

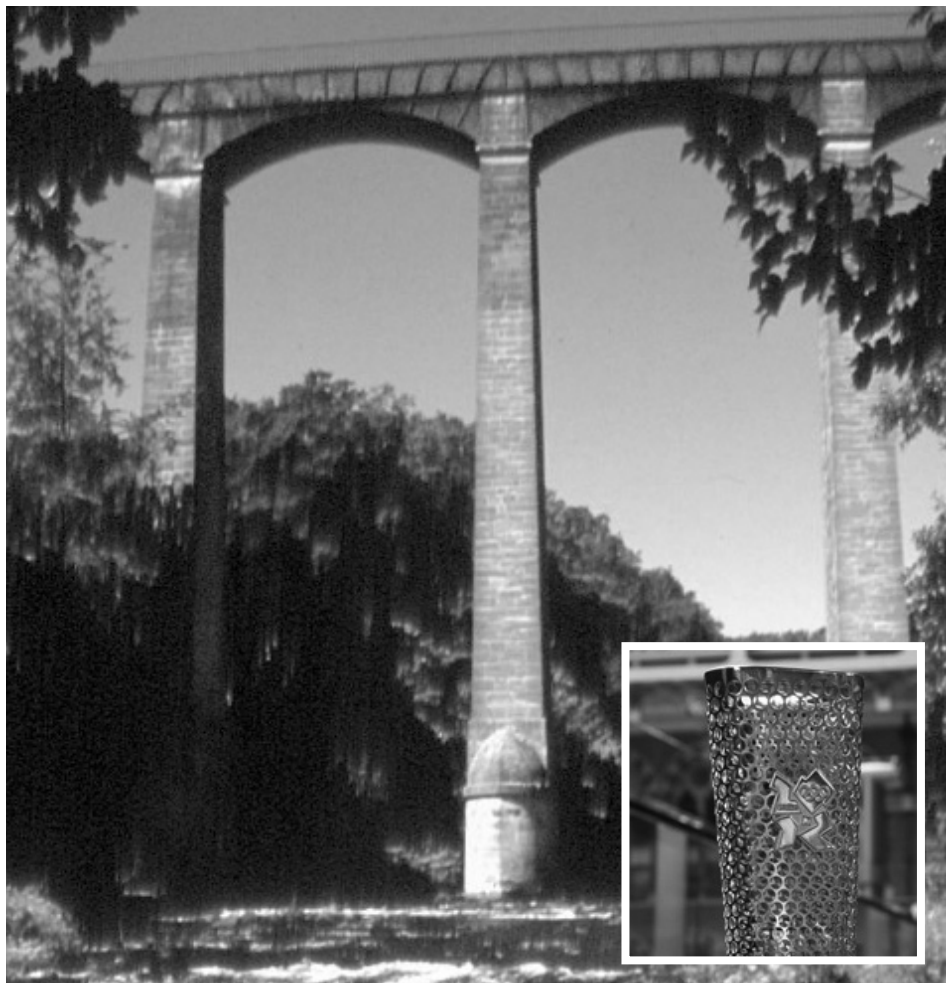
# Community News

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The Olympic Torch will be visiting Trevor Basin on the morning of Wednesday 30 May. Pontcysyllte Aqueduct has been chosen by LOCOG, the organisers of the Torch Relay, as one of the locations for a special photo opportunity and also one where the Torch can travel on an alternative mode of transport. Very few details have been released as yet, but when more are available, they will be posted on the London 2012 website [www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map](http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map). The local press will keep residents informed as more information becomes available nearer to the time.

# Community Centre improves internet skills in the community with free BT broadband

By T Delwyn Roberts Hon. Secretary

Garth and Trevor Community Centre, Telecottage, based in Trevor is celebrating having been awarded a year's free internet connection through BT Community Connections. The award scheme which is part of BT's Get It Together campaign, offers charitable and community organizations who help, or want to help their local community get on line, the chance to apply for 12 months' free BT broadband.

The judges were impressed by the Community Centre's ideas of how they intend to assist more people in their area to use the internet. Currently the centre has several computers and runs access sessions on Mondays and first Click Courses on Thursdays, with the Youth Club having access on Wednesdays. These sessions have proved a big hit with those who do not have IT equipment. New weekly sessions, for basic level training for those who do not have much experience using the internet sending emails and shopping on line, started on Thursday 12th. January 2011.



