

# Community News

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## **Best Kept Garden Competition – 2013**

The winners of Llangollen Rural Community Council's 2013 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre this week. This year twenty one gardeners entered the competition from Fron, Tower Hill, Trevor and Garth. The judges Ms Andrea Evans and Mr Tony Roberts commentated on "the exceptionally high standard of the gardens".

### **Overall Large Garden**

1. Mrs Julia Jones
2. Mr Stephen Tudor

### **Overall Small Garden**

1. Mrs Louise Storey
2. Mrs Marjorie Crosbie

### **Containers**

1. Ms Clare Jones

### **Hanging Baskets**

1. Fron Community Centre
2. Garth & Trevor Community Centre  
& Mrs Jackie Lewis

### **Vegetable Garden**

1. Mrs Marjorie Crosbie
2. Mrs Julia Jones

### **Containers – Narrow Boats**

1. Sue & Dave Hunter – Beefur
2. Dave & Janet Norman – Pipedream

### **Children's Garden**

1. Garth School
2. Towers Day Nursery

### **Most Outstanding Feature**

Garth School – Farm Shop and Chickens

### **Monsanto Rose Bowl (Best Overall)**

Mrs Julia Jones



Photographs were taken of all the gardens and these can be viewed on the web site [www.llangollen-ruralcc.org](http://www.llangollen-ruralcc.org)



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### **Refurbishment of Electricity Distribution Network In Your Area**

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As part of Scottish Power's ongoing commitment to improving the condition of the electricity network serving your area, we wish to notify you of our intention to carry out works at the locations on the attached diagram.

The existing overhead lines are now nearly 50 years old and as well as being at the end of their serviceable life, they do not conform to modern standards. The work we wish to undertake is part of a significant up-grade programme that Scottish Power has embarked on across its entire network and will continue for the next ten years at least. Our aim is to improve the quality and reliability of the network serving all our customers and to reduce the number of faults that occur and the time that it takes us to repair these faults.

The initial stage of the project for Trevor/Froncysyllte is to carry out detailed site condition based assessments of the network to enable us to develop the optimal design solution and delivery programmes. There is no requirement to interrupt supplies during these investigations.

Surveying will commence on behalf of Amey our main overhead lines contractor. All staff will have appropriate identification with them, but if you do have any concerns about personnel near your property please contact us on the attached numbers for verification.

Once the designs have been formalised construction programmes will be developed, we anticipate carrying out this work from October this year. Unfortunately during construction, and to allow us to do this work safely, we will need to switch off electricity supplies from time to time. The programme will be planned carefully to minimise the number of interruptions we need to undertake and to ensure that we carry out as much work as possible each time the power is shut down. You will be notified by letter of each scheduled interruption nearer the time to allow you to prepare for the loss of power. You may also be contacted by our staff to move your vehicle, and to arrange access to your electricity meter to perform essential safety checks. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will minimise the number of outages we require to complete the work.

We realise that these works may cause an inconvenience to you, so please accept our apologies for the disruption the works may cause.

Yours sincerely  
Andy Oakes  
Project Manager

## Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Glyn Jones

All the Councillors were saddened to hear of the death of one of their members in early August, namely Cllr. David Roberts of Froncysyllte. Cllr. Roberts was one of our newest members who suffered the tragic loss of his wife some six months previously and then he had to undergo a leg amputation. Our thoughts are with his family in their hour of need.

Meanwhile as promised in the previous newsletter here is the outline of the duties of your Community Council:-

The Council comprises ten councillors and a clerk with all communities represented. The AGM is held annually prior to the May meeting when officers are elected together with representatives to outside bodies. There are two sub-committees, a Finance committee and a Noddfa Cemetery committee. (The Council inherited the cemetery when Noddfa chapel in Garth closed and is responsible for its management.)

Meetings of the Council are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for August and January) alternately at Fron and Trevor Community Centres. Notices are posted prior to each meeting detailing the location and time. Members of the public are allowed to attend but are not allowed to speak except by permission of the Chairman.

The clerk, who is salaried, is responsible for producing the minutes and agenda for each meeting and in our case is the Responsible Finance Officer with responsibility for the annual audit of the accounts.

At our monthly meetings we –

- a) Obtain a report from the police on activity in the area for the previous month and have the opportunity to report to them any concerns.
- b) Receive updates to the outstanding work log (potholes that need filling, hedges that need cutting, overgrown paths, etc.) that required attention.
- c) Have the opportunity to report matters that need to be added to the work log.
- d) Any planning application in our area to Wrexham County Borough Council is passed to the Council for any observation that we may have on it.

