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Garth, Trevor & Fron

Diary Dates - 2017

March

- 1st Tiddlywinks – St. David's Day crafts
- 3rd Fron Community Centre Concert by the James Lambert Singers Tickets £5 from Fron Post Office.
- 4th Fron Community Centre Spring Fair 12 -4pm in aid of St. David's Church. Raffle, stalls & café.
- 18th Fron Walking Group
- 21st Mobile Library
- 22nd Bingo at the Scout Hut, Trevor
- 22nd Tiddlywinks – Mothers' Day Crafts
- 23rd Fron School Canteen Mothers' Day Gift Wrap
- 24th Fron Community Centre Bingo at 7pm

April

- 1st/2nd Fundraising weekend at Fron Community Centre for Wales Ambulance – café, raffle and prizes.
- 4th Deadline Election Nomination papers
- 5th Tiddlywinks – Easter craft
- 6th Fron School Canteen Easter Café Chocolate Hamper
- 7th Fron Community Centre concert by Glyn Ceiriog Male Voice Choir
(for Wales Air Ambulance) 7pm. Tickets £5 to include refreshments with a raffle on the night.
- 11th Mobile Library
- 15th Cakes & Co. re-open at Fron Community Centre
- 15th Fron Walking Group
- 21st Fron Community Centre Bingo at 7pm

May

- 2nd Mobile Library
- 4th Election
- 13th Charity Fashion Show – Pavilion Llangollen
- 20th Fron Walking Group
- 21st Duck Race – Nant Mill for Fron School
- 23rd Mobile Library

June

- 6th Mobile Library
- 14th Tiddlywinks - Fathers' Day Crafts
- 17th Fron Walking Group

24th & 25th June Fron Community Centre Summer Fair 12 – 4pm in aid of St. David's Church.
Tombola, raffle, stalls and café open.

22nd/29th Fron School Sports Day

Chairman's Corner

Councillor Mrs Alyson Winn

This is my final newsletter as chair of the community council and I would like to thank everyone for their support. In addition, thanks to my fellow councillors and our clerk Sue Jones for their continuing efforts within the villages of Garth, Trevor and Fron. On a sad note, we send condolences to Monica and family of Councillor Glyn Jones who passed away recently. Glyn was a stalwart of the community council and made a huge contribution to developments and management over the years. He will be sorely missed.

I send best wishes and thanks to our County Councillor, Pat Jeffares who is retiring after many years service to our area and wish him well in this new chapter of his life. Pat has worked tirelessly representing us at Wrexham Borough Council taking on many challenges to improve our villages. You will be aware that both County and community council elections are to be held in May and Wrexham council is circulating information encouraging residents to consider taking on these roles.

One of the responsibilities assigned to us as a community council this year was care and maintenance of all our playgrounds. I am delighted that the refurbished Garth playground is complete and, i'm sure you will agree, is an excellent resource for the local children. In addition we have increased the facilities at The Oaks playground and are in the process of managing the overgrown trees at Woodlands Grove. All the facilities are checked monthly to ensure they remain a safe place for our children to enjoy.

Another key focus this year has been increased vigilance and consequences for those that drop litter or allow their dogs to foul our pathways and this is ongoing along with monitoring of speeding vehicles.

As we move towards another summer season, inappropriate parking of cars in residential streets and buses in Fron basin is another issue that is now being actively addressed by Wrexham Council. Improved facilities will increase parking for visitors to the area and reduce inconvenience for residents.

As ever, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings or forward any concerns beforehand to the clerk or any of the councillors. Thank you

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Goldfinches (in flight to feeder), Hedge Sparrows, Blue Tits, Crows, House Sparrows, Blackbirds waiting to be fed in the morning, Robins, Black Cap, Great Tit, Ducks, Heron, Geese, Buzzard, Sparrow Hawk, Owls, Jay, Nuthatch, Rooks, Bullfinches (male and female), Collared Dove, Pigeon, Seagulls, Magpie, Woodpecker and Starlings.

Local Government Elections 2017

The elections are being held on the 4th May 2017, which means that all ten seats on the Community Council will be up for election.

