

Community News

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For free distribution in Ffron, Garth & Trevor.

Retired Residents Christmas party.

By Sue Kempster

Chair Aqueduct Community Association

The now annual Christmas party for residents of our three villages took place in December at Trevor and Garth Community Centre. Good food, conversation, carols and bingo were the order of the evening, with an excellent raffle finishing off the festivities. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by residents and volunteers alike.

Thanks as always to the volunteers who worked tirelessly through the day and evening. Thanks to the Cubs who entertained us with a selection of carols and to Mr Mike Connolly of Llangollen who once again led us in the community singing. A big thank you to those that gave donations and to those that gave raffle and bingo prizes including Tesco's Cefn Mawr. Without all this support the event could not continue.

Want to attend this year's party, to enjoy a real community festive event? Well here's the date for your diary December the 9th the only criteria is you need to be retired.



Report from the Aqueduct Community Association.

Tree planting

Date April 2nd, Venue meet at Trevor and Garth Community Centre at 10.00am or later on the railway line

The Aqueduct Community Association are pleased to announce that there will be tree planting on the old railway walk in Trevor this April. The trees being planted are hedging varieties that will sit behind the properties on Charles Avenue. They will not block light just screen the houses in order that residents and walkers can enjoy a pleasing view. The trees will be planted near the footpath and not against the boundary. On the same day we plan to sow mixed varieties of Welsh Marches wild flower seeds as well as planting other wild flower species that are native to this area. It is planned that a litter pick will be carried out at the same time so lots of volunteers will be needed on the day. We will be supplying refreshments at the community centre from 10.00am to 1.00pm so even if you can't help with planting come along and see us there and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake. This is a community event and we look forward to seeing lots of you supporting us with this venture.

Car parking Trevor Basin

The Aqueduct Community Association will be working with Wrexham Council covering additional car parking at peak times in Trevor Basin again this year. Any community group from Trevor, Garth or Fron wishing to join in with this activity please contact me for further details.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us with events and projects within the community. If you are interested please contact me or come along to an event.

Sue Kempster

Chair.

Contact number 01978 810302.

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

Chairman's Corner.

Cllr. Elfed Morris.

Despite the wind and rain in recent weeks, the weather has been almost snow & frost free and we can look forward now to Spring with snowdrops and daffodils already appearing.

Our Council has again been very busy with current issues. The transfer of the four playgrounds to Llangollen Rural Community Council from the Wrexham County Borough Council is almost complete with the one in Garth already signed and sealed last week.

An application for funding has been made to WREN to refurbish Garth playground and if this is successful the work should start late summer. I would like to thank Cllr Mark Valentine for all his time and hard work in preparing and presenting the application, also the pupils of Garth School and Cllr Sue Kempster for her support. Thank you all very much.

We had several complaints at our February meeting about dog fouling in Fron, Trevor and in particular outside Garth School. This is a very disturbing report as there is a risk of faeces being taken into the school on children's shoes which no-one wants to see, so I would appeal to all dog owners to clear away any mess left by their dogs.

I hope the residents of Garth are happy with the new light at Cromwell Terrace, sorry it's been a long time coming but I can assure you it was not our fault!

Our Council was very concerned to hear from the Police about the increase in burglaries in the area (one house) from our villages during the last two months. I would ask residents to be more vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the Police immediately.

If you have any problems in your area please contact our Clerk or any member of the Council.

This will be my last newsletter as Chairman and I would like to thank Council for the privilege of being Chairman again. It is the third or fourth time that I have had the pleasure in over 40 years as a Councillor.

I am sure that my fellow Councillors will agree that we have far more work now than ever before with the added responsibility handed over to us by the Unitary Authority of Wrexham County Borough Council.

I would finally like to thank our very hard working Clerk Mrs Sue Jones for all her help and also our County Councillor Pat Jeffares for his constant help and support. Thank you both so much.

