

Community Newsletter

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After 40 years of service Joyce Evans retired as a Community Councillor in April 2022



Joyce Evans being presented with a gift from Llangollen Rural Community Council by Councillor Elfed Morris, following her retirement from the Council in April 2022.

Joyce has worked tirelessly for the Community Council, and for the Garth & Trevor Community Centre. In the past she has been heavily involved with the work of the WI, the Youth Club, the Friendship Club and as a school governor at Ysgol Garth, amongst many other community activities.

Joyce is also a keen member of the Trevor Bowls Club.

The Council thanks Joyce for her fantastic contribution to the community and wishes her well in her retirement.



The Community council has provided a souvenir water bottle for 5-11 year olds on the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Chairman Cllr. Keith Sinclair presenting two 5-11 year olds in the community with commemorative water bottles, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Pictured are Sam Collins and Charlie Thomson receiving their gifts.





Back for 2022 - Best Kept Garden Competition

We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts have agreed to judge the garden competition again this year. Andrea has been on the Wales in Bloom team for a number of years; she has a passion for plants and runs her own gardening business.

Tony is a very good vegetable gardener and has his own allotment at Price's Lane. They form an excellent judging team and we look forward to taking them around your lovely gardens!

Llangollen Rural Community Council Best Kept Garden Competition 2022 Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

* Categories are:-

Overall Large Garden

Overall Small Garden

Vegetable Garden

Hanging Basket

Container

Children's Garden

Children's Eco/Sustainability Category

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

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each category. The Monsanto rose bowl will be awarded for the best garden, a perpetual trophy to the most outstanding feature, and the Sue Jones award for the best container.

The gardens will be judged on Thursday 28th July 2022

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.

The category called Children's Garden can be a garden, pots or containers etc. as long as the children have planted them and can explain to the judges what they have done. This is open to Schools, Nurseries and After School Clubs.

The Children's Eco/Sustainability Category can be anything that demonstrates children's awareness of Eco/Sustainability, as long as the children have worked on it themselves and can explain to the judges what they have done. This is open to Primary School aged Children (5-11 years old) who live in Llangollen Rural.

Please return the completed form to:

Andrea Evans, 59 Haytor Road, Wrexham, LL112PU by Monday 18th July 2022

For further information please phone 07950 813858 or

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Editor's Comment:

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

Trevor Bowls Club

Moira Griffiths

The indoor season ended on a high for Trevor Short Mat Bowls Club. We won our last away game with an excellent result of 18-2 which confirmed our position at the top of the division. Our players were excellent, only losing one match all season. Unfortunately, our performances at the National Finals at Llandrindod were below par, but one of our 'fours' teams actually progressed through to the semi-finals where they were beaten by a team from Pembrokeshire.

Now we have moved outdoors and our players are members of three different clubs; Plaskynaston, Chirk and Bradley. We play in different leagues during the season with our main games being in Wrexham and Oswestry. The Oswestry league has, so far, produced mixed results. Our Plaskynaston 'A' and 'B' teams are currently in sixth position in their respective divisions with only six games played. In the Wrexham league, Plaskynaston are currently in third position and are performing well. However, our 'pair's' team have yet to find their form having lost both opening games.

Our Vets team had to pull out of the Wrexham Vets League before the season had even started, due to a lack of players. Something we are hoping to rectify for next year.

If you would like to learn to bowl, then contact Joyce on 01978 823244 or Moira on 07909 917666.

Canal Workforce Update

Moira Griffiths

The Towpath Taskforce has been very busy around the basin area over the last few months. We have been painting benches and tables outside the visitor centre, and tackling the foliage in the old warehouse carpark, making sure that the walkway is accessible for visitors. The area from the car park towards the canal is constantly being addressed as the vegetation gets out of hand after a few rainy days.

The basin car park is one that we have to tidy up every month. On our last workday we started to tackle the weeds on the parapets of the aqueduct. Our team was armed with trowels and hoes and we ended up

on our knees on the aqueduct, leaning through the railings to clear the vegetation. It can get a bit awkward for visitors to walk around us, and some walkers decide not to pass as they feel unsettled by not being able to hold on to the railings. We try to make an early start before the area gets too busy and we get some interesting comments about our 'extreme weeding' sessions! We were also serenaded by the world renowned harpist, Catrin Finch, outside the visitor centre.

