

Community News

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The Aqueduct Community Association

Extends a very warm and festive welcome
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Llangollen Rural Community Council would like to thank all who have contributed in 2016 to this newsletter with articles and adverts. We would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader

We are all busy as usual here.

Just before half term, we had a group Halloween party, plenty of spooky goings on, most of the children attended, many thanks to all the parents for their help and support at the event.

The group bonfire was all good fun; the weather was kind to us too. We had a good bonfire and plenty of fireworks; all the children had the opportunity to toast marshmallows over the open fire, yummy. Many thanks to Dads and committee members Paul Birkill and Jason Maybury for keeping the fire and fireworks going.

We attended the Remembrance service in Garth, many thanks to Cllr. Pat Jeffers for his kind donation of a wreath, for us to present at the Cenotaph.

As a thank you to our parents for all their support, we are treating the children to a day out on Saturday 12th November to the Trafford Centre Legoland and Sealife, I am sure it will be greatly enjoyed by all.

As part of our community interaction we will be carol singing in Tesco Cefn on Thursday December 1st between 6–7pm. Many thanks to management and community champion for organising this.

The Cubs will be assisting and singing carols at the Pensioners party on the 9th December at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre.

Our Xmas Bingo is on 7th December starting at 7.30pm, please come along and support us. Also some of our members will be coming around the village selling tickets for our Xmas Bingo.

We sincerely wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Garth Playground

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

We are pleased to see that our new playground in Garth is complete. Whilst this has included new equipment, it also adds a new dimension to the facility with up to date items that cater better for a range of residents. Yes we have a new exciting zip-wire, and an all-purpose football/netball/basketball practice area but also several new picnic benches and a play tunnel/mound for our youngsters.

The Community Council are have also taken the opportunity to replace the aged fencing and in the spring will be looking to add some colour with planting.

We look forward to an official launch at the playground in the near future.

Chairman's Corner

Councillor Mrs Alyson Winn

This year seems to have flown by and here we are again almost ready to welcome in another year.

This year saw the successful bid for the new playground at Garth and the site is currently receiving its final touches before an official opening. What a fantastic addition to the village with new equipment and seating. On the subject of playgrounds, further equipment is to be installed at the Oaks playground and repairs carried out at the Fron Community Centre play area. A larger project to be undertaken is the pruning and cutting of trees at the Woodlands Grove playground which will be assessed in the near future. With changes at Wrexham Borough Council, all the playgrounds in the area are now the responsibility of your community council.

I look forward to seeing residents at the annual party at Garth and Trevor Community Centre on Friday December 9th – please contact Sue Kempster or myself to put your name on the list and arrange transport if required.

There continues to be issues that are of concern to residents and monitoring is ongoing. Some coaches are still parking inappropriately at Fron Basin although the volume of traffic is reduced. In addition other area of concerns such as speeding, litter and incorrect disposal of dog waste are still monitored. Residents have found evidence of illegal substance packaging at Fron Community Centre garden and have expressed concerns about strange cars parking up at Fron Basin. Can I request that if anyone sees vehicles which they consider suspicious, they record the registration number if possible, which can then be passed to the police.

As ever, you are welcome to attend the Community Council meetings or forward your concerns to the Clerk or any of the Councillors. On behalf of the Council I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The above Council will consider applications for financial assistance from organisations in Froncysyllte, Garth and Trevor. All applications must be forwarded to the Clerk – Mrs.S.A.Jones, 1 Ael y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Llangollen, LL20 7TF. Applications will be considered at the February meeting of the Council. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th January 2017.

Local Council Elections

By Sue Jones

It was brought to my attention that many people don't realise that there are council elections on Thursday 4th May 2017. It also became clear that the procedure for the election of community/town councillors is unknown to a large number of the electorate. To help to clarify the situation I have précised the procedure for the election of councillors, (taken from 'Community Councils Elections - The Candidates Guide'), below.

