

Community News

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Pensioners Christmas Party 2014



Pensioners Party

By Sue Kempster - Chair Aqueduct Community Association

The now annual Christmas party was again a great success with residents coming from Garth, Trevor and Froncysyllte. A free lift service was in operation for those pensioners that requested transport. Thank you all who volunteered in the afternoon and evening including the Cubs and Beavers who helped serve the meal and sang carols for us. A huge thanks to Mr Mike Connolly from Llangollen who entertained and led the carol singing. Thanks also to the team who erected the Christmas trees and decorated the outside of the community centre at Trevor. A big thank you to those who donated towards the Christmas party this year. Without all of your help the organisation would not be able continue with what is a very popular and happy evening.



Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Joyce Evans

This will be my last Chairman's Corner as a new chairman will be elected in May. Looking back over the year the time has flown! This has been a very busy and challenging year for the Community Council. During 2014 we have taken over the maintenance of the play grounds (but not Woodland Grove until August 2015). We are also now in the process of taking over the five play grounds to keep them open.

The Boer War Memorial Fountain in Fron has been renovated and a re-dedication service was held in November. The Cenotaph in Garth has had a new seat and also the roof repaired. We are grateful to WREN for their contribution towards the play area in George Avenue in Trevor which has been refurbished and was opened in January to the delight of the children who were thrilled with it. We are now starting to put together a proposal for a refurbished playground in Garth and I believe that the pupils from Garth School are starting a project about what equipment they would like the playground to have in it. I'm sure they will come up with some great ideas.

Once again we all enjoyed the Pensioners Christmas Party which was held in Trevor Community Centre in December. Many thanks to all those involved with making it such a fantastic night which was enjoyed by all.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have had two new Community Councillors elected – Mr D Wright and Mr A Roberts. I wish them well and hope they enjoy their new roles as Councillors. Recently Mr Pat Jeffares and Mrs Tracy Pugh retired from the Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment and service over 30 years and 7 years respectively. Finally I would like to thank our Clerk Sue Jones who has helped me over the last year as Chairman and also the Councillors for their support.

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1st Trevor Scout Group

by Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

All the Xmas activities are over and both sections have settled down and enjoying their badge work. Congratulations to a number of the Beavers who have achieved the highest award of the Bronze Challenge Badge.

Cubs are working on a number of badges, the most interesting being the Local History badge. They will be kindly assisted by Julie and Vaughan Williams when the weather is kinder to us. Thanks to you all and our Beaver Leader Jenny we raised £290 in the area with our Xmas raffle.

I would also like to thank people for the amazing number of prizes we had donated. The two main prizes, the Xmas Hamper was won by a Chirk Beaver Leader, and the television kindly donated by Martin Anderson, was won by Bruce from George Avenue, who is a long time supporter of the Group.

Cubs and Beavers will be having a joint sleepover at our HQ in March, theme yet to be decided. We are always looking for supporters and helpers, the more the merrier. Anyone interested please call in our HQ for a chat. Our next Bingo will be March 4th, eyes down 7.30 pm any prizes for this would be gratefully received.

Indoor Bowls Update...

by Moira Griffiths

The indoor season is well over half-way through and there have been some good results for the Trevor bowlers.

The Clwyd Fours Champions are again from Trevor; the fourth year in a row! Also three of the same players became Triples champions after a hard fought game and two of the same also came third in the Pairs! Superb results with some superb playing!

The team from Trevor have done well in the Monday night league but after a major problem with the bowling venue the league has had to stop mid season. There are only 8 weeks left before the players move outdoors and so the remaining Monday nights are being filled in with a makeshift league which has had to move away from the local area. In the Tuesday afternoon league the team is currently in third place but there are still half a dozen games left to play, so it's difficult to say where they will end up.

The bowlers still play at the Community Centre every Thursday nights from 7pm and we are looking for new players, young and old. Why not come along to see how it's done and give it a go? We have several spare sets of bowls so you don't have to worry about bringing your own, or you can bring your own if you prefer. There is no membership but adults pay £2 per night and juniors pay £1.50. Refreshments are included.

Contact Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401 for more details.