The Taskforce members are from different areas, with the furthest travelling from Shrewsbury. Our Supervisor reminds us the day before our meeting, and we meet up at the grey shed, near the basin car park at 10 am. He provides all the necessary tools and we discuss the jobs that need to be done. So if you would like to join us, why not come along and meet us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays every month, at 10 am.



Chairman's Corner

Councillor Keith Sinclair

I am very pleased to have been elected to chair Llangollen Rural Community Council. I would like to thank my predecessor Cllr. Elfed Morris who has served on the Community Council for 50 years and continues to be a vital source of knowledge and advice. The contribution of Joyce Evans who has decided not to stand for re-election will be greatly missed. She has made an extremely valuable contribution to the work of the Council over many years. Joyce has also played a key role with the Garth and Trevor Community Centre.

We are pleased to welcome Louise Pritchard who has been appointed as our new Community Agent and we look forward to working with her.

The Community Council has decided to re-start its Gardening Competition and details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. I would encourage residents to consider entering and, in particular, to draw the attention of local young people to the categories that are specifically aimed at their age group.

Progress continues to be made with the Community Council's various funding bids aimed at securing improvements to our area, including restoration of the Boer War Memorial in Fron. We have secured funding to draw up the specifications for the necessary repairs and renovations.

Councillors are currently considering a funding bid to the Green Communities Fund. Work around bio-diversity and the environment will continue to be considered in the work of the Community Council.

Information and contact details for the Community Council are available on the Community Council website and I would encourage residents to check out the website and also our Facebook account - @Llangollen Rural Community Council.

Garth & Trevor Community Centre

Joyce Evans

The hall is large and makes an ideal venue to host your party of up to 100 people.

We have a large kitchen equipped with cups, saucers, plates, dishes and cutlery.

There is a fridge and microwave available. There is an electric cooker, an electric food heater, and various sizes of cooking pots/pans.

There is also a lounge which is equipped with a large screen TV and it can accommodate 20-30 people.

To check availability ring Joyce Evans on 01978 823244

Birdwatch – Trevor

Moira Griffiths

Blackbird, blue tits, great tits, robin, dunnoek, chaffinch, magpie, jackdaw, jay, buzzard, pheasant, long tailed tit, tree creeper, collared dove, wood pigeon, mallard (male and female with chicks), goldfinch, sparrow, mandarin duck, greater spotted woodpecker, starling

County Councillor's Update

Anthony 'Rondo' Roberts

First of all let me say a great big thank you for re-electing me to serve as your County Councillor for the next few years. I will endeavour to repay your faith in me and serve you to the best of my ability.

Wrexham is now a City and we will see what benefits and changes that will bring us in the future.

During the run up to the Election, County Councillors were basically put on the sidelines and Council business was temporarily put on hold, but now things are back to normal so please don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of assistance. My contact details are at the bottom of this update.

Regarding the proposed Multi-Purpose track from Trevor to Llangollen, I am hopeful that the first portion of land will be purchased in the coming weeks. Negotiations are still on-going for the remainder of the land and I will keep you informed.

The ever present problem of dog fouling continues to cause a nuisance in the area. In addition to the known hot spots of canal towpaths and the old railway line, it would now appear that private landowners are also being bothered by fouling occurring on public footpaths that cross their land. This can prove dangerous to farm animals and humans.

The historical problem of car parking around the WHS is still with us. A meeting is being arranged between the Council and the Canal and River Trust in the near future. Every avenue explored to date has proved to be a dead end and this is proving extremely frustrating. This problem has been with us for years and we need a speedy resolution. You will be kept informed.

My contact details are as follows:

E-mail: Rondo.Roberts@wrexham.gov.uk

Telephone: 01978 823681 Mobile 07792844493

Recipe for Goey Brownies

Joyce Evans

Recipe - Makes 36

225g soft margarine

110g dark chocolate

400g castor sugar

100g walnut pieces

170g plain flour

Method

Preheat oven to 160c / 320f / gas mark 2-3. Melt margarine and chocolate together.

Remove from heat. Add sugar and mix well. Add vanilla, eggs and walnut pieces.

Sift flour, salt and baking powder, and then fold into chocolate mixture.