Delwyn Roberts said "We're so pleased to have been recognized by BT Community Connections and the year's free broadband is just fantastic. We have worked hard to establish the telecottage computer access facility. We're really excited about the training sessions and how they will help people, even if it is only helping people keep in touch with old friends or share photographs with family who are far away."

Simon Paul, BT Community Investment Manager, said: "This scheme is an important part of the BT's Get IT Together programme to make the benefits of the internet available to as many organizations as possible. There are still nine million people in the UK who have never used the internet and BT Community Connections is one of the steps that BT is taking to reduce this number and we are really excited about it."

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## Fundraiser hands over thousands to hospice

DEDICATED Roy Duggan, from Trevor, has handed over £1,595 to Hope House Children's Hospices following his fundraising efforts last year.

Despite suffering from ill-health Mr Duggan has still been out collecting for the last 12 months, encouraging people to donate to Hope House.

Mr Duggan has raised tens of thousands for charities over the years through sponsored walks, fundraising evenings and collecting on his mobility scooter.

Rachel Jones, fundraiser for Hope House, said: "Roy is an amazing

gentleman and we are delighted to have been his charity again last year.

"Over the years Roy has raised over £20,000 for Hope House. This is a huge sum of money and really makes a difference to the vital services we provide.

"During this difficult financial time Roy's support has given us an extra boost and we are very grateful to him and everyone who has supported him."

■ Roy Duggan with Hope House fundraiser Rachel Jones.



## **Chairman's Corner**

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

The last twelve months have been very interesting and challenging with a number of issues addressed by Llangollen Rural Community Council. There has also been some special community events such as the now famous, or should I say infamous, Pensioner's Party. My thanks to all those that helped out on the evening, in preparation ahead of the event and during the Santa runs around the three villages.

Part of our role is to ensure that the needs of the community are well represented further afield, whether this be through representations made in relation to our ward boundaries or re-surfacing of our roads and footways. We also have ongoing projects such as those to re-instate an area of damaged wall in Noddfa cemetery and another to repair the damaged paving at the Cenotaph at Fron Church. Whilst all Councillors play their part in this, I would like to extend a personal thank you to our County Councillor, Pat Jeffares and our Clerk Mrs Sue Jones who work tirelessly behind the scenes. As an update to my note in the last newsletter, we received one response with regard to the telephone box in Garth and the Council has decided not to adopt it. Therefore the box will remain in the ownership of BT who will then consider its future use or removal.

As this will be my last article as Chairman, I would like to thank the Council for the support they have shown me, and for the Clerk's guidance in my duties. It has been an honour and something I have very much enjoyed.

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## **Concerned about Dog fouling in our area?**

You can report an incident direct to the Public Protection Department, Ruabon Offices, High Street, Ruabon, phone 01978 298989. Or phone the Environmental Officers on 07800 688790 or 07753 771711. It will help to have a note of the date, the time and place the incident occurred as well as a description of the offender (if known) and any other relevant information such as colour, size and breed of dog.

Dog owners do you know that failure to pick up after your dog can result in a maximum penalty of £1,000? Fixed penalty notices can be issued to offenders caught allowing their dogs to foul and not removing the waste or failing to dispose of their litter in a correct manner. The fixed penalties are set by the Welsh Assembly. Currently fixed penalties of £75 are routinely issued for dog fouling and littering offences. The fixed penalty notices require payment to be made within 14 days of the notice being received to prevent further action being taken. Failure to pay can result in court procedures. Dog fouling carries a maximum penalty of £1,000 and littering including dropping cigarette stubs can incur a penalty of up to £2,500. The Environmental Enforcement Officers carry out frequent patrols of areas within the County Borough in order to catch offenders.

## Canal Tidy-up (Local project)

By Moira Griffiths

As a Volunteer for British Waterways, I am always happy to get involved in their local projects. Recently I helped to tidy up the right hand 'fork' just off Scotch Hall.

The grass and weeds had taken a good hold of the seating area but with a bit of 'gentle' persuasion they soon came out leaving a nice brickwork floor on show. The stone wall around the end of the 'fork' is now exposed as the weeds have been removed and cut back. The steps and bridge were cleaned of most of the weeds and ivy and litter was also removed.



