

Community News

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AQUEDUCT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Christmas Activities

For Trevor, Garth and Fron

This year our Complimenatry Pensioners Christmas Party
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Father Christmas will be visiting the villages
on the following nights-

Fron Tuesday 13th, Trevor Wednesday 14th
& Garth Thursday 15th at 6pm



Llangollen Rural Community Council would like to thank all who have contributed in 2011 to this newsletter with articles and adverts. We would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



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

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 1st child and 50p per additional child.

We run through all school holidays including open through Christmas!

Tiddlywinks raised a fantastic £408.06 at the Halloween Disco, there was fancy dress, disco, fun and games for all under the age of 8. With a fantastic turn out from all the local areas. Tiddlywinks would like to thank all the kind businesses (too many to name) who kindly donated all the fantastic raffle prizes.



A special thank you goes out to Serena who kindly donated her scary Halloween games and disco which made all the children very happy. Also a thanks to Cerys and Clare who provided the brilliant food service.

All the mums gave their time and support to put together a very special event and are very proud of the outcome.



The toddlers at Tiddlywinks are also planning a Christmas party on 15th December at their weekly meeting with a special visit from Father Christmas with lots of fun and games.

Tiddlywinks have also arranged a trip to Moreton Garden Centre on 23rd December for Tea with Santa.

Tina Latham
Treasurer

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

In the last newsletter we were updated on the boundary review that was underway in Wales and which could see Llangollen Rural be combined with the ward of Cefn. That process has now been stopped, with a number of the review team relieved of their input due to unsatisfactory consultation and due consideration of local views. We continue to put forward our views to ensure that if changes do take effect, they reflect the local links and community interaction that takes place in our area. We shall keep you informed of progress as and when it occurs.

As the year ends I feel it is appropriate to extend congratulations and thanks to the volunteers at Cakes and Company in Fron. Another successful year of fundraising and I ensured I popped in to check on cake quality now and again. (Mind you I was also eating cake at Prospect Farm as well!). The venture seems to grow from strength to strength and supports many local causes, but also appears to have strengthened the community spirit in Fron. Well done to all.

The Christmas period is upon us and as illustrated on the cover of this document we have our usual range of events including the ever popular Pensioner's Party on the 9th December. In addition, and following last year's inaugural event, we shall again be holding a Carol Singing event around the Garth Christmas tree at Hafren flats. This year we are pleased to welcome 1st Trevor Scouts who will be putting on some refreshments, with all monies raised going to help them in future plans and events for our local children. The event will begin at 6pm on Sunday 18th December and last approximately an hour. The festivities will then continue down in the Aussie Rooster. All are welcome.

We are also investigating the possibly adoption of the red telephone box in Garth. There is no longer any telephone service and we have recently spent some time to tidy it up. The intention would be to suitably maintain the box and perhaps, add some colour with flowers in time. If you have any views, we would be pleased to hear them. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Christmas Tree Lights

We will be switching on the Christmas Tree Lights in Garth on Saturday 3rd December. Cakes & Co. will open from 12noon to 4pm on Saturday 10th December. Father Christmas will be in attendance and the Llangollen Silver Band will provide entertainment from 3pm with the switching on of the Christmas Lights at 4pm. We will be switching on the Christmas Lights in Trevor on Saturday 3rd December.

Afternoon Thursday Club

A new Thursday Afternoon Club has just started up in Garth & Trevor Community Centre for residents of Garth, Trevor & Fron. This Afternoon Club started 3rd November and was well supported, with everyone saying that they had enjoyed themselves. All are welcome (no age limit) to call in for a cup of tea, a biscuit and a friendly chat. During the afternoon there will be bingo and a raffle. The Afternoon Club is held every other Thursday from 1.30pm and ends at 4pm and the dates for December Thursday 1st, 15th and 29th. Dates for 2012 January 12th & 26th, February 9th, 23rd. The friends who have organised the Thursday Afternoon Club would like to thank all who have contributed especially Premium Stores in Trevor.

