# Community News

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## Best Kept Garden Competition – 2014

The winners of Llangollen Rural Community Council's 2014 Best Kept Garden competition were announced at a presentation in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre. This year twenty seven gardeners entered the competition from Fron, 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 Audrey Bowen 2. Mrs Ann Bear

**Overall Small Garden** 1. Mrs Barbara Warburton 2. Helen & Jack

**Containers** 1. Ms Clare Jones 2. Terry & Brian and joint 2nd Roy Blackmore
Highly Commended John Turton

**Hanging Baskets** 1. Ruth Evans 2. Steve Cuffin and joint 2nd Jackie Lewis
Highly Commended Claire Hughes and Helen Jones

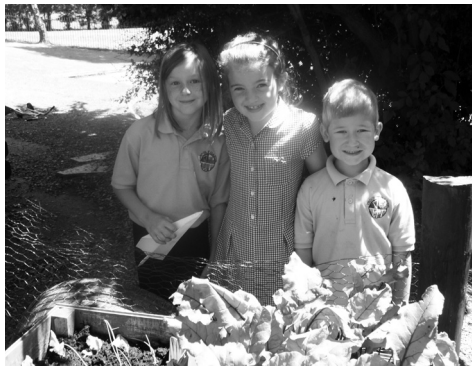
**Vegetable Garden** 1. Mrs Marjorie Crosbie 2. Towers Day Nursery

**Children's Garden** 1. Garth School 2. Towers Day Nursery

**Monsanto Rose Bowl (Best Overall)** Mrs Audrey Bowen

**Watkin Williams Memorial Trophy** Mrs Barbara Warburton

Photographs were taken of all the gardens and these can be viewed on the web site **www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk**



**Garth School** Congratulations to Garth School who have won 1st Prize in the Best Kept Garden's Children's category. This is the second year that they have entered and have taken the first prize on both occasions. The judges said that it was a beautiful garden with different areas for the children to work and relax.

**Towers Day Nursery** Congratulations to Towers Day Nursery who received a 2nd prize in the Best Kept Garden's Children's Category. The judges also entered and placed them 2nd in the adult Vegetable Garden Competition.

The judges said that because their vegetable garden was so well stocked with a variety of fruit and vegetables, it was only right that they should compete in the main competition for the Vegetable Garden.

## Chairman's Corner

Cllr Joyce Evans

At the presentation evening in August I was delighted to announce the winners of the Best Kept Garden Competition. There were 27 entries and were of a very high standard and I would like to pass on my congratulations to all who entered and also my thanks to the judges. At the presentation evening we also took the opportunity to thank the invited volunteers from Garth, Trevor and Fron for all their hard work that they have tirelessly undertaken to keep our community looking so tidy and attractive.

The work on the Noddfa Cemetery Garden of Remembrance in Garth is now complete. It is looking much improved now that the remembrance stones have been raised off the ground. In October the Pontcysyllte World Heritage will be installing a new art project, which will display scenes from the 'eleven mile stretch'. The panels will be placed alongside the Trevor basin and wharf along to the Wimbourne Gate. I wish them well with the project which will be interesting to look at once completed. Finally in September the Aqueduct Community Committee are arranging a Fun Day at the Trevor Basin, which going by past events have been very successful days. I look forward to seeing you there and have ordered some nice weather for the day.

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## Trevor and Garth Women's Institute

Ladies, dates for your diaries.

The following dates are for meetings to be held at Trevor and Garth Community Centre starting at 7.00pm. Please visit us and see if you would like to join the largest women's voluntary organisation in Britain.

September 11th, October 9th and November 13th

President, Ms Sue Kempster 01978 810302

Treasurer, Mrs Joyce Evans

Secretary, Mrs Tracey Pugh

## 1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

We have had a few very busy weeks towards the end of term.

The Beavers had a sleepover, which was incorporated with a visit to Underwater Street, Liverpool; it was a very enjoyable hands on experience.

In July, Beavers and Cubs had a sleepover at our HQ then a fun day at Alton Towers, it was all good fun. Many thanks to Pats Coaches for their kindness. We Leaders would like to congratulate all the children for their excellent behaviour on the day we are proud of them.