In the next newsletter I will conclude a review of our duties.

# South African War Memorial at Froncysyllte

By Emrys Roberts

Throughout our country in cities, towns, villages and even hamlets, we discover War Memorials erected to honour men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our country.

Prior to World War 1 it was not general practice to erect such memorials to the memory of the ordinary soldier or sailor. In our great cathedrals and parish churches we may see inscribed tablets, effigies and other memorials to the memory of individual members of high ranking families of the district, who were usually of the officer class in the armed forces or to individual formations of the Armed Services.

However, following the huge loss of life sustained in World War 1, it became common practice to erect such memorials to honour all members of the services who perished and therefore we find monuments even in the smallest communities, recording the names of the fallen, mostly those of young people of a community whose early and tragic deaths were a personal loss to a family and also a waste of future potential assets to a locality.

The names of those who gave their lives in World War 1 are more often than not inscribed on the original memorials erected following the 1914-18 war or on tablets which are positioned adjacent to the monument. We have such an arrangement in Froncysyllte, whereby the original memorial unveiled in 1921 is inscribed also with the names of the fallen of the 1939-45 War. Uniquely in Froncysyllte we have a memorial which pre-dates World War 1 and is dedicated to two soldiers who gave their lives in the South African War 1900-1902. I refer to it being rather unique as I am not aware of the existence in this locality of other similar memorials of the pre-1914 era, dedicated to other ranks of the armed forces and which are sited in a public place rather than in a place of worship. The only other Anglo-Boer War Memorials known to exist in this area are to be found in St. Giles's Parish Church, Wrexham and St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry.

Saturday the 29th October 1910 was a 'red letter' day in the history of Froncysyllte, when on the afternoon of that day hundreds of people gathered to pay their respects and witness the unveiling of the memorial fountain. The first soldier named on the Memorial to make the supreme sacrifice was John Charles James who was born in 1875. He was the elder of the two sons of William and Jane James who at that time resided at Trevor View, Froncysyllte.

The other soldier whose name appears on this Memorial was 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 Memorial fountain was erected by public subscription and taken over by the former Llangollen Rural District Council in December 1910. The original choice of location for the erection of the Memorial in the large retaining wall in the centre of the village was ideal considering the small volume of slow moving traffic which passed through Fron in the early 1900's. However, in the ensuing years, with the increased volume and speed of passing vehicles close to the Memorial it began to suffer some damage. Fortunately the Victorian Military Society which was undertaking a project of Anglo-Boer War Memorials throughout the country had its attention drawn to possible serious damage – probably beyond repair – in which the Memorial was placed. Through their efforts, together with assistance from the Local Councils and a generous donation from the Chirk Branch of the Royal British Legion the Memorial has been re-sited to a less exposed position on the lay-by on the A5 highway near St. David's Church. At an impressive service held at St. David's Church and the War Memorial on Sunday the 20th October 1996 the Vicar of Chirk led the large assembled congregation in the re-dedication of the Memorial. Taking part in the service were the Standard Bearers representing several local Branches of the Royal British Legion.

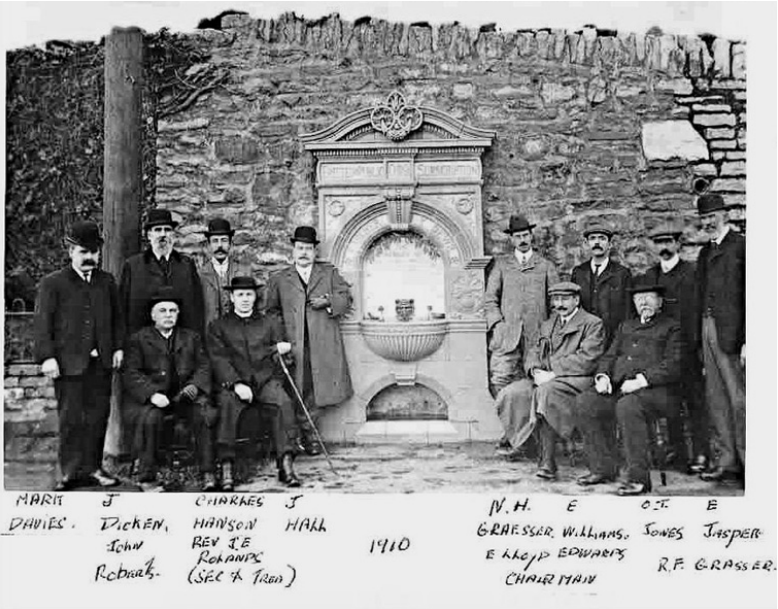


# Boer War Memorial unveiling



Llangollen Rural Community Council is in the process of applying for a grant to Northern Marches Cymru to clean and restore the Boer War Memorial in Froncysyllte. As you can see Mr Emrys Roberts has written a very informative article about the Memorial and the two soldiers who died. If anyone has any further information about the Memorial or about the soldiers then we would like to hear from you.

