

Community News

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Family Fun Day - Saturday 18th June

By Steve Edwards

The Aqueduct Community Association have this year again arranged a family fun day at Trevor Villa Barn on Saturday 18th June. Last years day turned out to be a fantastic success, so much so that we are hoping to have even more fun and games during the day and plenty of "Rock and Roll" in the evening!

There will be free parking at the barn if anybody wishes to drive and there will be a small charge £1 for adults and 50p for children made for entrance in the daytime. The day will start at around 1pm so best be there prompt if you want to get involved in the games. We will be playing games for all ages and generally having some fun during the afternoon, so far we have a bouncy castle, various stalls selling hot and cold drinks and sweets. If you are feeling a bit hungrier you could have a hot dog or burger courtesy of the Trevor cub's scouts and beavers.

We have a list of games to play such as Welly wanging - how far can you throw a welly? Last years game was great fun for all the family. There will be a craft stall, a face and nail painting stall to name just a few. We will also have some goalposts there for the lads and girls to test their football skills. Hopefully we will be having a tug of war competition, nothing too serious though!

There was talk about having one of our local councillor's in the stocks so that people can throw wet sponges at him but not quite sure if he is brave enough!! You may see some other people there on the day that you would like to put into the stocks, if so just give us a shout and we will see what we can do.

The evening entertainment will be provided by local youth rock band "Band Knight" they are a local rock band mainly consisting of 15 and 16 yr olds who regularly play at local charity events and have so far raised around £4000 for local charities. It would be really encouraging for the band members to see you all there on the evening. Music will be playing late into the evening for those of you who may like a couple of drinks and a dance to wind down to. Again a small charge £3 will be made for entrance to the evening entertainment. All money raised is ploughed back into community projects around Garth, Trevor and Fron.

Please note that entertainment during the day and evening may change due to circumstances beyond our control.



River Dee in Flood

By Moira Griffiths

With the recent spate of dry weather it sets your mind to thinking of the possibility of hosepipe bans. But who remembers this on 13th December 1964? An amazing sight!

The river has flooded a few times since then and even within the last four months it came fairly close to the top of the Bont Bridge arches! Never underestimate the power of nature.



Photograph supplied by a local. This and other local stories/photographs can be seen in a 'Local History' folder held by Joyce Evans.

If anyone has information on a past local event, whether it be stories or photographs, then we'd like to see them. Please contact either Joyce on 01978 823244 or Moira on 824401.

Llangollen Rural Community Council - AGM

At the Annual General Meeting in May C/ Cllr. Pat Jeffares was thanked for all the work he had done during his year in office. Cllr. Mark Valentine was unanimously elected as Chairman and Cllr. Geraint Roberts elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Glyn Jones was re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cllr. Elfed Morris re-elected as Chairman of the Noddfa Cemetery Committee. Other Councillors were elected as representatives on various other committees and organisations.

Garden Praise

By Julie Williams

On Saturday, May 14th, a service of dedication took place at Froncysyllte Sensory Courtyard Garden. This was organised by Mrs Pauline Roberts involving the choirs and congregation of St Davids Church Fron and St Mary's Church, Chirk. The delightful service of readings, prayers and hymns of praise was led by the vicar, the Rev. Tony Rhys. The readers were David and Pauline Roberts, Sian Williams, Hilary Prescott and Sylvia and Doug Johnson. The accompanist was Michael Wall.



It was a very appropriate and moving experience which is intended to become an annual event. Emily Larwood presented a bouquet to Pauline to thank her on behalf of the Community.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

I am honoured to be elected as Chairman of Llangollen Rural Community Council for the coming year and hope to continue the hard work shown last year by Councillor Pat Jeffares.

The Community Council addresses many issues in the area and represent each of you in ensuring we tackle any concerns you may have. With this in mind we would welcome your views on how we can further enhance what is already a wonderful area to live in.