The deadline for the delivery of nomination papers is Tuesday 4th April. If you would like more information on how to stand as a candidate then please contact the Community Council's Clerk or visit the Electoral Commissions website.
www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

Bus Service 64

By Andrew Mytton BA(Hons) MILT Public Transport Officer/Swyddog Trafnidiaeth Gyhoeddus

Following a number of rumours and speculation that have been circulating in the Ceiriog Valley and Llangollen area's this week regarding the future of bus service 64, please find a statement below issued by Councillor David A Bithell, Lead Member for Place – Environment & Transport:

In the last day or so, the Council has received a number of queries in relation to changes to the Service 64 Ceiriog Valley to Llangollen bus route. Wrexham Council is fully committed to ensuring the continuation of this vital service and I would like to state for the record that there are no proposed changes to the frequency or vehicle capacity of this service. The current contract for this service expires on the 31st March 2017 and the work currently being undertaken is for a contract award to deliver continuation and stability of this service from the 1st April 2017.

Coach Parking in Fron

By C/Clr Pat Jeffares

As the Community Council are aware I have had meetings with Wendy Cappell Canal & Rivers Trust and Allan Forest Wrexham Country Borough Council during the last two months about the Coach Parking in Fron Basin. After a lot of discussion they are now having talks with the Boat and Coach operators and also speaking to the local land owners and I hope that we will have everything in place for the start of the new season. I'm prepared to work with the new County Councillor if required on this matter.

Editor's Comments

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

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

As there is an election this year here is a brief resume of the duties of a Community Councillor:

The Council comprises 10 Councillors and a Clerk with all communities represented. The AGM is held annually prior to the May meeting when officers are elected together with representatives to outside bodies. There are three sub-committees, a Finance committee, a Playground committee and a Noddfa Cemetery committee. (The Council inherited the cemetery when Noddfa chapel in Garth closed and is responsible for its management.)

Meetings of the Council are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for August and January) alternately at Fron and Trevor Community Centres. Notices are posted prior to each meeting detailing the location and time. Members of the public are allowed to attend but are not allowed to speak except by permission of the Chairman.

The Clerk, who is salaried, is responsible for producing the minutes and agenda for each meeting and in our case is the Responsible Finance Officer with responsibility for the annual audit of the accounts.

At our monthly meetings we –

- a) Obtain a report from the police on activity in the area for the previous month and have the opportunity to report to them any concerns.
- b) Receive updates to the outstanding work log (potholes that need filling, hedges that need cutting, overgrown paths, etc.) that required attention.
- c) Have the opportunity to report matters that need to be added to the work log.
- d) Any planning application in our area to Wrexham County Borough Council is passed to the Council for any observation that we may have on it.
- e) Each month considerable correspondence is received by our Clerk and this is reviewed at our meetings and is then circulated for further consideration.
- f) Any matters relating to footpaths and roadways are reviewed including the annual contract for the maintenance of some of the footpaths for which we are responsible.
- g) We maintain a project fund for each community so that when a request is received for funding we will consider it.
- h) As a Council we are the owners of Noddfa cemetery in Garth and are responsible for its upkeep. Annually we conduct a risk assessment of the monuments.
- i) At each meeting our Clerk, who is our Responsible Finance Officer, provides a financial statement detailing the receipts, pledges and payments for the previous month together with the current bank balance. The Clerk also supervises the annual internal and external audits with the support of the Finance sub-Committee.
- j) Periodically we produce a newsletter, organise a Garden competition, donate funding to local organisations and conduct a risk assessment of our property in the area.

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Local Organisations

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Bowls update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

The end of the indoor season is now in sight. The Tuesday afternoon league has shown mixed results but the Trevor team is currently in second place with four more games left to play and only 6 points behind the leaders.

The National heats have all been completed with a few surprises. Trevor has again produced some excellent bowlers and we have qualifiers in both the triples and pairs again. The finals are to be held on 18th and 19th February at Llandrindod Wells. The finals of the singles and fours were held in January but although we played well the competition was strong and we failed to get through the first round.

The Welsh Short Mat Bowls Association is holding a 'Mini World Cup' competition at Llandrindod Wells on 18th and 19th March and I will be attending as an umpire. The quality of bowling at these events is exceptional and I am proud to play my part in this prestige event.

Once the indoor season ends in March the players will be moving to the fresh air of the outdoor greens. Bowlers from Trevor play for Plaskynaston Bowls Club; the green is situated bottom side of Tesco in Cefn. We have many players who play in different leagues and divisions during the week. The largest of these is the Wrexham league and we play on a Saturday afternoon, Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. The Oswestry league has our bowlers playing on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon, so nearly every day of the week is covered. We can travel many miles to play in both leagues. The Wrexham area covers greens from Chirk to Aston on Deeside. The Oswestry area covers greens from Cynwyd near Corwen as far south as Llanfyllin the other side of Oswestry! Sometimes the travelling takes as long as actually playing the game itself, but ultimately it is an enjoyable pastime and one that welcomes new bowlers.