Friends of Garth School

By Adam Mayo Chairman of Friends of Garth School

In May of this year some of the parents and teachers at Garth school got together and started a new group called Friends of Garth School. The aim of the group was to bring the parents, children & staff together through social and fund raising events.

We have come a long way in the last few months and for those of you who have been involved in one of our events, or seen our posters up around the villages, here is a bit of a summary of our progress so far.

Dee Valley Summer Fun Day The weather on the day was challenging, but even with the threat of rain, the inaugural Dee valley summer fun day was a successful event in the school calendar. Under the excellent guidance of local company "360 Event Management", a great event was arranged and over £800 was raised for the school. The donations of prizes from both individuals and local businesses, together with the hard work put in by the parents, teachers and pupils, made it a very special day. We would like to offer our thanks to everyone who supported the school through this event. The money raised on the day was donated to the Nursery and Reception class, who are now the proud owners of a new Interactive White board.

Exclusive Cinema screenings Over the last two terms we have arranged three very successful cinema trips. As well as being a great social event, we have raised over £100 for the school, which has been used to buy paint to repair the Outdoor classroom. To top off a fantastic fund raising effort, a group of parents and staff kindly donated a day of their time to ensure that the paint was put to good use, and the Outdoor classroom at the school now has a smart weatherproof coat of paint ready for the winter.

Garth School 100 Club The school 100 club was launched in September of this year. Once it is up to full membership this should raise much needed funds for the school whilst allowing its members the opportunity to win cash prizes throughout the year, in a series of monthly prize draws.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved over the last few months, and hope to see many more events coming up in the future. If you are associated with the school and want more information about upcoming events, you can find us on Facebook at "Friends of Garth School".

Band Knight's New Start

By Steve Edwards

Over the past three years a local youth rock band called "Band Knight" have raised over £4500 and donated it to local groups and charities, at the Aqueduct Community Associations fun day at Trevor barn in June of this year the band played their last gig, some members of the band were moving on to higher education and were unable to continue with the band. During the summer months remaining members of the band managed to find new people and were able to start up a new band, they have called themselves "New Start" and they have started performing at local pubs to great acclaim from their audiences, they have had rave reviews from many local talented musicians who have encouraged the band in many ways.

Not wanting to move away from the fundraising side of the band the members have booked Trevor and Garth Community Centre on 10th December 2011 to play a gig to help raise money for local groups, tickets for the event will be on sale for only £3 and can be purchased from Steve Edwards 01978 810906. If there are any tickets left on the evening they will be sold on the door. Please help the band raise much needed funds for local groups by purchasing tickets and coming along to a great night of music with "New Start" and guests, this really is going to be a great night!

A Christmas Message

The Revd Neil Kelly

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'The only thing better than singing, is more singing', said Ella Fitzgerald and Christmas is the season to have a good sing along, whether in church, on the street, in the pub or even in the shopping centre.

We're often surrounded by Christmas carols during this festive season and many of us will have sung a carol or two such as Away in a Manger, The Holly and the Ivy or Once in Royal David's City. Christmas carols have been sung for centuries, often to tunes based on old familiar folk songs. The word 'carol' is derived from the French word 'carole' referring to a circle dance accompanied by traditional singing. Carol singing like dancing generates a feel good factor, bringing people together for fun and fellowship but carols are more than a good sing along.

For Christians singing Christmas carols is also a communal way to herald and celebrate the birth of Jesus. It's a way of expressing a deep joy that comes from feeling part of something bigger than oneself. Carols help us to remember the story of Jesus coming into the world, to be one of us, sharing together with us, showing us a different way to live together and to love God.

So as we hear and sing carols once again this Christmas lets be open to listening to them afresh, let them be a prayer for us this coming Christmas.