Pour into a lightly greased 30 x 20 x 3 cm tray. Bake for approx. 50 mins.

Remove from oven and allow the brownies to cool.

4 eggs beaten

Pinch of salt

half tsp baking powder

2 tsp vanilla extract

Police Matters

Lara Shiers (PCSO)

We would like to encourage you to sign up to the 'North Wales Community Alert' platform to help us strengthen this fantastic tool. Registrations have been increasing in the area. It is completely free to register and takes just a couple of minutes. We send out daily alerts and notifications of community engagements. Registrations can be made via the following link, or please contact your local PCSO and we will register on your behalf - <https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/>

In order to progress matters and take positive action with regards to drug dealing/ASB/other crime trends etc., we need community intelligence to support our targeted patrols, stop searches and warrants. We are grateful for the information received so far. Intelligence can also be reported to us anonymously through Crimestoppers.

We post on social media about events and reports on what we have been up to. Please follow us on HGC Wrecsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

Crime stats and data can be found at:

<https://www.northwales.police.uk/police-forces/north-wales-police/areas/stats-and-data/stats-and-data/>

Local PCSO contacts: Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk,

Jessica.Lloyd@nthwales.pnn.police.uk and Rhys.Yaxley@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

St. David's Church Froncysyllte

Matt Wilkinson

Thank you to all who helped to make our Platinum Jubilee Songs of Praise service a success. It was lovely to see so many people, have readers representing different organisations in the community, and to share some wonderful cake. It would be lovely to see you at one of our Sunday services at 9.30am. I really appreciate the hard work of the members of our community who are working in the churchyard.

Diary Dates

Coffee mornings at Fron Community Centre to raise money for the church – Saturday 9th July 10am-1pm and Saturday 10th September 10am-1pm.

Pet Service – Sunday 18th September at 3pm

Froncysyllte News

Keith Sinclair

Cakes and Co

The Community Café is up and running again in the Community Centre on the first Saturday of each month from 12 noon to 4.00 p.m.

2nd July, 6th August, 4th September, 1st October, 5th November

Fron Darby and Joan

Fron Darby and Joan meet every Wednesday afternoons at the Community Centre. Information is available from Marjorie Crosbie - 07949 954312.

Over 50's Group

Pam Lewis

The group has continued to meet at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre between 2pm and 4pm each second and fourth Wednesday every month, including August. We have enjoyed a range of activities including a bingo session and beetle drive organised by Joyce, and an energetic line-dancing class organised and run by Barbara with some of her friends. Our local Plaid Cymru representative joined in that day.

We dressed in red, white and blue for a Jubilee Lunch and Comedy Captions at the Chapel Tearooms. The new Community Agent, Louise Pritchard, popped in for a cuppa and is planning to take a couple of Armchair Yoga and Crafts sessions soon. Other future plans include a lunch out, a ukulele workshop and another visit by local poet, Maureen.

The Group welcomes everyone to come along to make and meet friends. The activities are fun and varied. Come and have a drink and a piece of Tina's scrummy cake. It could prove something you might enjoy.

Library Home-link Service

The Home-link Service is for people who live in Wrexham County, are housebound and have no-one to collect books on their behalf. For information on this service please email library@wrexham.gov.uk or call 01978 292090



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1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson

Group Scout Leader

In March we had a Ukraine Evening to raise funds to assist the people of Ukraine. Thank you to everyone for their donations of money and items to sell, and for turning up on the evening. Everyone's great work was much appreciated and we raised £636 which was donated to the Red Cross to help their work in Ukraine.

Also in March the Beavers and Cubs had a sleepover. The themes were 'Trevor got Talent' which was won by a magician, and the other was 'I'm a scout, get me out of here' where real edible bugs were eaten. A Beaver was crowned King of Trevor.

In May Calon FM presenters visited and the Cubs presented a production with them. Additionally in May, Cubs took part in a Jamboree on the trail from Cafe Wylfa, Chirk to Fron Community Centre. May also saw our youngsters trying out our stubby canoes on the wharf in Trevor, something the majority had never tried before.



In June we had a Jubilee BBQ for all Cubs, Beavers and their families. Thanks go to Pete Roberts, one of our Committee, for cooking over a hundred burgers and sausages.