If you would like to learn the game of bowls, whether it is indoor or crown green, then please don't hesitate to contact either Joyce on 823244 or me on 824401.

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.

Roberts & Maginnis Brickworks

Adapted by Sue Jones

Continued.....

Wrexham Advertiser 17th December 1881 – A meeting of gentlemen interested in the Garth Brick & Tile Works was held at the Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry last week with a view to forming a limited company for the purpose of carrying on the works.



The outcome of that meeting resulted in Mr. Shelmerdine's father in law Mr Neil advancing the company a further £2,000 to assist on developing the works; presumably to increase the work's competitive capability. Shelmerdine also persuaded Mason to accept £1,500 to become a sleeping partner in the company and he also paid off the outstanding mortgage, but in order to achieve this he pledged the credit of the firm to such an extent that the company couldn't balance its books and went bust in March 1882. But due unfortunately to some awkward technicalities, it was Charles Mason who found himself legally responsible for debts of £2,000 on the company's behalf, and the stress on his mind took its toll, Mason became for a long time insane and eventually regained enough of his reason to take on less demanding work as an engine driver (whether on the railways or the operator of a stationary steam engine is not specified). When fully recovered he eventually took up the position as manager of the Vron Works at Coedpoeth in 1889.

The works eventually fell into the hands of Messrs Roberts & Maginnis-when is not clear, but some say they held it by 1885.Perhaps they acquired after the 1882 bankruptcy. John F Maginnis lived at Derwen Hall, Garth and was the company's financial manager, whilst Roberts was the technical operator.

By the outbreak of the First World War the new company had abandoned the production of building bricks in favour of the manufacture of silica bricks for the steel industry; Maginnis having practical connections with the Colville Steelworks in Glasgow. The company also began producing ganister, a plastic cement substance used to mould the channels into which molten iron was tapped from steel furnaces. This substance was an amalgam of water, silica, sandstone, broken silica, brick fragments and fireclay which the company imported from Shropshire. The silica stone was mined from two sources, one

being a mine in the hills which was reached by horse and cart, and in the early 20th century by an aerial ropeway system. The other source was a level mine which ran into the hillside directly at the back of the works and which was worked by donkeys pulling tubs. This led to the brickworks earning the nickname of The Donkey Works, which lasted in local parlance long after the donkeys had ceased. From the 1930's onwards the stone was brought in from nearby Minera as well as from other Welsh counties.

By 1922 the company was classifying themselves as the "Welsh Silica Brick & Ganister Works".

There was a popular misconception that the works was the property of JC Edwards Ltd during the 1920's and 40's. However the only connection to the JC Edwards Ltd was that the Garth Works leased part of their lands from J C E and had no other involvement with them whatsoever.

The 1960's saw some new practices in Garth. The kilns were converted to oil firing and the method of shipping out the products was also changed. At that time there was much industrial unrest within British Railways, and the problems caused to all the local industries became quite serious; to such an extent that the branch line which crossed the Ruabon to Llangollen road into the factory was abandoned and road transportation was used thereafter; to the unexpected benefit of the company, as they not only realised a financial saving but gained greater flexibility over the movement of materials.

The works eventually shut in 1979 – a victim of the recession in the steel industry.

In the 1980's all the land was sold. Then in 2001 the old brickworks land was re-sold to Watkin Jones and they applied to Wrexham County Borough Council to build forty houses. Today the old brickworks is a housing estate and it's called The Oaks.

If you have any photos or anecdotes about the brickworks that you would like to share with our readers please let us know. SJ

My sincere thanks to the publishers Gwasg Carreg Gwatch, Llanrwst for giving me permission to use this article from the book by Andrew Connolly – Life in the Victorian Brickworks in Flintshire & Denbighshire.

Thank you

In January Roy Duggan handed over £12,000 to be divided equally between three charities; Hope House, Nightingale House and MacMillan Cancer Support.

The money was raised over a period of twelve months by going door to door on his mobility scooter asking for donations and raising awareness of the charities.