One particular issue that is currently being targeted by the Community Council and the Police is the unsociable behaviour being witnessed from a minority of young men who visit the Trevor estate. We have listened to resident's concerns and it is apparent that the problem has arisen after alcohol was purchased at Trevor shop. The Community Council and Police have consulted and a strong letter of objection was prepared by the Council and delivered to the local shop on the 9th May by PC Chris Ryder.

We are pleased to confirm that the unwelcome visitors shall be refused alcohol going forward. Police patrols shall be undertaken as often as possible and we shall continue to monitor this situation.

"Thank you Whistlers"

A big thank you to everyone who supported us at our Prize Bingo Evening on 1st April. We were very pleased to raise £186 towards 'The World Challenge' expedition to Peru. Tommy will be joining this expedition along with nine other students from Ysgol Dinas Bran, and they will be doing conservation work in the Rain Forests and working with the street orphans in Lima.

Thank you again to all who gave prizes, bought raffle tickets and played bingo. A special thank you to Mr Geraint Roberts who once again took charge of the evening.

Diolch yn Fawr
Dawn and Tommy Needham
Jennie and Pat Wilson

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Tree Sparrows, Blue Tit, Chaffinch, Robins, Jay, Green Finch, Siskin, Bullfinch, Songthrush, Blackbirds, Goldfinches, Nuthatch, Coal Tit, Great Tit, Black Cap, Long Tailed Tit, Swallows, Magpies, Jackdaw, Wood Pigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Stock Dove, Collared Dove, Buzzards, Pheasants, Geese (above) and Sparrow Hawk.

Update on the Froncysyllte Improvements

By Cllr. Jim Davies

The three Councillors of Froncysyllte, with Cllr Pat Jeffares had a very encouraging meeting with the Highways Department from Wrexham Council last month.

I list some of the points that they agreed to address, some of which you might notice have already been completed;

- Removal of all redundant sign posts throughout the village.
- Replacement of damaged worn sign posts.
- Relocation of Froncysyllte signs to a point further outside of the village to improve the approach.
- Clearance of area around Cwmalis Road entrance.
- Clean up of the verges and foot paths along the west part of the A5.
- An application will be made to cut the grass on the verges of A5, 3 times a year, rather than the 1 per year cut that funding allows now.
- A visit from will be made to establish if we can cut back the self seeders and plant decorative trees
- An application will be made to use some of the new funding to repair stone wall on the river side of the A5.
- Removal of posts from the 'Tar Island' opposite the chip shop.
- Further investigations to be made how to improve the look of the 'Tar Island' so that a feature can be made of it.

Notes on what we cannot do: Change the fencing, although it was agreed to establish with Welsh Assembly the process for changing these on aesthetic grounds, to fit with the World Heritage philosophy of helping to enhance the look of the village! We cannot make a car park on the ground outside the Garage of AN Richards, due to safety reasons

Congratulations

The Management Committee of the Garth & Trevor Community Centre were thrilled to hear that they had won first prize in the competition organised by AVOW for their stunning hanging baskets and gardens, the competition was judged in October 2010. In the photo are Mrs Joyce Evans Chairman of the Management Committee receiving a cheque from Lisa Jones for £250 and a voucher for £75 with members of the Community Council, Aqueduct Community Association and Trevor and Garth Womens Institute.



Froncysyllte After School Club

By Anita Jeffares

What a busy term we have had. Our After School Club is going from strength to strength. Some nights we are full with 24 pupils attending. Here are some of the activities we have been undertaking.

Techniquet Techniquet held a science workshop called 'Mars Mission Madness.' This was a fun packed night and enjoyed by all. There has also been a 'Star dome' workshop where the children learnt all about the solar system. This was also a great evening.



St David's Day All the children were invited to join in Welsh activities such as making 'Love Spoons' and Welsh Cakes.

Mother's Day Honey pots ceramics attended club to help the children produce beautiful gifts for all their special Mums!

Scalextric Party What a treat for all the children (and Dad's). We had a giant size scalextric track and a great selection of cars to race around. A great night was had and hopefully we can hold this event again in the future.