*We thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth;
for the light in the darkness that shone at your birth,
for life in its fullness that you promise today,
and the hope in a baby asleep on the hay.*

Adapted by Rebecca Dudley to the tune of Away in a Manger

Wishing you a joyful Christmas



Christmas events & services

Saturday 27th November 10.00 am - 1.00 pm Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church Hall, Chirk includes stall run by St David's Church Froncysyllte

St David's Church, Froncysyllte

Tuesday 20th December, 7.00 pm Traditional Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Saturday 24th December 7.00 pm Christmas Communion Service

Trevor Church:

Sunday 18th December 9.30am Carol Service Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Eucharist



Fron School News



Foundation Phase Outdoor Areas

Special thanks go to the PTFA, parents and staff who have helped giving up their time to make the wonderful changes to our outdoor areas. The 2 days have been very successful with over 50 volunteers.

1. Nursery Entrance This is now complete and we are delighted with the changes; it is now a colourful and welcoming entrance for the children and parents. We would like to thank Kate (Jamie & Harry's mum) for donating the small tree for the planting and digging area which we will use for seasonal play

2. Foundation Phase Play Area (fenced area on the playground) The fence has been stained green. A new shed for storage has been purchased (thanks Luke's mum Karen) and erected, many thanks to all the parents and helpers. New outdoor artwork, including mirrors, chalkboards and wooden number lines were fixed along the walls and fence over half term. Thank you Chris (Connie's dad) they look great.

3. Foundation Phase Outdoor Classroom This is an enclosed area at the rear of school house, which will be accessed through an existing doorway from the nursery classroom. We are working closely with the PTFA and the LEA to make this a safe and inviting outdoor space for all the Foundation Phase children to use. This will allow us to provide access to learning outdoors all year round, extending the provision beyond the classroom. With the help of friends and parents, the area has already been cleared and sand delivered to level the ground in readiness for the covering. Future plans include the laying of a safe soft play surface, fencing and opening up the access by replacing the doorway from the classroom.

Woodland School (Reception, Years 1 and 2) Wow! We have been having a wonderful time in the woods on Wednesday afternoons; the children have worked on Safety routines, autumn and The Senses.

Upcoming events

Saturday 26th November – Christmas Fayre at Fron community centre from 12 noon

1st December – Our year 3 to 6 will be participating in a sports festival at Dinas Bran

5th December – After school club dance show for parents

6th December – School Christmas performance of Dick Whittington and his cat

12th December – Christmas Panto trip

14th December - School Christmas party

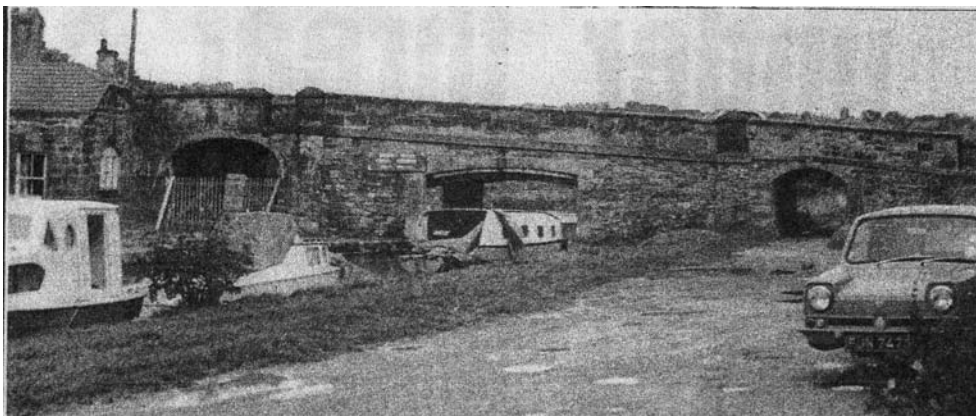
16th December – nativity performance 9.30am at St David's Church, Fron

School closes 16th December and will re-open 4th January 2012

Fron School would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2012.

Scotch Hall Bridge

By Moira Griffiths



Caption: This view of Scotch Hall bridge from 1991 shows the three arches for, from left: the standard gauge mineral line after conversion from tramway (1861), the canal access to the interchange basin (1805) and the Ruabon brook tramway (1805).