Roy said "I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously and has supported me over the years". The donations were handed over on Roy's birthday, January 19th, to Eleri Brady and Theresa Richards of MacMillan Cancer Support, Eluned Yaxley from Hope House and Luke MacDonald from Nightingale House Hospice.



Next, he plans to raise funds for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and the Wales Air Ambulance Charity.

The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The Towers Day Nursery welcomed several new children when we returned after Christmas. They are all settling in well and are enjoying the varied, nursery activities.

The children have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year, St Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. They have enjoyed stories, art/craft work and baking. For Mothering Sunday we have been busy making cards and gifts and for St David's Day the children have been making Welsh flags, leeks and daffodils; as well as dressing up in traditional costume or a Welsh football/rugby top on March 1st.

Now that Spring is in the air there will be more opportunity for outdoor play and for work on the garden. The staff have been busy too, renewing their Food Safety Certificates. The nursery has also received another Level 5 Food Hygiene Award.



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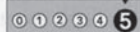
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Llangollen Rural Community Council Dates of Meetings – 2017

Community Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7pm

January	-	No meeting
February	7th	Fron Community Centre
March	7th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
April	4th	Fron Community Centre
May	9th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
June	6th	Fron Community Centre
July	4th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
August	-	no meeting
September	5th	Fron Community Centre
October	3rd	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
November	7th	Fron Community Centre
December	5th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre

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County Councillor Pat Jeffares 01978 820570

Further information can be obtained on the Community Council web site.

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A Personal thank you to our retiring County Councillor

By Sue Jones

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our County Councillor Pat Jeffares for all the work he has done to promote and support the Llangollen Rural Ward during his time in office. He has always done his best for the three villages and has never been shy in coming forward when he has seen or found something to benefit them.

He has served as a Community Councillor for over thirty years and as a County Councillor for eighteen years and has been actively involved on a number of Committees for both Llangollen Rural Community Council and Wrexham County Borough Council.

I have worked with Pat since becoming the Clerk twelve years ago, and he has been a fantastic friend and colleague who has supported and helped me no end. Nothing is too much trouble for him as all he wants is the best for 'his Ward'. His relationship with the Wrexham County Borough Council officers and staff is excellent and they are only too pleased to help him in any way to benefit our community.

I would like to wish Pat a very long, happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement. I hope he and Mabel his wife enjoy all the holidays that they have planned.

Finally to our new County Councillor I wish him or her all the very best in their new role and can assure them that I will help in any way I can.

Fron Community Centre

You can now find us on Facebook! We will be posting events and other information on our facebook page, on our centre notice board and on posters in the area.

The centre is available to hire along with kitchen facilities and catering options and is ideal for meetings, training or a general get together. Our regular charity Bingo sessions will start on Friday 24th March. If you would like to organise your own bingo session or an event in aid of a local group or wider charity please get in touch. For availability and information, contact Alyson on 01691 770912 alysonw1811@hotmail.co.uk. Please look at the Diary on page two of the Newsletter where you can see what entertainment is planned at the Centre.

We look forward to welcoming back Cakes & Co for the Easter weekend starting off our summer season with their usual delicious refreshments.

Every third weekend in the month from May, the cafe will be managed by the community centre raising funds to make improvements to our facility. Details of what we are planning coming soon. Café open 12-4. So remember – Find us now on Facebook!! We look forward to welcoming you to Fron Community centre!!

Friends of Froncysyllte Community Centre

Friends of Froncysyllte Community Centre continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month to tidy the grounds and garden, and will be arranging some fundraising events for the Centre in the near future.

Cakes & Co

By Jayne Eccles Chair person

Cakes and Company re-opens at Fron Community Centre on Saturday 15 April every Saturday and Sunday also on bank holiday Mondays until late October. Why not come along and meet up with your friends and make new friends and enjoy our mouth-watering homemade sandwiches, baps, fresh cakes and homemade scones with a fresh pot of tea or coffee all at very competitive prices with all proceeds going back into the community served by our very pleasant staff who all give their time for free.

Fron Walking Group

By Julie Williams

In November, a talk on the latest Weatherman Walking Series was held in Fron Community Centre, followed by musical entertainment by Nige Parry and friends. This event proved very popular and we are looking forward to welcoming the group back in a few months' time.

On first two Mondays of December some of the Fron group met for their Advent Amble followed by festive food in the Duke and a warm welcome.

