

County Councillor's Diary

This is a brief update of the on going issues within the Llangollen Rural ward. We are still busy with overgrown hedges, grass cutting, roads and footpath sweeping in the three villages, and other issues raised in the last community council meeting.

After many phone calls to Scottish Power, they have agreed to put new fencing around their sub station, off Charles Avenue on the Trevor Estate. This work is due to commence over the next couple of months.

The Council's Parks Department has allocated one and a half bags of Daffodils to each ward, which they will plant. The areas decided upon are Trevor Hall Road Garth, the entrance to the Rhos Y Coed Estate and by Cliff's Café and Richard's garage in Fron. I feel these are suitable green areas for planting.

I recently arranged a visit to the Mayor's Parlour for Garth and Fron School's. Fron School decided to send their school council. The head teacher Mr. Jarvis and I took six pupils on Monday 23rd October, where they were shown around and had refreshments with the Mayor. Still awaiting the final terms and agreements for the Rural Development grant. As promised a public meeting will be held when this information is known.

I recently submitted a letter to the Evening Leader requesting support from our AM's and MP's across North Wales for the Aqueduct's World Heritage status. We now know we have got a slot in 2008 for the application to be considered, as this decision will be made in Westminster and not the Welsh assembly.

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

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me **Pat Jeffares**

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Thank you from Fron

The Management Committee at Froncysyllte Community Centre would like to say a big thank you to Jess Richards for organising a carnival at the Community Centre. The money raised has gone towards redecorating the Community Centre and also to clear the moss off the roof. Committee members also thank Phil, Rob, Jim and Eddie for their hard work on and before the day. Thanks are also extended to Barry the landlord of the Aqueduct Inn, for his help on the day. The help and support from everyone in the community is very much appreciated.

At Seion Congregational Chapel, Froncysyllte, Mr E. Roberts gave an interesting talk on the history of the village assisted by Mr G. Alcock who displayed photos of people of the village over many years. Staff and parents of Froncysyllte County Primary School held an Autumn Fayre at the Froncysyllte Community Centre in aid of Seion Congregational Chapel.

The Chapel Members send their grateful thanks for both events.

Community News

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International Stardom For Fron Choir

The members of Froncysyllte Choir are bracing themselves for Chart success and Hollywood stardom. The Choir was spotted when singing at a wedding in Trevor Hall by Daniel Glatman, manager of Boy Band Blue. Mr Glatman was so moved with the sound and passion of the Choir that he negotiated a contract with Universal Music, the label which has Bryn Terfel, Katherine Jenkins, Rappers Eminem and 50 Cent on their books.



The film rights have been bought by film producer Zygi Kamasa who worked on Bend It Like Beckham, and George Clooney's Good Night and Good Luck.

Mr Kamasa said "The story of this Choir will follow in the footsteps of other British success stories like Brassed Off and Calendar Girls."

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

A major step towards Pontcysyllte Aqueduct being considered for UNESCO World Heritage Status has been announced. The Minister of Culture, David Lammy, issued a public statement officially naming the next three sites to go forward from the UK to be



considered as World Heritage Sites. He confirmed that the Antonine Wall in Scotland, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct in Wales and the Twin Monastery of England are the UK's Nominations for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Under the proposals to extend the World Heritage site boundary, both Denbighshire County Council and Oswestry Borough Council have agreed to support the nomination. The site being considered takes in a small section of canal within the Borough of Oswestry, before crossing Chirk Aqueduct and along the canal to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, it then follows the feeder canal through to the Horseshoe Falls in Llangollen.

Isobel Garner, Chief Executive, stated "Gaining World Heritage Status would be of great value to the local community as well as a real coup for the tourism profile of the area".

British Waterways Wales & Border Counties Manager Julie Sharman said "Being considered for World Heritage Status is a major accolade, particularly for an area that is so rich in history and heritage".

Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir

Part Three

Following the retirement of John, the Choir appointed a new Conductor Val Jones a music teacher from Berriew, Powys. The Choir continued their high standard with a win at Llangollen in 1994 and tours to San Sebastian in Northern Spain, Germany, Holland, Canada, Chicago and Wisconsin. Excellent wins at International Music Festivals in Malta and Athens. After a successful 11 years Val retired.

