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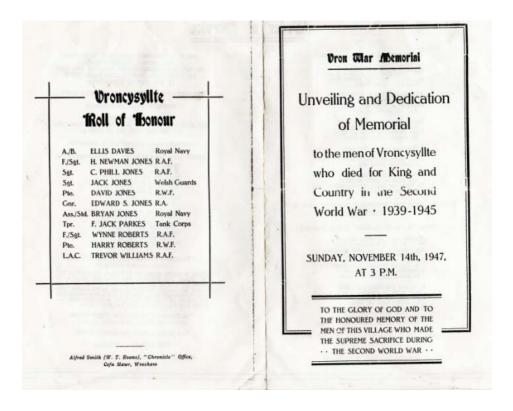
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A little bit of history.

By Moira Griffiths



The above shows the front and rear pages of a leaflet distributed to locals in November 1947. The two inner pages show the 'order of service'. If anyone is interested in seeing this complete leaflet they can view it in a folder being held by Joyce Evans.

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 15th December, Wednesday 12th January and Wednesday 9th February.

Aqueduct Classics Trials Club

By Anita Jeffares

Russell Jones and Andrew Jeffares of Aqueduct Classics Trials Club, present a cheque for £400 to Graham Binnie and Gordon Massey of the North East Wales branch of SSAFA. Aqueduct Classics recently organised a classic motorcycle trial to raise money for SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Families Association). The event was held at Nant Ucha farm on July 18th, with all proceeds being donated to this worthy cause. The event was well supported by local classic motorcycle riders along



with riders from the USA and Northern Ireland. More charity events are planned, so please check out the website for further details. www.aqueductclassics.org

Left to Right: - Gordon Massey (SSAFA Branch Chairman), Russell Jones, Andrew Jeffares, Graham Binnie (SSAFA Branch Secretary).

Apricot and almond chocolate crunch

By Jan Norman

300g Plain chocolate

100g Milk chocolate

150g Butter

2tbsp Runny honey

1tbsp Golden syrup

2 'Crunchie' bars

230g 'Digestive' biscuits

100g Chopped apricots

100g Flaked almonds

Melt chocolate (broken into squares) honey, syrup and butter together in a dish over simmering water, crush biscuits and Crunchie bars into small pieces add to melted chocolate mixture with chopped apricots and almonds, put in a 10" square tin, chill in fridge and then cut into portions.

I use the value chocolate at 30p a bar from Asda, Tesco or Sainsbury.

Bird Watch - Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Robins, Blackbird, Heron, Magpies, owls, House & Hedge Sparrows, Stock Dove, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Blue Tit, Starlings, Great Tit, Buzzards, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Blackcap, Collard Dove, Wood Pigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker, (Male & Female), Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Ducks, Crows, Seagulls & Bullfinch.

Froncysyllte Halloween Disco

By Barbara Davies



The PTFA held a Halloween and fancy dress disco which was good fun with lots of spooky characters. Jody won the fancy dress competition and was awarded a Halloween CD donated by our super DJ Disco Dave.

Thank you to Dave for your time and effort it is much appreciated. Thanks also for the two new male PTFA recruits Simon & Russ for their fabulous cooking skills behind the scenes.

Froncysyllte Walking Group Go Batty

By Julie Williams

On Wednesday 29th September Julie and Vaughan led the Froncysyllte Walkers on an evening Bat Walk. Taking along our very own 'Bat Girl' Lesley Richards, who brought along a bat detecting device. This allowed the walkers to listen in to a number of different bat species including Daubentons which hunt insects from the surface of water. These were spotted on a number of occasions feeding along lengths of the canal. All agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening.

Following an application from the walk leaders, Cakes and Company kindly offered to buy two bat detectors which will be put into good use with interested groups in the Spring of 2011. May we take this opportunity of thanking the Cakes and Company committee for their support and generosity.

For details of regular walks and 'specials', please check Froncysyllte notice boards, Cakes and Company website and Walkabout leaflets, available in Tourist Information Centres and Libraries.

Julie and Vaughan would like to thank all the walkers for their continued support, also Janet Norman and St David's Church Fron for providing refreshments on their November walk when the Community Cafe was closed.

