

Community News

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Best Kept Garden Competition – 2006

The winners of the 2006 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre recently.

Mrs Julia Jones won the Best Overall for the third year running. The prize for the most outstanding feature was shared between Mr & Mrs Phil Keddie and Mrs Julia Jones.

This year twenty gardens were entered from Fron, Tower Hill, Trevor and Garth. The judges Mr Tom Owen and Mr John Pemberton, commented on 'the exceptionally high standard of the gardens, and thanked all who took part for making them feel so welcome'.



Overall Large Garden

1. Mrs Julia Jones
2. Mrs Ida Wild
3. Mr & Mrs JG Hughes
4. Mrs Elaine Gracie,
Mr & Mrs Barry Lewis
& Mr Stephen Tudor

Overall Small Garden

1. Mrs Stella Fielding
2. Mr & Mrs Phil Keddie
3. Mr Jeff Roberts & Mrs Edith Puxty
4. Mr Ted Davies and Mr Peter Evans

Containers

1. Mr D.R. Davies
2. Mrs Ida Wild
3. Mr & Mrs Barry Lewis
4. Mrs Enid Powell & Mrs D Jones

Hanging Baskets

1. Australia Arms
2. Miss Helen Jones
3. Mrs Ida Wild
4. Mrs Elaine Humphrey, Mrs J Llywarch
& Mrs Angela Hulse

Most Outstanding Feature

Mrs Julia Jones & Mr & Mrs Phil Keddie

Best Overall – (Monsanto Rose Bowl)

Mrs Julia Jones

Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir

Part Two

The Choir had its first success in 1950 winning first prize at the Flint Eisteddfod. By now the Choir were competing throughout the Country including the London Eisteddfod. There would be lots of fun and impromptu entertainment with a few drinks and often travelling through the night to get home just in time for breakfast and for many Choristers straight to work.

In the early years all the Choristers came from Fron but as the Choir progressed new members joined from the neighbouring villages. In 1965 the choir made their first European Concert Tour and gave an outstanding performance at the German International Singing Festival, Bremen. By 1970 after 23 years hard work, Lloyd had built Fron Choir into one of the top International Choirs but after a very short illness he died, aged 61.

In 1971 they appointed John A. Daniel, a young 22 years old music student from Rhos as the new Conductor. John soon established himself and over the next 20 years led the Choir to further success at National and International level. They won at Llangollen in 1977 and 1987 and the BBC Choir competition 3 times. They toured Canada 3 times, Germany and France.

Families Flock to Aqueduct Fun Day

Over 3,000 people attended the Family Fun Day at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct on July 8th and enjoyed a host of activities from funfair rides and face painting to more traditional activities such as wood carving and canal inspired art.

The event was organised jointly by the Economic Development Department of Wrexham County Borough Council and British Waterways as part of their effort to support the bid for World Heritage Status for Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

A highlight for 7-year-old Catherine Davies from Trevor was winning the 'Guess the Weight of the Trout' competition with her perfect estimate of 8lb 1oz for the superb fish, which had been caught that very morning.



Chairman's Corner

Hello and welcome to this our third newsletter. We have adopted a slightly different format for this edition, by adding a full page of adverts to offset the publishing costs. Our thanks to all who have supported us with this. Since our last edition the community council have been involved in the family fun day on the canal side. This was a very successful day, which will hopefully become an annual event. We have also held our annual garden competition and would like to express our thanks to all who entered and attended the presentation evening. An enjoyable hour was spent admiring photographs of some very beautiful gardens.

On a different note the Community Council have not yet decided on any projects for this session. If anyone has pressing concerns or need for local amenities that come under the remit of the community council do not hesitate to contact the clerk with details, and these matters would be considered.

Sue Kempster

Local Youngsters compete at the Royal Welsh Show

Former Ysgol Y Garth Pupils Katy Parry (15) and Jamie Radford (14) were part of the Berwyn and Dee Pony Club mounted games display team, which entertained visitors to the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells this summer.

Performing in front of record crowds of over 67,000, the team raced against six other pony club teams from across Wales. The teams also took part in the grand parade, and the competition was screened on S4C.

Pony Club mounted games requires a high degree of agility, athleticism and discipline. Katy and Jamie have been participating in the sport since they were both seven years old, and train on average twice a week through the season. Both have previously been invited for trials to represent Wales in international competitions.

For more information on local Pony Club activities visit www.berwynanddee.co.uk or telephone 01978 820819.

The photograph: Katy Parry riding Cheetah and Jamie Radford riding Tango (both ponies owned by Mrs G Parry)



Trevor Green Project

Earlier this year funds were secured by the Local Youth Association, to carry out work on Trevor Green to help make it a more pleasing place to look at. With the help of Groundwork Wrexham, members of the Youth Club built containers and planted a variety of plants.

The Youth Club are now solely responsible for the up keep of the planters and come the autumn we will endeavour to re-organise the plants and plant flowering spring bulbs.