Easter We had a very busy week leading up to Easter with a wide variety of Easter activities such as making Easter baskets, cards, mobiles and cakes. We also had an Easter egg hunt.

Dance We are holding a dance workshop every Monday night until the end of June, when we will have a presentation for all friends and family. This will give the children the opportunity to show off all their new dance moves they have learnt over the past nine months.

Craft Club This is held every Thursday night and covers a wide variety of activities, such as pottery, art, scrap-booking and model making.

After School Kids' Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Council for their very kind donation. We have purchased craft equipment which will enable the children to carry out new and exciting activities.

We would also like to thank the children for their enthusiasm in all our activities and parents for their continued support.

The Kids Club is held in the school every evening between 3.15pm and 5.30pm and open to all children between 3 and 11 years regardless of whether they attend Fron school or not.

For more information, please contact Anita Jeffares on 01691 773310

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Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod of Wales 2011

Bethan Grey-Davies/ Treasurer and Co-ordinator of the local appeal 01978821288

Less than three months to go to the Eisteddfod and we have raised over half our target of £20,000. The concert with the youth of the area went well as did the concert given by the James Lambert Singers. It was a boost to receive a cheque from Fron Choir and the Ladies Committee for £2,700 following their concert with Rhys Meirion and Lucy Kelly in March. We have even collected money at a Rugby match in Wrexham and collectors from other areas have given us a boost by giving us their proceeds also. We are really grateful to all these groups for their support.

If you have a function during which we can sell the raffle tickets for a car please let us know. On May 27th we have a bingo night at Fron and please come to our Coffee Morning at Llangollen on June 18th. Other further events will be advertised on our distinctive posters. If you fancy having a function for the eisteddfod yourself as organisations we would be pleased to hear from you. Please help us in any way to get nearer our target.

Have you seen the programme of events arranged for the week of the eisteddfod? If not go to www.eisteddfod.org.uk and follow the links. Remember there are translation facilities for people who need them.

As this is the last Community News before the Eisteddfod thank you for the opportunity to keep you up to date with the events and I hope that you will enjoy the special event on your doorstep.

Carrot Cake

This recipe is ideal for someone on a fat free diet.

150 grams of carrots, peeled and grated

2 eggs

2 tablespoons of clear honey

100 grams of self raising flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

50 grams of dessicated coconut

50 grams of raisins

5 tablespoons of sunflower oil



Whisk eggs and honey together for about 3 to 4 minutes, then whisk in oil bit by bit, then add remaining ingredients, folding into mixture and spoon into greased and lined small loaf tin. Bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour or until cooked.

The Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards – Chairman

As the summer approaches its great to see all the plants coming into flower, we had a fantastic show of flowers around the villages last summer and hopefully we can match it again this year. Unfortunately funding is going to be a problem this year as the funding we managed to obtain last year will not be available this year.

Can you imagine how colourful the villages would look if everybody put a hanging basket or pot near the front of their property for everybody to see, have a think about it !

One thing we did learn last year was that it's very difficult to maintain the pots, beds and hanging baskets without more help. If you have a bed, pot or basket near your home maybe you could spend a small amount of time on a regular basis weeding, dead heading and watering to help us keep them all in tip top condition. Where there are pots not being maintained we will need to look at moving them to areas where residents have offered to maintain the pots etc. this should then give us the best possible chance for the flowers and shrubs to survive any dry weather we may have during the summer months.

Unfortunately we recently had some flowers and shrubs stolen from various pots and beds located within our villages, this does dampen the great community spirit we have been trying to build up over the last few years, lets hope it was a one off event and we can move on to getting more people involved in making our three villages as colourful as possible.

If you would like any further information you can email me at aqueductca@gmail.com

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson - Group Scout Leader

Cubs had a great pack holiday in London and one item we all thoroughly enjoyed was meeting Susan Elan Jones our local MP who spent a considerable time with us, cubs were able and did question her on numerous subjects.

On Thursday 12th May we held our group AGM which was well attended as usual, Beaver of the Year was Osian Scourfield of Penrycae and Cub of the Year was Liam Gibbons of Chirk, well done. Both Beavers and Cub Groups are full at the moment with approximately 25 children in each section.

