

# Community News

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## Proposed New Garth Playground



## Funding approved for a new playground in Garth

Children in Garth are to get a new playground thanks to a £43,000 grant from funding body WREN.

The money awarded by WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, will be used to refurbish and buy new play equipment at the Garth playground.

Cllr. Mark Valentine who is a member of Llangollen Rural Community Council believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of children living in the area. He stated: "This project will provide a real boost to the children of Garth. It's fantastic that WREN has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our new play area taking shape over the next few months. The community organised its own fundraising events and raised over £2,000 towards the cost of the refurbishments."

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. Since 1998, WREN has granted over £200m to more than 7,000 projects which benefit people living within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site.

Meleri Jones WREN Grant Manager said; "we are pleased to support a project that has shown such strong community involvement. The play area is in desperate need of updating"

Cllr. Valentine said "The project will ultimately see us provide a broader range of facilities from zip-wires to see-saws but to also include new picnic tables alongside areas for bio-diversity. As part of the application process we have conducted a tender exercise with specialists and now have all elements in place to enhance these community facilities".

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## Bird List Fron

By Julie Williams

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Blackcap, Brambling, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Collared Dove, Coal Tit, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Grey Wagtail, Greenfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Hedge Sparrow, Heron, House Sparrow, Jay, Jackdaw, Long tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Redpoll, Rook, Siskin, Sparrow Hawk, Stock Dove, Song Thrush, Tawny Owl, Wood pigeon, Wren.

## **Chairman's Corner**

Councillor Mrs Alyson Winn

I must firstly thank our outgoing chairman, Cllr Elfed Morris for his hard work during the last year and the continuing efforts of all our councillors, clerk Sue Jones and C/Cllr Pat Jeffares in engaging with those issues that affect the villages of Garth, Trevor and Fron.

I am honoured to be elected chairman in a year that will, I feel sure, continue to be challenging as more changes and responsibilities are assigned to your community council. We now have taken charge of maintaining all the playgrounds in the area which has increased financial implications.

The Cromwell Terrace light is installed and our WREN application to refurbish Garth playground is now approved. A tremendous effort by Cllr Valentine and Cllr Kempster in producing a professional proposal and portfolio of evidence to support the application. A massive vote of thanks to Garth residents for fundraising towards the cost and community groups who contributed. Additionally another success in our local area - with D Day veteran Gron Roberts being awarded the French Legion of Honour. Congratulations Gron!

An on-going problem in our area is litter and we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteer litter-pickers who patrol our public spaces on a regular basis which is much appreciated. A big thank you to you all! However, 'litter droppers' can now be spot-fined by Wrexham Council wardens who are operating in the area and they also have powers to fine those who fail to clear up dog waste. Please note that as long as the waste is bagged it can be disposed of in the ordinary bins – it does not have to be in a special 'doggy' bin. This will cut out the increasing number of 'filled bags' being left on our paths and green spaces or hung on tree branches.

In the near future, the planters located across the three villages will be filling up with bedding plants and perennials. In addition, year by year the floral displays in our residential gardens are becoming increasingly colourful and creative. I encourage everyone to enter this year's garden competition - Let's make it a record year for entries across Llangollen Rural!

You can find photographs of last year's efforts on our web site [www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk) along with useful information about your Community Council and meeting dates for the year. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings or forward your concerns beforehand to the clerk or any of the councillors. Let's work together to maintain and improve our fantastic community for the future.

# Tiddlywinks Toddler Group

By Lynne Nash.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday by having a little tea party and making flags. They also enjoyed a teddy bears picnic at the park in Trevor. We have had some creative fun too by making shapes, sculptures etc. with playdough and drawing round their own bodies on paper on the floor and colouring them in.

We are also looking to recruit some volunteers to take on the role of Treasurer, Chairperson and Secretary to the team at toddler group. I will be stepping down along with several others in July. It has been nearly ten years in which I have



been attending and volunteering. I want to say a big thank you as I, along with my four children have made lifelong friends due to toddlers and everyone has always been very welcoming and friendly. I really do hope the group continues as it has been running for many years and it would be very sad if it closed. I hope we can try and keep this popular, friendly and welcoming group going as it has been great for the community and all the surrounding areas.

