended to provoke thought and encourage people to take action.

The elderly have long been targets of criminals, taking advantage of their naturally trusting nature and frailty. The rules of common decent respect for the elderly do not apply. They can't fight back, they are simply easy prey.

Criminals will enter their homes whether posing as an official or by force if they need to. They want cash and jewellery and will ransack a house to find it or force occupants to give up the code to a safe or other secret place. They will travel to commit their crimes, often stealing high powered vehicles such as Audi's or Volkswagon's to evade capture. The ordeal can be horrific and life changing.

What to do...

- Deposit cash in a safe place such as banks and other financial institutions. Not in the house. Just keep what is needed for weekly needs.
- Keep an eye on you neighbour, particularly if you see strangers calling at their door.

- Suspicious vehicles parked in the street or persons knocking at doors offering spurious work or trying to locate a lost dog, child or ball.
- Make a note of the vehicles and descriptions, and anything distinctive about that vehicle or person. Report it to the police.
- If you have security lights or CCTV, check they are working.
- Be confident to talk to the caller through your door or front window.
- Always use a security chain if you have one and get one fitted if you are able.
- Before answering the front door, make sure the back door is locked.
- Always ask for identification before letting anyone in to your home. If they don't have identification, ask them to come back with some, and don't be fobbed off. Check their identification and ring the organisation they purport to represent. Close the door whilst you check. Legitimate representatives will not mind waiting outside.
- Contact your service providers and check what security measures they take before sending a representative to your home. This may be passwords or written confirmation of pre-arranged appointments for example. Make a note of the arrangement in place and keep it by the door (keep passwords elsewhere in a safe place).

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Please be considerate to the time of day if telephoning council members - Thanks

Council meeting dates (7pm start)

2nd April	Frncysyllte Community Centre	3rd September	Frncysyllte Community Centre
7th May	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	1st October	Trevor/Garth Community Centre
4th June	Frncysyllte Community Centre	5th November	Frncysyllte Community Centre
2nd July	Trevor/Garth Community Centre	3rd December	Trevor/Garth Community Centre

Garth & Trevor Community Centre

By Shaun Jones

I am writing to express sincere gratitude for all the assistance Llangollen Rural Community Council have given to engage with our landlords – Wrexham County Borough Council to secure the roof replacement work recently undertaken. Our Chair, Mrs Joyce Evans is currently recovering from a serious illness so I wish to express thanks on behalf of all the Trustees. It has certainly been a long bumpy road but you got there in the end.

It is saddening to also report recent anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at our Community Centre. It beggars belief. There have been multiple attempts to damage the doors and windows by burning the plastic material.

Also we have only recently repaired a waste pipe from the kitchen for it to be broken once again.

Can you highlight this unacceptable behaviour to the residents of the community in the hope more people look out for those responsible and ask them to modify their behaviour or move on. The PCSO team should also be informed.

Yours sincerely,

Shaun Jones
Honorary Treasurer
Garth & Trevor Community Centre Assn.

Cider cake

By Joyce Evans

6fl oz Cider
2 Eggs
3 oz Cherries
12 oz Dried fruit
6 oz Soft brown sugar
8 oz Self raising flour

Soak the Cider and fruit over night.

Next day

Add eggs, sugar, flour and cherries, mix together and put into a 2lb loaf tin

Cook for 1hr 10mins gas mark 4

Trevor Community Centre

By Joyce Evans

The Hall makes an ideal venue to host your party of up to 100 people. We have a large kitchen equipped with cups, saucers, plates, dishes and cutlery. The hall also has a lounge which can accommodate 20-30 people. Its is equipped with a large screen TV.

To check availability ring Joyce Evans on 01978 823244.

Bingo

By Joyce Evans

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- Do you live/ know the area of Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte well?
- Are you interested in a flexible local employment opportunity that you can fit around your other commitments?

If the answer is yes to the above.....

Llangollen Rural Community Council are looking for a Community Agent to operate within the Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte area. Full training and support will be provided but you must know the area well.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they can proactively engage with and support people over 50 in the community, often on a one to one basis.

You must have excellent spoken and communication skills and possess the ability to solve problems.

You must be able to use a computer and have a basic knowledge of word/ excel, although training can be provided as needed. A laptop and mobile phone will be supplied but you must have access to the internet.

Welsh speaker desirable or must understand the importance of Welsh Language and Culture. The post will be subject to a DBS check.