Also thanks to parents who donated items for our Tombola stall in Ty Mawr, the day netted us £209 profit, which is wonderful and goes in Group funds.

The last meeting before the Summer break was our famous and totally mad water fight, where strangely, it's always the Leaders who get the wettest.

End of August the Cubs will be going on a District camp to Penycae, where they will be taking part in abseiling, climbing, canoeing, go carting and many more activities, just hope the weather is kind.

Our next Bingo at our HQ is September 10th, eyes down at 7.30pm.

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## Bird list / Garden list:

By Julie Williams

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Collared Dove, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Linnet, Magpie, Nuthatch, Red Legged Partridge, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Swallow, Swift, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Highlights – Coal Tits using the nest box but no fledging witnessed. However in June Goldfinches were feeding their young, and we saw young Robins and young Blue Tits.

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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. 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 17th September, 15th October, 12th November & 10th December.**

## Bowls Update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

The Crown Green season is now well into the second half of play and the teams from Plaskynaston and Royston are holding their own.

In the Wrexham Saturday league Plaskynaston are currently in 9th position with eight more games to play. The games seem harder this season and are showing some unexpected results. The Pairs league on Monday nights is also proving hard going with PK currently in 5th place with four more games left to play.

In the Oswestry league, played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings there are more positive results. PK 'A' and Royston 'A' in division 3 are 4th and 8th respectively, at time of writing and in division 5 both 'B' teams are 2nd and 7th respectively, with the latter two teams yet to meet for a second time this season. Again, the games are showing unexpected results and even the stronger players are finding that it's not all plain sailing! This is the cut-throat world of the Crown Green Bowlers!

My next update will be reviewing the end of season games and concentrating on the indoor game of Short Mat Bowls. We play in the Trevor Community Centre on Thursday evenings, starting at 7pm, so if there is anyone out there who would like to learn either game then please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Joyce on 824401 or 823244.

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## Church Services

### St David's Church, Froncysyllte

Harvest - Friday 26th September at 7.00 pm: Harvest service and buffet supper.

Family Service for Harvest - Sunday 28th September at 9.30 am

### Trevor Church

Harvest - Thursday 25th September at 7pm followed by a Harvest Supper at Trevor Hall.

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

### Sunday Service

Sunday's at 9.30am.

### Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9h 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

## Fron News

By Julie Williams

Councillor Derek Wright presents a book entitled "Cefn Mawr and District: Understanding Urban Character" to Matilda and Delilah Hayward, pupils of Froncysyllte School. The book was made available for distribution to local schools and community organisations by Ann Irwin, Senior Conservation and Environment Officer at Wrexham County Borough Council.

**Fron Walking Group** Over the May Bank Holiday weekend, Fron Walking Group based themselves at the Tewkesbury Park Hotel in Tewkesbury and enjoyed a variety of guided walks in the lovely Cotswold Countryside.

Rain on the first day did nothing to dampen spirits or enthusiasm for a walk in the Chipping Campden area. On the second day, walks from Bourton on the Water via the Windrush Way and Wardens Way, through Upper and Lower Slaughter was enjoyed in full sunshine, as was the final walk near Cirencester. Lovely pub lunches of local fare were enjoyed each day. The group are now looking forward to their annual weekend away in Cardiff in September. Monthly walks start from Fron Community Centre at 12.30pm on the third Saturday of every month.

**Pictured:** Kelvin Mole, Alwenna and Alan Jones, Megan Jones and Roberta Lyke.

**Weatherman Walking** Have you ever wondered what goes into the making of a programme such as Weatherman Walking? If so, join us for an entertaining evening presentation of photographs by a member of the film crew showing some aspects of the routes taken and the development of the programme. To round off the evening there will be some light hearted musical entertainment. This event will take place in the early Autumn, 7pm on a Friday evening at Fron Community Centre. £2.50 including refreshments. Raffle on the night. Date will be announced later, look out for posters. Proceeds towards Froncysyllte Walking Group and Community Garden.