These three arches at Scotch Hall date back to 1795-1801 at the time that the aqueduct was in mid-completion. The original idea was to link the Ellesmere Canal to the rivers Dee, Mersey and Severn but it was decided that the canal would not be continued northwards towards Wrexham and so work on this section was ceased in 1801. As a result of the canal terminating beyond this bridge a feeder section of nearly 10km was constructed in 1804-08 to supply water to the main canal, and twin docks were built at Pontcysyllte to provide wharfage.

The Scotch Hall Bridge was built in three adjoining sections with the central arch being the original bridge over the canal giving access to the interchange basin. The smaller arch to the right (now a footpath) was the Ruabon brook tramway (1805), giving access to the east wharf. The larger arch to the left gave access to the west wharf and when viewed from above the tram lines can still be clearly seen running as far as the main basin itself. A gateway in the parapet west of the central arch, which led to steps down to the house next to the Telford Inn, appears to have been destroyed during construction of the west arch, to provide access to the west wharfs.

Bird list – Fron

By Julie Williams

Lovely to see the summer visitors, but nothing of any great note to report. However, we are feeding from November, including Niger seeds to attract Goldfinches and Siskin (usually a late winter visitor). We are also using Sunflower Hearts, mixed seed, fat balls and slabs, and peanuts, so hopefully a wide variety of winter birds including members of the Thrush family and some nice Finches will visit.

Blue tit, Blackbird, Buzzard, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Collared Dove, Crow, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great tit, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed tit, Magpie, Robin, Rook, Nuthatch, Swallow and Swift, Tawny Owls, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Fron News

By Julie Williams

A Community Bingo was held in Froncysyllte Community Centre in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Marjorie Crosbie and Eira Davies wish to thank everyone who contributed to making this fund raising evening such a great success. £600 was raised on the night.

Pictured with Marjorie and Eira are a group of local supporters of this very worthy cause. (top left).



Cakes and Company Cakes and Company has enjoyed another successful season and wish to thank everyone for their continued support. Grants of £500 have been distributed to good causes in the village. Kim Larwood presenting a cheque to Betty Thelwall of Fron Pensioners Club and Janet Norman presenting a cheque to Fron Youth Club Leaders. (Bottom left & right)

Community Bingo Pictured is Geraint Roberts presenting a cheque for the Chirk Hospital Scanner Appeal following a successful bingo evening at Fron Community Centre. (Top right)

Bat Walk

By Emily Larwood Age 11

On a lovely October evening a bat walk took place starting at Trevor basin, for members of the Fron walking group lead by Dave Norman. He took us across the aqueduct and over to Fron where Taylor and myself got to use the bat detectors. The technology these days is brilliant and therefore the bat detectors were amazingly easy to use. Once Dave had told us how to use them we went underneath the Aqueduct where we picked up a few bat noises on our detectors, we even saw a bat fly right past us. When we got to the other side of the Aqueduct the bat detectors were picking up loads of bats and we saw a few more fly past rather close. Dave said that he would arrange another bat walk later this year or early next year, this time starting a bit later in the evening. (yippee I can go to bed late).

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Trevor & Garth Youth Club

By Lowra Roberts



This was a fun filled evening with many activities including a 'Self Defence' demo, face painting, a wood work demonstration and nail art.



All the young people of Trevor and Garth Youth Club managed the stalls including a very popular tombola stall, chocolate fondue; guess the name of the penguin and many more. Starbucks provided tea, coffee and hot chocolate. This event was also supported by the Healthy Schools team and the Big 'P'.



The event raised approximately £270.00 which will be used to contribute towards a youth club activity in the future. This was a great opportunity for young people to come and look at the Centre and learn about youth club and for the whole community to come together and see the young people.

Once again a BIG thank you to everyone that made this event a success especially all the young people and their parents and friends for supporting them! For anyone that was not able to attend, please remember that youth club is open on a Wednesday at 7 pm until 9 pm and you get your first week free please come along we would really like to meet you.