## Boer War Memorial Committee



# Garth School

By Cath Ivanoff - Acting Headteacher

Our final term in Garth School has been a fantastic one. With the beautiful weather, we have had many opportunities to use our new outdoor learning area and we have made big improvements to our garden. So this year we have decided to enter the 'Best Kept Garden Competition' which was an incentive to transform our garden from an area of weeds into a beautiful, colourful creation. We have had support and donations from parents, our wonderful pupils and the wider community. Most of all I would like to say a huge thank you to my mum, Mrs Ivanoff, who not only donated so much of her time but also contributed financially to make the garden a great success. So many parents have given their time and donated many things including beautiful cakes to raise much needed funds for our school. I would also like to thank 'GOODFILLERS' sandwich bar who kindly donated the ingredients to make our cakes.

We have enjoyed lots of exciting and fun activities this term. The infants have visited Chester Zoo whilst the juniors have taken part in the Roman Experience in Chester. Year 5&6 visited the Space Museum in Liverpool and then enjoyed eating their lunch, whilst travelling on the Ferry across the Mersey. All pupils from year 1 to 6 went to the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen to celebrate Children's Day. As this is the last year for our year 6 children they decided that they wanted to go Tenpin Bowling as a leaving treat.

Sports Day finally went ahead and the weather was glorious. The pupils had a wonderful day and all took part in many races. It was encouraging to see so many parents and grandparents here who joined us for the morning events. They even took part in a parent's race which caused much hilarity amongst our pupils. They then stayed with their children to enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic.

We wanted to celebrate our year 6 pupil's achievements by having an end of year leaving ceremony. They were awarded trophies, medals and gifts so that they will look back and remember their time in Garth School fondly. All the staff at Garth school will miss them and we wish them all the best for the future. We know that with continued hard work and dedication they will achieve their goals and reach their full potential. Good luck!!!

Finally we would like to thank Karen Boyce for organising and donating rosettes for our annual Dog Show, GRRUFTS. We had many classes including the scruffiest dog to the fastest sausage eater. The show was a huge success and we are looking forward to repeating it next year.

I would like to thank staff, parents and the wider community for their on-going support for Garth School. We are all looking forward to the new academic year and I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

## News from the Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards

The Aqueduct Community Association has been working in our three villages since early 2007 with a great track record of making improvements in and around our community.

When we first started we had many great plans for our communities and very many of them were achieved, however there were just as many not achieved.

As the economy took a down turn so did all the funding for community groups, whilst there is still some money available it is not so readily available.

Along with the slowing down of new projects and lack of money within the Association came a reduction of members as well. Unfortunately we have also recently lost two committee members which means we cannot hold meetings as there are not enough members attending the meetings. We are now in dire straights to say the least!!! We need to either recruit new committee members and general members to the Association very soon or make the decision to call it a day and close.

What a great shame it would be to loose everything that the Association has done, but if we can't get enough people to join the committee and volunteer their services then so be it.

In a last attempt to keep the Association going we are going to have one last meeting to see if we can get back up and running by forming a committee and trying to get some new members to help organise future events.

We will hold this meeting at **Trevor and Garth Community Centre on 7th October 2013 at 7:30pm** if you feel you can help in any way please try and attend this meeting, as we are open to all suggestions.

On a more cheerful note, the association would like to thank Pat Wilson and Joyce Evans for their recent donations towards the pensioners Christmas party, they have been out fundraising to support this great annual event. We would also like to thank Dawn Needham, Neata Jeffares and Jenny Wilson who gave all proceeds from a fund raising day held at Fron Community Centre.

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## Annual Audit – 2012 / 2013

The External Auditor has now completed the Audit on the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2013. There were no issues arising for Llangollen Rural Community Council to consider, prior to approval of its Annual Return in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) (the Regulations).

## **Church Services**

### **St David's Church, Froncysyllte - Harvest**

Friday 27th September at 7.00 pm:

Harvest service and buffet supper - visiting preacher The Rev John Lomas.