Thank you to all past and present mums, dads, grandparents and carers who have made the toddler group so enjoyable and given myself and my children a chance to meet and socialise within the community and to be involved in all the activities.

The group will close for summer on Wednesday 20th July with a leaving party and re open on Wednesday 7th September (depending on volunteers).

Toddler Group meets every Wednesday at Garth and Trevor Community Centre 9.30-11.30am.

## **Telecottage**

Computer classes for beginners and improvers are held on

Mondays 11am- 1pm and 1pm- 3pm. Thursdays 1pm- 3pm

in the Telecottage, at Garth and Trevor Community Centre.

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Windows 10 is here, but if you are offered a free upgrade, to download it, on a normal speed broadband can take a few hours. We have super fast optical fibre broadband in the Telecottage, why not call in on a Monday or Thursday. For more info call 01978 810119.

We also have scanning, printing and laminating facilities.

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## **Brownies Photo Update ...**

Many thanks to all who provided three of the missing names to the Trevor Brownies photo in the last newsletter.

After Susan Churchward we have CLAIRE PRICE and KATHRYN JONES

After Annette Roberts we have KIM LEWIS

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## **Garth and Trevor Community Centre**

The kitchen is equipped and has crockery and cutlery for 100 guests. The Hall is in fact an ideal venue for a party.

If you are interested contact Joyce on 01978 823244 to check availability.

The lounge has seating for 20-30 with large screen TV facilities; Fibre optic high speed broadband is also available.

The computer area has printing facilities (if you have difficulty printing off airline boarding passes or any other printing/copying problem give us a visit). The computer area is open 11am – 3pm on Mondays and 1pm to 3pm Thursdays, for help with tuition and any other computer/tablet/ pad problems. Enquiries to Delwyn on 01978 810119.

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 play group, carpet bowls, or if you would like to start a group, contact Joyce (01978823244) to check times or availability.



# The Aqueduct Community Association

By Sue Kempster

Tree planting on Trevor old railway walk. Trevor Cubs and Beavers joined volunteers from the Aqueduct Community Association to plant 150 trees and wild flowers on the old railway on Saturday April the 2nd.

The trees have been planted to screen the garages on Charles Avenue and are all of the hedging variety. They are a wildlife tree pack from the Woodland Trust that includes hawthorn, hazel, birch, rowan, blackthorn and dogwood. As these trees mature they will provide a plentiful food supply for the wild life. With fruit and nuts as food for the birds and animals especially during the winter months, they will also provide shelter for small mammals such as hedgehogs.

On the same day we planted wild primroses, wood anemones and fox gloves with snowdrops and celandines being planted in late summer. As well as looking pretty in the wooded area these plants are important for our pollinators with bees and butterflies enjoying them as much as the walkers.

Close to the steps going up to the main road we planted a wild flower mix that is native to the Welsh Marches. We hope that they grow to give us a beautiful summer show.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the day especially Shane Hughes of Keep Wales Tidy and the all wales grant scheme for providing the funding for what was a wet but fun morning.



# Garth CP School

By James & Lily

Hello, my name is Lily Ella Evans and I am a year 5 girl who attends Ysgol Y Garth. I am one of the 4 eCadets in the school, and I love being one. I love our meetings and learning new things about how to keep safe online. My overall favourite bits are the assemblies that we hold and challenges that we accept. eCadet challenges are basically where we log onto our eCadet account accept a challenge then we have to complete it during the term. My favourite so far has to be Code of Conduct as we made our own rules on how to stay safe online then presented it in an assembly using a powerpoint and iMovie.

Hello, my name is James Rhys Bateman. I'm currently in Year 5 and attend Ysgol Y Garth. I too am one of the 4 eCadets here in the school, alongside Lily, Taylor and Megan. We gain stickers from completing said challenges and are able to progress further in the charts. We now are eDeputy Chief Constables and are simply 1 sticker away from a Golden eCadets Badge.