Garth School News

By Miss Ivanoff, Holly & Vinny

It has been busy, busy, busy here in Garth school so far this term. It feels like such a long time ago since the Christmas break and the children were on the stage in Flexsys Club performing their shows. It was wonderful to see so many faces there and the shows were a huge success. Thank you so much for all your support.

I thought it would be nice if our Head Boy Vinnie and our Head Girl Holly told you about some of the fantastic things that we have been doing so far this term and tell you about the exciting things we will be doing in the future.



As head boy I was really pleased to play the part of Oliver in our school play in December. It was really hard rehearsing the show and practicing the songs but our hard work paid off as on the night every one enjoyed it.

As the New Year started we have been carrying on with our WW2 topic, creating stories about the Blitz and learning all about Anne Frank and her diary. The juniors have also taken part in a football match against Pentre School and a cross country competition in Ysgol Dinas Bran and they all did really well. By Vinnie.

I feel as head girl that the best thing about school at the moment is being back in our classroom. After spending weeks in the hall whilst our room was renovated, it was so nice to come back to school and have a completely new classroom and furniture. We love it!

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the Air Raid Shelters at Stockport in March and we will get to experience life during WW2. We also have the chance to visit Cardiff in June as a Federation and spend time together and make new friends over 3 days and visit some wonderful places.

Mr Ryan, Mrs Davies and Mrs Haran are working hard with their children and they have settled back into class after Christmas. A huge thank you to Mrs Haran and the eCadets for telling us all about internet safety during a special assembly.

Thank you for reading about our news in Garth School. By Holly

Llangollen Rural Community Council Dates of Meetings – 2016

Community Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7pm

January	-	No meeting
February	2nd	Fron Community Centre
March	1st	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
April	5th	Fron Community Centre
May	3rd	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
June	7th	Fron Community Centre
July	12th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
August	-	no meeting
September	6th	Fron Community Centre
October	4th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre
November	1st	Fron Community Centre
December	6th	Garth & Trevor Community Centre

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Further information can be obtained on the Community Council web site.

Thank You

By Elfed Morris

Llangollen Dee Valley Rotary Club would like to thank all the residents and children of Garth, Trevor and Fron for coming out to meet us when we visited your villages in early December with the Christmas Sleigh. As a result of our efforts and your fantastic generosity we have been pleased to support the Primary schools in our area which included Ysgol Y Garth and Ysgol Y Fron. We had a wonderful time over three nights despite the weather and the response from everyone we met was fantastic. We think our efforts were indeed very rewarding if only to see the smiles on children's faces when Santa appeared. Our special thanks also to Santa who braved the wind and rain over three nights. We hope to be around again next Christmas. If you would like to join our Rotary club, we meet once a month, contact our secretary Sarah Bather, her email address is sarahbather@hotmail.co.uk

LETTERS

TREVOR I was just wondering if you would be able to mention in the Community Newsletter the issue of parking on the Trevor estate. Since the one way system was introduced, I now get to tour most of the estate on my way home and find that depending on where people decide to park their cars, it can be quite tricky and tight to get past in a car.

I know this acts as a way of calming traffic, but I think people may need a gentle reminder to be considerate if an ambulance or fire engine would need to pass – which I think on some days would be near impossible especially if a fire engine was called out.

Rhos Y Coed Resident

FRON Many years ago there was a bronze chain and cup on the Boer War Memorial, Holyhead Road, Fron. I was told at the time that some local children had taken the chain and cup off the Memorial and was wondering if anyone has seen these items or know where they are now? If you do know the whereabouts of the cup and chain please contact me on 01691 773822.

Thank you Charlie Mellish

PRECEPT

The Community Council in its December meeting agreed to keep the precept (the monies it receives from Wrexham County Borough Council to manage its affairs) requirement at the same level as last year, which means that the portion of the Council Tax allocated to the Community Council will not increase.

TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



By Lynne Nash

Tiddly Winks Toddler Group enjoyed their Christmas party with a fantastic session of Rhythm Time. Ryan came in to do the 40 minute class in which they sang, used different instruments in their orchestra plus much more. They enjoyed their party food along with a visit from Father Christmas in which gifts were exchanged.

We are now looking forward to the spring which will include a morning out to Ty Mawr, crafts and much more.



Tiddly Winks Toddler Group meets every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am and it is £2.00 in which toast and refreshments are included.

Please come along and enjoy our friendly group at Garth & Trevor Community Centre. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome. Thank you for your continued support

Mini Mural Art Project - For Trevor and Froncysyllte Underway

By Sue Kempster

Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site and Wrexham County Borough Council have engaged local artists Emma Holmes and Carol Davies to work with local schools and community groups to design and paint murals on the Froncystylle Community Centre and on the boarded up building on the Reads Yard site in Trevor. Although the murals are being made for outdoor venues they will be painted indoors and then installed. Inspiration will come from the whole World Heritage Site! Emma and Carol are also visiting local museums to view historical images to add to the design.

Provisional painting sessions have been booked at: Trevor and Garth Community Centre for Mondays, 7 March 10-12, 14 March 10-2.30pm.(Froncystylle Community Centre for Wednesdays. Dates and times TBC).

Some evening sessions may be arranged if required. Please call Emma on 07590 455 608 if you would like to participate or check that a session is running - all the best laid plans get changed!

The Magical Day.

Andrew Roberts. Yr 6 Ysgol Ffroncyllte.

On Wednesday 16th December 2015 Ffroncyllte School and Pentre School left for their magical day out at Harry Potter Studios in London, Watford. We were all extremely excited for the trip even though most of us were really tired from the 6am wake up.

It was a four hour coach trip so I thought I would go to sleep. Two hours passed, only two more hours left to go. Once we got there the first thing we saw was the cupboard under the stairs I thought it was amazing I couldn't believe that Daniel Radcliffe slept there. Then we went into what appeared to be a cinema. On screen were the actors Daniel Radcliff, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.

They explained how the props and set were created like costumes extra bits and pieces. Just then the curtain lifted up and there they were right in front of me the great hall doors, then we got up to go through the doors.

When we got by the doors I was ecstatic to go in the great hall I couldn't wait when we could see all of the house robes were there Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Gryffindor.

There are four main characters in the four houses:

Harry Potter = Gryffindor

Luna Lovegood = Ravenclaw

Cedric Diggory = Hufflepuff

Draco Malfay = Slytherin

Then we moved on to the main room we saw the giant clock after we saw everything we went on to lunch. In the afternoon we saw more props and extras such as Dobby, Aragog and Hagrid after that we saw Diagon Alley. My favourite shop was Fred and Gorge's shop you could see a massive scale model of the outside of the shop and the Hogwarts Castle. Finally we went to the shop I got a glass with the Hogwarts crest on it. Unfortunately after that it was time to go home I really didn't want to go home but I guess I had to.





This photo shows the 1st Trevor Brownies in 1966.

Back row, L to R: Wendy Matthews, Carolyn Hughes, Debra Davies, Isobel Berry, Sandra Long, Dawn Field, Penelope Hall, Annette Roberts, ?, Amanda Roberts, ?, Moira Jones

Seated, L to R: Claire Turner, Debra Evans, Susan Churchward, ?, ?, Julie Taylor, Lyn Taylor, Sharon Hughes.

If anyone can fill in the missing names, or advise me if any are wrong, then please contact Moira Griffiths on 824401.

GARTH AND TREVOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The kitchen is equipped and has crockery and cutlery for 100 guests. The Hall is in fact an ideal venue for a party.

If you are interested contact Joyce on 01978 823244 to check availability.

The lounge has seating for 20-30 with large screen TV facilities; Fibre optic high speed broad band is also available.