### **Family Service for Harvest**

Sunday 29th September at 9.30 am:

### **Autumn Fair**

Saturday 9th November, 12 - 4, at Froncysyllte Community Centre Refreshments and various stalls.

### **Trevor Church - Harvest**

Friday 4th October at 7pm followed by a Harvest Supper at Trevor Hall.

Tickets available from Mr Eric Hughes 821413 And Mrs Mary Green 822312

Holy Eucharist - Communion

Sunday 6th October at 9.30am.

### **Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 10th November:**

Service of remembrance in St David's Church at 10.00am

Act of remembrance at the cenotaph at 11.00am

Act of remembrance at the cenotaph in Garth at 11.00am

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## **Bird list / Garden list:**

By Julie Williams

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Brambling, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff (12th April), Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Robin, Rook, Nuthatch, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrow Hawk, Starling, Swallow, Swift, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Highlights have been the number of birds feeding young, including Blue Tits, Great Tits and especially the Woodpecker.

## Canal Fun Day

By Moira Griffiths

At the recent fun day, there were plenty of local stalls and the day turned out well with the weather being particularly fine.

Joyce Evans and Moira Griffiths held a bric-a-brac stall to raise money for the pensioners Christmas party. There were plenty of items for sale and Joyce would like to thank all who donated. Especially popular were the home made Bara Brith, Lemon drizzle cakes and Rocky Road bites that all went 'exceedingly well'!

A total of £86 was made which was then given a boost by a further donation of £14, rounding the overall total to £100.

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Tiddlywinks Toddler Group welcome all children and their parents,  
grandparents and carers.

We meet up every Wednesday 11.45am – 1.45pm at Trevor Community Centre. A light lunch is given at midday and then activity after. £1.50 a child and 50p for each additional child. First session is free and we run through all school holidays. Please come along and join in the fun and have a drink and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers.

Contact Lynne Nash for further information on 07870 656180

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## Homelink Library Service

If you are disabled or have difficulty getting to your local library a Homelink library service is provided by Wrexham County Borough Council. This offers a home visit every four weeks and provides access to the whole range of library and reference services, including books, Audios, CDs and DVDs.

For further details contact Wrexham Library 01978 292090 and ask for Ellen Edwards who looks after the Homelink Service.

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

Wednesday's 18th September, 16th October and 13th November 2013.

## FRIENDS OF GARTH SCHOOL PTFA

By Sharon Bateman

Its hard to believe another school year has come and gone. The year has been very successful for us with lots of fundraising, and we have been able to help Garth School with some of its projects.

In June we decided that we would like to get the children more involved in what our PTFA is all about. We invited them to participate in our Logo completion. The children were asked to design a Friends of Garth School PTFA logo, which we could use on stationary, on our Facebook page, and other promotions. The competition was kindly sponsored by Mrs Rose Richard of A.N. Richards Ltd Garage in Froncsyllte. The fantastic



prizes up for grabs were a Kindle, £20 book voucher and £10 book voucher. The response from the children was overwhelming and the designs were to a very high standard. The Judging took place on the 3rd July by the Richards Family. Johanna Cooke Company Secretary A.N Richards Ltd said; "The standards of the artwork for this logo competition were extremely high and as winner's of MAN's Dealership of the Year for the second year in the row we understand the importance of

rewarding excellence this is why we wanted to provide some good prizes for this logo competition." The winners were announced at the schools leaving ceremony on 18th July. 1st place Niamh Coyle, 2nd place James Bateman and 3rd place Georgia Berry. A huge congratulations to the winners and to everyone that participated and a very big thank you to A.N.Richards for supporting and sponsoring this competition.

Johanna Cooke Company Secretary A.N Richards Ltd with our winners.



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## Thank you

We would like to thank the Trevor Youth Club and local residents, for their hard work in filling and hanging up the baskets around the Garth & Trevor Community Centre, they have been a lovely show again this year.

We must also thank the helpers who have throughout the Summer months watered the baskets for us.

Our many thanks

Garth & Trevor Centre Committee



## **Bowls Update . . .**

By Moira Griffiths

Once again we are nearing the end of the Crown Green Bowling season and there are mixed feelings with the Plaskynaston and Royston teams.

In the Wrexham league, the Plaskynaston Saturday team are not doing too well. Games have been hard this season and their current position is unfortunately second from the bottom in Div 1. However in the Pairs' League that plays on Monday nights, the team is in second position, and with only one game to go they stand a good chance of promotion.