The present Conductor Ann Atkinson from Corwen was appointed in 2002.

Ann trained as a teacher and operatic singer. With Ann, the Choir won at the Limburg Music Festival, Germany and had a successful tour to Barcelona. The Choir is fortunate in having Owen M. Roberts the local music teacher from Trevor as Sub-Conductor, and Accompanist Alwena Nutting.

The Choir Ladies Committee are always working hard in the background organising fund raising events and have contributed over many years to the success of the Choir. The Choir has touched most families in this area and brought much happiness to them all and they in turn have been very supportive of the Choir. There is no better proof of the enjoyment of being in the Fron Choir than the fact that so many Choristers have long service and there are even five founder members still singing. The Choir has made many friends throughout the World and that is exactly why the Choir was formed to reach out in song to other Nations.

Further information can be found on the Choir Website: fronchoir.fsnet.co.uk.

Our thanks to Dennis Williams who has writted these three installments

Fron Community News

By Julie Williams

Who said community spirit is a thing of the past? Well it's certainly not in Fron. This year we have had some good get togethers for the village.

The year started with Richards's Garage anniversary celebrations. In July we had a glorious day for the School Carnival, in August a family fun day to raise funds for the Community Centre and on Saturday 27th October an Autumn Fayre for Seion Chapel (affectionately known as Auntie Gwennies Chapel on Meth. Hill).

Mrs Jones has done her fair share of fundraising over the years and the villagers thought it would be a nice way of showing their appreciation by organising the Fayre for her this year to give her and her friends a bit of a rest.

Over £200 was raised and Fron After School Kids Club who paid for a stall at the event raised £90 for their funds. A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event on the day, too numerous to mention. On Saturday 2nd December the After School Kids Club will be holding their Christmas Fayre in the Community Centre. Lots of fun, a visit from Santa and lots of stalls.

Message from the Fron Community Councillors: We are planning on spending our project money (which we receive from the community charge) on either repainting or replacing some of the railings within the village. This will help to tidy up the look of the village as we all drive through.

We will keep you updated on our progress.

Community Policing

Welcome once again from the thin blue line of Community policing and I trust that you all enjoyed the Halloween and Bonfire night period. From my point of view, this was a very positive period compared with previous years, and I thank you all for that.

The dark nights are certainly with us now and once again I would like to take this opportunity of reminding everyone to consider not only their personal safety, but that of your property also. Keep all windows and doors closed and locked, and if you do have an unexpected visitor to your house, then check those persons identity before opening the door. This is a reminder to all of us and in particular our elderly residents, and I would urge everyone to consider their neighbours and assist in looking out for any suspicious persons or activities.

If you wish to contact me for any reason, my telephone number is **01978 290222** mobile **07766047972** or by email gary.robertshaw@north-wales.police.uk and please remember that our discussions will be confidential.

As Christmas is almost upon us and for those parents that are thinking about purchasing an air weapon or any kind motorised scooter for their children, I would ask you to contact me before you spend your hard earned money on these items. I have available leaflets which may help you decide whether these are the right presents to buy. This is looking at both legal and safety points of view.

Finally I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and trust that the next year is a good one for you.

Pc Gary Robertshaw.

Bird Watch from Trevor By Dennis Edwards

Predictably it's been much quieter on the Wild Bird scene. Our summer visitors have all left us on the long journey to Africa, all without a map to help them. It's an incredible achievement and our Winter visitors have not arrived from Scandinavia and Iceland, such as Redwings and Fieldfares, but both should be seen soon as they fly by night to the East Coast and more West to our area. Listen carefully on a calm autumn night and you may hear the thin "steep" flight call.

Locally Buzzards are on the increase and as many as six have been seen over the Community Centre in Trevor at one time. There have also been visitings of Red kites on several occasions which is really good news.

Bird song has also been absent because birds have been in moult and have hidden away in trees and bushes, however our old faithful Robin can be heard singing. Lastly Tawny Owls have been heard on many a night.

Next Community News

Will be out first week in March and will be delivered to households by Councillors and the two Youth Clubs. Any items for inclusion in this the spring edition, should be in by Monday 12th February 2007.