The computer area has printing facilities (if you have difficulty printing off airline boarding passes or any other printing /copying problem give us a visit). The computer area is open 11am – 3pm on Mondays and 1pm to 3pm Thursdays, for help with tuition and any other computer/tablet/ pad problems. Enquiries to Delwyn on 01978 810119.

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 play group, carpet bowls, or if you would like to start a group, contact Joyce (01978823244) to check times or availability.

Delwyn Roberts BEM

By Margaret Pierce Jenkins

We were all delighted that Delwyn Roberts, from Garth, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2016 New Year's Honours. This was given for his services to the community and is very well deserved.

Delwyn's working life was as a teacher of physics in Chirk, Coedpoeth and Bryn Offa School in Wrexham. Not only was he a superb teacher of physics, he was very much involved with school life and with his pupils. He even created a course on boat building and sailing.



He completed his National Service in the RAF – as a Radio Technician. Although Delwyn has now retired from the Bench, for many years he took his duty as a J.P. very seriously. Great thought was given to any decisions made, he attended court regularly and was greatly respected as a Magistrate both by his peers and the community.

Since he retired from teaching Delwyn has worked for his community, giving generously of his time and expertise. He excels as a carpenter, scene painter and erector for the many plays put on by the Llangollen Twenty Club.

Throughout his life, Delwyn has been a committed Christian and gives time to help his church in many ways. A long- time local preacher, he is a Deacon in the Welsh Baptist Chapel and a member of the Tabernacle in Cefn Mawr.

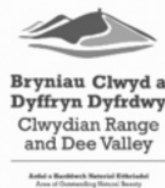
His contribution to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is well known. He is a backstage stalwart, carrying out technical and exacting duties.

Delwyn recognised the growing popularity of computers many years ago and was mindful that computer literacy was important for everyone. He raised money, and developed the 'Telecottage' in Trevor Community Centre and has organised classes there for some ten years. He uses his expertise (this includes tea making skills) and time to give lessons to many older (and some young) local residents who may not have access to more formal training.

Delwyn is a member of Llangollen Golf Club and the Bowling Club. As a member of the Rotary Club of Llangollen, Delwyn takes the lead in many of their activities, organising the practical matters that are so important, one of his specialities is producing tickets, programmes, posters, invitations etc. on his computer. He is a committed driver with the Dial a Ride scheme which provides essential transport for the elderly and infirm. He does of course help at the Annual Fete at Plas Newydd, erecting marquees, ferrying equipment and helping with the side shows.

A family man, Delwyn has a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren, all are very important to him. He and his devoted wife Iola are "pillars of the community" – a cliché perhaps but genuine and very appropriate in this instance. They recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with a party at Trevor Community Centre for their family and many friends. Sharing is a vital part of their lives.

Get Out and About with the AONB



March will see the start of the AONB's new programme of events for 2016, with lots of different ways to enjoy the amazing countryside on your doorstep: -

Wednesday 9th March – Under the Aqueduct - Join us for short spring walk along the banks of the River Dee. 10 am – noon, meet at the Trevor Basin car park (free)

Sunday 27th and Monday 28th March – Easter Egg Hunt at Plas Newydd, Llangollen. (£2.50 pp)

We're also extending our successful Young Rangers Programme into the Dee Valley this year. This is a monthly programme aimed at 11 – 18 year olds who enjoy getting involved in practical tasks, meeting new people and trying outdoor activities.

The first session will be held on Saturday 5th March at Plas Newydd, Llangollen from 10 am to 2 pm. We'll be cutting back and having a bonfire, then making bird and bat boxes. For more information see www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/breaking-news/#2813 or contact Sharon Woods on 01352 810614 or Ros Stockdale on 01978 869615

For more walks and family activities in the Dee Valley, pick up a copy of the Out and About Booklet which will be available soon, or check for events on our websites :-

www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

Church Services

St. David's Church Froncysyllte.