**Quiz** A family fun quiz will be held in Fron Community Centre at 7pm (Autumn date to be confirmed) in aid of Fron Walking Group and Community Garden. All welcome. Don't worry if you're on your own, teams can be made up on the night. Admission £2 (accompanied under 16's £1) including refreshments. All welcome.

**History Talk** Mr Emrys Roberts will give another interesting talk on Fron in the early Autumn, date to be confirmed, please look out for posters.

**Seion Chapel - WW1 Concert** It was standing room only at the newly decorated Seion Chapel on Thursday 17th July, when the Dee Valley Schools Federation choir and the James Lambert Singers performed at a memorable evening marking the centenary year of the outbreak of the First World War. Prayers were said by the Rev, Elfyn Richards of Rhos, and the words of 'We Shall Remember Them' were read out by Mrs Hilary Harriman followed by the Last Post played by Taya Castley, who is also a soloist with the school choir. Over £900 was raised, which will be spent on further refurbishment of Seion Chapel in which it is hoped that many more events will be hosted.

**Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research/McMillan Nurses** Friends and supporters enjoyed a variety of home made cakes and biscuits at a coffee morning held in the sunshine, in the garden at Brookside in July in aid of Cancer Research Wales and McMillan Nurses.

Dee Penk would like to thank Kate Thomson and all who helped and supported the event which raised over £250.

**Pictured:** Val Thomson, Josie Evans, Dee Penk, Pauline Marlour, Jo and Ian Collins.

**Cakes and Company Community Cafe** Open Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of October. Run by local volunteers; all proceeds are distributed amongst worthy causes in the village of Fron. Home made cakes, light refreshments, tea/coffee at 50p per cup. Jams and preserves, home grown veg in season, crafts and a very warm welcome! Why not come along and sit in the peaceful Sensory Courtyard garden and enjoy afternoon tea.

## Garth and Trevor Youth Association

By Sue kempster Chair

Following on from the announcement that Wrexham Council will be changing youth provision at Trevor, We would like to invite parents and interested parties to meet with representatives of the Youth Association.

The Association was formed some 10 years ago when the club was run by parents and other interested parties. Wrexham County later took over the provision of youth leaders at the club.

If anyone would like to be considered as a volunteer youth leader within the community please come along and meet with us.

If we don't receive any reply to this announcement we will have no alternative but to close the Wednesday night club. This may be on a temporary basis or may prove to be permanent.

Without volunteers to run the club on a Wednesday this decision will be made by Wrexham Youth Service in line with current measures.

The meeting will take place at Trevor community centre lounge on the 10th of September at 6.30 pm everyone welcome.

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## Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at The Towers have been enjoying all the sunshine lately and have been very busy tending the Nursery garden which was visited by the judges during July.

Also in July, the nursery had a write up and pictures in The Leader as we have just gained the Silver Award for Designed to Smile, a programme of teeth cleaning and dental education,

At the beginning of August we took delivery of a new storage shed, new playhouse, two new pedal cars and an outdoor slide. The children have had great fun using them. The younger babies have had a new indoor/outdoor ball pool and a soft play activity gym.

We send our best wishes to those pupils leaving us this term to go to Primary school and extend a warm welcome to all the new children joining us in September.

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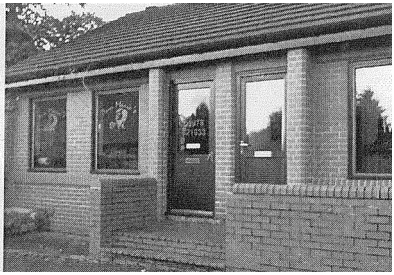


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## Aqueduct Community Association

By Sue Kempster

Meeting dates for the next four months are : September 9th, October 14th, November 11th and December 9th. With a provisional booking for a Christmas fayre on the 6th of December.

The volunteer grass cutters have done a brilliant job this summer and our thanks go out to them for their sterling work. Plans for the fun day on the 6th of September are well underway and we hope to have good weather as well as a good turn out on the day.

The community art project has attracted the attention of a number of our members who are working hard with Ceri Postle the World Heritage Site Community Development Officer and the artists on the gateway to the Pontcysyllte site.