What's On

Tuesday 5th December

Froncysyllte Darby & Joan Club
Christmas Dinner at the Glyn Valley
Hotel, Glynceiriog

Wednesday 6th December

Fron School Dance Club will hold their
Christmas Dance Show
at 7pm in the school - all welcome.

Thursday 7th December

At 6pm Queens Square, Wrexham
Father Christmas Arrives & Opening of
the Grotto

Thursday 14th December

Fron School Christmas Concert at
1.30pm and 6pm in the school - all
welcome.

Thursday 14th December

At 6 - 8pm Queens Square, Wrexham
Caribbean Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December

Froncysyllte Pensioners Club
Christmas Dinner at Bridges of
Worcester

Thursday 21st December

At 5.30pm Meet at Queens Square
Camels and Carols on a Winter's Eve
The evening will finish with a carol
service in the church

Friday 22nd December

At 10am a nativity play by the infants of
Fron School at Fron Church - all
welcome.

Extra Special Pastry for Mince pies

8 ozs Self Raising Flour
8 ozs Margarine
1 egg
1 tablespoon Vinegar

Rub together flour and margarine.
Add beaten egg and 1 tablespoon of
vinegar.
Place in the fridge overnight.
Roll out on to a well-floured board (the
mixture is a bit sticky) and cut as required
for mince pies.
Bake in a hot oven as per usual.

Quiz Answers

1. Santa Claus 2. Lewis Carroll 3. Cracker
4. Felix Mendelssohn 5. Gabriel
6. Turkey 7. Robin Day 8. Bethlehem
9. Mickey Rooney 10. Noel Edmonds.

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls every three weeks
on a Tuesday:

Trevor Australia Arms 9.30 - 9.55am
Garth Rockman's Arms 10.00 - 10.20am
Garth Primary School 10.25 - 11.00am
Pentre Village School 11.20 - 11.50am
Trevor Community Centre 1.00 - 2.00pm
Rhosymedre Comm. Centre 2.15 - 3.45pm
Fron Britannia Inn 4.00 - 4.40pm

Dates for 2007: 16th January 6th February,
27th February, 20th March, 10th April,
1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July
and 24th July.

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

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Community News. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Community Council to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

At this time of goodwill I would particularly like to thank those of you involved with voluntary work, both within our community and in the world at large. Without your continuous commitment, communities like ours would not survive. I am certain that all the voluntary groups in our area could do with more help, so at this time of giving, please consider digging deep, not only for financial support, but more importantly the most valuable resource, your time.

While I'm talking about a time of giving, we at the Community Council are keen to develop a 'keep our community tidy group'. We would therefore like to encourage others who would generously give a couple of hours per month to help our villages look more pleasant to contact the clerk or any council member to discuss the project further.

Everyone's contribution, no matter how small, rewards our community - thank you.

Merry Christmas

Sue Kempster

Christmas Quiz

1. Who gave bankers a surprise Christmas present by winning the Epsom Derby on 3rd June 1964?
2. What was the assumed name of author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson?
3. In which TV series did Robbie Coltrane play Dr Edward Fitzgerald?
4. Which composer wrote the music for Hark the Herald Angels Sing?
5. What was the name of the toad in Bag puss?
6. Who beat Australia 6-0 on aggregate to win their play offs and make the world cup finals?
7. Which presenter chaired Question Time from 1979 to 1989?
8. Which biblical town's name means "House of bread" in Hebrew?
9. Which actor born in 1920 had the real name Joe Yule JR?
10. In April 2001 which TV presenter had his beard shaved off after readers of a Devon newspaper pledged £8,000 for the green wellies appeal?

Answers on page 6

Message from Rev. Andrew Sully, Vicar of Llangollen

Something that struck me as unique about Llangollen long before I moved here was the variety of transport that connect with our town – I first passed through the town when walking the Offa's Dyke path some years ago and since then I have come to enjoy the canal, the railway as well as becoming familiar with the extraordinary Horseshoe Pass road. I'm quite a keen cyclist and have began to explore the lanes which rise out of the town – is there a more breathtaking ride than that along the Panorama, I wonder? I could go on – I've not mentioned those who know the Dee from traversing its rapids in a canoe or of those who have risen out of the town in a hot-air balloon during the September festival.