25th March 2016 12.00pm Good Friday Service

27th March 2016 9.30am Easter Day Communion Service

For Weddings, Baptisms, Christenings and all church enquiries please contact

Rev Matt Wilkinson 01691 778519

Trevor Church Services

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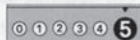
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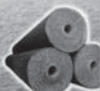
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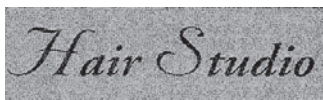
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The deadline for the the Summer issue will be noon on **Monday 9th May 2016** Please mark your copy "Community News" and include a name, address and contact telephone number, items will not be accepted without these details.

Although we make every effort to ensure that the facts contained in this publication are correct, we cannot take responsibility for "typing" errors or statements made by a third party. If you find something needing correcting, please contact the Clerk, details above.

1st Trevor Scouts

Elaine Anderson. Group Scout Leader.

Beavers The children have really enjoyed completing their space badge, especially making their space helmets, pretty impressive they were too. Shortly they will each be given the chance to make a pancake and to compete with them in a flipping race, that should be good fun.

Cubs They have been working very hard and have just completed both their astronomy and chefs badges. Currently working on their World badge. Two of the Cubs have just completed their Silver Awards, which entails a lot of extra hard work and is a great achievement. They have a sleepover shortly, excitement involved there I am sure.

This year is 100 years of Cub Scouting , and as part of the celebrations, our group with the rest of Llangollen district will be going to the cinema in Wrexham (who have closed it to the general public, for the day) to watch the new film Jungle Book and a film feast afterwards. Jungle Book is where scouting obtains all its Leaders names such as Akela from.

As you see everyone is very busy and involved with many varied activities, but we desperately need some help and assistance, in order to give these great and enjoyable experiences to the children. If there is anyone who feels they could give us some time, I can assure you, you would find being involved in scouting both rewarding and enjoyable. Please come along to our Trevor HQ on a Thursday evening to see for yourself, or contact myself on 07939476208 for an informal chat. Our next Bingo is Wednesday March 9th, eyes down 7.30pm.

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: March 8th & 29th, April 19th, May 10th & 31st. Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328.

Fron Walking Group

Weatherman talk and musical entertainment evening.

We would like to thank Tesco, Cefn Mawr for donating a bottle of champagne, which was won by Jeanette Jones, who had the lucky ticket number.

Fron News

By Julie Williams

Fron Walking Group

A fundraising event for our Walking Group saw Nigel Parry, a member of the BBC Weatherman Walking team give an interesting illustrated talk on the making of the new series. This was followed by musical entertainment provided by Nigel and his group.

Once again on our traditional Advent Ambles, we were very warmly welcomed at the Duke of Wellington, where we enjoyed a hearty Christmas lunch.

For our group's official Christmas lunch, we once again favoured the Lord Moreton in Chirk, where we had an excellent meal and spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the company of John and Alison Jones of Penycae, who judged our annual photographic competition.

Results: Best overall photograph – Dave Norman.

Best photograph Cardiff trip – Kim Larwood.

Best photograph Ribble Valley – Kelvin Mole.

Best local photograph – Janet Norman.

As ever, we will be celebrating St David's Day on Saturday, March 5th, with our annual Daffodil Dawdle and we will end at Fron Community Centre, where refreshments will be served by St David's Church. All welcome.



Cakes and Company

The Community Cafe will reopen on Saturday 26th March (Easter weekend) 2016.

We look forward to welcoming you back.

WI REPORT

By Jean Roberts - Secretary

Trevor & Garth WI have been very active during the festive season. Members attended the Eisteddfod Christmas Concert in Llangollen. They enjoyed a mystery luncheon trip which ended up in Southport and at the December meeting the members enjoyed a Fish & Chip supper followed by a quiz. In January we held a Bingo session WI style!!! Members also enjoyed a trip to the pantomime Alice in Wonderland at Llangollen.