In the Oswestry league Div 3, Plaskynaston have only played each other once, with Royston in the winning position. The return match is at Plaskynaston on 21st August. In the league table, Plaskynaston A is in third place with Royston A sixth. Both teams have five games to go.

In Div 5, both teams have played their home and away games against each other with Plaskynaston winning on both occasions. Plaskynaston B is currently in sixth place with Royston B eighth. Both teams also have five games to go before the end of the season.

In the Wrexham Veterans league, Royston A is currently in first position in division 3 and Royston B are placed midway in division 4.

Once these are finished the bowlers will be looking at moving back indoors to the comfort of the Trevor Community Centre. The Trevor and G&T's teams both play in the Flexsys Indoor Bowls League which is held on Monday nights during the winter months. The Trevor team (a combination of Trevor and The G&T's) also play on Tuesday afternoons, visiting other local clubs around the county.

If you would like to play Short-Mat bowls, then why not come along to the Community Centre on Thursday nights (starting mid September) at 7pm. Entry fee is £1.50 adults; £1 children. Refreshments included. Bowls supplied or you can bring your own. For more information please contact Moira 824401 or Joyce 823244.

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## **Bird Watch Trevor**

By Anne Arnold

Goldfinches, Blackbird, Hedge Sparrows (still feeding young), Bullfinch, Robins, Chaffinch, Ravens, Crows, Magpies, Collared Dove, Pigeons, Tawny Owls, Buzzard, Sparrow Hawk, Hawk Finch, Nuthatch, Siskin, Greenfinch, House Sparrows, Pied Wagtail, Swifts, Swallows, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Heron, Ducks, Pheasant, Blue Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Coal Tit, Great Tit and Bats.

## **1st Trevor Scout Group**

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

Recently the Beavers held a sleepover at Penycae HQ. Concentrating on outdoor activities, such as outdoor cooking, camp fires, abseiling, trekking and a treasure hunt, a good time was had by all.

The Cub section is ticking over nicely and concentrating on badge work.

Three of the Cub Leaders are taking part in the Tough Mudder Challenge in October this year, to raise money for much needed equipment for the whole group. It is 12 miles of the most difficult obstacles you can imagine and takes a minimum of 3 hours to complete. Such things as 12 foot walls, jump into a pit of mud and ice, run through 10,000 volts of electricity, run through bales of flaming hay and many, many more. If anyone would kindly sponsor Ashley, Ryan or Phil, please text TREV20 £2/ £5/ £10 to 70070 to donate now (e.g. TREV20 £5) your support would be gratefully received.

The Scout section is still in need of another Leader, anyone interested please call and see Vicky on a Friday at our HQ 6.30- 8.30pm.

Vicky (scout leader) has just completed her Foundation Safety and Rescue Training in water.

In September Scouts and leaders will be going to Llyn Gwynant for canoe and kayak training.

On the last evening before we finished for Summer the beavers and cubs held their famous, much enjoyed water fight and it's always the leaders who end up the wettest much to the children's delight.

Our next Bingo will be on September 4th, eyes down at 7.30pm.

Many thanks to all who helped and supported our stalls at Cefn Fair, Ty Mawr and the fun day at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

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## **Telecottage News**

Computer sessions will restart week commencing 2nd September, at the Telecottage attached to the Garth and Trevor Community Centre.

Times will be as follows:-

Mondays 11am - 1 pm

Mondays 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursdays 1pm - 3pm

There are sessions for absolute beginners and those who just want to improve their skills.

Any enquiries tel. 01978 810119

## Fron News

By Julie Williams

**Froncysyllte Walking Group** spent May bank holiday weekend in Derbyshire walking.

The weather, scenery, guides, hotel and company could not have been better. They are now looking forward to their weekend away in Cardiff in September.

**A Fun Day in aid of Diabetes U.K.** was held at the Aqueduct Pub in Froncysyllte on Saturday 17th August. Other events to support Diabetes U.K. will include Louise and Nick Jones and Ayesha Lawson and friends competing in the Three Peaks Challenge on the 20th September (with half the money going to Shooting Star Appeal). On 12/13th October Russ Jones of Aqueduct Classics will be racing at Weston Beach Race. A Tug of War will also be held later in the year.



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**Fron Pensioners Group** will have a fundraising weekend at Fron Community Centre on 2nd and 3rd of November, 12noon – 4pm. All welcome.