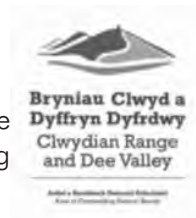
Years 5&6 have been on a fantastic trip this year to the Stockport air raid shelters. We prepared by making gas mask boxes and instructions out of paper and took them along as we then travelled by coach to Stockport. The people in my group went upstairs first, and pretended we were evacuees from WW2, we learned how to do all the chores. Then we swapped with the other group and went downstairs to learn about gas masks and bombs. Then we had lunch and got into our groups again to go to the gift shop. My group went first. This was my favourite bit as I spent £8.95 on things I didn't need like rubbers and marbles! Next, we were off again. We headed through the streets of the market town of Stockport and eventually arrived at the tunnels, where we would learn all about the underground air raid shelters. We all had lots of fun learning these new things about WW2.

Years 2&3 recently went on a trip to the Titanic Museum in Liverpool. They learned lots of exciting facts about all of the passengers and the main ship, as well as roleplaying and learning about the different fates suffered by the passengers depending on what card they held.

Reception and Year 1 also went on a school trip, but to Manchester airport! Here they learned about how to be a pilot and were able to act as Flight Attendants as well as Pilots! They also learned about many more exciting flight facts! It sounds very exciting and they must have had a lot of fun!

This is now the end of our Community News article. We hope you've enjoyed reading all about the lovely things we've been doing in school and we hope you have a lovely Summer!

## Get Out and About with the AONB



With the weather improving, why not get out and enjoy some events in the AONB? We have a range of activities for young and old alike: -

Thursday 2nd June, 8.30pm – 10.30pm. Nightjars on Nantyr – join us for a leisurely stroll in the forest in search of the enigmatic nightjar. (Booking required – 01352 810586/614)

Wednesday 15th June, 10am - 12pm. Eglwyseg guided walk. Join our wardens and find out about the flowers that grow on the limestone escarpment. (Booking required – 01352 810586/614)

Saturday 18th June, 11am – 1pm. Fairies and Elves - Bring the children to Plas Newydd to create fantastical little people from old fashioned pegs, leaves, twigs....and whatever else we find (£4 per child)

Sunday 26th June, 4.30pm – 7pm. Picnic in the Park – enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Plas Newydd whilst enjoying music from Llangollen Silver Band. There will also be games for the children. (picnic not provided!)

Our next session of our Young Rangers Programme (for 11 – 18 year olds) will be held on Saturday 2nd July at Ty Mawr Country Park. For more information see [www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/breaking-news/#2813](http://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/breaking-news/#2813) or contact Sharon Woods on 01352 810614 or Ros Stockdale on 01978 869615

For more walks and family activities in the AONB, pick up a copy of the free Out and About Booklet, available from the Llangollen Tourist Information Office, or check for events on our websites :-

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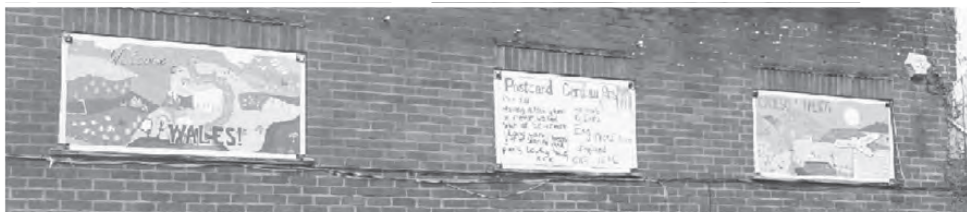
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## New Community Murals

During early May all involved in the design and painting of the community murals at Read's Yard and Froncysyllte Community Centre, were invited to celebrate their arrival. Our thanks go to the amazing artists (Emma-Jayne Holmes and Carol Davies), members of the Aqueduct Community Association and Members of Froncysyllte Community Centre Committee who have all worked with a number of local people, groups and schools. We love them and hope you do too!

Ceri Postle- World Heritage Site Community Development Officer WCBC.



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## Towers Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at the nursery have been very busy since the last newsletter. They have celebrated Chinese New Year; making lanterns and colouring pictures, Shrove Tuesday; when they enjoyed making and eating pancakes, St. Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day which gave them a chance to dress up in National costume and sample Welsh cakes, and Mothers Day.