History of Froncysyllte

By Julie Williams

I am sure that everyone who has attended will join me in thanking Mr Emrys Roberts for the series of History Talks on the village of Froncysyllte that he has been delivering recently in the Community Centre.

The talks have been interesting and informative and are based on the great depth of research that Mr Roberts, formerly of Froncysyllte, has undertaken over the years into the various facets of the village of Fron.

The subject of his most recent talk was the planning and decision making regarding the erection of war memorials in the village, including the sourcing of the materials needed and their manufacture. He also spoke about a number of the soldiers who gave their lives in conflict.

All are welcome at the talks which usually take place on a Wednesday at 1pm in Fron Community Centre (details are advertised in this publication and on posters at various locations. Next date to be arranged in early spring 2012). Money raised is donated to St David's Church to include a contribution towards the upkeep of the war memorial.

On Remembrance Sunday following the talk, A service led by Hilary Prescott was held in St David's Church, followed by a ceremony of Remembrance at the war memorial. The names of those who lost their lives as a result of hostilities were read out by Mr Emrys Roberts, and a wreath was laid on behalf of Llangollen Rural Community Council by Cllr. David Roberts. Also representing the Community Council was Cllr. James Davies.

Fron Walking Group (Walkabout Wrexham and District)

By Julie Williams

Members of Froncysyllte Walking Group (Walkabout Wrexham and District) helped raise a total of £160 for the Chirk Hospital Scanner Appeal, on their donation walk held on Sunday 21st August.

Pictured are: Vaughan Williams, Barry Gates, Julie Williams, Barry Stephens, Kim Larwood and Damien Breen.



Monmouth Exchange Visit In September eleven members of Froncysyllte Walkabout Group were hosted by members of Raglan Local Ways, their counterparts in Monmouthshire. Two walks in stunning countryside were completed by the group and a welcome lunch was provided by the lady members of the Raglan Local Ways after the walk on the second day. Walking in Monmouthshire is heartily recommended because of the history and heritage of the area and the wonderful views. Six self guided leaflets have been produced by them and a link to their website may be found through the Cakes and Company website. We look forward to hosting their return visit in the spring.

Photographic Competition The walking group annual photographic competition was won by Kelvin Mole in the senior section, and jointly by Emily Larwood and Taylor Dodd Jones in the junior section. Judges, who presented prizes to the winners and those entrants who were highly commended, were John Ceiriog and Alison Jones of Rhos, who were impressed by the quality of entries. We are looking forward to repeating this competition next year.



Garth CP School News

By Mrs S. Clough

Another busy season at school has kept everyone on their toes. Pupils have achieved the Eco Flag for the second time and another healthy school award will be received in November. The School Council continues to do good work, ensuring the pupils' voices are heard, and working with the Governing Body and Eco Council to enhance provision and standards at the school.

Pupils in years 3 to 6 enjoyed a show called "Her Benny" in Rhyl and they are now busy preparing for the Christmas concerts, along with the foundation Phase pupils. This year we will have a very modern concert with the whole school doing things a little different, which is causing a headache to the staff and presenting a new experience for the pupils. Due to the size of the school, we are struggling to find enough stage space for the performers. We will be holding the event on Wednesday 7th December in the Flexsys Community Hall, due to the fact that the school hall is too small.

We are very fortunate to have the support of three members of the community working with the pupils in school, helping them with their Welsh reading and speaking, art and craft. We are always pleased to have people from the community taking part in the school to boost the curriculum, so if you have a skill, feel free to contact the head of the school, if you wish to share it with the pupils here.

The Lower Foundation Phase class has now a new interactive whiteboard installed. It is very exciting to have so many in the school that can be accessed so readily by all staff.

School Council students have arranged for a chair to be made to commemorate Rose McLaren, our school cook, who died in the Summer Term. We will arrange for there to be an official dedication, when the chair is made and ready for use.

As we look forward to the Christmas term and all its excitement, it is always a lovely time here at Garth, we wish everyone in the community a happy Christmas and new year when they both arrive and thank all who faithfully support us.