Walks will resume on the third Saturday in January (15th), 12.30pm from Fron Community Centre.

FLEXSYS

Cllr.Glyn Jones has sent in this condensed version of a letter distributed by Solutia UK Ltd. on 28th June 2010.

The demolition activity within Flexsys is now largely complete with just the powerhouse remaining and it should be cleared by the end of the year. However one manufacturing operation, owned by Dupont Air Products, remains and will continue to function until 2013.

The local Solutia Management Team will soon be leaving site and thereafter, Solutia will continue to manage the site from its Newport location. (Solutia have been the owners of the site since Flexsys was formed, Flexsys owned the manufacturing units.) In the event of an issue, there will continue to be Solutia management representatives on site who can be contacted on 01978-812100.

Looking to the long term future, it remains unclear what the ultimate use of the site will be, however Solutia is working hard to reach a conclusion to that question.

Next Community News

Will be out during the first week in March and will be delivered to households by Councillors and the Garth & Trevor Youth Club. Any items of news for inclusion in the Spring edition should be in by Monday 7th February 2011.

If you would like to see any of the previous newsletters, then these can be seen on our web site www.llangollen-ruralcc.org

Update on the Public meeting held in Froncysyllte

By Cllr Jim Davies

I wanted to take this opportunity to give an update on the public meeting held in Froncysyllte in September 2010. It was very well attended with representation from all parts of our community. It is clear there is a passion for our village and a real desire to make improvements to it by working in partnership with Wrexham Council, Welsh Assembly Government and the Aqueduct Association. It is for me to now call the next meeting which in truth is likely to be January, as I have work and family commitments between now an the year end. The date of this meeting will be advertised on the village notice board for all those new people who might want to come along and have an input into how the village might look in the future you will of course be very welcome.

Garth School News.

By Mrs Sylvia Clough



A very hectic autumn is passing at the speed of light. Pupils in the juniors are very busy rehearsing for the Aqueduct Performance in Trevor in December. We are excited that Claire Edwards is working with the children to help them create their show. They have also been involved in making the props so it is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the processes involved in putting on a stage show.

The Holiday Club is still doing well and the children are having good experiences, one of which is on the photographs below. You can see how excited the pupils were as it is written on their faces.

Last week the pupils enjoyed a concert and workshop provided by the Wrexham Music Service. The event was excellent and a lot of fun.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are making piccolos with Jem Hammond and are about to learn how to play tunes on them. The work is very intricate and the children learn skills within aspects of music, science and maths throughout the processes. They also work to scale which is a very important skill indeed. Merry Christmas to all.



The Aqueduct Community Association gets 'Tidy' boost

By Steve Edwards

A bid by The Aqueduct Community Association to improve the local environment has been given a boost thanks to a cash injection by environmental organisation Keep Wales Tidy.

Members of the Aqueduct Community Association have recently constructed a shrub bed on the entrance to the disused railway line at the top of Station Road, Trevor, Nr Llangollen, close to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage site. The new shrub bed has been built from eco friendly railway sleepers and filled with clean good quality topsoil and chipped bark. New shrubs that are native to Britain have been planted in keeping with the local area. The shrub bed should now be low maintenance for quite some time.

Through the Tidy Towns Project, Keep Wales Tidy is able to offer financial assistance to community groups who have demonstrated a commitment to restoring their communities to their former glory. This cash support has been made possible by funding from the Welsh Assembly Government Local Environmental Quality Fund and will be used by volunteer groups to help cover the costs of insurance, tools, equipment, publicity and training. Additional support for communities is offered by Keep Wales Tidy appointed Tidy Towns Officers who are on hand across Wales to offer help and advice on forming groups, holding events and applying for grants. The officers are funded via the Welsh Assembly Government's Tidy Town's project. For more information on the Tidy Towns small grants scheme or to get contact details of your local project officer please contact Tidy Towns on 029 2072 6994 or email: tidy.towns@keepwalestidy.org

Luncheon Club

By Sue Kempster

The Aqueduct Community Association has been lucky enough to be approached by two volunteers who have kindly offered to start a luncheon club for the villages of Garth Trevor and Fron. This will be held one day a week at Trevor and Garth Community Centre. More information about day and time will be available early in the New Year.