The Smile Dental Campaign has continued and we have just received the Gold Award for promoting dental health. A trainee member of staff has passed the First Aid qualification and two members of staff have updated their Food Safety Certificates.

The children are now looking forward to the better weather which will enable them to play outside and begin work on the nursery garden.

## Letters Received

Mrs. Shian Lewis

With regards to the street light at Cromwell Terrace, I would like it noted that, as the owners of the property, we complied with everything that WCBC and the Community Council asked from us. The delay had nothing to do with our part in trying to get this problem sorted out. Thank you.

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## Bird Watch Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Goldfinches, Blue Tits, Great Tits, Siskin, Nuthatch, Hedge Sparrows, House Sparrows, Bull Finches, Blackbirds, Owls, Jays, Woodpigeon, Chaffinch, Starling, Jackdaw, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Collared Doves, pair of Buzzards, Red Kite flying towards the Aqueduct, Thrush, Crows, Sparrow Hawk taking Blackbird off lawn in garden, Robins, Hawfinch, Redpoll, Magpies, Heron, Geese & Pheasant.

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## Llangollen Rural Community Council – AGM

At the Annual General Meeting in May Cllr. Elfed Morris was thanked for all the work he had done during his year in office. Cllr. Mrs Alyson Winn was unanimously elected as Chairman and Cllr. Darrell Wright as Vice Chairman. Councillors were elected as representatives on various other committees and organisations.

### Contact Us

Items for inclusion in the next edition of the Community News can be left with The Clerk, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor LL20 7TF or telephone 01978 810466 or email [clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk)

The deadline for the the Summer issue will be noon on **Monday 6th August 2016** Please mark your copy “Community News” and include a name, address and contact telephone number, items will not be accepted without these details.

Although we make every effort to ensure that the facts contained in this publication are correct, we cannot take responsibility for “typing” errors or statements made by a third party. If you find something needing correcting, please contact the Clerk, details above.

## Postle's bridge

Katharine Edgar (nee Postle)

In early April I revisited Trevor for the first time in about 20 years. I had previously visited Trevor on many occasions in the 1950s and early 1960s when my grandparents, George and Mary Postle, lived in Canal Cottage on the far side of bridge 32W. My father, Ron and his elder brother Os were both born in the cottage and lived there during their childhood and young adult lives.

We visited the Trevor basin museum before taking a nostalgic walk down the tow path to bridge 32W and the site on which Canal Cottage stood. Looking through the exhibits in the museum, I was amazed to see bridge 32W now called 'Postle's bridge'. As a descendant of the 'Postles' that lived beside the bridge, the discovery was made with much pride. The rest of the Postle family that descends from George and Mary are also intrigued and delighted in equal measure. Now, I am trying to find out when and how the bridge was given this name. My brother, Steve, cousin Phil and myself all remember the bridge having no name, just a number in the 1950s and 1960s.

Can anyone help us solve this puzzle?

If you know anything, please contact me via [Katharine.edgar@btinternet.com](mailto:Katharine.edgar@btinternet.com), or if no computer contact the Clerk.



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**Llangollen Rural Community Council 01978 810466**

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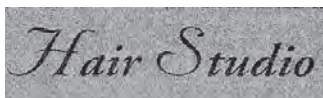
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## Church Services

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Church services are Eucharist at 9.30 every Sunday, apart from Family Service last Sunday of the month.

### Trevor Church Services for

#### June - August

1st Sunday Holy Communion Service

2nd Sunday Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday Holy Communion Service

4th Sunday All age service

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## Pineapple Cheesecake

4 oz. digestive biscuits finely crushed

12 oz. curd cheese

4 tbsp. butter, melted plus  
extra for greasing

5 fl. oz. double cream whipped

3½ oz. caster sugar

12 oz. Cream cheese

14 oz. canned pineapple slices  
drained and halved

Juice of 1 lemon

2 tbsp. grated lemon rind

Pinch of fresh nutmeg to  
decorate (optional)

Put the crushed biscuits into a large bowl and mix in the melted butter. Grease an 8" loose bottomed cake tin with butter and then press the biscuit mixture evenly over the base.