The Scout section has just started and there are vacancies there for children 10-14yrs meeting at our HQ Fridays 6.30 - 8.30pm why not go along and try it for an evening as they have many activities planned.

Our next Bingo will be Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm.

Royal Wedding Celebrations



A street party took place in Wenfryn Close, Trevor and a Picnic in the Park was held in Garth to celebrate the royal wedding on Fri 29th April. All the residents supported the event with help from putting the bunting up, to supplying food and refreshments. Thanks go to all, for contributing towards making it a successful day.



Top Right - Families enjoy an afternoon 'Party in the Park' in Garth to celebrate the Royal Wedding.
Top Left - Kings and Queen of Garth proudly display their crowns.
Middle Left - Garth children making their own Royal crowns.



Top Left - All the residents and family members of Wenfryn Close enjoying the street party.

Top Right - all generations have fun on the bouncy castle.

Bottom Right - Pat & Mabel Jeffares and Mair Bowen with friends, dressed the part for the royal wedding.

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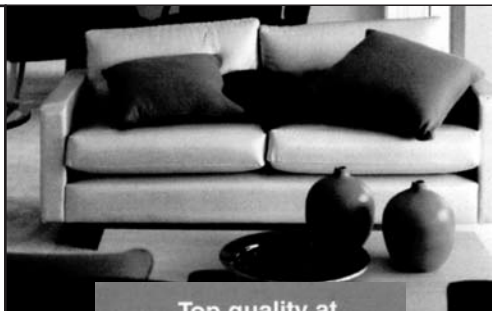
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North Wales Police Restructuring

By Sgt. Mark Williams

A government spending review has indicated that North Wales Police will have to reduce their spending by between 15 – 24 Million pounds over the next 4 years and as a result all areas of Police work have been subject to a review. North Wales Police have therefore restructured the entire force in order to maintain a high standard of service whilst reducing the numbers of support staff and police officers.

The divisional boundaries have now been removed and the number of policing sectors has been reduced. In Wrexham this is now divided into Wrexham Town, under the command of Inspector Alex Goss and Wrexham Rural under the command of Inspector Paul Jones.

PCSO funding has been guaranteed for the next two years so each PCSO will remain in their existing wards and will still be the public's first point of contact for neighbourhood policing matters. Sgt Dawn Samuels (based in Gresford Police Station) is the point of contact for issues relating to PCSO's.

CBM's however will no longer be attached to a ward and will adopt a more 'team' based approach to neighbourhood policing. There is an obvious disadvantage to this, in that the personal contact that the public has enjoyed with their own CBM will be lost. The benefits operationally are huge. A team of officers covering the whole area allows supervisors to more effectively deploy officers to problem areas to prevent and detect crime rather than just allocating the issue to one officer to deal with. Sgt Mark Williams (based in Rhos Police Station) is the point of contact for issues relating to CBM's.

The numbers of front line police officers are exactly the same following the restructuring, the savings being made in the command structure and with support staff.

There are currently no plans to close any Police Stations. There is an estates review being carried out which is due to be completed by the end of October 2011.

Congratulations Prospect Garden Tea Rooms

This year Prospect Garden Tea Rooms celebrate their 21st birthday. Linda Evans is the proprietor and she started the business in 1990. Linda said 'for the first four years there were just tables outside and we opened just at weekends but the business suffered, if the weather was bad. We then built a conservatory, opened more hours, improved the menu and we haven't looked back.

We serve freshly made salads, with homemade quiche or home baked ham all usual lunchtime delights. We are well known for our cakes, cheese scones and desserts especially the Whinberry tart which is a particular favourite. The Whinberries are freshly picked off the mountain and put into a tart with a luxury pastry base. Last year the daughter in law of George Osbourne the Chancellor of the Exchequer visited us, and bought some of our homemade Whinberry Jam to take to 11 Downing Street for her new father in law.