For many of the children involved this was their first experience of gardening, and should any members of the local community wish to impart their knowledge to these children, it will be greatly appreciated. If anyone has spring bulbs that they would like us to plant in the containers, please contact me. Tracey Pugh **01978 820631**

Charity Fun Run

A large number of the community have just enjoyed a night of fun at the Telford. What could only be described as the 'annual' fun run has just taken place.

What started as good-humoured banter between the bar manager and regulars became a competitive relay between two teams over ten miles. That was three years ago a good sum was raised in sponsorship and given to the beavers. Last year competition was rife and proceeds went to the youth club. This year three teams of eight took part with a back up crew of ten people. These provided timings, cold drinks, transport and even videoing the event.

Loads of supporters turned out to cheer on the teams (many of these in fancy dress). Everyone involved including spectators had a great time and a true sense of community spirit prevailed. Well done to the young of this community for this great night especially Rob and Sarah for their effort and enthusiasm in organising this event. Thanks also to Dee and Greg for hosting the event and providing refreshments for the runners. The proceeds of this years run will go to Garth C.P School.



Team Assos



Marky "G"



Berrys Babes

Casting back to iron days

The Pontcysyllte Foundry came into being at the time when Telford built the nearby aqueduct in 1795. Originally it was a satellite to Plas Kynaston Foundry, Cefn Mawr and it is certain that small parts of the Aqueduct were cast at Pontcysyllte Foundry. It was originally called The Poncysyllte Ironworks and in its final years The Canal Foundry.

In about 1897 James Diggory became the owner and for a short while used the premises as a depot for household coal. However, in 1910 the premises reverted to a foundry. The business remained in the Diggory family until 1964 when it was sold.

Following the end of World War One approximately 35 men were employed in positions such as moulders, furnace men, smiths, patternmakers, joiners and general workers. The foundry contained a large furnace, smithy, office, various workshops and other buildings.

All waste from the furnace was taken on a small tramway to the far corner of the yard and placed on a flat-bottomed boat, taken up the canal and deposited in the wood alongside.

With the coming of World War Two, by order of the Government of the day, parts of Mosquito Aircraft and engines from landing craft were stored here for the duration of the war as a precaution against possible air raids.

In 1970 the premises and contents were sold to a Wrexham company who used it for storing scrap cars and other material. Eventually the site was cleared and today no evidence remains to show that a foundry ever existed there.

We are indebted to Mr HC Diggory for providing us with the information used in this article

Village Fun Day

On the 12th August a family Fun day was held at the Froncysyllte Community Centre to raise funds for the centre's refurbishment. A grand total of £850.00 was raised.

The event organiser Jess Richards would like to thank Ian Edwards and Steve Buckley for the catering and Barry Roberts from the Aqueduct Inn for his support.

The children were kept entertained with a bouncy castle. The Disco kept the party going until late in the evening, with thanks to Rob Sudlow and Phil Davies for running the bar throughout the event.

Jess said 'the day had a great atmosphere and everyone who attended had a great time. But without the continuing support of the Fron residents none of this would have been possible. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the fun'.

What's On

Flexsys Community Hall

Choral Variations present a Fashion Show featuring "Just the Right Thing"

Monday September 11th 2006
at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 each
to include wine and cake.
For further information telephone
Helen **01978 355519**

Flexsys Community Hall

Concert by Fron Male Voice Choir

Monday October 16th 2006
at 7.30pm. Free Admission

Flexsys Community Hall

Concert by The Denver Duo

Monday November 20th 2006
At 7.30pm. Free Admission

Recipe for All in One Quiche

Half a cup of Self Raising Flour
1 cup of milk
4 eggs

Mix all the ingredients together and add a sprig of parsley, 1 onion, 2 rashers of diced bacon, a cup of grated cheese, salt and pepper. You can vary the filling as you please.

Pour into a greased pie dish and bake in a moderate oven until set (approximately 40 minutes). After thirty-five minutes take it out of the oven and slice tomatoes and grated cheese over the top.

Answers to the questions raised by the Vicar of Chirk in our Summer newsletter

Church Festival:

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ.

Historical Event:

Dropping of first atom bomb 6th August 1945.

Trevor & Garth Women's Institute

The Institute meets every second Thursday of the month in Trevor and Garth Community Centre at 7pm. New Members are always welcome and anyone wishing to join should contact either

Mrs Daisy Berry:- President,
Mrs Jean Roberts:- Secretary
Mrs Joyce Evans:- Treasurer

Programme 2006

15th September Honey Pots
12th October AGM – Quiz
9th November Cooking Demonstration
December Christmas Dinner

Trevor Bowls Club

Trevor Bowls Club was formed in 1990 and plays in the Community Centre regularly every Thursday evening between August and March. We originally had over 20 members; although numbers fluctuated over the years we are now enjoying a renewed interest in the game.

One of our major successes 10 years ago, was when one of our younger players reached the status of World Champion! Over the years he earned the titles of County Champion; Welsh; British Isles and finally World Champion at the age of 18.