The next big thing we will be working on will be the pensioners Christmas party, a highlight for us all during the festive winter calendar.

If you fancy volunteering or just joining in at any of these activities please come along to a meeting or contact me for more details on 01978 810302.

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## Mobile Library

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

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| Garth Rockman's Arms | 9.30 to 10.10 |
| Garth Primary School | 10.15 to 11.00 |
| Pentre Village School | 11.20 to 12.00 |
| Trevor Community Centre | 1.15 to 2.15 |
| Rhosymedre Community Centre | 2.30 to 3.45 |
| Fron Lay-by by Cliff's Cafe | 4.00 to 4.40 |

**2014: Tuesday 9th & 30th September, 21st October, 11th November, 2nd & 23rd December.** Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328.

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## Bird Watch Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Plenty of young birds now on the bird tables with their mothers still feeding them (including Blue Tits, Nuthatch, Sparrows, Goldfinches, Chaffinch and Robins). Pheasant in woods, Chiffchaff, Wrens, Great Tits, Blackbirds, Jays, Magpie, Bullfinch, Yellow Hammer, Siskin, Jackdaw, Hawk finch, Greenfinch, Thrush, Redstart, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Tawny Owl, Wood Pigeon, Stock Dove, Collared Dove, Sparrow Hawk, Buzzard, Coal Tit, Long Tail Tit, Herons, Ducks, Swallows, Swifts and Bats.

## Cherry and Chocolate Brownies

By Sue kempster

200g dark cooking chocolate

1 cup (200g) brown sugar

3 eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup (150g) plain flour

1 cup (85g) desiccated coconut

425g can stoneless black cherries, drained

Method

Pre heat oven to 180 lightly grease 16cm x 26cm slab tray and line with non stick baking paper.

Place chocolate and butter in a microwave-safe dish. Microwave on Medium/50% power, stirring once, for 2 minutes or until melted.

Stir the sugar into the chocolate mixture, stirring well to dissolve any lumps. Stir in the eggs, flour and coconut. Fold in cherries.

Pour mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 40 minutes. Leave in pan to cool before cutting into squares to serve

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## Etape Cymru Road Race 2014.

A closed road cycling event will be held on Sunday 14th September 2014. Approximately 2,000 cyclists will take pat in the event which starts and ends at Bangor on Dee Racecourse and goes along a 85 mile route through Wrexham and Denbighshire, including a timed climb up the famous Horseshoe Pass.

The Etape Cymru is a fully closed road cycling event. Some changes have been made to the course, the new 2014 route, closure timings and map can be found on their web site www.humanrace.co.uk/events/cycling/etape-cymru

Most of the A-roads in the region will be open and operating as normal. Where closures are in place it is for short sections only and alternative routes can be used. Where the route crosses them stop/go traffic lights will be in place.

Access for the Emergency Services will not be affected. There are strict rider cut off times and they will endeavour to open the roads as quickly as possible when the last cyclist has passed through each section safely.

If you would like to get involved, or have any questions please contact cycling@humanrace.co.uk or 020 8391 3913.

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## Tiddlywinks Toddler Group, Trevor.

By Lynne Nash

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group enjoyed a very successful sponsored walk around Ty Mawr on Wednesday August 6th. We did our Toddle Waddle to raise funds and awareness for meningitis. The children made hats and flags for the occasion and the parents were given T-shirts to wear to help promote the cause. We all had a great day in the sunshine and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, we all finished off with a picnic and a play in the park. Tiddlywinks managed to raise just under £200 for meningitis which is a great success!! We just want to thank all the parents/grandparents and carers who helped to make this event a great success.

Tiddlywinks Toddler group meet every Wednesday 11.45am -1.45pm at Trevor Community Centre. The group re opens from having their summer break on Wednesday 3rd September.