A couple of years ago we had an excellent review in the 'Times' written by Bettany Hughes, who visited us a few times whilst writing an article about Wales. She said 'when visiting Wales we were not to be missed'.

I'm very lucky to have good reliable and friendly staff, some who have been with me for many years. I would like to thank all our customers for the support over the years and look forward to welcoming customers old and new this season'.

Garth School News

By Miss C Ivanoff Contact - 01978 820582

Last term was a very busy period for us as we were preparing for our Estyn Inspection. We would like to thank everyone involved for all their help and support.

The children have been enjoying many excursions. The juniors travelled to Llandudno to watch A Midsummer Night's Dream, whilst the younger children visited Morton Hall to watch their production of Peter Pan. A good time was had by all.



Some of the junior children also attended a 3 day outward bound trip to Robinwood which is set in the beautiful surroundings of Dobroyd Castle. During this time the children canoed, scaled the climbing wall, rode down the zip wire and crossed the 'deadly' piranha pool.

The infant children had a Teddy bears picnic and an Easter egg hunt to raise funds for the school. Mr Hanmer went one step further and completed a Triathlon on behalf of the school. Congratulations and well done!

Over the Easter period, our Holiday club enjoyed lots of activities including a clay workshop, Italian Day and a Royal Wedding Party. We are now taking bookings for May and the Summer holidays. All welcome.

Diddy Ducks playgroup is now starting to take bookings for September. Children aged from 2 1/2 are welcome to join. Please contact the school for full details.

Finally we would like to pass on our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to Mrs Clough who is currently at home recovering from an operation. Get well soon!!

Mobile Library

The mobile library will still be calling every three weeks on a Tuesday:

Garth Rockman's Arms 9.30 to 10.10

Garth Primary School 10.15 to 11.00

Pentre Village School 1.20 to 12.00

Trevor Community Centre 1.15 to 2.15

Rhosymedre Community Centre 2.30 to 3.45

Fron Lay-by by Cliff's Cafe 4.00 to 4.40

Dates for 2011: 21st June, 12th July, 2nd and 23rd August.

Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to

Rhos Library 01978 840328.

Youth Club News

It is with sadness that I report that both Helen and Jo have left Trevor and Fron Youth Clubs and we wish them well for the future.

Fron Youth Club: Will continue to open at Fron Community Centre on a Tuesday evening from 6:30pm and closing at 9pm.

There are lots of opportunities to take part in different activities and trips out with your friends aged 11+.

Trevor Youth Club: Trevor Youth Club based at the Community Centre opens on a Wednesday evening 6:45pm - 9:15pm and offers a wide range of activities and opportunities for young people aged 11+.

If you require further information please contact the zone leader Andrea Jackson on 07800 689104.



TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



Tiddlywinks Toddler Group meet in Trevor Community Centre every Thursday morning 10am-12pm. We welcome all children and their Parents, Grandparents, and Carers.

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

We run through all school holidays.

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone within the Group and in the Community who helped with or supported our Children's Christmas Disco on December 4th 2010 and our Grand Prize Raffle. We raised the fantastic grand total of £771.30

It has enabled us to buy and replace huge amounts of new equipment and toys for the Toddler Group.

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group would also like to say a big thank you to Cadbury for their very kind donation of £750.00 and to Steve who made it possible by putting us forward.

TREVOR'S PAULA RADCLIFFE?

Well maybe not quite yet, but Johanna Cooke of Station Road ran the recent London marathon in an excellent time of 4 hours and 7 minutes. Johanna was encouraged along the route by her parents, husband Daniel and children Vinnie and William. Johanna has enjoyed running for many years but only decided to attempt a marathon some 6 months previously and as part of her training competed in the Liverpool half marathon 3 weeks before London.

She very much enjoyed the experience, the camaraderie with other entrants and the encouragement of the crowds which kept her motivated. Many fell by the wayside due to the heat, it was 25°C, but Johanna survived by taking plenty of water on board and focusing on the finishing line.