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: 6th December.

Dates for 2012: 18th January, & 8th February.

Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to

Rhos Library 01978 840328.

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

The Scouts have been busy at weekends canoeing and sailing. Cubs had a bat walk by the canal and were able to hear the bat calls at dusk. Beavers had a scary Halloween Party. On Friday 4th November we had a bonfire party at our HQ in Trevor in the pouring rain, I would like to thank all the helpers and the people who came to support us in really awful weather, it was a great turnout.

Wednesday 7th December is our Xmas Bingo and its eyes down at 7.30pm it would be good to see our HQ full for this event.

Thursday 8th December is the Xmas Party for all members of our group 6-7.30pm we do need some parent helpers for this event, this is also the final night of Beavers and Cubs until after Xmas.

Finally we would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2011 and wish you all Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Morning Muffins

Moist muffins bursting with cranberries make a wonderful start to the celebrations! Have all the dry ingredients mixed together, and prepare the muffin tin the night before. On Christmas morning, just stir in the liquids and cranberries, fill the tins and bake. Serve from the oven – these muffins do not reheat well.

Preparation time: 15 mins. Cooking time 20 mins. 175 calcs. per muffin. Makes 12

175g (6 oz) fresh cranberries	50g (2 oz) icing sugar, sifted
150g (5 oz) plain wholemeal flower	150g (5 oz) plain white flour
15ml (1 tbsp) baking powder	5ml (1 tsp) ground mixed spice
2.5ml (½ tsp) salt	50g (2 oz) soft light brown sugar
1 egg 250 ml (8 fl oz) milk	50 ml (2 fl oz) vegetable oil

Halve the cranberries and place in a bowl with the icing sugar. Toss gently to mix. Line a 12 cup muffin tin with paper cases or simply grease with butter. Sift together the flours, baking powder, mixed spice, salt and brown sugar into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre. Beat the egg with the milk and oil. Add to the dry ingredients and stir just until blended, then lightly and quickly stir in the cranberries. The mixture should look roughly mixed, with lumps and floury pockets. Two-thirds fill the muffin cups with the mixture. Bake in the oven at 180°C (350°F) mark 4 for about 20 minutes or until well risen and golden brown. Transfer the muffins to a wire rack to cool slightly. Serve warm. Not suitable for freezing.

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's 14th December 2011. 2012 11th January, & 8th February.

The Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards

By the time you read this article our 2011 Christmas events will hopefully be all arranged and ready to go! Further details of the Santa runs and the pensioners Christmas party can be found on the front of this newsletter.

You may have noticed that our community Christmas trees are a bit smaller this year than usual, this is due to the fact that we have decided to plant trees rather than use cut ones, hopefully the planted trees will be left alone to grow for many years to come.

We have recently received £500.00 of funding for a projector and screen; the equipment will be available for community use and for students young and old at the Telecottage in Garth & Trevor community centre.

This funding was made available through the Co-operative Community Fund; grants are available for between £100 and £2000, further details are available from their website.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Roberts as our outgoing secretary for all her hard work and commitment whilst in this roll and "get well soon" to our Treasurer David Roberts

We do seem to have recently seen reduced numbers at our committee meetings and would be very happy to see some new members with some fresh ideas, any help would be much appreciated.

The Aqueduct Community Association would like to wish everybody a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Garth & Trevor WI

By Jean Roberts

It was farewell and welcome at the institutes AGM. Farewell to Daisy Berry who had been our President for the past 20 years and welcome to Sue Kempster who is stepping into her mother's role as President.

We have an interesting proposed programme for 2012, in January we are holding a race night based on an Ascot meeting and everyone will be dressed in their finery dresses and especially HATS!!! Will let you know other forthcoming events in the Spring Newsletter.

Bird List – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Sparrows, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Robins, Chaffinch, Goldfinches, Nuthatches, Jay, Blackbirds, Heron, Crows, Magpies, Ducks, Pheasant, Geese, Buzzards, Coal Tit, Starlings, Sparrow Hawk, Collared Dove, Great Spotted Woodpecker.

LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The above Council will consider applications for financial assistance from organisations in Froncysyllte, Garth and Trevor. All applications must be accompanied by a Statement of Accounts and forwarded to the Clerk – Mrs.S.A.Jones, 1 Ael y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Llangollen, LL20 7TF. Applications are normally considered at the February and September meetings of the Council.

The closing date for February applications is Monday 23rd January 2012.

Trevor Bowlers are top

By Moira Griffiths

Outdoor Bowls: Several Trevor bowlers helped the Plaskynaston Crown Green Bowling Club into second position in the Wrexham Saturday league. Their promotion was hard won and next season they will be in the first division hoping to improve their game even more.

Indoor Bowls: Now that the outdoor season has finished it's back into the warmth of the local halls. One Trevor player, Steve Jones, won the title of Clwyd Singles Champion in the recent heats with Mark Evans coming a very close second. They will both represent Clwyd in the National finals at Llandrindod Wells in February, hoping to achieve the title of Welsh Singles Champion. Good luck to them both.

Another team from Trevor recently won the 'fours' title in a hard fought contest. These too will represent Clwyd against the other Welsh counties at Llandrindod. Well done to Moira Griffiths, Steve Jones, Joyce Evans and Margaret Jones.

The Monday night league at Flexsys has two teams from Trevor. Both teams have excellent players but at the time of writing they have not yet played each other . . . watch this space for the results!

However, both of these teams combine on Tuesdays to play in the afternoon league where they play on a home and away basis, travelling as far afield as Higher Kinnerton, Farndon and Marchwiel. At present they appear to be on top but at this early stage it is impossible to predict the final outcome.

If anyone would like to learn the game of Short Mat Bowls then why not come along to the Trevor Community Centre on Thursday evenings, starting at 7pm. Entry fee is £1.50 for adults and £1 for children. Refreshments are included in the price. Bowls are available at no extra cost, if you haven't got your own.

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus at Fron School 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

Open to all nursery children age 3+ from 11.30-3.15pm (£10.00 per session).

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.

For any enquiries, please contact Anita Jeffares on (01691) 773310

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Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

Seasons Greetings, the dark nights are upon us and Christmas is fast approaching. During this period please remember to keep presents and valuables secure and out of sight both at home and in vehicles to deter opportunist theft.

The dark evenings also put children in potential danger if playing near roads so parents and motorists need to be mindful of potential dangers.

We have recently had concerns in the ward regarding cold callers which can be a worry for vulnerable residents. If you are unsure of a caller, especially after dark, do not let them into the house and inform the police if you feel suspicious of their activities.

Finally 'Balance Your Bobbies' can still be accessed on the North Wales Police website and we would welcome your views on neighbourhood policing priorities in Llangollen Rural. You can contact myself or North Wales Police by means of the following:-

PCSO David Jenkins tel 07854332425

e-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk Emergency 999 Non Emergency 101

Sing for your Supper

By Moira Gleed

"Sing for your Supper" - a festive evening with Choral Variations (led by Owen Roberts) followed by carol singing which we hope everyone will join in with. Tickets will be £4 for adults (with £1 for accompanied children) and includes festive refreshments and takes place Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Froncysyllte Community Centre. For further information please contact Moira or Mike Gleed on 01691 774802. Everyone is welcome.

The evening has been arranged to try to raise some funds to help with research, helpline etc. as the Dystonia Society is keen to broaden people's knowledge of the condition which may be affecting new sufferers who may be unaware of what advice and support may be available: Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder characterised by sustained muscle spasms (which can be very painful) and cause abnormal movements and postures such as involuntary closing of the eyelids, twisting of the neck or loss of function of speech muscles. It affects more than 70,000 in the UK

Remembrance Sunday

This year, the weather was kind to all taking part in the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in Garth. The service was led by the Reverend Neil Kelly, Curate to the Parish of Llangollen and Trevor, with music supplied by Mr Eric Hughes. This year the 1st Trevor Scouts attended the service with their Leader Vicky Bolton. The Scouts had marched up to the cenotaph from the Aussie Rooster with their flags and they brought a number of brothers, sisters, mum's and dad's.

