

# Community News

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## The Aqueduct Community Association

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We would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

## Canal Ranger Update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

With the new ramp now completed off Postle's Bridge, Trevor. I recently took part in a project, along with several other volunteer Rangers, where we were learning how to use lime mortar whilst repointing the wall.

The old mortar was scraped and chiselled out and new mortar was inserted, making the wall look as good as it did when it was first erected. There are still lots of jobs to do in the area and several bridges have been marked for repairs.

My colleague and I took time out to cut the grass along past the 'clinker' and the culvert was unblocked allowing the flood water to flow freely down to the river. I also took tools along past Plaskynaston bridge (towards the old warehouse) and cleaned away the dead leaves that were making the path muddy (see the results in the photographs below). There are still lots of leaves to fall but at least the next time I go there it won't be as bad!

The Canal & River Trust are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to help, contact the Information Centre at Trevor Basin.



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## Homelink Library Service

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

**Wednesday's 10th December. 7th January, 4th February & 4th March 2015**

## **Chairman's Corner**

By Cllr. Joyce Evans

On November 11th there was a Service of Re-dedication of the Boer War Memorial in Fron, with the Vicar of Chirk taking the service. Mr Charles Mellish laid a wreath at the service on behalf of the public and also present were children from Fron School and a Standard Bearer from the Normandy Veterans.

The autumn planting of the containers in the wards has now been completed and will give a lovely colourful show over the winter months. I would like to thank Sue Jones our Clerk and also the Councillors of Fron, Garth and Trevor who worked hard undertaking the planting.

The Cenotaph in Garth has now been completed and the new seat looks excellent. The updated play ground in George Avenue, Trevor has now been completed and it will be officially opened in December, date to be confirmed.

At the moment the Aqueduct Association are very busy arranging events for our locality. There will be a Fun Night at Trevor Community Centre at 6.30pm for 11 plus children on 28th November, and the now 'famous' Pensioners Party is due to take place on December 12th. Further details on any of the events can be obtained by contacting one of the Associations Committee members.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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## **New Bowling Season**

By Moira Griffiths

The indoor season is now well under way and the Tuesday afternoon league is proving difficult for the Trevor bowlers. Out of the four games played so far, 'only' three of them have been wins... but they have been close.

The Monday night league has only just started and Trevor have got off to a good start, but there are tougher games to come and with a new playing format it is proving to be a bit of a challenge. Our bowlers took part in a charity competition at Llangollen leisure centre recently and one team got into the final. They were unlucky to just lose the last end of play.

There are lots of competitions coming up over the next few months and our players usually do very well, so we are making the most of our Thursday evenings at Trevor Community Centre to get in lots of practice.

If you would like to join us then why not come along? We are there every Thursday from 7pm and you don't even have to bring your own bowls... Contact either Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401 for more details.

## **Garth School**

Cath Ivanoff - Assistant Head

So much has been going on in Garth School, and we have lots more planned for the rest of the year. As always we like to keep things busy and interesting.

The topic of Under The Sea is being enjoyed by all of the children in Nursery, Reception and Year One. Mrs Haran arranged a trip for the children to go to The Blue Planet Aquarium. The children, and staff thoroughly enjoyed a lovely day out learning and having fun. Year 2 are busy working hard on a topic about Thomas Telford. Their stories and illustrations compliment the wall display beautifully. Children and staff enjoyed a Barge Trip across the Aqueduct, what a brave lot they are.

Juniors will hopefully enjoy a residential trip during the Summer Term. All pupils are working very hard and producing beautiful work in their books the staff are very proud of their achievements. Keep up the good work!

Christmas plans are already underway, practice is taking place for a Federation Christmas Concert. This will be our first year as a Federation and we would like to make it a massive success for all. Christmas is a magical time for children, we will have lots of activities and crafts for them to be involved in, this creates much enthusiasm which spreads around the school. We have the Christmas Dinner, Christmas Disco and a visit from Santa to look forward to too.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to the New Year. Thank you, once again for the continued generosity, help and support.

Congratulations to Mia aged 8 years from Garth CP School, who won 1st Prize of a massive Craft Bundle in a Design Competition. Plas Madoc Leisure Centre held a competition over the Summer Holidays to design a mascot for the re-opening of the Leisure Centre. Mia's design will be used as Splash The Magic Dragon. Well done Mia we are all very proud of you.

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## **Christmas Services at St. David's Fron**

7pm on Friday 19th December: Christmas Carol Service

7pm on 24th: Christmas Communion service

## **Christmas Services at Trevor Church**

7th Dec: 9.30am Holy Eucharist      14th Dec: 9.30am Morning Prayer

**SATURDAY 20th Dec: 7.00PM**

"Carols at Trevor Church with Mince Pies and Mulled Wine" Tickets £5 (limited to 80)

**Sunday 21st No service.**

Christmas Day: 9.30am Holy Eucharist      Sunday 28th: 9.30am Family Service

## A Christmas Message

By Rev'd Matt Wilkinson

I once went to a school nativity play. There were only two wise men rather than the usual three. They arrived at the manger with their gifts. The first wise man said: "I bring you gold". The second wise man then said: "I bring you myrrh." Then the two wise men gave Jesus another present and said together: "And Frank sent this!"

Gifts are at the very heart of our Christmas celebrations. The wise men's gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were some of the earliest Christmas presents.

I remember as a child being so excited on Christmas eve as I waited to see what Father Christmas had brought me. I would struggle to get to sleep and then wake up very early. I remember the joy I felt feeling my stocking and realising Santa Claus had been. I'd rush into my mum and dad's room at about 5am with my brother and sister and we'd begin to open presents.

As I've got older I've realised that there is a lot of joy to be had in buying presents for others. Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I enjoy shopping for presents. I used to be very last minute but these days I'm too busy to madly rush around on Christmas Eve. Hopefully by mid December I'll have bought everything I need.

But sadly there are people who do not have anyone to buy presents for them. Christmas is such a happy time for most of us, but for others it can be a sad and difficult time. One gift I like to make at Christmas time is to a homeless charity. Charities such as Crisis, Centrepoin, and the Salvation Army all do wonderful work at Christmas time and show people that they do matter.

The greatest Christmas gift is Jesus Christ himself. We give thanks to God because he gave us the baby Jesus. We give thanks to God because he loves us so much that he gave us his only son.

I hope you enjoy opening your Christmas presents and have real joy when you see others opening the presents you have given to them.

It would be lovely to see you at one of Christmas services in church when together we say thank you to God for Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

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### **LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

The above Council will consider applications for financial assistance from organisations in Ffroncsyllte, Garth and Trevor. All applications must be forwarded to the Clerk – Mrs.S.A.Jones, 1 Ael y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Llangollen, LL20 7TF. Applications will be considered at the February meeting of the Council. The closing date for applications is Monday 19th January 2014.

# **Froncysyllte War Memorial**

## **Guardsman David Hughes – Welsh Guards.**

By Emrys Roberts

In my research of the local history of Froncysyllte (or more correctly the Township of Cysyllte), I feel certain there are stories of courage, heroism and gallantry yet to be written regarding all whose names are inscribed on the village War Memorial and who perished in the terrible conflicts of the Great War and World War II.

However, I have discovered the following story of one of our brave heroes. It is not so much related to one of the great battles which took place but to a unique war time event, the result of which was to gladden the hearts of all Welsh people and leave our Nation with a sense of great pride which exists even to this day.

For many years there had been a feeling amongst Welshmen serving in the British Army of the absence of a Regiment of Foot Guards particularly associated with Wales, similar to the Guards Regiments of England, Scotland and Ireland.

“This matter attracted even greater interest and urgency during the early part of the Great War 1914-18 when huge numbers of men, included those from Wales, were being called up for wartime service. It was of particular concern to officers of Welsh birth serving in the highest ranks of command. One of these officers, who at the time was serving as Commandant of the London Division, was Lt. General Sir Francis Lloyd who had served with distinction in the Grenadier Guards.

“Sir Francis approached The Secretary of State for War – Field Marshall Earl Kitchener –who gave the proposal his support and took the matter to the King – George V – for consideration, It would appear the Sovereign’s agreement to the formation of an additional regiment of Foot Guards to be called ‘The Welsh Guards’ was immediate and instructions were issued for the matter to receive urgent attention. The task of forming the new Regiment was given to Sir Francis Lloyd.

“One of the first principal problems to overcome was the recruitment of experienced Warrant and Non Commissioned Officers to the new Regiment in order to provide training facilities. This was achieved by transferring 40 volunteers of suitable rank from the Scots, Coldstream and Grenadier Guards Regiments. In regards to the soldiers required to form the new Regiment an invitation was circulated to serving Welsh soldiers to join the new Regiment with the results that 303 men responded to the appeal. A similar appeal to the Guards Training Depot at Caterham resulted in a further 200 Welshmen being recruited.

“The date – February 26th 1915 – was a proud day for Wales, in terms of military history, for on that date the Regiment of foot Guards called ‘The Welsh Guards’ came into being and a few days later they mounted guard at Buckingham Palace much to the approval of the King who then declared his intention to be appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the new Regiment.

“There are two reasons for reciting this story which relates to one of our fallen heroes – Guardsmen David Hughes – named on the War Memorial at Fron. Firstly the officer who was tasked with the formation of The Welsh Guards Regiment was none other than Lieut. General Sir Francis Lloyd of Aston Hall, Oswestry, who in 1910, was the officer invited to perform the unveiling of the Boer War Memorial to the two soldiers from the village who perished in that conflict. Photographs taken at that ceremony show Sir Francis in full military attire and are to be found in my article describing that event.

“Secondly the Regimental Number 259 appended to Guardsmen Hughes’ name as shown on the memorial is conclusive proof that this soldier had the distinction of being a member of the original 1st Battalion ‘The Welsh Guards’ Regiment (one of the volunteers) on its formation in February 1915”.

David Hughes was killed in action on the 27th December 1916 and was buried at Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme. He was the son of Richard and Ann Hughes and husband of Margaret Hughes, Mount Pleasant, Fron.

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## **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre is Opening**

By Darrell Wright

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre will be re-opening on the 6th December after “Splash Magic Community Trust” received a 20 year rent free lease and a one-off payment of £50,000 from Wrexham County Borough Council. This follows a long struggle which started as a protest and eventually became a Community project.

Trevor Councillor Pat Jeffares and residents Greg Ogden and Darrell Wright were instrumental in the success. Cllr. Jeffares Wrexham Independent Group made it a condition of joining the council administration that the lease and payment would be given to the Trust. Greg and Darrell are fully active Directors of the Trust and have been part of the cause since the beginning.

Greg Ogden added that The Trust and volunteers are working hard at getting the leisure centre ready for opening. The management team are in place and additional jobs vacancies can be viewed on the website [splashmagic.co.uk](http://splashmagic.co.uk) We’d like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their continued support and we are looking forward to the 6th December, which has now been confirmed as the opening date. All concerned appeal to local residents to use the Centre and ensure its long term future.

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## **Telecottage**

Computer sessions for beginners in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre Mondays 11am to 1pm and Monday 1pm to 3pm also Thursdays 1pm to 3pm. The Centre is an ideal place for parties, Children’s or Adults, there are still a few available dates, to check on availability ring 01978 823244.



# TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



## **Tiddlywinks Toddler Group**

Tiddlywinks toddler group enjoyed their Halloween party on Wednesday 22nd October. It was fancy dress with spooky music, scary stories, mask making and party food. Fun was had by all and the children looked amazing in their Halloween outfits along with some of the parents.



Tiddlywinks toddler group meet every Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am. It is £2.00 per child and 50p extra for siblings, this includes their lunch and refreshments.

**Dates for diary are:**

**Wednesday 10th December – Piccolos Music.**

Piccolos music and story teller is a fun, educational, music play groups and animated interactive stories for babies and children from birth up to 6 years.

**Wednesday 17th December – Toddler Group Christmas Party with a visit from Santa and a Rhythm Time class will also take place with a Christmas theme.**

Rhythm time offers classes from birth to 5 years preparing the child's confidence, creativity, listening skills, language, numeracy and co-ordination.

Come along and join in these specialised classes.

Thank you all for your continued support.



## **1st Trevor Scout Group**

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader

All the sections are very busy as usual. The Cubs have been working towards their Backwoods cooking badge, with some rather weird and wonderful tasting results, and also their First Response badge which is very important. Unfortunately the Bonfire celebrations had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The Beavers have also been working on newly introduced badges and enjoying them. They recently had a camp at Penycae HQ where the theme was Space. This was all great fun, throwing moon rocks (balled newspaper) at each other and many other fun things. Beavers are having a Onesie evening to raise funds for Children in Need, a great idea.

There was a Halloween party, with lots of fun activities and some really frightening costumes, well done all those who organised this.

There was a Disco open to all on 26th October, this was extremely well attended, with the Disco music supplied by Scout Lewis Gibbins, well done Lewis and many thanks from us all. Thanks to Carla and her helpers for running this. Thanks to all those who attended our popular and something different Pampered Chef evening.

We are having some changes within our section Leaders due to work and personal reasons. Two leaders in Cubs are unfortunately leaving and in their place, an Assistant Leader in Beavers is swapping sections and a new Leader joining us. Also we have a new Leader joining the Beaver section. Many thanks for their hard work to those leaving and a very warm welcome to our new members.

Our Xmas Bingo will be on Wednesday 3rd December, eyes down 7.30pm. Please come along and support us. Anyone who could donate prizes for this evening, we would be very grateful.

Finally we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support during the last year.

Merry Xmas and a Very Happy New Year.

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## **Bird List Trevor**

By Anne Arnold

Goldfinch, Wren, Blackbirds, Jay, Crows, Bull Finch, Heron, Buzzards, Blue Tit, Linnett, House Sparrows, Robin, Redpoll, Green Finch, Great Tit, Chaffinch, Nuthatch, Magpie, Tree Sparrows, Coal Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Wood Pigeon, Tawny Owl, Long eared Owl (young squeaking nosily), Collared Doves.

## George Pullen D.C.M. 1895-1917

By Jean Roberts

On a visit to the Garth & Trevor War Memorial I came across a surname which I was not familiar with, "Pullen". I was curious to know who this soldier was and what he had done to be awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Imagine my surprise when after some research I found that he was a member of a well known local family.

George Pullen was born in Prontcysyllte Terrace, Trevor near Llangollen, known locally as Y Bont on the 4th December 1895. He was the son of Margaret and William Pullen. Shortly after George was born, his father died suddenly. In 1897 his mother married William Gibbons and went to live in Acrefair. George, however, remained living in Y Bont with his Grandparents Mr & Mrs John Williams. He attended Acrefair School and Trinity Presbyterian Chapel Acrefair and on leaving school at thirteen years of age, he went to work at J.C. Edwards Trefynant Works.



In 1914 two months after the declaration of war, George enlisted and became attached to the 4th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. After three months of basic training, he joined the British Expeditionary Force in early February 1915 and was sent to France. George was just 19 years of age. For nine months he fought in several battles and was badly wounded. It was at such a time that he carried a communication line across open ground to a German post which had been recently taken by the British. For this brave deed he was recommended for the D.C.M. The following was reported in the London Gazette:

Awarded The Distinguished Conduct Medal: 7691 Private George Pullen 1/14th (Denbighshire) Royal Welsh Fusiliers TF for conspicuous gallantry on 25th September 1915 at Loos when on his own initiative he successfully carried a telephone line to the German Trenches and in returning brought in some prisoners. Later while he assisted a wounded man under heavy shell fire, he was ultimately wounded.

After this great act of bravery George was sent back to Britain where, severely wounded, he spent many months in various hospitals around the country. By January 1917 he was deemed to be sufficiently recovered to rejoin the Expeditionary Force for a second time. This time he was sent to the Ypres area of Belgium and was transferred to the 9th Battalion R.W.F. It was in Ypres where he was engaged in what historians have subsequently named "the final push". On June 7th 1917 George Pullen was killed at Messines. So fell our gallant Hero barely reaching his 22nd birthday.



George Pullen D.C.M. is commemorated on panel 22 on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial. This is a memorial for soldiers who have no known grave; he is also remembered on the Garth & Trevor War Memorial. Somewhere amongst the thousands of War Graves in Northern Europe is a grave of an unknown soldier whose epitaph reads:

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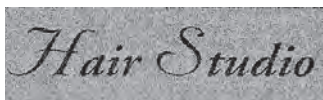
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## **Service of Remembrance and Re-dedication in Froncysyllte**

On November 11th 2014 a service of Remembrance and Re-dedication was held in St. David's Church, Froncysyllte. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Chirk the Reverend Matt Wilkinson and he was ably assisted by the Reverend Ben Parry. The organist was Mr Clive Rock and the Standard Bearer for the Normandy Veterans was Mr Tony Owens.

There was representation from the Llangollen Rural Community Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Northern Marches Cymru, Cakes & Co, Fron School, the Veterans and members of the local community.

Due to the inclement weather the service and the two minute silence took place in St. David's Church and then afterwards the congregation went down to the Boer War Memorial Fountain to place the wreaths.

Mr Charles Mellish placed a wreath on behalf of the community and PCSO Dave Jenkins on behalf of North Wales Police.

After the laying of the wreaths the congregation went back into the church for light refreshments which were kindly provided by Jan and Dave Norman. The ladies from St David's Church served the refreshments.

The Boer War Memorial Fountain was originally dedicated in October 1910 to remember two soldiers from the village who gave their lives in the South African War. The first soldier who died was John Charles James who was born in 1875. He was the elder of the two sons of William and Jane James and at that time resided at Trevor View.

The other soldier whose name appears on the Memorial is William Williams son of Edward Williams the lime burner at the Chirk Castle Lime & Stone Company's kilns and who lived at Canalside, Froncysyllte.

The Boer War Memorial Fountain was erected by public subscription and was taken over by the then District Council in December 1910. In 1996 due to the increased volume and speed of traffic close to the Memorial Fountain, it began to suffer some damage. It was then re-sited to a less exposed position on the lay-by near St. David's Church. On Sunday 20th October 1996 the then Vicar of Chirk led the large assembled congregation in the re-dedication of the Memorial.



## **Fron News**

By Julie Williams

### **Fron Walking Group (Walkabout Wrexham and District).**

On August 16th, the group visited Tatton Park for an extremely enjoyable walk around the parkland areas. A carvery tea was arranged on the way home and a good time was had by all.

The group also enjoyed a weekend away in the Angel Hotel Cardiff in September, stopping at the Secret Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms on the way down, before meeting with old friends in Monmouth for a five mile walk in the lovely countryside above Monmouth. On the Sunday they enjoyed a walk ending at the mediaeval village at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park with walk leaders from Valeways.

### **Photographic Competition**

The judge noted there was a small but very high quality entries in the annual photographic competition held in October. The winner in the adult section was Kelvin Mole. Junior section winner was Bethan Houghton. Kim Larwood was highly commended.



### **IN THIS PHOTO:**

**Kelvin Mole and Bethan Houghton, winners of the Fron Walking Group photographic competition.**

### **Weatherman Walking**

A slide show and talk on the making of the Weatherman Walking programme was given by Nigel Parry at Fron Community Centre, following by musical entertainment on keyboard and banjo, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### **History Group**

A very informative talk on 'events, accidents and incidents' was given by Emrys Roberts in September. He will return at the end of November to give another talk on the history of Fron.



The History Group paid a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Lichfield in October. Many of the group took the Land Train which stopped at a number of the memorials and gave a running commentary. Although the weather became inclement during the course of the visit, many of the group visited memorials which were relevant to them, and everyone found it a very rewarding experience.

On 31st October, an Open Doors event was held in Fron, with St David's Church, Seion Chapel and Fron School welcoming visitors between 11am and 3pm. Vaughan and Julie Williams led walks at 11am and 1pm focusing on more of the hidden history of the village and venues which were open. Vaughan and Julie wish to thank Mr Emrys Roberts for providing them with historical facts relating to the village. The organisers wish to thank everyone for their support, and are very keen to repeat this event next year to welcome visitors once again.

On a walk up one of the inclines towards the quarry face in Fron, we came across a stone which had been carefully and neatly inscribed with the date: August 12 1945, I know that this is near the date which celebrated victory over Japan (VJ day), and I wonder if anyone has any knowledge of why and by whom this work was carried out? One suggestion is that there may have been an accident in the quarry. If indeed it is a memorial, my feeling is that it should be removed from its hidden location and displayed somewhere more prominently. I would appreciate other people's views on this. Julie

### **Cakes and Company**

We wish to thank all our customers for their continued support and also the volunteers, new and old, for their time and commitment to this worthy cause. We have had pleasure in giving grants of up to £1,000 to many local good causes this autumn, including Fron Derby & Joan, Seion Chapel, St David's Church. The Cafe will open for St David's celebrations, and reopen for the season on Easter Saturday, 4th April.



**IN THIS PHOTO Shirley Bull, secretary of Cakes and Company Community Cafe, presenting a cheque to Fron Derby and Joan. Keith Needham, Geraint Roberts, Audrey Owens, Gron Roberts, Margaret Jones.**

## Christmas Morning Muffins

Moist muffins bursting with cranberries make a wonderful start to the celebrations! Have all the dry ingredients mixed together, and prepare the muffin tin the night before. On Christmas morning, just stir in the liquids and cranberries, fill the tins and bake. Serve from the oven – these muffins do not reheat well.

**Preparation time: 15 mins. Cooking time 20 mins.**

**175 cal. per muffin. Makes 12**

175g (6 oz) fresh cranberries	50g (2 oz) icing sugar, sifted
150g (5 oz) plain wholemeal flour	150g (5 oz) plain white flour
15ml (1 tbsp) baking powder	5ml (1 tsp) ground mixed spice
2.5ml (½ tsp) salt	50g (2 oz) soft light brown sugar
1 egg	50 ml (2 fl oz) vegetable oil
250 ml (8 fl oz) milk	

Halve the cranberries and place in a bowl with the icing sugar. Toss gently to mix. Line a 12 cup muffin tin with paper cases or simply grease with butter. Sift together the flours, baking powder, mixed spice, salt and brown sugar into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre.

Beat the egg with the milk and oil. Add to the dry ingredients and stir just until blended, then lightly and quickly stir in the cranberries. The mixture should look roughly mixed, with lumps and floury pockets.

Two-thirds fill the muffin cups with the mixture. Bake in the oven at 180°C (350°F) mark 4 for about 20 minutes or until well risen and golden brown. Transfer the muffins to a wire rack to cool slightly. Serve warm. Not suitable for freezing.

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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

**2014: Tuesday 2nd & 23rd December. 3th January, 3rd & 24th February 2015.**

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

## Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at the Towers Nursery have been very busy making their Halloween and Bonfire Night craft items. They took part in pumpkin carving and enjoyed dressing up in Halloween costumes on Friday 31st October

Tempest photography recently visited the nursery and the children now have some lovely photos ready to give as Christmas gifts.

In November a pyjama event was held in aid of Children in Need, children were invited to dress in their nightwear in return for a donation; they made cakes and biscuits to sell too.

Two members of staff have just passed the Paediatric First Aid Certificate and another member of staff has begun work on a Level 5 Nursery Nurse qualification.

The link with local secondary schools has continued and in recent weeks we have had two pupils from Ysgol Rhiwabon on placement. Currently, the nursery children are busy preparing for Christmas and are looking forward to the Christmas party!

We wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas!

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## Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Community Art Project.

By the time you read this, the community art work will have been installed along the lane between Trevor Wharf and Wimbourne Gate car park (Queen Street, Cefn Mawr), we hope you like it! A huge 'Thank You' to all those local people who got involved in the project, be it by collecting litter, donating photographs, providing refreshments etc. and many thanks also go to the Artists ( Dallas Peirce Quintero Ltd), who have worked on the project alongside myself and the local community. If you have any questions or queries about the project, please contact me Wrexham Council's World Heritage Site Community Development Officer, Ceri Postle on (01978) 292450 or email: [ceri.postle@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.postle@wrexham.gov.uk). I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## Cheque Presentation Air Ambulance

The picture shows Geraint Roberts and Sandra and Tony Groves presenting a cheque for £470 to Alyson Wynn on behalf of the Air Ambulance. The money was raised by a prize bingo by Geraint at Fron Community Centre and a stall Sandra had some weekends in the summer months at the canal side.