We have two mats and bowls if anyone is interested. We also have an International Umpire/qualified Club Coach who attends.

Sessions re-start Thursday 31 August.
Juniors £1 from 7pm to 8.30pm
Adults £1.50 from 8.30pm onwards.
(Refreshments included).

For further information please contact
Moira Griffiths on **01978 824401**

Community Policing

I would like to thank all those in the community who take an active interest in ensuring that the Llangollen Rural area remains a safe and peaceful place to live and work. I am pleased to say that crime levels remain low in our area, which is one of the safest wards in North Wales.

One area that should be mentioned is that of Vehicle crime. Whilst walking around your area I find a great number of vehicles that are either left unlocked and unattended, or are parked with the windows left open. I appreciate that in part this was due to the heat wave that we encountered but it only takes a few seconds for the unscrupulous thief to be away on their toes with your property. Remember it only takes a few seconds to secure your vehicle.

This leads me onto reminding everyone; please do not leave possessions in your vehicle on display. These should be locked in the boot out of sight or better still removed from the vehicle when not being used.

As we go into the winter months, can I ask that we all look after each other especially the elderly residents? If you see anything or anybody suspicious in your village then report it, at the time, when my colleagues or I can act on the information rather than in some cases days later.

Don't forget that if you need to get hold of me for any reason then you can contact me by telephone **01978 290222**, mobile **07766 047972** or by e-mailing me at **gary.robertshaw@north-wales.police.uk**. You can also speak to me whilst I'm walking around your streets.

Pc Gary Robertshaw.

Fron Fun Day Report

The carnival on the 17th July was very well attended and we were lucky to have such glorious weather. The parade started from the drawbridge and the carnival queen, Rhiannon Atkinson cut the ribbon to declare the carnival open. Mrs Audrey Owens crowned the carnival queen and presented her and her attendants, Bethan and Sian Williams, Lucy Anthonisz and Aimee Roberts with gifts. Mrs Owens then judged the fancy dress competition, which was won by a Chimney Sweep and Snow White. Rhiannon Atkinson presented Mrs Owens with a basket of flowers.

There were lots of stalls, Andrew Jarvis the head teacher got soaked in the stocks! Lovely refreshments provided by Pat Wilson and Dawn Needham with bar facilities by the Aqueduct Inn. There was also a bouncy castle and so much more. Fron School Dance Club gave a display of their dance routines. The Gator provided brilliant entertainment and everyone agreed they are a really talented band.

Everyone had a great day and a total of £818.00 was raised for school funds.

We wish to thank everyone involved (too numerous to mention) for all their support on the day and to the public for their support.

Here's to next year!

County Councillor's Diary

This is a brief update on what's been happening within the ward since our last Newsletter.

The replacement of doors within our housing stock is almost complete. There has also been some paintwork carried out, and still more to be done. Discussions have been held regarding the fascia boards and guttering, I am still awaiting the outcome.

I am pleased to say that I have been informed that from January 2007, our ward will become eligible for funding under the new Rural Development Plan for Wales. At present I don't know what the terms and conditions are, a meeting will be held in September for all the rural members. Following this meeting, when the details are known, I will arrange a public meeting to see what projects we can put together to make best use of this funding.

At the Council's Annual General Meeting in May, I was voted onto the ten member executive board, and appointed as Deputy lead member for Children and Young People. This covers Social Services, Education, Youth Service & the Youth Offending Service.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me **Pat Jeffares**

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Editor's Comments

We have received very positive feedback regarding our first two Newsletters and we hope you will continue to enjoy the Autumn and Winter editions.

Northern Marches Cymru contributed towards the cost of the previous newsletters but now we have to cover the cost ourselves. We have been looking for sponsors to advertise their service's, as this will help cover some of the cost. We hope you will find our middle pages just as interesting.

Due to lack of space some of the articles in this newsletter have been reduced. The complete articles can be seen on our web site **www.llangollen-ruralcc.org**

If you have any comments or views please forward them to Sue Jones

Tel. **01978 810466** or e-mail **clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.org**

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Will be out first week in December and will be delivered to households by Councillors and the two Youth Clubs. Any items for inclusion in this the Christmas edition, should be in by Monday 13th November 2006.

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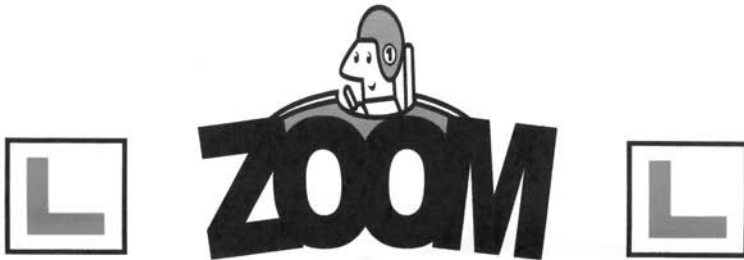
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