Johanna's chosen charity was the Meningitis Trust and she would like to thank everyone who sponsored her, particularly local businesses – I.Hayward Ltd., A.N.Richards, Stackit Chimney Sweep, Hardy & Davies, Eagle Tyres, and Kronospan - for their donations in these difficult times. She especially thanks the Llangollen and District Motorcycle Club for their donation of over £400 raised at trial.



Anyone wishing to donate to her charity can still do so via www.virginmoneygiving.com/johannacooke.

Pontcysyllte stars in television programme

By Leslie Richards

Wildlife enthusiasts had the opportunity to be part of an exciting evening by the canal at Trevor Basin. Not only a wonderful evening of bat detecting but also to be part of filming for a future Countryfile programme for the BBC. Members of the Aqeducks – Friends of the World Heritage Site were asked by Piers Warburton, the Community Development Officer, if whilst out doing a survey for bat activity they would agree to be part of the programme. There was an enthusiastic response and we were introduced to the presenter, Julian Hudson, and the rest of the crew. We were also very lucky to have Dr Mark Robinson on site too as he is National Ecology Manager for British Waterways and a passionate promoter of BW's Wildlife Survey 2011 which is focussing on bats.

Everyone had a fantastic evening and the stars didn't disappoint. Although not always arriving on cue, they gave a wonderful display, which we could follow by using detectors which pick up the bats echo locating calls as they flew and fed over the canal. The crew were very pleased with the filming and we will have to wait to watch the programme to see how much footage makes it passed editing! Filming was also made during the day with Mark Robinson and 'Jules' abseiling off the aqueduct to look at bat roosting sites under the arches. Under professional supervision Mark and Jules were 'dangling' from a boat on the aqueduct and filming took most of the day and again the crew were thrilled with the location and efforts of all involved. This was an entertaining day for locals and visitors with many people having an unexpected and unusual photo opportunity.

The Aqeducks would like to thank Pontcysyllte Community for the use of the detectors lent for the evening which were very much appreciated and to Julie and Vaughan Williams for taking part.

The Aqeducks Biodiversity Group would welcome contact from users and visitors to WHS for any sightings or information relating to otter and mink, giving details and dates please, we would also be interested in other usual as well as unusual flora and fauna so that we can build up a database of species along the canal. Please contact Lesley Richards on Lesleyllangollenwhs@hotmail.co.uk

Everyone can take part in Wildlife Survey by visiting the Waterscape website <http://www.waterscape.com>. We wish her well in the future and hope that she will come back and see us soon.

Message from the Rev'd Neil Kelly, Curate to the Parish of Llangollen & Trevor

Something happened recently where we live in Trevor. A person parked their car but didn't put the hand break on properly. The empty car rolled down the hill and crashed into the telegraph pole opposite our house. The pole came down along with the cables. Electricity was cut off to our house and those in the local vicinity. When the electric company tried to re-connect us later in the evening the power surge was too great. Plugs started to go 'bang' and much of our electrical equipment was damaged. Amazingly and thankfully nobody was hurt.

'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also' is a well known saying of Jesus. But are we aware of what we treasure most. I didn't think I treasured this electrical equipment to the extent that I did, until it was no longer there. No phone to chat to family, no ubiquitous box to connect to the Internet, no hi-fi to play music or listen to the news, no central heating to produce hot water to wash the dishes and so on.

Although we need material things, deep down we know that the best things in life are free. Our capacity to love and be loved is surely the most obvious expression of this truth. Our ability to wonder at the beauty of our local landscape and to be moved by human suffering and goodness are also treasures beyond price.

In our recent experiences, as neighbours we supported each other to argue our case with the electricity company that the re-connection procedure was unsafe. One of our neighbours is an electrician. At the end of his long working day he came round to help us. When our security alarms wouldn't stop going off two other neighbours helped sort it out. We know these neighbours better now from this one night's experience than we have in the whole ten months we've lived here. It's felt good to support each other and to experience the kindness of others just when it's most needed.

When we discover the joy of intimacy with God and solidarity with our neighbour, we will have found the lasting treasure that satisfies our heart.