For now we are looking for people who have a couple of hours a week they can spare to act as helpers in the kitchen or drivers for the new club.

You don't have to be available every week but any help will be greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact in the first instance, Sue Kempster on $01978\,\,810302$.

Fron School News

By Barbara Davies

Our recent Harvest festival performance was a great success, with every child taking an active role. The performance was followed by the Autumn Fayre. The children have been practising for the Activate community performance 20th November while also learning extensive words for their concert at the MEN Arena Manchester on 29th.



Our Nativity performance will be held on Friday 17th at 9.30am in St David's Church, this will be followed by a coffee morning to draw our Christmas raffle.

Merry Christmas & a Happy 2011 from Froncysyllte C.P School

Bird list

By Julie Williams

Blue tit, Blackbird, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Collared dove, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great tit, Hedge sparrow, Heron, Jay, Jackdaw, Long Tailed tit, Magpie, Robin, Siskin, Swallow, Starling, Swift, Song Thrush, Wren, Woodpigeon.

It appears that the Robin that was feeding out of my hand has been lost. Another one has taken over its territory; let's hope that one becomes tame.

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Advent

By the Revd Neil Kelly, Curate to the Parish of Llangollen with Trevor

Advent, that period leading up to Christmas could possibly be the season that is everybody's favourite. The turkey is getting fat, chestnuts will soon be roasting on an open fire, and chocolate will be consumed from the Advent calendar. This image may be the fantasy, where as in reality contemporary culture guarantees frantic shopping for evermore-expensive gifts in shopping centres that have been blasting out Christmas carols since July (it may just feel like it!).

For Christians Advent provides an opportunity to refocus our attention on the coming of Christ. It's a period that presents the Christian community with a 'fork in the road of decision' about its role in society. Does it go with the flow or offer a counter-cultural experience? If Christians have any thing to say, then we have little choice but to offer something different: a reflective period of stillness and silence, seeking and preparation amidst the craziness of this time of year.

Silence has been the theme of a recent TV series on BBC 2 called 'The Big Silence', in which five volunteers take time out to engage with the challenge of stillness in their own lives. A show about 'Silence' may not sound the most exciting of programmes, but it beat a lot of other reality TV shows into dullness and trivia as it attempted to show what difference silence might make in peoples busy lives.

As the programme demonstrated, silence is a way of 'being' rather than a way of 'thinking'; it is simple and practical and can have profound benefits. But as the participants also found out, time for silence is difficult to find in busy and hectic lives. Yet by the end of the series all five participants had a quite transformative experience through encountering stillness, themselves and God in the silence.

However busy it gets in the rush towards Christmas I hope we too can find some time for silence and stillness this Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

lord of all time

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Amen.

An Advent Prayer by Lesley K. Steel



1st Trevor Scout Group

By Mrs Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

Great news we are full up, between Beavers and Cubs we have 48 children attending the Group every week, you can still put your child's name down on a waiting list for when a vacancy occurs if you wish.

We are desperately in need of a Scout Leader for kids age 11yrs +. If there is anyone out there interested in that position, please call and see me for a chat at our HQ Thursdays between 6.30-8pm.

We recently held a great Halloween party children put bare feet into a bowl of worms (spaghetti), felt the innards of a dead body (cold sausage), ate "Whale's eyes" (sweets), dunked for apples and many more games.

Xmas is racing towards us;

2nd December - We will be carol singing around the estate.

9th December - Xmas party and Santa visit for our group 6.30pm.

15th December - Xmas bingo at our HQ eyes down at 7.30pm.

Thanking you all for your support over the past busy year.

Merry Christmas to you from all at Trevor Scout Group

Cakes and Company Offer Support



Janet Norman presenting a cheque to Betty Thelwell of Fron Pensioners Club.



Beryl Jones, volunteer at Cakes and Company, presenting a cheque to Margaret Jones of Fron Derby & Joan.

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 24th January 2011.

Fron News

Charity Quiz

The Sensory Garden Committee organised a Charity Quiz Night which raised £60 and was split between Help for Heroes and MACS (supporting blind children). A cheque for £30 was presented by Gron Roberts to Chirk British Legion for Help for Heroes.