Recently our youngsters attended a District day event in Wrexham where there were games, an adventure park, den building and there was a great water fight. The Beavers are working on badges and the Cubs are making bug hotels for their DIY badge.

On our gate we have a black metal box, where we are collecting used and empty blister packs. A company in Wrexham is recycling them and we would be grateful if you could pop yours in the box.

We have vacancies within our group, especially in the Cubs (both boys and girls, age 8-11). Also we are short of adults with any sort of skills to pass onto the youngsters. If you think you could help in any way at all, please contact me on 07939476208.

Thank you.

Trevor Parish Church

Martin Evans

The Church in the wood - Services are held every Sunday at 9.30pm. A service of Holy Communion led by Fr Lee Taylor is held on the 4th Sunday each month. All are welcome. As Trevor Church celebrates its 250th Anniversary this year (1772-2022), it is proposed to hold a Choral Evensong at the Church on 7th August at 6pm.

Dee Valley Federation News

Headteacher

On Thursday 28th March, 2022 we entered a football tournament with a Federation team. The tournament was held at The Rock in Cefn.

We think this was the first time we had entered a federation sports team.

The children performed brilliantly and finished as **RUNNERS-UP!**

The team were presented with a medal each to commemorate their achievement.

Well done team DEE VALLEY!



Ysgol Froncysyllte

Sian Williams Headteacher

On Friday 6th May, pupils of the Key Stage 2 class (Years 3 to 6) entered a hockey festival at Glyndwr University.

The team performed brilliantly, winning some of their games.

It was good to see all the children taking part in a new sport and enjoying themselves whilst being active.

Da iawn team Fron!



All the pupils at Fron have been getting to know their four curriculum role models in more detail. Staff and pupils decided that they would like four Welsh role models to help them remember the four purposes. They are:

- Healthy, Confident Individuals - Gareth Bale
- Ambitious, Capable Learners - Shirley Bassey
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The clubs run from 8.00am until 5.30pm each day, and full or half day sessions are available.

Children are offered a wide range of activities from arts and crafts to forest school in our outdoor classroom and local woodland.

We offer a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Children bring their own packed lunches to holiday club, but snacks and drinks are provided throughout the day.

All children from the local area and beyond are welcome, but places are limited and are therefore given on a first come first served basis.

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Ysgol Y Garth

Headteacher

On Tuesday 26th April, Years 5 and 6 started working with the Racecourse Community Foundation, a charity associated with Wrexham AFC. This 5 week scheme consists of 5 sessions. Half of each session is classroom based where the class look at ways to improve their own health and wellbeing. In the second part the children take part in physical activities and football challenges. The project has been a great success.

This half term, Class One has been finding out more about our oceans. They have discussed and painted the layers of the ocean, talked about the great Pacific garbage patch and the



importance of recycling our rubbish. They learned about the negative effects that plastic has on the ocean and worked in groups making large sea creatures out of rubbish. The children went out into the village and completed a litter pick.



On Thursday 26th May, Class 3 went on their summer trip to the Chill Factor in Manchester, and had a brilliant time in freezing temperatures. They visited the snow park, went sledding and also had a skiing lesson.

Litter picking dates -

Local residents are invited to join in!

The equipment purchased by Llangollen Rural Community Council has been used in the area for some time, together with the kit supplied by Wrexham Council.

The Community Council are organising litter-picks over the next few months which will complement the excellent work of the many individuals who already regularly litter pick.

Sunday 17th July 2022
11.00 a.m. to 12 noon
Starting point
Trevor & Garth
Community Centre Car Park

Sunday 24th July 2022
11.00 a.m. to 12 noon
Starting point
Lay-by on the A5,
Fron (opposite AN Richards Garage)

Equipment will be provided but do bring your own if you already have some.

Our Picturesque Landscape Project

Kate Thomson

The Dee Valley Picturesque bus service is running again to provide access to some of the key destinations in this beautiful and historic landscape. The service is a circular route running every Saturday from May until October 2022, and links Llangollen and the surrounding villages to popular local attractions including Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wenffrd Nature Reserve, Horseshoe Falls, Valle Crucis Abbey, Plas Newydd Historic House and the Horseshoe Pass.



The service enables people to visit these key locations without the need of a car, reduces the need for parking spaces, and helps to reduce congestion at some of the busiest sites in the Dee Valley.