The annual Christmas dinner was held in the Lord Moreton in December, which again was enjoyed by all.

The photographic competition was judged by John and Alison Jones. The quality of photographs entered were excellent, and framed prints were presented to Jan Vas, Kelvin Mole and Don Downing.

51 people braved the elements for the January walk. A delicious meal was prepared by Nick in the Aquaduct Inn afterwards.

The annual visit to St David's Church will follow the March walk where we always receive a warm welcome, and homemade refreshments.

Please note change of time: as from Saturday 18th March all walks will begin at 11.30am from Fron Community Centre on the third Saturday of the month.



Dee Valley Rotary Club

By Karen Lee Dee Valley Rotary club president.

A Big Thank You. to all those brave souls, who came out to wave and sing along with the Dee Valley Rotary Club Santa Sleigh last December 2016.

We had a great time and have raised a lot of money again, thanks to your generous donations.

We are planning to donate some of the money raised to the local schools, Cancer Research UK and the Air Ambulance.

We gave a donation to the Pensioners Christmas dinner held at Trevor Community centre last December, and hope it helped make the event fun for all.

If helping to raise money for good local courses, is something you would like to get involved in, we are always glad to welcome new members. Contact us via the Facebook page The Rotary Club of Llangollen Dee Valley

The club's next event will be Saturday 13th May 2017, when we hope to host a Charity Fashion Show at the Llangollen Pavilion, 6.45pm till 10pm. Ticket £6. Raffle, Licenced Bar, Cakes and snack. Look out for the posters and Flyers, or contact us via the Facebook page for tickets. Advance sales only.

Thank You

The family of Edna Rowlands, would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the kindness and support extended to us following Mum's passing. Thank you for the many cards of condolence, telephone calls and generous donations received in her memory, these have gone to Trevor Church. Thank you to the Reverend Andrew Sully for the lovely service. Thanks also to Mary and Malcolm, the Church Wardens, for their assistance at Mum's funeral service.

We would also like to pass on our thanks to all the staff on Dyffryn, Chirk Court Care Home, for their care and kindness to Mum during her time there. Thanks also to Susan Wyles of E Wyles and Sons, Funeral Directors for her efficient and professional arrangements and to Phil and the Team of Roberts Bros, Pentre Broughton for the on the day assistance.

Michael, Terry and Lynne Davies

Fron Fundraising event

Marjorie Crosbie and Eira Davies raised £267.50p at a bingo night held in Fron Community Centre for the Leonard Cheshire Disability home last September. In the photo are Marjorie and Eira with two of the residents.



Fron Darby & Joan Club

The Froncysyllte Darby and Joan Club had a Christmas dinner at The Keys in St Martins on December 6th and was attended by about 60 people. After the dinner they were entertained by the comedy duo 'We are not amused'. A good time was had by all!



Bird List – Fron

By Julie Williams

Black bird, Blue tit, Black headed gull, Collar Dove, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Grey Wagtail, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Heron, Jackdaw, Magpie, Rook, Robin, Song thrush, Woodpigeon, Wren. Hopefully we will attract more when the garden is finished and we start feeding properly.

Church Services

St David's Church Fron

Friday 14th April, Good Friday Devotional Service,

St. David's Church, 12.00 noon.

Family service first Sunday of the month, at 9.30 am.

Family Communion remaining Sundays of the month, 9.30 am,

all are very welcome to these services.

Trevor Church

Services every Sunday at 9-30am

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

4th Sunday Family Service

5th Sunday - Normally no service.

Good Friday 9-30am

Easter Sunday 9-30am Holy Communion

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

2017 28th February, 21st March, 11th April, 2nd & 23rd May, 13th June.

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 Beavers are busy preparing to earn their safety badge, with a visit to Danger Point for information. They had a great sleepover just before Christmas; they made homemade pizzas, traditional fun games, also indoor camp fire with a sing song.

The Cubs have started working on their Outdoor Challenge badge they have made wraps with hoisin sauce for Chinese New Year. They are also working on their First Aid badge which is very important and they have had a great demonstration of Tai Chi. martial arts, enjoyed by all.

Both sections joined with Llangollen district for the pantomime Cinderella in Rhos, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have many activities and fun things planned before Easter such as Circus skills participation, visit to Splash Magic, Danger point, local library, and Kibblestone scout camp to name but a few.

At this point we would like to thank all parents who help and support us, we couldn't manage without you.