An outdoors **Ascension Day Service** near the Panorama (top of Garth) followed by breakfast at Prospect Farm, 2nd June at 7am

Further information from www.stcollens.org.uk

Services at St David's Church Fron and Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30am

There will be a Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Chirk on 15th July, 16th July and 17th July. At 5pm Sunday 17th July there will be Songs of Praise held at the Church to close the flower festival.

Our Mrs Bellis

In all those years of teaching she has taught many generations of families in the community and I am sure they have shared some wonderful moments and will remember their time at Fron and Mrs Bellis so fondly.

Gail has been an excellent teacher, colleague, friend and ambassador for our school and she will be greatly missed by all staff, parents and children.



We wish her well in the future and hope that she will come back and see us soon.

Homelink Library Service

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

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

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

Wednesday 1st & 29th June, 27th July and 24th August.

Froncysyllte School

By Barbara Davies

Spring was a busy time at Fron School. We celebrated St David's day with a school Eisteddfod. Pupils were judged on their artwork, handwriting, recitation, dancing & singing.

The children have been exploring nature within our forest school. Children and staff enjoyed a spring nature walk with Kate Thompson from the Forestry commission.

The PTFA have had several garden days preparing the school wildlife garden for the creation of the bog garden and preparing the ground for a willow structure.

On 9th March all of the children really enjoyed helping plant and weave willow. With the help of North Wales Woodland Trust the children created a willow dome play den. This work will be used as evidence in our Green Flag Eco file. We would like to thank Stonecat Nature Reserves from Llangollen for the donation of the willow saplings.

The garden is still very much work in progress but as members of the North Wales Wildlife Trust we hope to create a garden to be a space to be enjoyed by both the children and wildlife. Any help or donations of plants or materials would be gratefully received

Thank you to the school council and staff for their hard work organising this years Easter fair. Everyone had a good afternoon, with the continued support of parents, grandparents and friends over £300 was raised for school fund.



Upcoming Events

Friday 10th June – Summer fair in Froncysyllte School and grounds. All welcome. Our Summer fete will start at 2pm. Fron school would like to extend an open invitation to the whole community to join us in what should be a lovely afternoon. We have traditional stalls plus craft, fun & games along with BBQ, Tea & Cakes. Come along and see how our wildlife garden is progressing. We can offer transport from the community centre for our elderly friends by prior arrangement. Please contact the school secretary on 01691 773310 or Barbara Davies 01691 774197.

Friday 17th June - Fron Male Voice choir charity concert - Llay British Legion. **Tickets can be purchased from School, Cakes & Company at Fron Community Centre or Porters Deli. Market Street, Llangollen.** We would like to thank the choir for their kind donation.

Tuesday 5th July – Beach Trip

July 15/16/17th Flower festival – St Mary's Church. The children will be creating a piece of art using "All Things Bright and Beautiful" for inspiration. The art work will be on display over the weekend.

Police Matters

PCSO David Jenkins

101 or 999?

You will all know the number to ring in an emergency but sometimes you will not feel an incident warrants a 999 call. 101 is now the non emergency number in Wales and will put you through to the police control room to report anything not justifying 999. You can still contact the neighbourhood policing teams direct but are advised to call the control room on the appropriate number if an immediate response is required.

Recently there has been concern expressed in relation to anti social behaviour in the Trevor area stemming from alcohol consumption. Steps are being taken to address this issue with the support of the local council and the neighbourhood policing teams. Patrols are being made of the area but any offences can be reported at the time on 101 (or 999 if justified).

Patrols in the area will also be looking at any dog fouling or littering offences where a £75 fine is applicable, these offences are still being identified by the majority of residents as a concern especially the dog fouling which has health implications.

Please feel free to contact me: E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

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

Trevor Bowlers

By Moira Griffiths

Now that the indoor bowling season is over it's time to turn our thoughts to the outdoor game of Crown Green Bowls.