It was a very nice service by Reverend Neil Kelly and the Scouts took part with prayers that they had written. There were about sixty people present including four Community Councillors with the Chairman Councillor Mark Valentine presenting a wreath on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Froncysyllte After School Kids' Club

Welcome to our winter newsletter. All the pupils have settled back into club activities very well. Numbers are very healthy, some nights we are full with 24 pupils attending. Here are some of the activities that have taken place this term.

Dance workshop We are holding a dance work shop every Monday evening until the beginning of December, when we will have a presentation for all friends and family. This will give the children the opportunity to show off their new dance moves that they have learnt since attending the club.

Jewellery Making The children have the opportunity to make all different varieties of jewellery including rings, bracelets and necklaces. This has proved very popular.

Craft Club This is held every Thursday evening and covers a wide variety of activities such as clay modelling, art, glass painting and scrapbooking. If anyone has any unwanted craft equipment they no longer need, After School Club would love to take it off your hands. Please contact Anita on the number below.

Cookery Club This is held in club every Friday. Children are given the chance to cook delicious dishes such as pasta, pizza, cakes and cookies.

Hot dog and Sparklers evening All the children were invited to join us in celebrating Bonfire night. There were sparklers and fun activities for all those who attended.

Up and coming events November 26th-After School Club Christmas Fayre. This is always a very popular event, enjoyed by pupils, parents and community members. Photos are to follow in the next issue.

December 5th- Dance Show

The children will perform a show for their family and friends.

14th December- After School Club Christmas Party

All the children will be invited to our Christmas party. There will be an entertainer visiting on this evening.

A Big Thank you After School Club committee members, staff and pupils would like to take this opportunity to thank both Cakes and Company and the local Community Council for their continued support.

The Kids Club is held in the school every evening between 3.15pm and 5.30pm and open to all children between 3 and 11 years regardless of whether they attend Froncysyllte school or not.

For more information, please contact Anita Jeffares on **01691 773310**
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County Councillor's Diary

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

We are coming to the end of another year, and the first heavy frost has arrived. I'm pleased to say that most of our salt bins have been refilled, there are still some areas to be completed, which I am chasing.

The Best kept village/Community award I am proud to say we came second in this competition. Everybody in the ward worked so hard from the youngest to the oldest, they were so involved from making hanging baskets, setting up planters, litter picking, planting flower beds, and of course all those people who adopted the baskets and planters along the route for watering. They all did a great job. At the recent presentation Martin Howarth, Parks Countryside & Rights of way manager said "The three villages of Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte all had good visual appearance, the villages look well cared for and the route used was clean and tidy".



Litter picking day I have arranged a litter picking day on the 26th November for the three villages, with Shane Hughes from Tidy Wales, PCSO Dave Jenkins and our usual local groups. We have arranged to meet in Trevor Basin at 10am – 12 noon.

History in the making.... Thomas Telford's magnificent Pontcysyllte Aqueduct has been named as one of the alternative modes of transport that will be used during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay Route. The news has been warmly received by the host community in Trevor, who are planning to hold a celebration event to mark the arrival of the Olympic Flame on 30th May 2012.

Precise details of what will happen on the day have not been released yet, but the whole community is invited to come together to share the excitement of the relay, and celebrate the achievements of the Torchbearers. The torch will leave Wales via the Aqueduct route as it continues its journey into England. I was very pleased as your County Councillor to be part of this history making.

Overall I feel we have had another extremely busy year. We are now looking forward to the Christmas events that will be taking place throughout the ward.

Thanks to all the Community Councillors, the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones, and PCSO Dave Jenkins for all your help and support during the past year.

I would like to wish everybody in the ward a very merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year. Thanking you all for your support during the past year.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

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