However, there is still a lot to do in another project scheduled for mid February and again in March. It would be nice to see the canal free of litter as all rubbish ends up here with it being a 'dead end'. We are hoping to tidy up part of the centre area but we are aware that there is a lot of wildlife here.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Volunteer (Ranger) then details are available on the display board outside the Information Point at Trevor Basin.

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## Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Blue Tit, Great Tit, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Robins, Hedge Sparrows, Heron, Nuthatches, Blackbirds, Bullfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Collared Dove, Wood Pigeon, Crows, Magpies, Geese, Starlings, Seagulls, Owls, Buzzards, Coal Tit, Jay & Siskin.

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## Pineapple Cheesecake

115g/4 oz digestive biscuits, finely crushed

4 tbsp butter, melted, plus extra for greasing

100g/3½ oz caster sugar

Juice of 1 lemon

2 tbsp grated lemon rind

350g/12 oz cream cheese

350g/12 oz curd cheese

150ml/5 fl oz dbl cream, whipped

400g/14 oz canned pineapple slices, drained and halved

pinch of freshly grated nutmeg, to decorate (optional)

Put the crushed biscuits into a large bowl and mix in the melted butter. Grease a 20cm/8inch loose bottomed cake tin with butter, 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 refrigerator to chill for at least 4 hours.

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

## **Froncysyllte After School Kids Club**

Welcome to our spring newsletter. All the pupils continue to enjoy club activities. Numbers are very healthy, some nights we are full with 24 pupils attending. Here are some of the some of the activities that have taken place since the last letter.

**After School Club Christmas Fayre.** The annual Christmas Fayre was held on November 26th in Froncysyllte Community Centre. As usual it was very well supported. Between the numerous stalls held on the day, over £650 was raised. The money will be spent on purchasing new equipment for the club and it will also enable the club to run special event evenings. A big thank you to everyone involved both on the day and also for all the very kind donations for the raffle.

**Dance Show** The children who attend the weekly dance class performed a display for their parents. They should all be very proud of themselves for their hard work and dedication. Well done everyone!

**Owl Rescue Visit** On Tuesday 7th February, the children enjoyed a visit from the Owl Rescue. This proved to be a very popular event. The children were given a very interesting talk all about the owls and each child had the opportunity to hold the birds.

### **Weekly events:**

**Street Dance Workshop** A dance workshop is held every Monday night in club. The children learn new dance moves every week and are hoping to put on a show for parents and friends in the summer term.

This has proved to be a very popular workshop.

**Jewellery Making** The children have been making jewellery. This has been attended by children of all ages. They have made bracelets and necklaces on several occasions and have asked if they can make more!

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

The Froncysyllte After School Club is open to all children aged between 3 and 11 years old and provides a safe and fun filled environment. The club provides a variety of activities for children of all ages to enjoy. The Club is held in the school every evening between 3.15pm and 5.30pm and open to all children regardless of whether they attend Fron school or not.

For more information, please contact Anita Jeffares on 01691 773310

E-mail: neatjeffares@aol.com

## Walkabout Wrexham (Fron Group)

By Julie & Vaughan Williams

Froncysyllte Walking Group continue to maintain their end of year traditions and in November ended their walk at the Duke of Wellington, Acrefair, where Shaun and Vicky provided a hearty and much needed lunch of stew followed by cheese and biscuits. This was greatly enjoyed by the group who are looking forward to another visit after the January walk.

Once again a very warm welcome was extended to Fron Walking Group by the staff of the Bryn Howel for their traditional Festive Footsteps lunch. 27 of the walking group thoroughly enjoyed a lovely meal and festive entertainment to round off another successful year's walking in the area.

On behalf of the Fron Walking Group, Julie and Vaughan would like to thank both venues for hosting us so well.

A full programme of events has been organised for 2012. Information available from Fron Community Centre notice board and Cakes and Company Community Cafe which will be open again from Easter.

Julie and Vaughan will be leading a Jubilee Celebration Walk on Monday 4th June at 12.30pm, starting as usual from Fron Community Centre car park, as part of the wider Jubilee celebrations taking place in the village. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who has not walked with us in the past and wishes to join us as we explore the History and Heritage around and about Fron and Trevor Basin.