Community Agents work to connect people in their area to the services and support that they need, and help people over 50 find their way to activities or services which they would enjoy or find useful.

Making the most of local activities and services is a good way to keep fit, active and independent, but not everyone knows what is available. People with health or other difficulties may need that bit of help to access and benefit from activities and services available to everyone. Community Agents will build relationships with organisations such as the Police, PCSO's, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, GPs, local libraries and housing groups to ensure that more vulnerable and isolated people have access to the support provided.

- Line management: the post reports to the Clerk, Llangollen Rural Community Council

For an application form/ more information about the role please contact:
Andrea Evans, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, Llangollen Rural Community Council,
59 Haytor Road, Wrexham. LL11 2PU.

email:- clerk.llangollenrural@gmail.com Tel: 07950 813858

Closing date:- Friday 15th March 2019 at 5pm.

Search for Hidden History

By Geoff Bullen

The Rotary Club of Llangollen, with the kind permission of local farmers, organised metal detecting events at Trevor Ucha Farm (Trevor) and Abbey Farm (Llangollen). The Historical Search Society of Mold, along with other local groups, spent two cold days on the local hillsides in challenging weather conditions. These very professional, knowledgeable and dedicated men and women follow strict codes of conduct to safeguard farm land and to ensure any valuable/historical finds are reported to the authorities.

They are more interested in the history rather than the monetary value of objects found. For these reasons, Llangollen Rotary are happy to form a partnership in order to raise money for good causes both locally and internationally. Thanks to all those involved, £730 was raised over the two days.

Finds varied from modern coins and items to farming objects, Victorian and Georgian money to older items of coinage, jewellery and artefacts.

Further events are planned but we are always searching for willing land owners. If you are interested please contact Geoff Bullen on bullen1@talktalk.net



Out of hours GP surgery

Have you used your local GP Out-of-Hours service recently? If so, you can help to improve the service by completing a short online survey. Your local Community Health Council will use the results to identify where the service is working well and where improvements are needed. The survey will be live from Monday 21st January – Sunday 31st March 2019.

Please use this link to access the GP Out-of-Hours online survey:

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Community Health Councils are independent and exist to improve the patient experience within the National Health Service (NHS) in Wales and to offer support if things go wrong. If you would like to contact your Community Health Council please call 02920 235 558 for more information.

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LLANGOLLEN ROTARY SANTA RUN

Over the 6th and 7th of December members of Llangollen Rotary, Llangollen Guides and helpers took a Santa Sleigh round some of the streets in Garth, Trevor, Froncysyllte and Llangollen. Both organisations would like to thank those communities for their generous donations which amounted to £500 net and which will be shared equally between the Rotary and Guides. Money aside, it was the joy and excitement brought to children that was the driving force behind the event, which we will repeat next year.



Thank you.

Bowls Update

By Moira Griffiths

The indoor season will be finishing at the end of March but there are still a few competitions that are being held during February and March.

Our bowlers have played well in the National singles heat, with three Trevor players qualifying and representing at County level at Llandrindod Wells. The fours heat also saw our players doing well with nine players qualifying in three of the fours teams. The pairs and triples heats will be held during February with the finals down at Llandrindod Wells in March.

At the end of February the players will enjoy a visit to the North Wales Indoor Bowls Centre, at Prestatyn, for a fun/social afternoon.

In April the bowlers will be moving to the crown green at Plaskynaston where there is plenty of action to be seen. The players will be finding a new challenge in the Wrexham first division, after promotion in the Saturday league.

If you would like to play bowls, then why not contact Joyce on 01978 823244 or Moira on 01978 824401.

Canal Update

By Moira Griffiths

Since the start of the New Year the 'Task Force' group has been tidying the area near the dead end, opposite Jones the Boats.

We have been cutting back the undergrowth on the central area which has exposed the canal wall along the wharf.

There have been several large logs floating so we have removed these before they get too waterlogged and sink to the bottom, which makes it difficult for the boats to moor. The canal under Scotch Hall bridge has silted up and heavier boats are having difficulty getting through.

The weather has been kind to us and has allowed us to clear the edging stones making the area look a lot more presentable to visitors, especially those that walk towards the basin from the old warehouse car park.

If you would like to join us, we now meet every second and fourth Wednesday at 10 o'clock by the C&RT grey shed.



Froncysyllte CP School

Mantle of the Expert

Welcome to Mantle of the Expert in KS2, we have been learning about Chapel Street in Manchester also called, 'The Bravest Little Street in Britain' which has linked with our class WW1 topic.