Several players from Trevor play for two local teams; The Royston and Plas Kynaston. Both clubs play in the Wrexham Veteran league, Plas Kynaston and also have teams in different divisions in the Oswestry league.

With the weather being as nice as it has been recently it is a pleasure to play in the warm sunshine, but don't be fooled into thinking that the game is only played in the nice weather . . . come hail, snow or rain the waterproofs come out and the game has to continue! A challenge to all.

If you would like to take up the 'relaxing' sport of Crown Green Bowls then don't hesitate to get in touch. Everyone is welcome call me on 824401.

Bird list

By Julie Williams

Although not spotted in the garden, it's worth recording the sighting of a Tree Creeper at very close range on the trees along the canal towpath between Fron Basin and Irish Bridge.

Blue tit, Blackbird, Brambling, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Collared dove, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great tit, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tailed tit, Magpie, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Sparrow Hawk, Nuthatch, Starling, Swallow and Swift (6th May), Wren, Woodpigeon.

Best Kept Garden Competition

We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts will be judging the competition this year. Both very keen gardeners one enjoys more the plants whilst Tony Roberts is a very good fruit and vegetable gardener. Tony Roberts has his own allotment at Price's Lane. Andrea Evans has her own gardening business. Both love plants and gardening is more of a passion than a job. Andrea Evans has been on the Wales in Bloom team as a volunteer since it began and this will be their fifth year of entering. Wrexham is also entering RHS Britain in Bloom so it will be a very busy time for us all.

Llangollen Rural Community Council

Best Kept Garden Competition 2011 Application Form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

* Categories are:-

Overall Large Garden

Overall Small Garden

Vegetable Garden

Hanging Basket

Container.

***Please circle category(ies) entered.**

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding feature and the Monsanto rose bowl for the best garden.

The gardens will be judged on Wednesday 13th July 2011

The competition is open to all residents in Fron, Garth, Tower Hill and Trevor.

If you are interested in applying please complete the application form. Forms will also be available from Councillors and the Clerk.

Please return the completed form to:

Mrs Sue Jones, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor by Monday 11th July 2011

For further information please phone **01978 810466**

County Councillor's Diary

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

Resurfacing The Council's poor financial settlement from the Welsh Assembly has caused this work to slow down. Ten million pound savings, this year and again next year are to be found, however we did have a bit of resurfacing done and there is more in the pipe line. I have also put the Fron Community centre car park in for resurfacing, and hope this will be done under this years financial budget.

Playgrounds An assessment has been carried out on our three playgrounds in our ward, Fron scored the highest as the worst of the three. We have now submitted a bid to update and refurbish this playground. This is being done in conjunction with the community council.

Parking We are now leasing extra parking spaces for cars and coaches on the Flexsys site, known as the Winbourne gate. This should help to ease the parking problems in and around the World Heritage site.

Skip Day I have arranged another skip day for Trevor on the 14th June at Trevor Community Centre, 9am – 2.30pm, like last year this will be a chance to dispose of any big items of your rubbish. Also there will be a skip in Fron on Wednesday 15th June at the top of Woodlands Grove by the playground, again at the same time of 9am – 2.30 pm. Hope this is as successful as last year. We will also make provision for large items to be picked up from the Hafryn area in Garth.

Litter Picking Day I will be arranging a litter picking day like last year in our ward, with our PCSO Dave Jenkins, and Shane Hughes of tidy Wales. Date and time to be set.

Home Safety Checks For a free home fire safety visit, please call the freephone number: 0800 169 1234 Take advantage of this opportunity for peace of mind.

Community Council At our AGM on Tuesday 3rd May, I had the honour of handing over the chairman's chain of office to Councillor Mark Valentine, for the ensuing year. Cllr Geraint Roberts was also elected as the Vice Chair. I would like to thank them and my fellow councillors for their support during the past year. Special thanks to the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones for all her help and support in keeping us and the books in order!!

Royal Wedding Street Party I would like to thank the residents of my street Wenfryn Close, who organised a great party on this day. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all residents from the youngest to the oldest. Big thanks!!

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

Pat Jeffares

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