Put the sugar into a separate bowl and stir in the lemon juice and the lemon rind. Add the cheeses and beat until thoroughly combined. Fold in the cream. Spread the cream mixture evenly over the biscuit layer. Cover with cling-film and place in the fridge to chill for at least 4 hours.

Remove the cheesecake from the fridge, turn out onto a serving platter and spread the pineapple slices over the top. Sprinkle over a little grated nutmeg, if using. Serve immediately.



## Splash Magic Leisure Centre News

**Easter** The Easter Holidays have been a fantastic success! The pool hosted new fun events like the 'Splash & Dash' which involved teams competing in a whole range of water based challenges. In the hall we had fun on the bouncy castle and with Roller Discos, Splash even hosted two football tournaments with a visiting team from Australia in attendance. We are now looking forward to the May Half term (keep your eyes peeled for events!) we will also be running a lifeguard course, so anyone interested please get in touch.



Once again we would like to thank our customers for all their support!

**Visit from First Minister** The Staff of Splash Magic were please to welcome the First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones to the Leisure Centre this Easter, he was taken on a tour of the centre by Claire Duffy (General Manager) and Denise Chadwick (Leisure Manager) who explained the community action behind the centres re-opening and plans for growing and expanding this social enterprise in the future.



**Zorb Football** Zorb Football is now available at Splash Magic! For more details about how you can book your session contact us via email on [info@splashmagic.co.uk](mailto:info@splashmagic.co.uk)

**Free Family Fun Swim** On the 10th June we will be holding a Free Family Fun Swim for local residents 6pm – 7.30pm.

**Contact us** Interested in becoming a member or using the facility? Our Pool & Fitness Classes timetables can be found on our website [www.splashmagic.com](http://www.splashmagic.com) as well as details of membership prices. You can also stay in touch by following us on Facebook at 'Splash Magic Leisure Centre' or on Twitter '@Splash\_Magic'



## Bowls Update . . .

By Moira

The outdoor season is well and truly under way.

The team from Royston has had to relocate to Plaskynaston and we now have many members that enjoy playing in the Oswestry and Wrexham leagues.

On Tuesdays, we have two teams in different divisions in the Wrexham Vets League. Both have already played in a cup game but unfortunately, although the games were closely fought, they were both knocked out.

Wednesday night sees the A and B teams playing in the Oswestry League, in different divisions. It's early days yet and both teams have still to find their form!

On Saturdays there is only one team that plays in the Wrexham League and results look promising.

If anyone would like to learn the game of crown green bowls, then please contact Joyce Evans on 823244 or Moira on 824401.

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**Underneath the Arches** returns for a fourth year on Friday 15th July at the Bont Playing Field, Trevor. With live music, great food and a spectacular light and fireworks display, this family-friendly evening is one not to be missed! For ticket information, please visit [www.underthearches.co.uk](http://www.underthearches.co.uk)

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## Mobile Library

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

Garth Rockman's Arms	9.30 to 10.10
Garth Primary School	10.15 to 11.00
Pentre Village School	11.20 to 12.00
Trevor Community Centre	1.15 to 2.15
Rhosymedre Community Centre	2.30 to 3.45
Fron Lay-by by Cliff's Cafe	4.00 to 4.40

2016: June 21st, 12th July, 2nd August & 23rd August

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## **J.Francis Roberts & Son Funeral Directors,**

J.Francis Roberts & Son Funeral Directors, 10 Crane St, Cefn Mawr, have recently acquired Bethania Chapel, Bethania Rd, Acrefair. "The chapel has been well looked after over the years; with some minor restoration and maintenance works, over the coming months, they hope to ensure the building is available to continue, to serve the community as a place to hold Weddings and Christenings and Funeral Services.

Many chapels have been closed in the area, we hope by conserving this part of our local heritage we are safe guarding a space for people to come together to celebrate both life and death. The Chapel will be inter-denominational, this will enable us to accommodate all of the community, should they chose to hold a service at Bethania.

Last but not least, the chapel will remain as a monument and in memory of the late Rev. Dyfan Thomas, who officiated there over many years and who was always available for the community in their happy and sad times. We would like to think that he would have approved!



## **1st Trevor Scout Group**

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader.