We have stepped into the mantle as families that really lived on Chapel Street to try and understand what life was like for people during WW1 and how people were affected. We began our journey creating the street and mapping out our houses, we researched what houses were like during 1914. We used the roll of honour to help us decide which families we would like to be and used freeze frames to show daily life. As news spread of War breaking out we showed emotions through role play.

Please take a look at the videos and photos on our school Facebook as the children really did 'step into the mantle' and become these heroic people.



Welcome to Mantle of the Expert in Foundation Phase. We have been learning about zoos which has linked with our class animals topic.

We have stepped into the mantle as people that really work in the zoo to try and understand what really happens in a zoo. We began our journey creating the zoo and discussing all the different jobs people do there. We looked at what job we would like to do and wrote a job description. Then the Zoo Owner took a very important phone call from Sri Lanka. The Elephant sanctuary desperately needed to find a new home for some mistreated elephants.

Please take a look at the videos and photos on our school Facebook as the children really did 'step into the mantle' and came to the rescue of these poor elephants.



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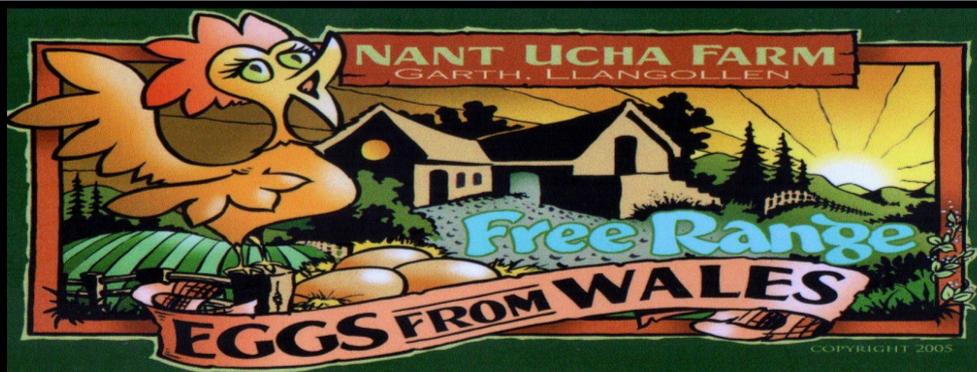
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Fron news

By Julie Williams

A very successful Museum in a Box coffee morning was held at Fron Community Centre.

Volunteers from Cefn Museum visited and gave an interesting talk on various items in their care.

Pictured are some of the pupils from Fron School with Cyril and Alan from the Museum.

A big thank you to everyone for their support, especially the kind ladies and gentleman that baked the lovely cakes! A donation of £70 was presented to the Museum.



At the going down of the sun - we will remember them.

The following names are in addition to the names listed in the winter newsletter who died in WW1 and WW2. Many thanks to Dennis Williams for the updated information.

Robert E Hughes	Lloyd Jones	Ben Morris	Edward Davies	Stephen Jasper
E T Roberts	Edwin James		William Roberts	Richard Hughes

Do you live in the cul-de-sac in Woodlands Grove?

It has been brought to my attention that some residents do not have grey food caddy bins even though some people do. If you do not have one, request one from here:

https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/envy_services/service_requests/recycling_box.cfm

Froncysyllte Community Centre

Recent refurbishments have ensured Froncysyllte Community Centre continues to be an excellent venue serving the community. Diverse groups hold their activities in a warm brightly lit room which has an attached kitchen. During the year ahead, which will celebrate ten years since our area was recognised as a World Heritage Site, we are looking forward to hosting many events to celebrate the occasion. With the

sensory garden, plentiful car parking and indoor and outdoor seating we are proud to have such a super community centre on our doorstep. If you would like any information, at all, regarding events at the community centre or booking the centre to host an event of your own please contact Sian Williams by email : esian@btinternet.com.

Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club

By Marjorie Crosby

The Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club was formed in the 1960s. Members of the Club meet every Tuesday at 2pm in Froncysyllte Community Centre. At the moment, there are over forty members and any new members will be most welcome. Members come from a wide area including Froncysyllte, Trevor, Chirk and Llangollen. New members wishing to join can just turn up at the Community Centre and a fee of £1 per person is collected towards the cost of trips and a Christmas party.

At the club members enjoy a game of bingo, light refreshments are provided, sometimes an occasional speaker and from March trips are arranged for all on a six-weekly basis. In 2018, trips were organised to Southport, Llandudno, Cleveleys, Aberystwyth and Ironbridge. The first Bingo will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019.