Lead Authority

The election of members to town and community councils comes under the jurisdiction of the Lead Authority, (Wrexham County Borough Council). Community and town councils are restricted by law in taking any part in these elections. Advertising the date and venue for local elections is the responsibility of the Lead Authority, as is overseeing that all nomination papers are valid and comply with the law. The cost of local council elections is covered by each individual council with the payment made to the Lead Authority.

If an *election proper* is called for, the cost is considerably higher.

Qualifications for Candidature

- To be qualified to be elected a member of a community/town council a person must be 21 years of age or over at the date of his/her nomination and be a local government elector of that community (i.e. be on the area's Electoral Role).
- Have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the community.
- His/her principal place of work in the twelve months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate has been in the area of the community.
- Has resided either in the community, or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate.

Disqualifications for Election

- Holding a paid office under the lead authority
- Bankruptcy.
- Been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than 3 months, without the option of a fine during the 5 years preceding the election.
- Being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Local Council Elections continued.

Election Timetable

The election period lasts a little over 4 weeks.

The Government have announced that the date of the Council Elections will be Thursday 4th May 2017 and that the following procedure will take place:

Nomination

Every candidate must be nominated on a nomination paper in the prescribed form, the notes to which are complicated and should be read carefully. The nomination paper must be subscribed by a proposer and seconder who must be on the electoral role of the community.

Consent to Nomination

The nomination is not valid unless the candidate's consent to nomination, given in writing on or within one month before the last day for delivery of nomination papers, is delivered at the place and within the time appointed for the delivery of nomination papers.

Statement of persons nominated

On the seventeenth day before the election the returning officer is required to publish a *statement of the persons who stand nominated*.

Acceptance of Office / Code of Conduct

A person elected to the office of community councillor must make a *Declaration of Acceptance of Office* and sign a *Code of Conduct* in the prescribed form before or at the first meeting of the community council after his/her election.

If you are interested in becoming a community councillor don't let the above put you off, it's not as difficult as it sounds!

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.

Aqueduct Community Association

By Sue Kempster

You may have seen our volunteers manning extra car parking in Trevor basin over the summer months. Thanks to Wrexham Council the Aqueduct Community Association and its partners have raised £2885.94 this year .The money has been split between the Wales Air Ambulance, Trevor Bowling Club and the Aqueduct Community Association who all supplied volunteers and have all benefited greatly from the extra income.

This is a job all the volunteers love as we get to meet lots of people who enjoy visiting this beautiful part of wales and are always happy to let you know how lucky we are to live here. Best of all we help to keep the traffic congestion to a minimum at the busiest time of the year. Thanks to all who contributed to making this venture a success for the second year running.

Thanks to everyone who participated in any of our events this year and a merry Christmas to one and all.

If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings or volunteering please contact me on 01978 810302.

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County Councillor: Pat Jeffares 01978 820570

Further information can be obtained on the Community Council web site. www.llangollen-ruralcc.co.uk

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group – Trevor Community Centre

By Victoria Mathews
Chair

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group has been very busy since starting back after the summer holidays. We've had a Discover and Do Sensory session, where we did Autumn themed painting, scented play dough, water play and discover tub with cereal, which was a real hit with all ages.



At the start of the term we also had visits from the local head teacher and playgroup leader to give the families a chance to have a casual chat with them about their children's next steps, this proved valuable and hopefully we'll be doing it again before the end of the school year.

We've had our Halloween party where we did themed crafts, dressed up and enjoyed some yummy homemade cakes made especially for the occasion by our lovely mummies.

During December we will be exploring Christmas themed arts and crafts, as well as a visit from Santa on 14th December at our Christmas party, we'll be getting into the festivities with party food, dancing and of course dressing up. We look forward to seeing everyone celebrating and the smiles on the children's faces.