Local MP Visits Froncysyllte

On Sunday 26th September, Susan Jones, MP for Clwyd South visited the Sensory Garden to offer her congratulations to the garden committee on achieving first prize in the small garden category in the Llangollen Rural Garden competition. She enjoyed tea and cake at the Community Cafe, chatting to locals and congratulating all volunteers on their ongoing success with the venture.

History Talks

Emrys Roberts gave his final history talk of the year reminiscing about 'colourful characters' and their antics in and about Froncysyllte.

Mr Roberts obviously stirred many memories amongst those who had come to listen, and even those that did not know the characters involved enjoyed the evening enormously. As yet, no lawyers have been in touch for slander!!

History talks will resume in the spring. May we take this opportunity to thank Mr Roberts for his time and presenting these interesting and entertaining talks. £59 was raised on the evening for St David's Church, Froncysyllte.

Prize Bingo

A prize bingo was held at Fron Community Centre on 29th October, in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association. A total of $$\pm 403.50$ p was raised on the night. Josie and Eira would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

Autumn Bazaar

Betty and Shirley wish to thank everyone for their support at the Autumn Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th November. £565 was raised for the Fron Pensioners Group.

Cakes and Company

Enjoyed another successful season and presented cheques to a number of organisations in the village. Many thanks to the volunteers old and new, without whom this would be impossible.

Cakes and Company will be open on Saturday 11th December and will then reopen at Easter. If you would like to help in the cafe, please call in and let us know.

Wrexham and Districts National Eisteddfod of Wales 2011

Bethan Grey - Davies, Co-ordinator and Treasurer (01978821288)

Thank you as communities for your valued support. The members of our group enjoyed meeting you during our house to house/raffle appeal and were able to answer your questions regarding the eisteddfod. You very generously donated \$£428. Therefore a big THANK YOU / DIOLCH YN FAWR.

On November 3rd, Llyr Williams gave a piano recital at the Pavilion, Llangollen and was warmly received. As a result well over $\mathfrak{L}1,500$ was raised on the evening.

When Christmas is over and the link between the communities of Trevor and Fron has been restored there will be activities closer to home in both Community Centres.

I have a must for your 2011 diary-Froncysyllte Choir with Rhys Meirion and Lucy Kelly as soloists. The concert will be held at The William Aston Hall on March 5th and all the proceeds will go towards the eisteddfod and will go towards our target. PLEASE SUPPORT.

If you are arranging an event can we come and sell our Eisteddfod Raffle for a Peugeot car there as we did at the Aquaducks event?

Of our target of £20,000 over a quarter has now been reached and we are now aiming for the £10.000 mark. Look out for our distinctive posters.

Nadolig Llawen/ Happy Christmas.

Garth and Trevor Community Centre News

By Delwyn Roberts

The old marley tiles have been taken up and a new timber laminate floor has been laid in the entrance hall and in the main function room. The kitchen has had a new non slip vinyl floor. This work has been supported by Wrexham Rural Development Plan Key Fund, EAFRD, AVOW, Welsh Assembly Government Northern Marches Cymru. Wrexham County Council Village hall Fund, and Llangollen Rural Community Council













Fron After School Kids Club

by Anita leffares

Urban Fusion Dance Crew visited Fron After School Kids Club to hold a dance workshop. This was a tremendously popular event with the majority of the children in the school attending.

An Owl Rescue evening was held on the 16th September. The children were given a very interesting talk all about owls and each child was given the opportunity to hold the birds. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The workshops and visits were made possible by a generous donation from Cakes and Company Community Café. Volunteers from Cakes and Company were invited to a Chimps Tea Party at After School Kids Club.(top)

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 regardless of whether they attend Fron School or not.

For more information please contact Anita Jeffares on 01691 773310.

Infant pupils, Thierry, Isobel, Caelan and Connie with the puppets bought by Cakes and Company for their class.(bottom)







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 1.20 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 2010: December 14th.

Dates for 2011: 4th & 25th January, 15th February, & 8th March.

Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328

Police Matters

By CBM PC Chris Ryder

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been working for North Wales Police for the past five years spending my probationary period in Flintshire. I then moved to Wrexham Town as an Enquiries Officer and am now enjoying community policing and the challenges it brings. As most of you will be aware the Bont Bridge has just been reopened and I know that it is a local concern that no further closure occurs due to over sized vehicles passing. The neighbourhood policing team will be looking to ensure that vehicles observe the restrictions on the bridge. You will be glad to know that the Halloween and bonfire night period went off without any need for emergency services. I would ask you to continue to take basic common sense precautions to prevent opportunist crime and to contact your local neighbourhood policing team for any advice or with any relevant information. Looking ahead for the festive period I would like to wish you all the very best from the neighbourhood policing team!

CBM PC Chris Ryder tel: 07896 172556 E-mail chris.ryder@nthwales.pnn.police.uk PCSO David Jenkins tel: 07854332425 E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk If you need to report any non-emergency incidents, please call 101 or for emergency purposes 999.

Remembrance Sunday

This year, the weather was kind to all taking part in the Remembrance Services at the Cenotaphs in Garth and Froncysyllte. 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. It was a very nice service led by the Reverend Neil Kelly who said it was the first time he had led a service of Remembrance. There were about thirty people present including three Community Councillors with Councillor Mark Valentine presenting a wreath on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.

In Froncysyllte the Sunday Service in St David's and at the Cenotaph were both led by Hilary Prescott, a Worship Leader at Chirk Church. There were at least 36 people present, including 4 Community Councillors, This was more than last year and all agreed that it was a moving service. Emrys Roberts read the roll of honour. James Brown accompanied on the clarinet with the British and Welsh National Anthems. C/Councillor Pat Jeffares presented a wreath on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.

County Councillors Diary

We are still busy with cutting the overgrown hedges and grass, sweeping roads and footpaths in the three villages, and other issues raised at the last Community Council meeting.

The Council's Parks Department, have allocated Daffodils and Tulips to be distributed throughout the ward again this year.

We look forward to the re-opening of Trevor shop, and wish the new shop keeper every success.

Ward Improvements

Parts of Offa's Dyke footpath and the canal side opposite Pen-Y-Bont bungalows have been upgraded. Part of Llangollen Road and some minor roads have been resurfaced. Also some outstanding drainage problems have been completed.

Bont Bridge

At long last the bridge has been re opened, and it's thanks to the local people who came forward as witnesses after the bridge was hit by a coach. This information meant that we were able to get the claim settled quickly. Extra precautions are now in place to stop this happening again, and these will be reviewed in case any further action is required.

Policing

I would like to welcome our new CBM P.C Chris Ryder to our ward, and a special thanks to our PCSO Dave Jenkins for all his hard work during the past year.

Community Council

As Chairman, once again the Community Council has played an important role in the success of the ward, working in conjunction with all the local organisations. It was an honour to be asked by Wrexham Council for the ward to be included on the route for the 2010 Wales in Bloom. Following on from this we then entered our ward in the Wrexham in Bloom competition.

Wrexham County Borough Council has now asked us if we will enter 2011 Britain in Bloom and Wales in Bloom using a similar route, which we have all agreed. Everyone's contribution, no matter how small, rewards our community.

Thanks to all the councillors and the clerk Mrs Sue Jones for all your help and support during the past year.

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.

I would like to wish everybody in the ward a very merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year. Thanking you for all your support during the past year. Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

Pat Jeffares

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AQUEDUCT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Christmas Activities

For Trevor, Garth and Fron

Father Christmas will be visiting the villages

Trevor - Tuesday 14th December from 6pm Fron - Wednesday 15th December from 6pm Garth - Thursday 16th December from 6pm

We will also be holding a Christmas fayre on Wednesday 8th December at Trevor Community Centre from 6pm. With Father Christmas and lots of Festive Goodies.

We will be switching on the Christmas lights in Trevor on Wednesday 8th December at approx. 6pm

Cakes & Co. will open from 12noon to 4pm on Saturday 11th December. Father Christmas will be in attendance and the Llangollen Silver Band will provide entertainment; with the switching on of the Christmas lights at approx. 4pm.

We will be switching on the lights in Garth on Wednesday 8th December.

If you would like a stall in Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Wednesday 8th December please contact:



Andrew Conde 07767845839 or Sue Kempster 810302. Everyone is welcome!