For further information contact:
Mrs Marjorie Crosby 01691 772162

World Heritage site update...

By Allan Forrest (Regeneration Project Manager - Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site)

Electric Vehicle Charging Point at Trevor Basin

Wrexham Council have recently embarked on an ambitious project to install Electric Vehicle Charging Points for public use, within car parks across the County Borough. These have included Waterworld car park, Alyn Waters County Park and Ty Mawr Country Park. The car park at Trevor Basin was chosen as a strategic tourist location for the installation of a charging point, as the area attracts a large number of visitors, throughout the year, many of which travel great distances to visit the historical World Heritage Site.

The Electric Charging point at Trevor Basin is for public use, and is operated by the charge point provider Genie Point; who are a fast growing charging point network operator. There is a charge to use the charging points and this is paid through an app which will have to be downloaded on a smart device, by the user prior to charging the car.

Wrexham Council hope that by installing charging points across the County Borough, that it will support the growth of electric vehicles and promote the future growth in sustainable methods of travel.



Happy Birthday World Heritage Site

This year celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct receiving World Heritage Status as a masterpiece of waterways engineering and a pioneering example of iron construction. On 27th June 2009, the 200-year-old aqueduct, built by canal engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop, joined the elite club of 1,000 UNESCO World Heritage Sites which includes such iconic structures as Stonehenge and the Pyramids. Over the coming year, there will be a range of events being held along the 11 mile length of the World Heritage Site and details as the events are confirmed and further information about the site can be found at: <https://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk/>



The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the nursery welcomed several new children. They have all settled in very well and are enjoying all the varied activities on offer.

In October, the children had lots of fun having a party and dressing up for Halloween, making craft items and helping to carve a pumpkin from the nursery garden. They also celebrated Bonfire night by learning about Guy Fawkes.

The Tempest photographer has been to take photos of the children and we have also had a visit from Nerys, as part of the Healthy School Campaign.

The nursery is involved in the HIPP organic baby food initiative, and as well as

some members of staff updating their Food Safety qualifications, we have recently, once again been awarded Level 5 in Food Safety.

In November the nursery raised money for the Children in Need Appeal by having a dressing up week and by making and selling cakes.

Christmas was a very busy time for everyone with lots of art, craft, and singing taking place.

The final event before closing for Christmas was the Christmas party; which Father Christmas attended, bringing a gift for everyone!

This term, we are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New year, St Valentine's Day, St Dwinwen's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

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Tree planting

By Sallyanne Hall - Our Picturesque Landscape- Community Engagement Officer

As you may know thanks to the lottery funded Our Picturesque landscape Project, the new Clinker Path has been laid through Rhos Y Coed woods linking Trevor Community Centre to the canal by Postles bridge. There are still some works to take place with regards to fencing and gards.

Throughout this project we have been working closely with the tree officer from Wrexham CBC and have purchased some trees to be planted to mitigate against the removal of the trees during the path construction. As the opportune timing for tree planting is drawing to a close we need to get these planted asap. I have been liaising with Elaine Anderson from Trevor Scout Group and we have planted the new trees with the children. It would be wonderful if you could pop along to see how we got on.

The next event will be a community clean up morning as part of Spring Clean Cymru 2019 from **10am -12noon on Saturday 30th March**. This will be advertised on the Keep Wales Tidy events website as we will be working with them for this event.

I would be extremely grateful if you could help spread the word within the community that we will be holding this event as we would love to see a lot of people getting involved. We also hope to hold another community event at some point in the future but we will be discussing this with other relevant individuals in advance of planning anything.

Many thanks.

Birdwatch - Fron

By Julie Williams

Buzzard, Black bird, Blue tit, Chaffinch, Crow, Collar dove, Coal tit, Cormorant, Dipper, Fieldfare, Goldfinch, Great tit, Heron, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Long tailed tits, Magpie, Mistle thrush, Merganser, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Robin, Red Kite, Swan, Song thrush, Tawny owl, Wren, Wood pigeon.

Birdwatch - Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Blackbirds (Waiting for feed in the morning), Gold finches, Hedge Sparrow, House sparrow, Blue tits, Siskin, Thrush, Magpie, Collar Does (pairing up now), Wood pigeon, Woodpecker, Great spotted buzzard, Long tailed tit, Nuthatch, Great tit, Crows, Starlings, Jays, Chaffinches, Robing Duck, Heron and Geese overhead Sparrowhawks

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County Councillor Diary

By Anthony "Rondo" Roberts

Once again a new year is with us and as I look out I can see the signs that spring is around the corner. The snowdrops have been with us a few weeks now and the first showing of daffodils gladdens the senses.