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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

Dates for 2012: 20th March, 10th April, 1st & 22nd May. Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328.

# A Message for Easter

Tony Rees, Vicar of St David's Church, Francysyllte

The cross has been the Christian sign and symbol from the time of Jesus onwards. See a cross, and it declares a Christian presence, be it church or chapel, baptism or blessing.

On Good Friday, Christians remember the crucifixion of Christ. Jesus died on the cross, and that is why it is the Christian sign. Yet the cross was a degrading punishment, a slow torturous death, a demonstration of the harshness and barbarity of the Roman Empire which is so often upheld as a civilisation.

Yet the gospels tell us that Jesus predicted his passion, knew that crucifixion would be the inevitable result of his ministry of healing and preaching. Bad people cannot tolerate the presence of the good, then and now. All the characters round the cross were contributors to the death of Jesus, the Son of God.

For the Gospel writers Mark, Luke, and Matthew, Jesus died a victim of injustice and wickedness and religious bigotry. For the writer of John's Gospel, Jesus died a victor: good triumphing over evil, God triumphing over man, life triumphing over death. All of them are right in their interpretation of the death of Christ. What do you think ?

Here is a little story often told: I once asked Jesus how much he loved me. "This much", he said, and holding wide his arms he died.

Know Christ's love for you, especially on Good Friday.

## Easter Services

### St David's Church, Francysyllte.

Sunday 11th March

No service at St David's Church, Fron., but a united short service at St Mary's Church, Chirk at 10.30, followed by the Parish (Church) Annual Meeting.

**Sunday 18th March** - Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 9.30 am.

**Tuesday 27th March** - Visiting speaker from Christian Aid in St Mary's Church Hall, Chirk, at 2.00 pm.

**Good Friday (6th April)** - Devotional Service at 12.00 midday.

**Easter Sunday (8th April)**- Family Communion at 9.30 am.

**Whitsunday (27th May)** - Family Communion at 9.30 am.

Services every Sunday at 9.30 am at St David's Church, unless noted above.

### Trevor Church

**Sunday 18th March**

Communion Service for Mothering Sunday at 9.30 am.

**Sunday 1st April**

Palm Sunday Service at 9.30am

**Good Friday (6th April)**

Service at 9.30am

**Easter Sunday (8th April)**

Family Communion at 9.30 am.



## Trevor & Garth WI News

By Jean Roberts

Our Christmas Party was held at Park Hall Leisure Centre Oswestry where we were served an excellent Christmas Meal following the meal we all enjoyed two games of Tenpin Bowls.

January- We held a Race Night with an Ascot theme members all came wearing posh hats. Following the racing we all enjoyed a Hotpot Supper.



February Meeting - We are off to Estonia Susan & Tracey who have recently visited Estonia shared some of their experiences with us!

### The Trevor WI Executives

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## Froncysyllte School PTFA – Events for Spring 2012

The Prize Bingo Night at the Community Centre on Friday 16th March is for Froncysyllte School PTFA

Doors open 6.30pm – eyes down 7pm

We are having another Pamper Night this year to be held at the Community Centre at 7.30pm Friday 23rd March with Beauticians, Mediums and Craft stalls which will include cakes, handbags, and jewellery.

Tickets are just £5 each (including a drink and nibbles)

The Pamper Night is open to everyone so please come and bring your friends for a great night out in the village. Tickets are available from School

Tickets for the Froncysyllte School Easter Raffle will be on sale from 1st March at the school and through the village. We have some fantastic prizes which so far include a full day canal boat hire, a huge Cadbury Chocolate Hamper and a family ticket for the Llangollen Railway.

All the fundraising this term will enable us to further develop the school grounds for all the children to enjoy. This year the children have asked the PTFA to improve the garden area and to attract wildlife with bird boxes and feeders and to set up a bird hide in the school.



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The dates of visits to your area for the next three months are as follows:

**Wednesday's 7th March, 4th April & 2nd May.**

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## Aqueduct Community Association

The photographs are of Santa on his visit to our three villages during December 2011 and the pensioner's free party. The funding from the Santa runs pays for the pensioner's party. Many thanks to everybody who helped out with both events; it's a lot of hard work, but well worth it!