Both the Beavers and the Cubs enjoyed the planting of trees and shrubs near the old railway line, recently. They enjoy being part of the community.

We have just held our Group AGM; it was packed as usual, many thanks to all who attended. The officers of the Executive Committee were elected. Noeleen Thelwell was re-elected as chairperson and Jason Maybury, our new Treasurer. The exiting treasurer Sally Roberts was thanked warmly for all her hard and efficient work in the past.

All the youngsters were presented with achievement badges for all their hard work during the past year. Our Beaver of the Year trophy was achieved by George Nash and Cub of the year was awarded to Jacob Holmes, very well done to the both of them.

I myself was presented with a 25years service award. Unfortunately not a gold clock, but a certificate and badge, welcome all the same.

We would like to thank the staff at Trevor Boat yard for letting us hold the Beaver Easter Egg hunt there, the children thought that was great. Thanks guys.

Again I would like to state that we are always looking for people to give the Group some help/time, if it's only for a few hours, to ensure we give the children an all-round and great experience in scouting.

We must be doing things right, as we are full up yet again, with waiting lists, which is a shame. We need more adults, please.

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## **Fron Walking Group**

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On Good Friday, 37 of the walkers enjoyed walking the country lanes around Chirk Castle and a meal at the Boathouse afterwards.

In April, Fron Walkers annual mystery was enjoyed by 31 of the walkers in Snowdonia, calling for a carvery tea on the way home.

A prize Bingo was held in Fron Community Centre on Friday, 29th April, a total of £206 was raised on the night. A big thank you to everyone for their support.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the annual Beating of the Bounds which takes place each May, and also a long weekend walking the Ridgeway in Wiltshire.



## **Cakes and Company**

Little Scarlett from Southport a regular visitor to Cakes with her Nana, enjoys having a chat with Gron Roberts at the Community Cafe. Isn't it lovely to see all ages mixing together?

Gron, 91, a D-Day veteran, was recently awarded the Legion of Honour, France's highest military honour.





Fron School children, enjoying the resources bought by Cakes and Company Community Cafe.

## History Talk

Another enjoyable talk on Fron was given by Emrys Roberts in March covering the establishment and subsequent refurbishment of St David's church and the Ale Houses of Fron.

## Seion Chapel

James Lambert Singers and Guests will give a concert on Friday 10th June, at Seion Chapel. Doors open 7pm, concert will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets available from members of the James Lambert Singers or pay on the door.

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To book your place, or for more information, please contact Miss Tanya Edwards on 01691 773310.

Over the years my mum, Rita Jones, has been avidly collecting items from local newspapers and I've scanned these for posterity!

The latest one I've found relates to the Trevor railway

## Soccer special

● (RIGHT) Bob in the cab of 2-6-0 No: 6339, about to work a Wrexham to Birkenhead football special, when Tranmere and Wrexham met in a cup match during the 1950s.

★ Please send your old photographs to JOE KELLY, Memory lane, North Wales newspapers, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, Clwyd, CH7 1XY.



● Roberts & McGuinness yard, August 1990. In what is now a derelict store you can still see the remnants of the rails, perhaps the only surviving piece of permanent way from the Rhos and Trevor railway.



## Signalman Sid

● Trevor signal box, which was located just beyond Trevor station. In those days a small spur ran behind the signal box and across the Llanelgolen Road to the Roberts & McGuinness works, beside the Australia Arms.

Pictured here in Trevor box is signalman Sid Williams, who is fondly remembered by Bob.

He said: "Sid was a great character, and the box was a regular meeting place for a cup of tea and a chat."



● Class 21 'pannier' locomotive on a Trevor to Monaanto working. Pictured here with No.2184 are driver Robin Humphries, fireman Bob Aston, and Mr Duggan from the Dalish stone works with his grandsons.

THIS week we are delighted to bring you some very rare photographs depicting Wrexham's railways in the closing days of the steam era.

This unique collection of personal snapshots were taken by railwayman Bob Aston of Hope, who still works as a driver out of British Rail's Chester depot.

Bob started on the railways in September 1943, working as a cleaner at Wrexham's Croes Newydd engine depot.