As always we welcome all to come visit us on a Wednesday morning (term time) to join in the fun, every week we have tea and coffee and do a range of activities for babies through to pre-school. Please join us from 9.30am to 11.30am every Wednesday in term time at Trevor Community Centre just off Heol Penderyst.

Our last Wednesday this year will be the 14th December and we will return after the Christmas break on the 4th January 2017. We hope everyone enjoys the winter break and look forward to what the New Year will bring.

A Christmas Message

By Rev. Matt Wilkinson

One of the real joys in my job is watching school nativity plays. This year I am looking forward to seeing the children of Pentre, Froncysyllte and Ysgol Y Waun schools retell the Christmas story. It is lovely to see the children dressed as Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, wise men and angels celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus.

However some things have changed since I was at school. I must be getting older because I find myself saying: "It wasn't like that in my day!" Do you remember the days when the costumes were all homemade. I remember when a tea towel was an essential piece of kit for every shepherd, and the kings wore homemade crowns. Now wise men and women buy their children costumes from Asda or Tesco.

The nativity story nowadays is told in new and imaginative ways through story and song. I watched a very enjoyable performance called "Christmas with the Aliens" in my last parish. It was the Christmas story which we know and love but with the added dimension of aliens coming to pay their respects to the baby Jesus. We think of the wise men travelling from afar but compared to the aliens they had come a very short way.

In church we also retell the Christmas story. It is so good to come together to sing joyful Christmas carols, and hear about the birth of Jesus. It is a real pleasure for me to welcome people to church for our Christmas services.

The story of the birth of Jesus is told again and again every year in millions of places. We are reminded that the greatest Christmas gift is Jesus Christ himself. We give thanks to God because he gave us the baby Jesus. We give thanks to God because he loves us so much that he gave us his only son.

I hope all you enjoy opening your Christmas presents and have real joy when you see others opening the presents you have given to them.

It would be lovely to see you at one of our Christmas services in church when together we say thank you to God for Jesus, the greatest gift all.

Carol Service: Sunday 18th December at 6pm at St. David's, Fron
Children's Crib service: Christmas Eve at 3pm at St. Mary's, Chirk



Church Services during December

Services at St.David's Church, Froncysyllte

Nine lessons and Carols on Sunday 18th December, 6pm in St. Davids Church.

Family Christmas Eucharist, Saturday 24th December at 7pm, St.Davids Church.

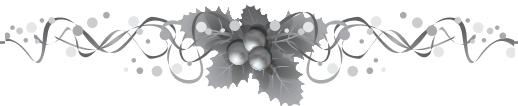
Usual Church Services are Eucharist every Sunday at 9.30 am, apart from the last Sunday in the month, which is Family service, also at 9.30 am.

We have the St. David's Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December, 12-4pm in Froncysyllte Community Centre.

All are very welcome.

Services at Trevor Church as follows:

Sunday December 4th	Holy Communion at 9.30am
Sunday December 11th	Morning Service at 9.30am
Sunday December 18th	Holy Communion at 9.30am
Tuesday December 20th	Carols at 7.00pm
Sunday December 25th	Holy Communion at 9.00am



Mobile Library

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

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

2016 6th December.

2017 17th January, 7th & 28th February and 21st March.

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

Garth School

We have had a busy start to the new term here at Garth and all of the children have settled well into their classes.

Over the summer we were very lucky to have a new entrance built in our school. The improvements have made such a



difference, and we would not have been able to do this without the extremely generous donation from the Community Council. All of the children, staff and parents would like to say a huge thank you.

We held an open afternoon for our parents so they could take a tour around the school to look at all of the improvements, and it was a great success. With donations made on the afternoon, we will continue to extend our new school library that was set up by the School Council and Mrs Haran.

By Lily Year 6

Years 5 and 6 completed a Sponsored Walk to raise much needed funds for the school and RSPB. The idea came about after reading our class book which is called Sky Hawk and tells the story of an Osprey. We walked from the school, through Trevor Woods and along the canal to Llangollen and back again. We walked 8 miles in total and we hope to raise lots of money.