A great option would be to get on the bus at the main Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Queen Street car park, Cefn Mawr, take the bus to Horseshoe Falls and walk back along the canal.

The service provides both visitors and local residents with the opportunity to explore the wider area. The bus offers hop on/ hop off facility with a 1Bws ticket price allowing unlimited travel on the service through the day. Welsh bus pass holders travel free and dogs are welcome to travel for 50p. The bus can carry one wheelchair.

The service has been made possible thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund in Wales, and delivered in partnership by Denbighshire CC and the Our Picturesque Landscape project, which is working to conserve and improve access to the landscapes of the Dee Valley, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the Canal WHS.

The Dee Valley Picturesque Bus Service 199 will operate Saturdays only from Saturday 7th May – Saturday 29th October 2022. For the full timetable and ticket prices for the Bus service, please see the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB website, Denbighshire bus timetable webpage or pick up a leaflet from Llangollen Tourist Information Centre.

<https://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/projects/the-picturesque-bus/>

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/parking-roads-and-travel/public-transport/bus-timetables/bus-timetables.aspx>

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St David's Churchyard

Keith Sinclair

Local residents have worked hard to maintain and improve the condition of the churchyard. Although significant progress has been made, much work remains to be done. If you would like to volunteer then contact Keith Sinclair 01691 773634 or just turn up at St David's on the last Saturday of the month between 10.00 a.m. and noon. You will be made very welcome.

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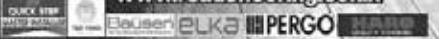
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Community Agent

Louise Pritchard

Hi, I am Louise, the Community Agent for Llangollen Rural providing support in the villages of Trevor, Garth and Froncysyllte. I am here to offer anyone in the local areas over the age of 50 help and support.

I can assist you to access local groups of interest, and provide advice and information on how to access any support you may need, such as dementia services, contacting health professionals, and social services.

I can also ensure you have the right financial support you are entitled to and so much more!

I am here to help so please do not struggle in silence.

Why not come to meet me at a Community Drop-in event I have organised at Garth & Trevor Community Centre on Monday 11th of July between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. I will be present to introduce myself and to discuss any support you need. You will also be able to access the Welfare Rights team, who can check you are getting all the financial support you are entitled to.

I am contactable by email at llangollenruralca@rainbowfoundation.org.uk and by phone on 07543 148836. My normal working days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

I look forward to meeting you.



Froncysyllte Community Centre

Sian Williams/Keith Sinclair

The Community Centre has been used frequently during the first six months of the year. We are pleased to welcome back Cakes and Co who are opening on the first Saturday of the month. The café, run by volunteers, provides an excellent opportunity for residents of Froncysyllte and visitors to enjoy a cup of tea and cakes in a friendly environment.

The Community Centre is in use most days at the moment, however Fridays and Sundays are available to hire. If you are in need of a pristine inside space with good parking, please give me a call on 07958646382. We can advertise events on Facebook through the Froncysyllte Community Noticeboard page.

We are grateful to the volunteers who keep the outside space of the centre in good condition, and also to those who are ensuring the fantastic hanging baskets are being watered frequently. The baskets look amazing and together with the planters filled by the Community Council, the outside of the Community Centre is as lovely as the inside.

We are in the process of having Wi-Fi installed at the centre which will provide an additional service for all users.

Froncysyllte Community Centre has been adopted as a Community Cause by the Co-operative. We would encourage you to support the Community Centre by nominating the Centre as their chosen Community Project here: <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

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PCSO Lara Shiers	07854 997046	Llangollen Health Centre	01978 860625
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Dee Valley Water	01978 833200	Chemist Cefn	01978 822600
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WCBC:		Garth School	01978 820582
Adult Social Care	01978 292066	Trevor Indoor Bowls	01978 824401
Children's Social Care	01978 292039	1st Trevor Scouts	07939 476208
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Housing Repairs	01978 298993	Garth & Trevor Community Centre	01978 823244
Planning	01978 298994	Froncysyllte Community Centre	01691 770912
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Registrar's Office	01978 298997	Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Social Services (Emergency duty team)	0345 053 3116	Samaritans	116 123
Trading Standards	01978 298997	Dementia Helpline Wales	0808 808 2235
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Welfare Rights	01978 298225	Citizens Advice Bureau	0300 330 1178



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