Despite the many churches that fill our town, Christians are best understood as people on a journey; people of the Way; as travellers and pilgrims. We may use a variety of means of transport to help us on that journey, but we travel the same route, and use the same map to help us find our way. Whether

we prefer to travel by vintage car, by horseback or scooter we must cross the same terrain, some of it scenic and breath-taking, some inhospitable and arduous. At times we'll wish we'd not started out on the journey at all but had stayed in the safety of our comfortable homes.

The challenge facing the churches today is to provide the appropriate vehicles for those who wish to set out on the Way. What may have worked once may not be what's needed today. Vintage cars, barges and trains are fun in their way, but they are neither the fastest nor the only means of transport in today's world of rapid travel. The wisest churches are those who genuinely try to marry the needs and pressures of today's world with means of travel that fit and connect. This translates into finding the words and methods of coming into contact with the Way of Jesus that is appropriate for today. This means a varied diet of worship and prayer that feeds all generations and tastes. The rainbow reminds us that variety and diversity lie at the very heart of God and that God delights in our difference, so long as we remain committed to travelling together.

Christmas Services

St David's Church, Froncysyllte
Friday 22nd Dec. 7pm
Carol Service

Sunday 24th Dec. 9.30am
Family Communion

Sunday 24th Dec. 7pm
Christmas Communion

Sunday 31st Dec. 9.30am
Family Carol Service

Trevor Church
Sunday 24th Dec. 9.30am
Nine Carols and Lessons

Holy Communion
Christmas Day 9.30am

Bird Watch – Froncysyllte By Julie Williams

September – November 2006
Lovely sighting of a pair of Chiffchaffs on Fennel plant outside dining room window. Will now start to feed (beginning of November) as the weather is getting colder.

Blackbird, Blue tit, Great tit, Coal tit, Crow, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Greenfinch, Hedgesparrow, Housesparrow, Jackdaw, Pied Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Robin, Heron, Swallows, Songthrush, Housemartin Woodpigeon, Magpie and Wren.

Fron School News

On Monday 23rd October the School Council paid a visit to the Mayor's Parlour. Pictured with the mayor are (Back) Headteacher Andrew Jarvis, Cllr Pat Jeffares, (Middle): George Wort, Sam Burkill, Bethan Williams, Rhiannon Atkinson and (front): Leah Jones and Ben Jones.



The school gratefully acknowledged the £300 cheque from Llangollen Rural Community Council. The money has been spent on new computer trolleys.

On Thursday 12th October years five and six visited Chirk Castle as part of their topic on the Tudors.

Friday 13th October - Marie Curie Assembly focusing on Healthy Living - money was raised for the charity.

Monday October 23rd - school Open Evening was held.

On Friday 27th October the Infant and Early Years class had a spooky day and dressed up accordingly!

Youth Club Trevor

Things at the youth club are quiet at the moment, however we do have one event planned for Christmas:-

We have arranged a "Family Fun Night" at the Telford Inn on December 22nd for the children and parents; we are planning to play some games with prizes including a game of Bingo, they all seem to love Bingo!! We will be having a disco so that the adults don't feel left out. The idea is to keep the parents there and get them involved with the fun. On the family fun night we will be holding a raffle and would be very grateful for any donations towards the prizes.

The Telford Inn has asked local children via the youth club to design and make a Christmas decoration, it needs to be as colourful and sparkly as possible, then take it to the Telford Inn early December to be displayed there until the party above where the winners will receive a prize. There are two age groups, 11 and UNDER, 12 and OVER any children wishing to enter a decoration can do so just remember to put their name and number on the decoration – please no computer generated ideas, keep it original.

During October & November members of the older youth club section have been able to go to Plas Madoc Leisure Centre and use the climbing wall; this was all arranged through the Youth Club and was a great success with the teenagers who attended.

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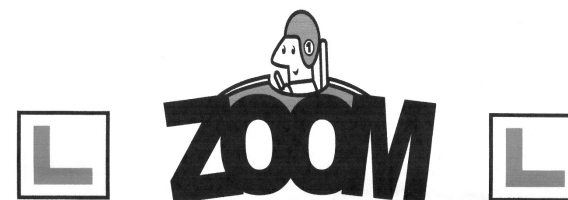
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