In February our speaker was Jean who runs the Telford craft afternoons, she demonstrated book sculpture which we all enjoyed. The March meeting will be on Thursday 10th at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

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Fron Community Centre

Bookings now being taken for the centre.

Hire charges at the community centre have remained static for several years but, due to increased running costs, there will be a small increase this year. To hire the centre during the daytime will be £35, after 5pm £45 and bingo evenings are £20.

In addition we are considering a volunteer rota for cleaning the centre. Anyone who would be willing to be included please contact the Secretary, Alyson Winn on 01691 770912 or email alysonw1811@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported our prize bingo evenings and raffles last year. Much needed funds were raised for several charities and voluntary groups. In addition to community centre funds, these include the Blind Club, Derwen College, Parkinson's, Nightingale House, the Lung Foundation, Llys y Graig, Diabetes UK and Wales Air Ambulance.

Donations of items for bingo or raffle prizes will be gratefully received! Bingo starts this year on March 4th - eyes down at 7 pm. All welcome

Thank you A big thank you to Sandra Groves who organised bingo evenings, raffles and table top sales throughout 2015 for Wales Air Ambulance. She raised a fantastic £1500 – see attached photo. Thank you to everyone who supported our Wales Air Ambulance Autumn festival weekend in November - £941 raised!



Dates for your diary

Weekend 5th & 6th March - café in aid of church funds

Sunday March 13th - Eileen's Big Breakfast fundraiser

From Easter - 'Cakes' will be open every weekend

The Air Ambulance is 15 years old on March 1st and a 'Big Birthday Bash' weekend is being held at the Centre 19th & 20th March in aid of the charity 12-4pm each day. The birthday cake is being cut by the Mayor at 2pm on the 19th and mascot Huw HEMS will be on hand to help!

"In Fron Community Centre back room - there are a number of boxes and general items that have been left in the back room over the winter. It is not known who these belong to - please come and collect, or contact us about them before Easter as unfortunately after this date they will have to be removed and disposed of. Thank you'

Telecottage News

Shaun Jones, Treasurer of the Community Centre, shows visitors to the Telecottage a new Lap top/ Tablet, bought with a grant from Under the Arches



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Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Siskin, Chaffinch, Goldfinches, Bullfinch, Male & Female Blackbirds, Collared Doves, Mistle Thrush, Blue Tits, Sparrows (Hedge – House), Great Tits, Robins, Crows, Buzzard, Seagulls, Owls, Sparrow Hawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Pigeons, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Starlings, Nuthatch, Magpie, Stock Dove, Wood Pigeons, Ducks, Geese, Heron, Jays & Coal Tits.

Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The children at The Towers Day Nursery have been very busy since returning to nursery after Christmas. We have now submitted the money collected for Children In Need and managed to raise £185.50 from the sale of cakes, a fancy dress day and general donations.

The children enjoyed making lots of art and craft/decorations for Christmas and had a party which was attended by Father Christmas, who presented each child with a gift.

The nursery has recently been awarded a Gold Star award for continued participation in the "Smile" campaign; an initiative to encourage young children to clean and look after their teeth.

This term's topics are Transport, Shape and Colour. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, St. Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

Two members of staff have recently started a C.C.L.D. Course and we are continuing our partnership with Dynamic.

Concerned about Dog fouling in our area?

You can report an incident direct to the Public Protection Department, Ruabon Offices, High Street, Ruabon, phone **01978 298989**.

Or phone the Environmental Officers on **07800 688790** or **07753 771711**.

It will help to have a note of the date, the time and place the incident occurred as well as a description of the offender (if known) and any other relevant information such as colour, size and breed of dog.

Dog owners do you know that failure to pick up after your dog can result in a maximum penalty of **£1,000**? Fixed penalty notices can be issued to offenders caught allowing their dogs to foul and not removing the waste or failing to dispose of their litter in a correct manner. The fixed penalties are set by the Welsh Assembly. Currently fixed penalties of £75 are routinely issued for dog fouling and littering offences. The fixed penalty notices require payment to be made within 14 days of the notice being received to prevent further action being taken. Failure to pay can result in court procedures Dog fouling carries a maximum penalty of £1,000 and littering including dropping cigarette stubs can incur a penalty of up to £2,500.

The Environmental Enforcement Officers carry out frequent patrols of areas within the County Borough in order to catch offenders.

Rotary Club of Llangollen

Dial a Ride Scheme

The white vehicle with the Rotary signage will be well known to many in Garth and Trevor. The Scheme celebrated its seventh year of operation after nearly 30,000 miles and over a thousand separate journeys with a new vehicle generously donated at the end of last year by The Friends of the then Llangollen Cottage Hospital. You now need to look for a plum coloured Fiat Doblo decorated with the Rotary Wheel logo and contact phone numbers.

The vehicle, which has wheelchair access and room for three passengers, provides cheap and reliable transport for the elderly and for persons with disabilities or sensory impairment to social centres, clinics, local shops and banks etc. It caters for people living in the communities of Llangollen, Llantysilio and Llangollen Rural and usually but not exclusively covers destinations within an area bounded by Corwen, Ruthin, Wrexham and Oswestry.

At the moment we have about 70 active members of which about one third are regular weekly users who would be housebound without a door to door service. All our clientele have to be registered as Members for which an annual fee of £5 is charged. In addition a modest mileage tariff is applied on each journey. Bookings must be made 24 hours in advance by telephone to 07592018533.

To join you can obtain Application forms and details on how the Scheme operates from the One Stop Shop situated in Llangollen Library, or the Town Clerk's Office. Completed forms should be sent to the Project Coordinator c/o Inchview, Ffordd Cwm, Coed -y-Glyn, Wrexham, LL13 7QD

Guided Walks

Saturday 26th March 2016 and Saturday 16th April FREE Family Pontcysyllte Adventure Guided Walk, with a local, friendly Blue Badge Guide. Walks starting at 11am and 2pm from Pontcysyllte Visitor Centre, walks last approximately 1 hour. Suitable for all ages. To book at place or for more information contact: 01978 822 912.

Easter Trail

Monday 28th March & Tuesday 29th March

Join the fun, with an Easter Trail through Jeffrey's Wood. Pick up your entry form from Pontcysyllte Visitor Centre between 10.30am and 3pm, find the clues in the woods and return completed forms to the visitor centre to receive an Easter treat! For more information contact: 01978 822 912.



Help needed to get ALL of our community on the High Speed Internet



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Garth playground update

By Cllr. Mark Valentine

The Community Council with the support of Aqueduct Community Association have now submitted the Grant application to WREN for the proposed refurbishment of Garth Playground. We have received several tenders from playground specialists and selected our preferred supplier in anticipation of a successful award. The final decision will be made by WREN in late April and we remain hopeful of a positive outcome. We would then anticipate works being completed in the Summer..... fingers crossed.

History Talk

The next history talk by Emrys will be on the 30th March at 1pm in Fron Community Centre.

Bowls Update . . .

By Moira Griffiths

Trevor indoor bowlers are playing exceptionally well at the moment. On a Monday evening they play in a league at Johnstown and are currently in first position with three more games to go until the end of the season. Games are tough with the team playing in a singles and pairs league and the second placed team are snapping at our heels!

On a Tuesday afternoon the team goes further afield, playing on a home and away basis. We are currently in first place, 40 points clear of the second placed team, with three more games to play. Two of these games will be played at home in Trevor Community Centre. The team have played brilliantly, losing only one game all season, so this bodes well for the last few games.

The bowls club has recently received funding for new equipment and will soon be purchasing a 3rd mat, so that we will be able to hold competitions with other bowlers in the county.