By Emily-Jane Year 6

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Fron Community Centre 01691 770912
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Fron School 01691 773310
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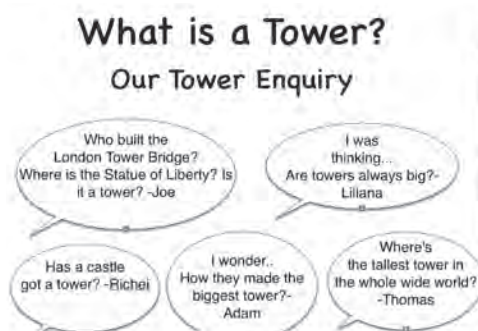
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Little Architect - Fron School

Architecture and engineering are literally all around us. From the home you live in to the device you are using to read this post, none of it would exist without architects and engineers. This makes it a topic of great fascination to kids of all ages because it is so readily brought to life and tangible. From drawing a house on paper, to building a model with blocks to driving around the neighbourhood and seeing architectural components in the real world.

Join us, in Foundation Phase as we enter our study of Architecture and Engineering. We have been thinking about towers....



As the children shared their learning at home, a few talked from own experiences about towers they had visited and brought in photographs and pictures. Mason has been to Blackpool Tower. Ffion has seen a lighthouse at the beach. " taught use that lighthouses were used as outlooks to stop ships crashing and sinking. Elwood told us the Eiffel Tower was in France and he has been to France on holiday. Batman lived in a tower. Rapunzal was locked in a castle tower.



We made skyscrapers too and wondered why they are called "skyscrapers"? Do you know we wonder?

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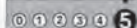
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Bowls Update

By Moira Griffiths

The outdoor season is behind us now and bowlers have moved indoors where it is considerably warmer!

The season has started off well and we have plenty of interest in the upcoming competitions. Trevor has a number of exceptional players who always qualify for the National finals down in Llandrindod Wells.

We will be holding some National heats at the Garth & Trevor Community Centre during January and these will involve playing against bowlers from other clubs in the Wrexham area.

I have the privilege of playing for Wales again at the British Isles Championships in Bromsgrove on 19th and 20th November. I have been travelling down to Carmarthen over the last few weeks to practice with the Welsh squad and will be playing in the 'fours' discipline along with colleagues from Pembroke and Montgomery. We hope to repeat our success from Aberdeen last November!

Bowling for Wales!!

By Moira Griffiths

I travelled to Bromsgrove on Friday 18th November to take part in the British Isles Short Mat Bowls Championships, playing for Wales.

My three team mates and I had some tough games on Saturday winning two out of three games and just losing to a team from Ireland by 14 shots to 10. The games were long and hard and although we started bowling at 9.15 a.m. it was 7.15 p.m. before we finished our last game and headed back to the hotel for a well earned rest!

On the Sunday we started playing at 9 am in our first game against a team from England, and after two hours we finally managed to win it. Our second game lasted a bit longer and this time we managed to get our revenge on the Irish team by beating them 16 shots to 7! Quite an achievement! Our last game was also a long one and this time we managed to beat a team from Scotland by 12 shots to 9. So overall we won 5 out of our 6 games over the weekend!

A young lad from Carmarthen became the British Isles Singles Champion after playing some exceptional bowls and we came away with some trophies in the pairs and fours disciplines too.

A tiring weekend, but ultimately a successful one! I was so proud to be a part of the Welsh squad and I must thank Joyce Evans for accompanying me and giving me some fantastic support.

Next year the championships are being held in Belfast, so I am hoping that I can continue playing to this high standard and be part of the squad then.

Roberts & Maginnis Brickworks

By Sue Jones

My sincere thanks to the publishers Gwasg Carreg Gwarch, Llanrwst for giving me permission to use this article from the book by Andrew Connolly – Life in the Victorian Brickworks in Flintshire & Denbighshire. If you have any photos or anecdotes about the brickworks that you would like to share with our readers please let us know.



The impressive factory at Garth / Trevor was developed from a very insignificant country works, which featured an incident in early history which reads more like a scene from the Wild West. We know from the railway maps that the site was farmland in 1858, and the first tenant to establish a brickyard here was John Wright:

Wrexham Advertiser 9th August, 1862 – Club law at Garth. Mr Whalley appeared before the bench to complain of one of his tenants being forcibly turned out of a brickyard by John Wright and a number of men that he brought with him. The tenant is Mr Moses Evans of the Australia Arms, who stated to the bench that on 30th July John Wright, Edwin Wright, Charles Wright and two other men came and took forcible possession of a brickyard that he had rented from Mr Whalley for the last four months. Before that time the brickyard was held by John Wright. They put a lock on the gate and stuck up a paper cautioning him against entering. The wife of John Wright had a pistol and said that she would shoot anyone who attempted to enter. The bench agreed to grant warrants for their apprehension. Moses Evans had therefore succeeded John Wright circa April 1862. Most likely because Wright could not manage to pay his rents. Incidentally, the works later became known as the Australia Brickworks after the adjacent inn at which Moses Evans would have probably been lodging.

Moving on to 1864 the map of the brickworks is shown, still in the occupation of Evans with its single tiny kiln near the roadside where the offices of the future works were to be, and behind the kiln was a small clay bank and brick shed. Due west to brickyard was a small stone quarry held by Thomas and Jonathan Roberts, whilst behind that to the north west was a small colliery shaft held by Joseph Wright; obviously a relative of the infamous John. In October and November 1866 the "Australia Brickworks Trevor" was offered for letting by Moses Evans, due to his recent bankruptcy in April with debts of £1,273, and by 1868 the trade directories

were showing that the quarry owners JH & T Roberts had taken on the works. As an interesting footnote, the old Welsh name for this district was Chwarele, which means “quarry”, and how that name came to be changed was all down to the men in charge of the Great Western Railway. Wrexham Advertiser 12th June 1869 –About midway between Ruabon and Llangollen on a branch of the G W R there is a station called Trevor. When the branch was first opened this station was named Chwarele, but as English travellers always despaired of pronouncing the word, the nearest approach to the sound any Saxon was ever known to accomplish being Gorilla, the name was changed to the more mellifluous one of Trevor.

By 1870 a certain Mr Charles Mason had acquired the works with a working capital of over £2,500 to back him up. He continued the business until having to take out a £2,000 mortgage in 1873; easily enough accomplished as the place was valued at over £7,000 and in 1875 – 6 he entered



into partnership with Mr Anthony Shelmerdine, who contributed a further £1,500 for the privilege.

The British Architect 1878 – At Garth Trevor on the lower edge of the Coal Measures, from the shaly and iron stained clays and sandstone, Mr Charles Mason produces large quantities of good, sound and serviceable cherry red bricks, which are well adapted for all ordinary building purposes. The clay of the “Chwarele coal” occurs abundantly on this property. Its productions are of much the same character as those of the Llwyneinion clay. It has not however as yet been worked to any extent by Mr Mason.

It seems that whichever persons had held these works, things had not fared well for any of them. On 1st October 1880 the “Trevor Fireclay Works & Colliery” held an auction of stock “under distress for rent”, which indicates how poorly their trade had proved, and in 1881 Mason decided to retire from the business.

To be continued...

Ymestyn-Reaching Out

The Befriending Service Ymestyn-Reaching Out aims to provide companionship for people who are lonely and socially isolated, from troubled teenagers, struggling parents, people with mental health problems and those who are older and perhaps bereaved or housebound.



We started to take referrals in June 2016 and are now 'open for business', Ymestyn regularly receives referrals for people who are lonely and would benefit from company. It has taken several months to get to this stage but we now have some trained volunteers who are visiting people in their own homes and sometimes taking them out on short trips to a cafe or garden centre. The GP's, Nurses and Social Services have all shown an interest and are being very supportive of this new service.

Recruiting volunteers is an ongoing process and we are pleased that a second group of volunteers have been trained, this will enable us to take on even more clients.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or know of someone who may benefit from our service we can be contacted by phone on 01978 897698, by email at ymestyn.reachingout@gmail.com, via our Facebook page or at St Collen's Community Hall.

Apricot & Sunflower Seed Flapjack

By Janet Norman

- 12 oz Demerara Sugar • 6 oz Butter • 6 oz Marge • 3 tbsp Golden Syrup
- 18 oz Porridge Oats • 6 oz No Soak Apricots (cut into small pieces)
- 6 oz Sunflower Seeds

Directions

1. Pre-heat the oven 160c, 140c fan, Gas mark 3
2. Put butter marge, sugar, golden syrup in a saucepan and melt over a low heat
3. When melted stir in the oats, apricots and sunflower seeds, mix well
4. Turn into a 10 inch square lined tin level the surface
5. Bake in the oven for about 40 mins until golden brown

For a special flapjack add 6oz dried cranberries as an extra.

Fron News

By Julie Williams

Fron Walking Group enjoyed their annual weekend away in Cardiff in early September. On the Saturday they had a guided walk around rural Monmouth and on the Sunday an interesting walk and talk around Barry area ending up in Mario's for refreshments before setting off for the White Lion in Leominster for a carvery.

Cakes and Company has now closed for the season. We would like to thank all our customers and volunteers for their support this year.

Fron Community Centre

By Alyson Winn

Thank you to everyone who continues to support events at the centre. Don't miss – Christmas Café, lights and Llangollen silver band on December 3rd. – open 12-4pm

Grand Christmas bingo in aid of Wales Air Ambulance - Friday December 16th at 7pm. Refreshments and raffle. Plus special free raffle ticket to win a hamper. Fron Community Centre is available for bookings for meetings with catering options.

Recent fundraising events - the Macmillan coffee morning organised by Dawn Dewsbury raised £200 and the 'big breakfast' fundraiser for the Lung Foundation raised over £600.00.

Fron Darby & Joan

By Marjorie Crosbie

The Darby & Joan Christmas Dinner will be held at The Keys, St Martin on Tuesday 6th December at 5.30pm. The entertainment this year will be the comedy duo 'We Are Not Confused'. On Tuesday 13th December at 2pm the Darby & Joan lunch will be held at Fron Community Centre.

Garth & Trevor WI News

By Jean Roberts

Though we are low in members we still manage to enjoy ourselves. In October we went on an autumn colours trip through the Clocaenog forest where the red yellow and gold colours of the trees were spectacular, we had morning coffee overlooking Llyn Brenig. Friday November 4th Llangollen was the venue to see The Vicar of Dibley. A mystery Christmas Lunch is our next expedition. Our monthly programme is now drawn up on a two month basis. So watch this space there might be something to interest you!!

Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the nursery welcomed several new children. They have all settled in very well and are enjoying all the varied activities on offer.

In October, the children had lots of fun dressing up for Halloween, making craft items and helping to carve a pumpkin from the nursery garden. They also celebrated Bonfire night by learning about Guy Fawkes.

The Tempest photographer has been to take photos of the children and we have also had a visit from Helen Jones; as part of the Healthy School Campaign. The nursery is involved in the HIPP organic baby food initiative, and three members of staff are currently updating their Food Safety qualifications.

In November the nursery raised money for the Children in Need Appeal by having a "spotty" dressing up week and by making and selling cakes.

Christmas was a very busy time for everyone with lots of art, craft, and singing taking place. The final event before closing for Christmas was the Christmas party; which Father Christmas attended, bringing a gift for everyone.

Finally, we would like to remind parents of children who are entitled to Free nursery care as part of the Flying Start Campaign, that we have spaces available for January.

Garth & Trevor Community Centre

Thanks to the generous help of Wates we now have a new kitchen. This kitchen added to the equipment already purchased; cups, saucers, plates, dishes and cutlery, makes the venue an ideal place to host your party of up to 100 people.

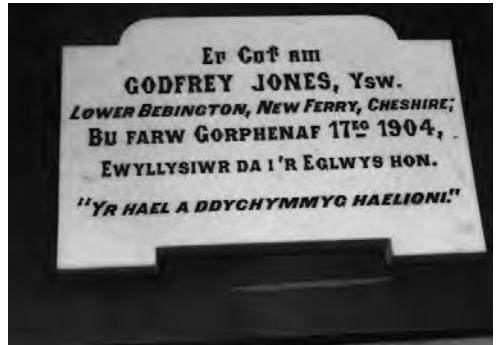
The hall also has a lounge which can accommodate 20-30 people, equipped with a large screen TV. To check availability ring Joyce on 01978 823244

If you are new to the area, or are looking to help or join one of our activities, like Senior Citizens, W.I., Bingo, Preschool playgroup, Carpet Bowls or if you would like to start a group ,contact Joyce on the above number to check availability.

Computer classes for beginners and improvers start again this January on Mondays 11am- 1pm and 1pm- 3pm. Thursdays 1pm- 3pm., in the Telecottage, at Garth and Trevor Community Centre. Need help with a Tablet or your laptop; why not call in to see us? The Computer area has high speed broad band and scanning/printing/copy/laminating facilities. For more info call 01978 810119.

BRYN SEION CHAPEL GETS A LIFELINE

By Sally Roberts



The chapel in Trevor has been purchased by local couple Sally Roberts and Carl Pottenger. The chapel has been neglected in recent years and a substantial restoration project is currently being undertaken to restore it to its former glory, and convert to a tea room and bed and breakfast.

Pontcysyllte Tearoom will be welcoming locals, tourists, community groups and schools to visit and enjoy quality food in unique surroundings. Opening for Easter 2017.... watch this space for more details.

"The community have given us positive feedback on our purchase and local councillors and neighbours supportive in our planning application, which we appreciate very much"

"We are really interested in the history of this local landmark and excited to be opening its doors again for everyone to enjoy.

We have had some great information from former members of the chapel and are hoping that locals will come forward with any stories and photographs involving the chapel. We would love to see photographs and documents from your weddings, christenings or maybe you attended the Sunday school there and would be happy to share your memories with us "

Please contact us at the chapel.



Police Matters

By PCSO Dave Jenkins

Hopefully you will all have a good Christmas and have no need to deal with the Police over the festive period. Christmas can be an exciting fun time or the most stressful time of the year with queues on the roads as well as in the shops. Recently we have been conducting speed checks in Llangollen Rural and surrounding areas which have not identified any major speeding issues and actually appeared to show drivers travelling well under the speed limit. While we are aware this is not a true reflection of driving throughout the region it does demonstrate that people are generally aware of the speed limits and what is a safe manner of driving. Over the coming few months we will find more traffic delays due to more motorists on the road and possible accidents due to road conditions and the darker nights and inevitable roadworks. If possible allow enough time for journeys rather than risk a speeding fine or worse. Speeding offences can increase insurance premiums as well as the fine and points on your licence and most Police forces will have winter campaigns targeting speeding and illegal vehicles on the road.

As usual over Christmas do not leave valuables on display in parked vehicles or vehicles unlocked which can be tempting to opportunist thieves. Cars idling unattended outside houses or Newsagents on icy mornings can also be targeted and probably would result in invalid Insurance claims.

Remember to keep doors locked on the dark nights and car keys away from sight in the evening and overnight. Many of the precautions we can take are common sense and hopefully we can keep an eye on our neighbours and the local community and neighbourhood as well.

Please feel free to contact me about any information regarding these or any other community issues in person. E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

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

If reporting incidents requiring Police response please calls 999 in emergencies or 101 for non-emergency matters. Incidents can also be reported online at the North Wales Police public website where advice and guidance can be found regarding a wide range of issues.

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Gold Finches, Blue Finches, Robins. Crows, Ducks, Blue Tits, Black Cap, Chaffinch, Owls, Pigeons, Red Poll, Magpies, Collared Doves, Heron, Sparrow Hawk, Blackbirds (not as many now), Buzzards, Nuthatch, House & Hedge Sparrows, Jays, Great Tits, Red Start, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Geese flying overhead.

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Canal update

By Moira Griffiths

Recent volunteer activities on the canal have included clearing behind the information point to make room for a new shed.

Several volunteers worked hard to clear away the overgrowth and got stung by wasps in the process!

We also managed to clear the culvert past the 'clinker' and were really delighted with the amount of rubbish that was moved. The work barge, Whiston, was brought up from Ellesmere and we loaded the rubbish into it. Hopefully now there won't be any more tyres or bed frames or bits of old car finding their way back into the stream bed.

Another little project took us to the Chain Bridge approach in Llangollen. The railing on the feeder section by the bridge that leads to the hotel was in need of repainting. It was rusty and looked a mess so we used wire brushes to remove the old flaking paint and rust and then used black Hammerite paint to bring it up to scratch. This should ensure that the railing lasts a few more years!



Froncysyllte Parking Update

By Allan Forest

A site meeting has taken place at Froncysyllte with the Canal and River Trust to again try and resolve some of the parking issues at Froncysyllte Basin before the next season. Further discussions are being held with the boat operators and approaches are again being made to coach companies to try and come up with solutions that are acceptable to everyone.

Currently the information provided by the local residents is being used to inform which coach companies are using the basin so that they can be targeted by mail and face to face discussions where practical.

County Councillors Diary

By Cllr. Pat Jeffares

We are coming to the end of another year. I'm pleased to say that all our salt bins have been refilled. With all the Councils cutbacks in the budget, it is likely to affect all front line services, so make sure your cupboards are well stocked in case we get a heavy snowfall after a decent summer.

Ward Up Grade Resurfacing/Drainage/Pot holes all are ongoing. The ward did very well again this year. We will make sure that we get our share, and that's also down to our area supervisor Dave Pugh, Thanks Dave.

Playgrounds I'm pleased to say that Garth Playground is now complete. Our Community Council are responsible for five playgrounds which are; in Fron the Community Centre and Woodlands Grove, in Trevor the Oaks and George Avenue and Garth. We have been informed by Wrexham Council that an under-spend was made in the 106 planning on the Oaks in Trevor. This funding is part of a planning condition where if the developer builds more than 10 houses they must provide a playground. It has been decided by the Community Council that extra pieces of equipment will be installed on this site. Four playgrounds have now been refurbished in our Ward. Well done to everybody who has made all this happen.

Coach Parking On the 4th August I held a meeting at the Basin in Fron with the residents, Community Council, Police and Wrexham Council to discuss coaches parking. This issue is causing major parking problems for the local residents. I was instructed to speak to the boat operator, which I did and they promised that they would give new instructions to the coach companies not to park there. This information has also been updated on the Wrexham Councils World Heritage website telling drivers not to park at the Fron basin just off the A5, and they have specified a number of official car parks to park in.

Overall I feel we have had another extremely busy year. We are now looking forward to the Christmas events that will be taking place throughout the Ward.

Thanks to all the Community Councillors, the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones, Allan Forrest and his team, Ken Skates AM, Vicky and her team at Plasmadoc housing, and Dave the PCSO for their help and support this past year. Also a big thank you goes to all our volunteers in the Ward, for the grass cutting, planting, watering, weeding and litter picking. I have never seen the place look so clean and tidy.

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.

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