Also big thank you to Tesco for supply of prizes and our local Community for the purchase of raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle, raising almost £200 for our funds. The hamper was won by a lady in Wenfryn Close, and many other prizes were won locally this year.

There is an instructor giving yoga lessons every Tuesday during term time in our HQ it's from 6.45-8pm and is £5 per session, all welcome.

As always if there is anyone able or willing to spare the group any of their time, you would enjoy yourselves and we would appreciate it.

Our next bingo is March 22nd, Wednesday, eyes down at 7.30pm.

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To check availability ring Joyce on 01978 823244

The Computer area has high speed broad band and printing/copy facilities. Opening times Mondays 11am to 3pm, and Thursdays 1pm. To 3pm.

If you are new to the area, or are looking to help or join one of our activities, like Senior Citizens, W.I., Bingo, Preschool playgroup, Carpet Bowls or if you would like to start a group, contact Joyce on the above number to check availability.

Almond Cake with Florentine Topping

By Jan & Dave Norman

6oz Butter

6oz Caster Sugar

6oz self-raising flour

3oz Almonds

3 Eggs

Set the oven to Gas Mark 4 or elec 180c or fan 160c

Sift the sugar and flour into a bowl, beat the butter till smooth gradually add the flour ground almonds and beaten eggs beat until smooth.

Spoon the mixture into an 8" round tin level the surface and cook for 45 to 50 mins until the centre is set.

For the topping

$\frac{3}{4}$.oz butter

3oz caster sugar

4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Level tablespoons golden syrup

3 $\frac{3}{4}$.oz flaked almonds

2oz of glace cherries or cranberries

$\frac{1}{2}$.oz angelica

To make the topping Melt the butter, syrup and sugar together, then stir in the remaining ingredients. Remove the cake from the oven and add the topping , return the cake to the oven for approx. a further 10 mins or until the flaked almonds start to turn golden brown. Allow the cake to cool for 10mins before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

POLICE MATTERS

By PCSO David Jenkins

From March 1st the fine for mobile phone use whilst driving is being increased to £200 and 6 penalty points, which in the case of a driver of less than two years would mean a loss of licence. Despite widespread publicity of the possible tragic outcomes of this act it is still a common sight to see drivers distracted by their inability to ignore mobile media devices whilst in control of a potentially lethal vehicle. Persons guilty of this offence and other motoring offences are now also risking being reported and prosecuted through OPERATION SNAP in which members of the public can submit footage online from dash cams, pedal cycle cams or any other media footage they may have that supports evidence of a motoring offence. Information and guidance can be found on the North Wales Police public website as well as other advice and information on a variety of subjects.

Also in regard to road safety members of public can report untaxed vehicles on the road directly on the DVLA website where status of the vehicle can be checked. Abandoned vehicles can likewise be reported to Wrexham County Borough Council on their website. Persons caught driving under the influence of illegal drugs are increasing due to introduction of new testing equipment and consequences are similar to being caught driving with excess alcohol. Any information regarding the above or any other anti-social or criminal activity can be reported to North Wales Police helping to keep your local and wider community safer.

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

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

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

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

County Councillors Diary

By Pat Jeffares

This is my last County Councillors Diary as I won't be standing for re-election in May.

Looking back I have been in North Wales for over 50 years, but just over 48 years ago when we moved to Wenfryn Close, we became radicalised to get involved in the community. We were made so welcome by everybody that it was only natural that we wanted to get involved. We had a great time serving the local community on various committees down the years.

I have enjoyed my time on the Community and County Council, and I have done over 30 years on the Community, and 18 years as the County Councillor. Where has the time gone? It's been a great honour and pleasure to serve and work with so many nice people over the years.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Community Councillors, the Police, the volunteers, Dave Pugh our area supervisor, and his team for all their help and support down the years.

I have been so lucky during the past 20 years working with two great Community Council Clerks, the late Mr Joe Hughes and now Mrs Sue Jones. I would like to say a very big thank you to Sue for all her help and support.

We have been so lucky with our volunteers in the ward, who do such a great job, I would ask anybody with spare time to get more involved in their community to help it survive.

My term of office will be ending in April, but let me assure you I will work with whoever takes over from me until all the outstanding issues are dealt with. As it's also elections for the Community Council I wish everybody success who will be standing, and my successor my sincere good wishes.

I would just like to say one last time a big thank you to everybody, and good health for the future.

Pat Jeffares.

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