The Community Centre roof in Trevor has been completed but on the downside we are experiencing wilful and pointless damage there. The UPVC windows and door frames have been burnt and the initial observations are that it is youths off the estate who are responsible. I would ask people to keep an eye out for these culprits and report anything seen. After all this is our community and any damage caused is paid for by us.

Tower Hill will be closed for a week commencing the 22nd April and hopefully the project shouldn't be far from completion.

Whilst we all appreciate the start of spring and summer it also brings with it the commencement of the busy tourist season. New road markings

on Station Road, George Avenue and partway down Bont Hill, together with new signs will alleviate most of the pressure that residents have had to endure over previous years.

Commencing March our ward will be the first in Wrexham County to have their street lights converted to LED units. These should be more efficient and cost saving. In a similar vein the new streetlight columns that have been erected down by the warehouse car park should be working in March, ending what is a very dark walk for pedestrians at night.

On an old theme but one which is causing many a heated discussion and outrage, I would ask dog owners to be aware of dog fouling in our area. The old railway line and Trevor estate seem to be worse now than ever. The railway line is an area that local children love to play on and the risk of disease and even blindness through thoughtless dog owners is one that everyone should be aware of. PLEASE pick it up and bin it. If you care enough to exercise your dog then please go one step further and clear it up.

Don't forget to alter the clocks at the end of March and make the most of the lighter nights.

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Dinas Bran news.....

By Annette Gardner

World Book Day

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Learning Zone

Year 11's underwent mock interviews in the Learning Zone. Our thanks to Glyndwr University, Kronospan, The IET, IchemE, BCUHB, Barclays Bank, Edge Hill University, Social Care Wales, McDonald's, Pennaf Group, Countryside Services, Royal Air Force, Welsh Air Ambulance, Royal Navy and Wholebake for taking part.

The interviewing businesses had nothing but praise for the students who were outstanding.

Fightsport and Martial Arts

Students from Ysgol Dinas Brân had success at the recent World Fightsport and Martial Arts Council British International Open Championships. The event took place at the North Solihull Sports Centre.

For many of the youngsters at the Border Kickboxing Club, it was their first tournament but that failed to hinder their performances as they brought back one gold, nine silvers and a handful of bronze medals. Bringing home the gold in the medal haul was Finn Stockdale, who also took a silver in a separate event. Steve Stockdale and Ciara Stockdale took bronze and silver medals, respectively. Cerys Fleet and Dan O'Connell took silvers, while Luke Fleet took a silver and a bronze home. One medal wasn't enough for James Nicholas and Hal Chesterfield, as they both brought home two silver medals each.

Club member Laura O'Donnell said she was pleased with the success. She said: "Every single one of them has been so hard-working leading up to this. They have all given 110 per cent. We're now all looking forward to the World championships in July."

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We have recently received a grant from the Welsh government via Wrexham County Borough Council to upgrade our ageing website. This upgrade will allow us to build a new website online using a drag and drop website editor.

Part of the grant condition is to include at least one page in Welsh. Many thanks to Mandy Kempster for her assistance translating the page into Welsh.

The new site has:

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Council policies - Our “rules and regulations” that control how we conduct our work.

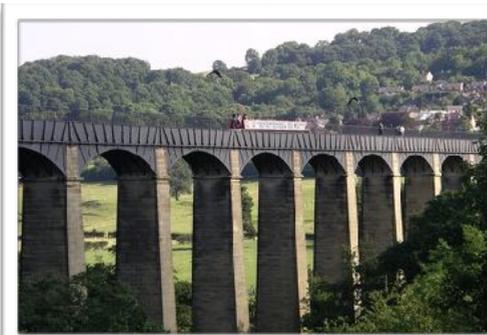
Annual returns - Copies of our yearly accounts, as agreed with our external auditor.

Councillors details - Contact details for our council members.

Community agent - Contact details and information for help and advice for our over 50's residents.

Village information - Details of our villages (some historical) and some stories from older residents.

Defibrillator sites - Details of our defibrillator locations and how they have been funded.



The site also contains copies of our community newsletters from over the past 12 years along with pictures from most of our gardening competitions and various past community events.

Please take a look at: <http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk>