

Community Newsletter

For free distribution in Trevor, Garth & Froncysyllte

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Defibrillators

Automated External Defibrillators are designed for use by untrained or briefly trained laypersons. AEDs contain technology for analysis of heart rhythms. As a result, it does not require a trained health provider to determine whether or not a rhythm is shockable.

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Did you know there are three defibrillators located within our community?

Trevor Basin

The defibrillator at Trevor basin is located on the wall of the public toilets in the disabled car park.

The family of Mr Norman Land funded this in his memory. Mr Land was a member of The Llangollen Canal Boat Trust.

Froncysyllte

There will soon be a defibrillator fitted on the outside wall of Fron Community Centre when enough funds have been raised. They have been busy raising funds in conjunction with Welsh Harts (the all Wales defibrillator charity), Fron Community Centre and Special Sergeants Darren Armour and Dan McNulty from Rhos Station (North Wales Police) who have also helped raise funds in order to have the defibrillator fitted.

Garth

This defibrillator has only recently been fitted and is located on the wall outside Hafren flats.



Defibrillators *Continued*

I am sure that by now some of you will have seen a new defibrillator by the front door to Hafren flats, Garth. This was fitted by The Wales Ambulance Service on 24th August 2018.

In the event of an emergency you should go to the defibrillator, dial 999 and they will then give you a code number to open the cabinet. The defibrillator is very easy to use and is self explanatory.

Free training on the use of the defibrillators will be given by The Wales Ambulance Service at Trevor & Garth Community Centre on Tuesday 18th September at 7.00pm. The training is open to the residents of Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte and is free of charge.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND as we would like as many local people trained as possible who can use the defibrillators.

I would like to thank the residents of Garth for providing the funds to enable us to purchase a defibrillator and in particular **Francis Roberts & Son Funeral Directors, Barnett Engineering, WTE Printers, Prospect Cafe, Nant Ucha Farm and Llangollen Rotary** for their generous donations. Without your support it would not have been possible.

Cllr. Elfed Morris

Llangollen Rural Community Council News

Llangollen Rural Community Council invite you to suggest some small projects that could be undertaken by the Council to improve our villages. Unfortunately we do not have a large budget, but sometimes a small idea can make a big impact at little cost.

The Council will consider any ideas put forward but cannot guarantee work will be carried out. However we will record them and work on them to our best ability, even if it is in the future.

Please email you're suggestions to our Clerk of the Council (Andrea Evans) clerk.llangollenrural@gmail.com or give her a ring 07950813858

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Did you know we have a website?

The website is full of Community & Council information and is regularly updated to include;

1. Agendas.
2. Minutes.
3. Contact details of Council members.
4. Policies and guidelines.
5. Financial reports on spending/ income and Annual Returns.
6. Newsletters.
7. Gardening competitions.
8. Local Information about our villages.

Community Flowers

Llangollen Rural Community Council would like to thank all the people within our villages who have watered our three tier planters and pots throughout the summer months. This year has been exceptionally dry so extra watering has been required. Also thanks to the local residents for cutting the grass on the entrance to Trevor estate.



Any suggestions for future editions of the Newsletter?

What would you like to see included?

What are we doing right or wrong?

Could you help deliver some Newsletters for us? **(Garth & Fron especially!)**

Send an email to newsletter.llangollenrural@gmail.com with your thoughts, suggestions and comments.

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

We as a group, have had a very interesting and varied Summer Term.

Beavers and Cubs enjoyed a variety of activities on the group camp in June including shooting, archery and wall climbing, some of the Leaders even had a go! A big well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour and a great big thank you to all of the parents and Leaders who assisted. The weather was fantastic, lovely food and our new Leader made an excellent camp fire.

Beavers continue to use the local woods to make Beaver dams and dens, with Leaders instilling the importance of never disturbing nature and clearing away after themselves.

Beavers and Cubs also attended a special day at Techniquet. Thank you to our Cub Leader and her sister for ensuring the youngsters enjoyed and had fun on the day.

Cubs have been working towards their Challenge, Athletics and Pioneer badges. They really were fascinated to make rope out of nettles (thick gloves worn). A very different activity.

For the DIY badge they have made pencil and bird boxes. They have been taking part in Backwoods cooking. Cubs will be camping again in September. Our final night before Summer Holidays is always the water

fight. What great fun that is. Beavers, Cubs and Leaders were absolutely wet through. Again we had great weather but it is one activity when the weather doesn't matter as its all wet, wet, wet!

So as you can see we provide a very varied and interesting program for our youngsters here in Trevor.

We have vacancies at the moment in the Cub section, that is boys and girls age 8 - 11 yrs. We will reopen in September and any child interested in joining us can go along on a Thursday evening with a parent between 6 and 8pm for chat initially.

We also welcome any adults who have a particular skill to show or teach the children. We are always open to people who would like to come along and perhaps be a Leader.

Unfortunately due to the lack of support recently, we will not be holding Bingo in Trevor until our Christmas event.

Dates for your diary - Bingo in Fron Community Centre on Friday 7th September, eyes down at 7pm.

Also Cafe in the Fron in aid of Scouts is on Saturday 20th October.

I would personally like to thank all of my Leaders and helpers for their commitment and hard work - you are all stars!

Community Agent

Hello, my name is Lynda Broe, I would like to introduce myself as the Community Agent for Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte. I have been settling myself in over the past few months, popping in to the activities available in the villages and meeting the residents.

Community Agents support the over 50's providing easy access to a wide range of information about the services available in the county and offer help to access them.

I have attended several training opportunities and I have made connections with useful services to enable me to support individuals.

We held our first Community get together on the 15th August. This was a successful event and I met with residents from all three villages. We shared our thoughts on activities within the community and ideas for more. The theme was 'Memory Lane' and we looked back on some history of Garth, Trevor and Fron. It was suggested this theme to be continued and bring along more of the photographs to remember the local area. If this would interest you and we could start a small group, please let me know and perhaps we could meet again at the end of September

I have made contact with a lady who can come along and introduce some Art project, such as:

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Creative cafe...

Each week we will have a theme (eg gardens, the sea etc) and do an interesting, related art or craft activity. Completely relaxed, plenty of conversation, don't need to be good at art-all materials provided - suitable for all.

Or a more traditional mixed media art group, suitable for all levels from beginners to improvers. Work on your own projects with support from a tutor.

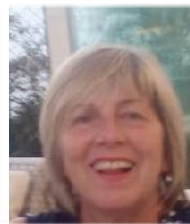
If you are interested in any of the art projects, I would love to hear from you.

A few issues were raised regarding attending activities, transport being the biggest problem and also venues to meet. Hopefully this can be looked at.

If you feel you have time to offer to help with these events and you enjoy a get together I would be pleased to hear from you.

You can contact me on 07956292546 email:

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- SNARE

Canal Update

By Moira Griffiths

At our recent monthly task force meetings we have been busy repainting the tables in front of the grey shed and outside the C&RT information point. The tables have been mistreated by visitors and it was nice to be able to put things right.

We spent the first two hours rubbing down the tables and tightening the loose timbers. We cleaned away moss and removed bottle tops that had been pushed down in between the timbers along with chewing gum and various other bits of papers and tissues.

It was tiring work as the sun was beating down, but once the painting started the tables and seats looked every bit as new as they had when they were first installed. The paint was drying as quickly as we were putting it on. It is hard work but very rewarding and we get lots of positive comments from locals and visitors alike.

If anyone would like to spare a few hours and doesn't mind getting messy then why not join our task force? We meet at the info point at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of every month.

Trevor Community Centre

By Joyce Evans

The Hall makes an ideal venue to host your party of up to 100 people. We have a large kitchen equipped with cups, saucers, plates, dishes and cutlery. The hall also has a lounge which can accommodate 20-30 people. Its is equipped with a large screen TV. To check availability ring Joyce Evans on 01978 823244.

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The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of all the nice weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All of the flowers are out and the children have been gathering herbs, strawberries and flowers.

The topic this term was Mini-beasts and the focus has been on art, craft, songs, drama and stories to do with nature and mini-beasts. The nursery garden has some lovely hidden ladybirds, made by the children.

Visitors to the nursery include the co-ordinator from the Healthy Schools campaign who awarded certificates for Environmental Skills, Emotional Health and Well Being and Mental Health skills. The dental nurse from the Designed to Smile initiative also visited and was pleased with the progress being made at teeth cleaning and with the number of new recruits to the scheme. She awarded us the continuation Gold Award.

Further news will soon be available about areas chosen to pilot the scheme for Free

Childcare in Wales. We are pleased to announce that The Towers has been chosen to deliver Early Education Entitlement. This will mean that all eligible children will be entitled to receive 10 hours free Early Years Education at the nursery as part of their week of attendance, as well as 20 hours of government funded care.

We are pleased to welcome Lucy Blackwell onto the team. Lucy was with us as a student and is now joining us as a Jobs Growth Wales participant.

Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Our older children are leaving us, ready to go to school. We wish them well in the next stage of their education.



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Lemon Drizzle Tray Bake

By Joyce Evans

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2 level tbs baking powder
4 large eggs
4 tbs milk

Finely grated zest of 2 lemons

FOR THE CRUNCHY TOPPING

175g/6oz granulated sugar
Juice of 2 lemons

Method

Heat the oven to 160c - 140c Gas mark 3. Grease a 30 x 23 x 4cm (12" x 9" x 1 1/2") tin and line with baking paper. Measure all ingredients for the tray bake into a large bowl and beat for about 2 mins until well blended. Turn the mixture into the tin and level the surface. Bake for 35-40 mins until the tray bake springs back when pressed lightly with a finger. Allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes then lift the cake out of the tin. Carefully take the paper off the cake and put onto a wire rack. Place over a tray to catch drips off the topping.

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Bowls Update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

The crown green season is almost at an end with just a few matches remaining. Plaskynaston Club has players who participate in several different local leagues.

The Wrexham Saturday team is currently in fourth place with four games remaining. The pairs team, who play on a Monday evening are in second place with one game remaining, but the teams below them have a few more games in hand so the final position will be very close.

In the Wrexham Vets league Div 3, the A team has not performed very well over the last few games. We started off in a strong position near the top of the league but recent poor results have dropped us to second from bottom. We have four games left to find form and avoid relegation. The B team is also finding it hard near the bottom of Div 4. They have two games remaining but their points difference may work in their

favour and keep them away from relegation.

In the Oswestry league, the A team who play on a Tuesday night are currently mid way in Div 2. They have two games remaining but look to be in a safe position to continue in the same division next season. The B team in Div 5, have four games remaining and are just below half way down the ratings. A few points from their next two games should also be enough to keep them in the same division next season. Once the season has ended the players will be moving back indoors to play short mat bowls. We play on Monday and Thursday nights at Trevor Community Centre and will hopefully be purchasing a third mat to enable us to run a singles or pairs league.

If you fancy learning the game of bowls, then why not contact Moira on 01978 824401 or Joyce on 01978 823244.

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Editor's Comments

If you would like to see any back issues of the Newsletter, information about the Community Council, local organisations and history about the three villages please have a look at our web site www.llangollen-rural.co.uk

Police Matters

By David Jenkins (PCSO 85)

Over the summer I have noticed several pushbikes have been reported to North Wales Police in the Wrexham South area which have been apparently abandoned but in good state of repair and would have been quite costly when new. First thought of finder and ourselves is often that the bike has been stolen and later abandoned and as such the bike will be checked against reported stolen or lost property in the area. Recently I have been surprised by how many bikes have not been reported as lost or stolen and no owner can be identified. Stolen property is generally reported to the Police but it appears that many people do not bother to report lost property. Lost and Found property is now dealt with online by way of the "contact" section of the North Wales Police public website and it is generally worth reporting lost property of any value with as much detail as possible regarding description and where it was thought to be lost as it can be a pleasant surprise how many people will try to return found items to their owners. Certain categories of found property can be claimed by the finder if the rightful owner is not forthcoming.

The North Wales Police website also contains numerous methods of contacting North Wales Police if you feel "999" is not justified as I know ringing "101" has been frustrating to call on occasions. The website also provides information about different departments within the force and resources available including the relatively new drone deployment. Details of NWP structure, priorities and services are also given along with the chance to give your view on NWP.

There has also been a survey commissioned by the Chief Constable and the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner which gives the public of North Wales the opportunity to feed back their perception of services provided by the Police, feelings of confidence and safety, and their general views of policing. The public are also asked about their views on the priorities set by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The survey is undertaken by Opinion Research Services, based in Swansea, who are contacting randomly chosen members of the public between now and the end of December.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any community issues in person.

e-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Tel 07854 332425 (if I am not on duty the call will forward to the control room who will pass a message)

If reporting incidents requiring Police response please calls 999 in emergencies or 101 for non-emergency matters. Incidents can also be reported online at the North Wales Police public website

County Councillor Diary

By Anthony "Rondo" Roberts

Here we are coming to the end of a wonderful summer and I hope you all enjoyed the splendid weather we have had this year.

One of the benefits of the weather has been the number of visitors that our area has attracted none more so than the Aqueduct. Whilst we should be proud of the beauty that we have around us it does come with its own problems. The increase in numbers has caused parking problems and this has been an issue all summer long with my phone ringing non-stop with complaints regarding this issue.

Since the last Newsletter the new car park has opened on the old warehouse site but it has not solved the parking problem. Over the last couple of weeks I have attended meetings with Council officials to try and resolve the problem. I have asked for the parking restrictions to be extended down Bont Hill and for the signage directing visitors to the new car park to be improved significantly. The signage is woeful and needs to be improved dramatically together with educating coach firms of the

correct places to drop off passengers and park up.

The section of roof on Trevor and Garth Community Centre that has been the cause of concern for several years now is going to be replaced properly. It has suffered over this period of time with sub standard repairs being carried out.

For many years we have suffered drainage issues to the path and area around the Pump field in Garth. Work is due to start imminently to rectify this situation.

Over many years our Community has not received the best of attention in terms of gritting in the winter months. I have held meetings with those responsible and hopefully things will improve this winter.

Finally I would like to thank the entrants into our Annual Gardening competition and also to all those who made it an enjoyable event. Conditions weren't exactly favourable this year given the extremely dry conditions but it was a splendid turnout once again.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr Sue Kempster

We have had another busy summer in Llangollen rural. The world heritage traffic has again caused problems for the community. It was hoped that the new car park at the old warehouses site would take the majority of traffic away from Trevor and Fron. Unfortunately there are still logistical problems with the new car parking facility. County Councillor Rondo Roberts is having regular meetings with Wrexham Council and Canal and River Trust to discuss issues arising from the move and the Community Council have been doing everything possible to help resolve the ongoing problems.

There has been a lot of work done by the Community Council this summer to tidy up the footpath at the pump field and results of this work will be seen in the near future.

Councillor Elfed Morris has worked hard getting enough donations for a defibrillator station to be placed in Garth to match those in Trevor and Fron. This is a valuable achievement and well done to him and the residents of Garth for your contribution to this important project.

The Community Council has again been out checking all of the playgrounds in our care. An important job especially during the summer months when they are so well used. The upkeep of these

playgrounds forms a big part of our workload now that Wrexham Council has offloaded that particular responsibility. One of the main problems we constantly come across, especially in the George Avenue playground in Trevor, is litter and malicious damage. Can I please ask if anyone sees anything untoward in any of our playgrounds to please report it to the clerk Mrs Andrea Evans by phoning 07950813858.

In the past few months, due to increased work pressures and other commitments, we have had the misfortune of losing two hard working councillors. I would like at this time to thank **Mark Valentine** and **Jim Davies** for their commitment, drive, dedication and loyalty to the community over the last decade. Without people like this volunteering their energy and time to our community, we would not be able to achieve anything like the outcomes that we have. You will both be sorely missed.

You may have noticed that we have had no garden competition photos in this edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately, because of other commitments, the presentation night will not take place until after the print date. Look out for them in the next edition.

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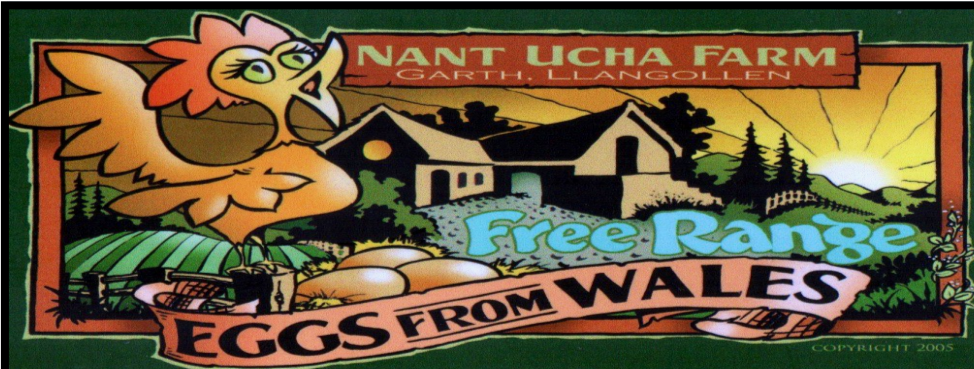
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Ysgol Dinas Bran Farewell . . .

By Martyn Froggett July 2018

Very sadly I will be leaving the school at the end of this term. As you already know, from next year I will be leaving to work for the School Support and Challenge Service (GwE), working alongside headteachers across North Wales. After 32 years of working in schools it will be a big change and a new challenge!

I have really enjoyed the time I have spent at Ysgol Dinas Bran. It is truly a unique school. We have a fantastic group of pupils who bring so much to us in their different characters, personalities, interests and strengths. No day is ever the same. I have also really enjoyed working with the talented and committed group of staff we are lucky to have here – teaching and support – who bring enthusiasm, commitment and endeavour to all they do. The level of support they offer to the pupils is truly fantastic and helps, I think, to make us the school we are.

We have had a really great run of success at the school: excellent exam results, great outcomes in the National

Categorisation and many prestigious awards. We have had outstanding school productions, wonderful musical concerts and great achievements in the sporting field. The number of pupils coming to the school, and wanting to come to the school, has grown and grown - a clear indicator of our strong and ever-growing reputation in the local area and beyond. We are rightly proud of all these things. The biggest satisfaction of all as a Head, though, has come from seeing the fantastic work of the pupils in school on a day-to-day basis, the attitude they bring to their learning, their commitment, humour and determination and the growth they make as individuals.

I would like to thank you all for your support of the school and your children during my time at the school; it is very much appreciated. I wish you all the best for the future; with your ongoing help, I am sure the school will continue to thrive.

All the very best,
Martyn Froggett

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Community Diary Dates

September 18th Defibrillators training at Trevor Community Centre.

December 7th Pensioners Christmas Party at Trevor Community Centre.

Ysgol Dinas Bran

By Annette Gardner July 2018

The Year 10 student of Ysgol Dinas Brân have just completed a very successful three day placement in the community as part of their Skills Challenge certificate. The purpose of the Community Challenge is to develop students skills, whilst encouraging our students to identify, develop and participate in opportunities that will benefit the local community.

The students have focused on real-life concerns and needs through activities which aim to make a difference in the community. The Community Challenge has provided experiences that help young people understand what it means to be an active citizen, enabling them to develop as effective and responsible

members of their local community. By completing the Community Challenge students have recognised the contributions they have made towards improving the community in which they live and the benefits this will have for themselves, for others and for the environment.

Students were involved in increasing the use of incidental Welsh with visitors to the Eisteddfod; assisting in, planning and delivering activities with pupils in local primary schools; improving the environment in Glyn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Chirk and Trevor; assisting in the husbandry of animal in Ty Mawr. Feedback has been very positive with the community providers singing their praises and the students really enjoying the contributions that they have made.



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Garth & Trevor Youth Club Summer 2006



This is the 50th edition of the Community Newsletter, quite a remarkable landmark for our community!

There have been many great events reported over the past 12 years and here are just a few to mention:

Spring 2006 - First Newsletter (The first two editions were paid for by Northern Marches Cymru funding).

Autumn 2006 - First adverts in the Newsletter to fund its costs.

Summer 2007 - The Aqueduct Community Association was formed.

Winter 2008 - First free pensioners Christmas party.

Spring 2009 - Prince Charles visits Froncysyllte

Autumn 2009 - Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Granted World Heritage status.

Spring 2012 - Olympic Torch travels over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Summer 2014 - First Underneath The Arches event.

Summer 2017 - New Playground for Garth.

Summer 2018 - Opening of the Tea rooms at Bryn Seion Chapel

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