All players have competed in the National heats (singles, pairs, triples and fours) and will be representing our county at Llandrindod Wells in the finals which will be held in February and March.

Once these games are finished the players will be moving outdoors into the crown green leagues of Wrexham and Oswestry.

If you fancy joining our committed team of bowlers and would like to learn this pleasant, but competitive game, then please contact either Joyce Evans on 823244 or myself on 824401.

Ken Skates AM & Susan Elan Jones MP

Ken Skates has a surgery with Susan Elan Jones from 3.30pm-5.30pm Friday, March 11th, at The Stiwt, Rhos.

He also has one on his own at Splash Magic (formerly Plas Madoc Leisure Centre) from 4-5pm on Friday, March 18th.

They run on a first-come, first-served basis, so appointments are not necessary.

Bird List Fron

By Julie Williams

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Blackcap, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Collared Dove, Coal Tit, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Grey Wagtail, Greenfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Jay, Jackdaw, Long tailed Tit, Magpie, Nuthatch, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrow Hawk, Tree Creeper, Tawny Owl, Wood Pigeon.

POLICE MATTERS

By PCSO David Jenkins

Car Key burglary is where the sole reason for entering premises is to steal the car keys for the vehicle. This type of offence is becoming more commonplace with several such offences relatively local to the ward in the last few months. Over recent years car manufacturers have made vehicle security a priority with more and more sophisticated systems in place to stop thieves being able to take the car.

As a result criminals have resorted to more elaborate ways of stealing vehicles.

It is very important that vehicle owners are aware of this and take extra precautions to limit becoming a victim of car key burglary.

The persons who want these vehicles are professionals, the vehicles are either stolen to order or to be used in other serious crimes. Offenders have been known to cruise locations looking for the vehicles to target and follow them back to their overnight address.

To minimize the risk of car key burglary:

- Park your vehicle in a secure garage overnight
- On entering the house lock the front door behind you.
- Never leave your car keys near a door or window. Criminals can hook keys through open windows and letterboxes.
- Keep them in a safe place where they cannot be seen. Keep them away from doors and windows. People have stolen keys without even entering the premises.
- Invest in a good quality home security system.
- Install security lights to the front and rear of your property and consider installing CCTV cameras.
- Gate your driveway if possible.
- Be vigilant & if you see anyone acting suspiciously, walking up driveways and looking through doors and windows, report it to the police.

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.

County Councillors Diary

By Pat Jeffares

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

I would like to start by saying what a good year 2015 was, and I hope this success continues during 2016. We have seen the coming together of our three villages working for the good of their communities. What a wonderful Christmas spirit, with the switch on of the tree lights.

It's been very funny winter weather wise, with all the rain and heavy winds. In spite of all this we have had daffodils in full bloom outside Bryn Eryl, Station road; I have never known that before, two months ahead of schedule.

Trevor Basin Canal and River Trust and Wrexham Council are working together to improve our World Heritage Site with extra parking in Trevor Basin. The land surrounding the area has been offered again this year for over spill car parking. Last year this was managed by our local organisations and volunteers, which helped them, raise money, and was a great help to their funding and this will continue again this year.

Good News! I was very pleased to be told by the housing department that they were starting to install new kitchens and bathrooms in the ward by the end of February. We have already had new roofs, this is very good news for our council tenants.

Resurfacing This programme is still ongoing throughout the ward. I have been chasing up to get the gulleys emptied after all this rain to prevent flooding.

Dog fouling/Litter Warning, Wrexham Council have now gone out to a private company to patrol our Ward to stop offenders.

Skip Day A Skip Day will be arranged again this year. A date is yet to be decided.

Call Centre Numbers: If you can't contact me, it has now proved that if you contact the call centre on any issues, that this is the quickest way to get them resolved. It is logged and has to be dealt with in a time limit. Phone Number 01978 298989.

To speak to repairs during office hours, or for out of hours Emergency Repairs, please phone 01978 298993.

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