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## World Challenge

By Ben Larwood

On the 7th of July I was part of a World Challenge Expedition from Ysgol Dinas Brân that went to India for a fortnight. We visited the small village of Pangot near Nainitail in Uttarakahand, whilst there we helped construct a rubbish incinerator and put up some guttering on one of the houses. We also visited the local school and gave gifts to the children. Afterwards we went on a three day trek along some of the foothills of the Himalayas. We then went to see the Taj Mahal in Agra. We really enjoyed the experience, thank you to everyone who supported my fundraising for the expedition.

## Major Local Landslip...

By Moira Griffiths

In April 1989 the villages of Fron and Trevor lost their road link due to a major landslip just below Trevor basin. Bridge End Cottage and a second property being built nearby had to be evacuated as large cracks appeared in the road and the ground in front of the houses subsided.

What should have been a mile long journey between the two villages turned into a detour of between six and nine miles, with traffic having to go through Newbridge or Llangollen. This lasted over two years before the road was eventually re-strengthened and connection between the two villages completed.

The pictures show the extent of the landslip.

## Police Matters

By PCSO David Jenkins

Recently there has been several speed surveys carried out in Llangollen Rural at various locations both in person and by monitoring equipment which you might have noticed on the road. The results from these surveys have identified where and when the main speeding issues are occurring. The 'GO SAFE' enforcement vehicles appear to be on the roads of Wrexham County more frequently and are seen to be working at later times of the day in the past. Llangollen Rural is expected to be included on the deployment rota of the enforcement vehicles in the near future and whilst many people believe this is a means of raising revenue the issue of speeding vehicles tends to be brought up regularly in all areas. The upshot of being caught speeding can be expensive in regard to increased insurance costs on top of any fine or possible loss of licence if points limit is reached. Sometimes a 'Driver Awareness Course' will be offered if the speed is within a percentage of the limit but this in itself will incur a fee and should be notified to insurance companies who may increase subsequent premiums. Over the summer there have been a few reports of antisocial behaviour in the ward. Any such issues should be reported either direct to the Police or through local councillors. Information received can be kept confidential if required.

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

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

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## Trevor Youth Provision

From Monday 8th September 2014 Wrexham youth service detached team will be at the new car park in Trevor every Monday between 6pm and 6:30pm so please go along to meet your youth workers Richard and Mel. The new programme will be available on youngwrexham.co.uk or available from the youth workers.

If you would like further information please contact Andrea Jackson on 01978 820056.
Andrea Jackson - Advanced Practitioner for School and Community / Uwch Ymarferydd ar gyfer yr Ysgol a'r Gymuned

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## Telecottage

Do you want to start using a computer? Or are you experiencing problems with Windows 8? Why not come and join one of our computer sessions, which re-start in September.
Mondays 11am - 1pm Mondays 1pm - 3pm Thursdays 1pm- 3pm
Any enquiries phone 01978 810119

## 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 want another Winter like last year, NO SNOW!! 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, and Mrs Ceri Postle have played a major role in this project, by ordering all the plants that were required.

**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, litter picking, and grass cutting. I have never seen the Ward look so tidy. Well done everyone.

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

**Underneath the Arches** Once again 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. Special thanks to Wrexham Council, Acrefair Football Club, and Nightingale House for making this event happen. A great night was had by all.

**School Transport** Wrexham Council have decided to implement their transport policy, which will effect our children on Trevor Estate. They say Acrefair is our nearest school, so therefore they are now going to charge £50 per child, per term to transport them up to Garth School. I have involved our AM Ken Skates, and I will also be arranging a meeting for parents with Wrexham Council as soon as possible.

**Garth Bus Service** A big well done to Joyce Tudor, a resident from Garth who arranged for myself, Ken Skates, and officers from Wrexham Council to walk from the Aussie Rooster up to the top of Garth, just to point out what it would be like for our elderly residents to walk up with their shopping. It was a glorious day, but she did point out, for us to imagine what it would be like in rain, hail, and snow. Everybody was in full agreement with her concerns. We are looking at all options available, and await the outcome.

**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, please note the same applies for any issues regarding repairs etc. but there is a new phone number. **01978 298993**

**Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.**

**Pat Jeffares Phone: 01978 820570 E-mail: pat.jeffares@wrexham.gov.uk**

## Best Kept Garden Competition awards 2014