## **Llangollen Rural Community Council Dates of Meetings – 2012**

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

January	-	No meeting
February	7th	Fron Community Centre
March	6th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
April	3rd	Fron Community Centre
May	8th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
June	5th	Fron Community Centre
July	10th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
August	-	No meeting
September	4th	Fron Community Centre
October	2nd	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
November	6th	Fron Community Centre
December	4th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre

For further information contact the Clerk to the Council. Tel – 01978 810466

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### **Llangollen Rural Community Councillors:**

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### **Local Elections May 2012**

On the 3rd May, elections will take place to appoint both County and Community Councillors. Guidance for anyone interested in standing as a Councillor is available from:-

The Electoral Commission [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk),

Welsh Local Government Association:- [www.wlga.gov.uk](http://www.wlga.gov.uk)  
or the Electoral Services, Ty Dewi Sant, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham.

# Frøncysylte School



## Chinese New Year Celebrations

# 1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson    Group Scout Leader.

Our Cub Section went carol singing around the village in early December and thanks to you all raised £90 for their group.

The Scouts also sang carols around the Christmas tree in Garth when mince pies and Mulled wine were served to warm everyone up. Our Christmas raffle raised £175 and the main prize of a large hamper was won by a very long time supporter of our group, Lyn Jones of George Avenue, Trevor, which was very nice.

At the moment the Beaver section are cooking up a storm making such things as themed biscuits and really enjoying this activity.

The Cub section are working on their Personal safety badge which includes things like fire precautions, talking to strangers, green cross code and very importantly these days safety while on line.

The scout section are attempting the Dragon award {for welsh scouts only}. To gain this they have to sleep under canvas at least 1 night every month for 12 months. They slept out the last Saturday in January and it was freezing. Good luck to them.

The whole group is very active at the moment and thriving, the Beaver numbers have increased but we still have room for children age 6-8yrs. The Cub section is full at the moment. Scouts still have vacancies for boys and girls 10-14yrs.

Also if there is anyone who has a skill or any spare time we would be very grateful for any help even if not on a regular weekly basis, you can contact me at our Trevor HQ on a Thursday evening for an informal chat.

Our next bingo will be Wednesday March 7th, eyes down at 7.30pm.

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## TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



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

Everyone welcome please come and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat whilst the children play. Juice and snack provided for children. £1.50 for 1st child and 50p per additional child.

### **We run through all school holidays!**

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

Tiddlywinks also arranged a trip to Moreton Garden Centre on 23rd December for Tea with Santa which was a fantastic addition to the Christmas festivities.

We are looking forward to re planting our garden with the children when the weather gets a bit warmer!

# The River Dee – A Holy River?

By Moira Griffiths

At the beginning of the last century the waters of the River Dee were considered so pure that it was used for baptisms.

The river at Pontcysyllte, at a spot known locally as the Grove, was used as a place where baptisms were carried out by the various Chapels in the district. It became so popular that the local people called it the 'Welsh Jordan' and visitors would line the banks of the river to watch baptisms in what would become an annual event.



It is possible that the first baptism was carried out in 1904 and in total 31 people of both sexes were baptised, from local Chapels in Froncysyllte, Garth and Cefn Mawr. During the services, hundreds of people would line the woods on each bank of the river and sing hymns whilst the Minister carried out the ceremony. Those newly baptised would then be taken to a nearby house called Llyn Madoc, after their immersion in the river, and would be provided with hot drinks while they dried off!

An oak tree, thought to be over 600 years old, stood near the place where the baptisms were held and was associated with the Welsh Baptist Chapel at Froncysyllte. Ceremonies were held under its long branches and ministers would preach to large crowds. During the 1930's however the tree was considered to be unsafe and was a danger to those who frequented the area. A large crowd gathered to watch its downfall and it is thought that some of its branches were taken away; some to be used as firewood and some to be carved into souvenirs.

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## Thank You

By Pat Wilson

I have lived in Froncysyllte 44 years in March and I count myself extremely lucky. Not only do I love living in such a friendly place but the one thing that has made it so special is this, I have had the same neighbours on both sides of me for all of this time.

What wonderful neighbours they have been. We do not pop in and out of each others houses, but I know that they have always been there if I needed them, and believe me there have certainly been many times when I have needed them. So I would just like to say, Megan and Brian, Betty and family thank you all for being such great neighbours.