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**Fron School 150th anniversary.** The Community of Fron are celebrating the anniversary of 150 years of education in the village. A get together for former pupils, staff and governors will be held in Fron Community Centre on Sunday 17th November from 12noon until 4pm. Refreshments will be available. Please come along and share your memories, bring any old photos or memorabilia. We are also compiling a book of 'memories'. Hope you can make it.



In the photo are Mr John Hughes Headteacher and Mrs Gail Bellis Class teacher and it was taken in 1993.





Advice surgeries Fridays 3.30pm – 5.30pm

6th September 2013 The Cocoa Rooms Overton LL13 0EE

11th October 2013 Enterprise Centre, Brymbo LL11 5BT

1st November 2013 George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr LL14 3AE

29th November 2013 The Parish Hall, Rhosyllen LL14 4AR

No appointments needed

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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 2013: Tuesday 17th September, 8th & 29th October & 19th November 2013.**

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

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**Tai Chi Classes**, there are no Tai Chi classes in the evenings from now on, just the morning sessions. Mike Gleed would like to thank all who have attended over the year.

**Judging day for the Best Kept Garden Competition**



## Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

Recently North Wales Police have been undertaking an operation whereas vehicles with valuables on display have been reported and the owners of the vehicles contacted by post advising them regarding vehicle security. Apart from the obvious items like Sat Navs or phones being on display cars in the Wrexham area including Llangollen Rural have been broken into when shopping bags or items of clothing have been left in view. The opportunist thief can cause a great deal of damage or distress simply by checking if any money or valuables is in a jacket, pair of trousers or shopping bag left in view. Some items are not practical to put in the boot or glovebox but all reasonable precautions should be taken including considering vulnerability of an isolated location.

Further advice on this and a variety of topics can be found on the North Wales Police website along with public appeals and crime updates. Joining details for OWL the 'Online Watch Link' and various more specialised watch schemes can also be found on the website. Recently we have been encouraging farms and isolated properties to join OWL or Farmwatch due to a number of incidents in the rural communities.

I have seen an article in the Wrexham Leader recently regarding litter problems in the World Heritage site and this is an ongoing concern in Llangollen Rural. A new bin has been located recently at Pen-Y-Bont Trevor and many local volunteers have assisted in planting and attempting to improve the appearance of the ward. Litter along with dog fouling is an ever present complaint in Llangollen Rural along with most other wards in Wrexham and council enforcement officers along with police will issue fines where appropriate.

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.





## County Councillor's Diary

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

This year is flying by, nearly September again and time to start thinking about filling the grit bins! We don't want snow like last year. What a busy year it has been so far sorting out the plants and hanging baskets throughout the ward. The Clerk of the Community Council Mrs Sue Jones has played a major role in this project, by ordering all the plants that were required. The hanging baskets were made up by Sue and Mrs Julie Jones, with the help of Trevor youth club, and local residents, and I must say they look an absolute show. Well Done.

**Best Kept Garden Competition** I had the honour of driving the judges, and the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones, around the ward. What a high standard of gardens, baskets, tubs and shrubs. I would like to say a special thanks to all our volunteers who gave up their time daily, making our ward look bright and cheerful by watering, weeding, and litter picking.

The Community Council funded the shrubs for the two new beds outside Trevor Shop. I would like to thank Dave Walker, Andy Hughes and the Shop keepers and their young team of helpers, who were Callum, Ethan, Keelan, David, Jack, Adam, Cobie, Holly, and Georgina. They all worked extremely hard on the day with the planting.

**Skip Day** Once again thanks again to Plas Madoc Housing Office team for sorting out such a successful day. We sure got rid of a lot of stuff.

**School Transport** A meeting was held at Garth School on June 14th. It was well attended by teachers, parents, myself and Ken Skates AM. We are now arranging a site meeting to get the road put back on the hazardous route.

**Event Day** This Day was yet again a big success, it was nice to see local organisations with their fund raising with their stalls. Myself and Sue Jones the clerk were very busy on our stall selling bags for the Aqueduct Association. We raised £100, which is to go towards the Pensioners Christmas Party.

**Underneath the Arches** I had the pleasure of opening this open air event, which was held on Acrefair Football pitch down the Bont. It was great to see local live bands, and the lighting up of the Aqueduct. It was lovely to see so many families with their picnics and refreshments, soaking up the atmosphere. Watch out Glastonbury!!! Special thanks to Wrexham Council and the Acrefair Football Club for making this event happen again.

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

For Council Tenants the same applies for any issues regarding repairs etc. phone **0800 085 5808** this is free on a land line phone.

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

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