In 1945 he was promoted to fireman and transferred to Wolverhampton, returning to Croes Newydd as a fireman in 1947. He was promoted to driver in 1963.



● 'The full team' of regulars at Trevor — Driver Eric Albiston, Guard Roy Sandford, Signalman Sid Williams, Shunter 'Bob' from Corwen, and Mr Duggan.



# POLICE MATTERS

By PCSO David Jenkins

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB). The first thing people often associate with this is young people misbehaving but ASB covers a wide range of actions and behaviours and is basically anything that results in:

- Someone feeling personally threatened, or
- The creation of a public nuisance, or
- A detrimental impact on the environment, or on the quality of life of an individual/community

Littering, Dog Fouling, Speeding, Inconsiderate parking, Noise and Graffiti can all be considered a form of ASB and have a negative impact on any community. Since Wrexham Council have employed a private company to enforce littering and dog fouling matters I have heard numerous reports of people being ticketed for dropping cigarette ends and allowing dogs onto playgrounds and sports fields in the local area. This strict enforcement policy can be an expensive lesson for some but may result in a general change in attitude.

Speeding and inconsiderate parking can have serious consequences which can affect the local community more than most areas due to the dramatic increase in traffic in the summer months and the rural roads and shortage of nearby parking facilities. We don't get a huge amount of ASB reported in Llangollen Rural but it is regularly reported as amongst resident's main concerns.

Finally an appeal to parents as the children probably won't read the newsletter;- Please talk to your kids – sometimes what they see as 'just having a laugh' can have a really hurtful effect on other members of your community. They might not be breaking the law but that doesn't mean it's okay to behave that way.

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](mailto: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 where advice and guidance can be found regarding a wide range of issues.

## Best Kept Garden Competition

We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts have agreed to judge the garden competition again this year. Andrea has been on the Wales in Bloom team for a number of years; she has a passion for plants and runs her own gardening business. Tony is a very good vegetable gardener and has his own allotment at Price's Lane. They form an excellent judging team and we look forward to taking them around your lovely gardens!

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### Llangollen Rural Community Council

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\* Categories are:-

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**Vegetable Garden**

**Hanging Basket**

**Container.**

**Children's Garden**

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

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

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

**The gardens will be judged on Tuesday 5th July 2016**

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

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

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

Please return the completed form to:

**Mrs Sue Jones, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor by Friday 1st July 2016**

**For further information please phone 01978 810466**

# County Councillors Diary

By Pat Jeffares

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

**Community Council AGM** Councillor Mrs Alyson Winn, was installed as the new chair for the ensuing year, I would like to wish her every success during her term of office. Councillor Darrell Wright was also elected as vice chair. I would like to say a special thanks to the outgoing chairman Councillor Elfed Morris, who did a great job during his term of office. It was a great pleasure to work with him and his fellow Councillors and the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones.

**Planting** The Clerk, Mrs Sue Jones has put the wheels in motion, and is ordering the bedding plants for this coming year. What a colourful year we have had in the ward with the Daffodils a great show again around our three villages. The best kept garden competition also added to the colour, and let's hope for another successful one this year. It's thanks to Sue the Clerk, the volunteers, and the Community Councillors that make this happen. Let's hope for a nice summer like last year.

**Litter Picking** Thanks to Mrs Ceri Postle from Wrexham Council, and Shane Hughes of Tidy Wales, they recently organised a litter pick day, which once again was a great success. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day.



**Skip day** I have now arranged for our skip day on the 29th June, 8.30am – 2.30pm. The skip will be placed on the carpark at Trevor Community Centre. The usual arrangements apply.

**New Kitchens/Bathrooms** This programme is now well ahead of schedule, and the tenants are very pleased with the outcome.

**Garth Playground** I was so pleased to hear that we were successful in our bid to get funding to refurbish the playground. I was so impressed with the video that the children of Garth School put together to support the bid. The teachers, parents, local residents and businesses of Garth all pulled together to fundraise and support the bid for a new playground. Also involved have been the Community Council, Aqueduct Community Association, Mrs Carla Hughes from Wrexham County Borough Council and WREN who were the fund provider. I am also very pleased that we have now had all three playgrounds in the Ward refurbished during my time as a County Councillor.

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