## **Trevor Bowlers . . . the follow-up!**

By Moira Griffiths

In the last Newsletter I reported on two teams from Trevor (Trevor/G&T's) who play in the Flexsys Indoor League. At the (then) time of writing both teams hadn't played each other; since then both teams have played twice with a third meeting due within the next few weeks. The G&T's are currently in the lead, winning both games, but the results were close.

In the Tuesday league, played during the afternoon, the combined teams of Trevor and G&T's are well ahead in the league table. There are still several games to be played but if we keep our current form there is no reason at all that we shouldn't retain the league title again!

If anyone is interested in learning the game of Short Mat Bowls, then please come along to the Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Games can be played on a competitive basis or purely for fun. Adults pay £1.50 and children pay £1. The club has spare bowls if you haven't got your own. Refreshments are included in the price.

The indoor season will be coming to an end towards the end of March with players looking forward to the outdoor challenge. The two teams from Trevor play for different crown green clubs at Plaskynaston and The Royston. Both are in different leagues and play on different days so they don't have a chance to compete.

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## **Bird list**

By Julie Williams

This winter has been so mild that the birds appear to have stayed in woods and hedgerows rather than in the garden, even though we are feeding as usual. On Wednesday 21st December, the shortest day, it was very mild and sunny and probably well above the 12 degrees forecast, so we took a canal side walk and were delighted to see a host of birds including: Blackbird, Goldcrest, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long tailed Tit, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Treecreeper, Nuthatch, Wren and many Redwing and Fieldfare. Walking just beyond Stryt y Veri we were amazed to see on this balmy bright day an array of dog violets in full bloom as though it was a spring day.

### **In the garden we have seen and fed:**

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Collared dove, Chaffinch, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Robin, Rook, Sparrow Hawk, Nuthatch, Starling, Siskin, Tawny Owl, Wren, Woodpigeon.

# **Towers Nursery News Letter**

By Ruth Roberts

After a very busy end to the year, culminating in a visit from Father Christmas, we have now settled into the new term. The Topics are Winter and Winter weather; the Celebrations we will cover are St Valentine's Day, St David's Day and Mothers Day.

For the last 3 months we have been trialing a new timetable and rota for the children. This has involved making different use of the Nursery areas for the different age groups, the introduction of additional creative activities and a review of the constructive play offered at various times of the day, Feedback from children, staff and parents has been very positive, so we will now be adopting the new system on a 4 weekly basis.

Since the last news letter, the Nursery has been taking part in the Infant Nutrition Programme which has been presented and funded by Wrexham N.H.S. Our allocated Community Development Dietician is Alys Roberts. She has been to visit the children at the Nursery and has helped to develop an updated 4 weekly menu plan; in line with the latest nutrition guidance.

The older children have been taking part in the "Smile" campaign, to promote good dental care. All staff have received training from the Dental Service and the Nursery has been issued with brush buses, large scale teeth models, fun activity packs and resources. The children have all been given a dental health pack to take home and are now busy cleaning their teeth as part of the Nursery daily routine.

Several new children have joined the Nursery during the New Year and are settling in well.

If you would like to come and view the Nursery, you are welcome. Please telephone 01978 822446 to make an appointment or to arrange for your child to have a free taster session.

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## **Finance**

At the December meeting of the Llangollen Rural Community Council a proposed increase of 7.9% to the precept allowance (monies given by Wrexham CBC to enable the Council to conduct its business) was agreed. 7.2% was due to having to make allowance for any possible expenditure incurred in the May local authority elections.

The total increase equates to approx. £2.70 per household per annum.

Glyn Jones, Chair of the Finance Sub-committee.

# Trevor and Garth Youth Club

By Lowra & Ang

Youth Leaders

Last term we had some really great evenings including a 'Bushtucker Trial' night, a Halloween fun night including a dress the mummy competition and some gruesome 'feely bags' including a witches 'toe nails', 'sheeps eyeballs'.