## **Police Matters**

By PCSO David Jenkins

Recently myself and County Councillor Pat Jeffares held a meeting at Trevor and Garth Community Centre to address issues raised by members of the community. Attendance was not overwhelming which we would like to think is an indication that the residents of Llangollen Rural are generally contented with the area where they live. There have however been some reports of anti-social behaviour in the ward and I would encourage residents to report current incidents to the police control room if appropriate or to contact myself with any information about ongoing or developing situations. We intend to hold further meetings in the future to which you are welcome to attend otherwise I can be contacted direct by email or phone as below.

No doubt some of you will have already started your Christmas shopping, if so remember to keep all valuables and presents out of sight in cars and houses. The darker nights are statistically accompanied by an increase in opportunist crime and all reasonable common sense precautions should be taken to avoid becoming a victim. Keeping doors and windows secure whether you are in or out is one of the most fundamental precautions along with not inviting unknown persons to enter your property and being suspicious of the motives of door to door callers.

Crime prevention advice is available from various sources including the North Wales Police website [www.north-wales.police.uk](http://www.north-wales.police.uk) which also has links to Police Facebook and Twitter sites. Property including phones, computers etc. can be registered on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). for free where serial numbers descriptions and photos can be stored to aid recovery of property if taken and increase the chance of a successful conviction.

Please feel free to contact me about any 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 call 999 in emergencies or 101 for non emergency matters.

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## **Bird List Fron**

By Julie Williams

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kite, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Robin, Song Thrush, Starling, Swift, Tawny Owl, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren. A Cormorant was spotted by John Crosbie, landing on the canal near Fron Basin.

# County Councillors Diary

By Pat Jeffares

We are coming to the end of another year. I'm pleased to say that all our salt bins have been refilled. With all the Council's cutbacks in the budget, it is likely to affect all front line services, so make sure your cupboards are well stocked in case we get a heavy snowfall after such a beautiful summer.

**Community Bus** Myself, Ken Skates AM, and Mrs Joyce Tudor are still trying to restore this service, even if it's only three days a week. We will keep you posted on our progress.

**Save Plasmadoc** I was so pleased to be part of the Wrexham Independent group, who from day 1 supported Darrel Wright and his hard working team. We managed to get the council to do a U turn, which now means the centre will open their doors on the 6th December. Darrel and his team have worked so hard, with the support of our AM Ken Skates. Mr Public I'm pleading with you, they need your support now, more than ever before.

**Trevor Playground** The opening date has yet to be decided. Big thank you to the local children and Garth School, who designed and chose what equipment they wanted, installed; also the Community Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, WREN and Holly Hayward who knocked on every door on the Trevor Estate to get a petition signed to improve and refurbish the playground. It was Holly's petition that got us the funding for the playground, which made our job easy. For Holly's hard work she has been asked to cut the tape at the opening ceremony. The details will be in the next Newsletter.

**Ward Up Grade** Resurfacing / Drainage / Potholes all are ongoing. The Ward did quite well this year. We will make sure that we get our share and that is down to our Area Supervisor Dylan Jones, who works very hard for us. Thanks Dylan.

I would like to say a special thank you to a Fron resident, Mrs Pat Wilson who again has raised £200, and donated it very kindly to this years Christmas party. What a fantastic achievement. 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.

Thanks to all the Community Councillors, the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones, Ceri Postle and her team, Ken Skates AM, and Dave the PCSO for their help and support this past year. Also a big thank you goes to all our volunteers in the ward, for the grass cutting, planting, watering, weeding and litter picking. I have never seen the place look so clean and tidy.

I would like to wish everybody in the Ward, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Thanking you all for your support during the past year.

**Call Centre Numbers:** If you can't contact me, it has now proved that if you contact the call centre on any issues that this is the quickest way to get them resolved. As it is logged and has to be dealt within a time limit. Phone number: **01978 298989**.

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