This term we have seen as many as 25 young people in a session. We have a busy programme based on the 'Olympics' with theme nights including a 'a night at the Bahamas', including a wooden chimes craft activity and fruit smoothies, Kickboxing sessions, Pool competitions, quizzes and lots of craft activities. We will also be celebrating St Patricks Day with an Irish theme night. We will be holding a pancake race and are planning a trip to the Cinema for 'Orange Wednesday' in the near future.

The programme is designed in consultation with young people. We actively encourage all young people to have a voice and are able to include your ideas in the programme.

We are also really pleased to advise that Trevor Youth Club has signed up to the 'Wrexham Healthy Youth Scheme' which has been developed to promote health and ensure that young people are provided with sufficient information to enable them to make informed choices concerning all health aspects that affect their lives within a safe environment.

Trevor Youth Club is open every Wednesday, 7 pm – 9 pm and is open to all young people aged 11 – 25. Please come along and meet the youth workers Lowra and Ang.





## **Police Matters**

Since Christmas, Llangollen Rural has suffered from a number of thefts from sheds and also a couple of properties have been burgled. I know this has caused concern for many residents, especially since the area has not experienced a high level of crime in the past. North Wales Police has responded to these events by increasing patrols in the area both visibly and covertly with operations targeting criminal activity.

Whilst not wanting to alarm people unduly it is vital we are not complacent and take all reasonable precautions to protect our property. I would also encourage all residents to report any unusual or suspicious activity in the area to myself or to the police control room on 101, call 999 if you feel it necessary.

If you would like updating regarding local issues online consider signing up for OWL which is a free service. What is 'OWL'? OWL is just a means of passing information to you easier and more quickly than ever before. 'OWL' is an interactive On-line Watch Link that has been developed across various parts of Wales & England over the past few years. It operates by helping communities prevent and detect crime, support one another and be more aware of what is going on in their communities. In short, it compliments what you have always done as a 'Watch' member, but uses modern technology and communications to make life easier and simpler for all involved. It is also interactive allowing you to send any messages back just as easily.

OWL can be signed up for as a community group or as an individual. If you would like an application form please contact myself.

Also, I would encourage residents to complete 'Balance Your Bobbies' which can be found on the North Wales Police website. This can be done monthly and lets us know your current priorities and concerns.

If you would like more detailed crime prevention advice or have any other matter which you would like to discuss then please contact myself, PCSO David Jenkins on 07854332425 or e-mail me at david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report any non-emergency incidents please call 101 , or 999 in an emergency.

Best Regards to you all

Dave

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## **Thank You**

Once again a big thank you to the Aqueduct Community Association for the lovely Christmas party. Good food, good company and plenty of drinks. We made sure that we got there early this time so that we had a chance to have a good chat with old friends and relations. All the waiters and waitresses had smiles on their faces and served us most pleasantly. A special thank you to the Scouts and their Leaders for giving up an evening for us "Senior Citizens". Thank you again. I hope we will meet again this year.

Barry & Pat Wilson, Froncysyllte

## County Councillor's Diary

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

I would like to start by saying what a good year 2011 was, and I hope the success continues this year. We have seen the coming together of our three villages working for the good of their communities. What a wonderful Christmas spirit, with the switch on of the Christmas tree lights, one at Trevor green, one in Garth and one at Fron Community Centre.

The Santa run around our three villages was another great success, and I would like to express my thanks to Santa and his helpers for all their hard work.

The pensioner's party at Trevor Community Centre was once again enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to say a special thanks to all who made it happen. I had many a phone call saying how much people enjoyed it, and as a pensioner myself I agree whole heartedly with their sentiments.

**Solar Panels** Out of 11,500 homes only 3,500 met the criteria to have the panels installed across the county borough. It was nice to see some of our tenants within our ward qualified.

**Olympic Torch** Just a brief update, we still do not know the precise details of this day. Wrexham Council is now in talks with the Olympic Committee in London, as soon as we have the details I will contact all our local organisations.

**Planting** We are now in preparation for planting flowers around the ward, and getting ready to sort our lovely hanging baskets.

**Re-Surfacing** We have had a lot of resurfacing done during the past year, and this programme is still on going.

**Election Year** It is election year for County and Community Council on May 3rd. I shall be putting myself forward for both councils. I will be asking for all your support, to enable me to continue working for the good of all the people in the Llangollen Rural Ward. I would like to say a big thank you for all your past support.

Any problems do not hesitate to contact me :

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