Garth Play Area Refurbishment Project

Llangollen Rural Community Council is in the process of applying for a grant of £45,000 to refurbish the Garth play area this follows hot on the heels of a very successful scheme in Trevor. We hope to include a range of new equipment for the benefit of all age groups and in doing so replace some older items.

The Aqueduct Community Association has offered to assist with the required third party funding, but we shall also need to demonstrate additional fundraising has been completed as an indication of wider support for the works from the whole Community. We would also welcome any messages of support or ideas for consideration in the planning of the improved facilities.

Miss Ivanhoff Assistant Head said 'Our year 5&6 pupils, at Garth School, are so pleased to be part of the 'Garth Park Community Project'. The children have been working very hard creating a wonderful portfolio of work that includes questionnaires, letters, posters, data, designs, photographs and so much more. The children have been so enthusiastic and proud of being part of such an important, worthy cause. We are also looking forward to doing lots of fundraising in the future to support this important project. We at Garth School will continue to do all we can to ensure that the children have a safe, fun environment to play in.'

Llangollen Rural Community Council Chair, Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans said 'If the Community, would like to help and support this project we would be very grateful. The Community Council and C/Cllr. Jeffares fully support the refurbishment of the Garth playground. We will be contributing £5,000 towards the project but also need to do some fundraising so if you can help in any way this will be much appreciated.'

There will be an Aqueduct Community Association meeting on Monday 13th April at 7pm in Garth & Trevor Community Centre to discuss the way forward and everyone is welcome to attend. For further information please contact Joyce Evans 823244, Elfed Morris 820122, Mark Valentine 812113, Sue Kempster 810302 or Sue Jones 810466.

Please see inside the newsletter for details of the first fundraising event.

Homelink Library Service

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Opening of the newly refurbished play area in George Avenue, Trevor.

Children have had their first play on new equipment after a £45,000 park revamp. Refurbishment of the existing play area at George Avenue, Trevor, which has seen exciting equipment installed, has been completed.

The upgrades were paid for by Llangollen Rural Community Council and a Waste Recycling Environment (WREN) grant which allowed a nest swing, boulders, a zip wire, balancing beams, a spinning dish, cradle swings, a climbing frame and slide, a stand up seesaw, picnic bench and seating installed.

The children from Garth Primary School have given the park their seal of approval after their maiden visit.

The Chairman of Llangollen Rural Community Council Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans said "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved especially Martin Howarth and Carla Hughes from Wrexham County Borough Council for supporting this project."

Cllr. Pat Jeffares who has been instrumental in supporting the project said "It was so nice to see the children from Garth School so excited as they tried out all the new play equipment, especially the zip wire. The upgrade came after a petition was launched two years ago by local children who were concerned about the state of the old play equipment which they said was well past its use by date."

WREN, is a not for profit business which awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment to the Landfill Communities Fund. Richard Thorogood, WREN grant manager, said: "The applicants submitted a good application which has resulted in WREN funding a new play area at George Avenue, Trevor.

The local advisory panel were impressed with the level of consultation which showed that the play area will be well used and that local people support the project'." Llangollen Rural Community Council also supported the project and gave £5,000 towards the venture.





The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

The Towers Day Nursery began the new term with several new children who have joined nursery since Christmas. They are all settling in well! This term we hope to make a start on the garden; weather permitting and the children are looking forward to playing with the new outdoor equipment and toys that arrived before Christmas.

This term the topic will be "Myself" which includes looking at homes, healthy eating and personal safety. We will be celebrating St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St Valentine's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Parents and children who are looking for a Nursery place are welcome to come on a visit and can take advantage of a free trial session by contacting the Manager Mrs Edith Williams on 01978 822446

BT Upgrade

BT are currently working to provide all parts of Wales with superfast broadband. Currently most of the local cabinets have been upgraded, however residents in the Trevor and Garth area need to register their interest with BT for us to be considered for an upgrade. Any property on the main A539, from the Duke of Wellington to the bottom of Trevor Hall lane, all properties in Garth including The Oaks are all connected to cabinet 11 (Green Box), which is situated at the top of Station Rd.

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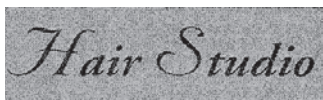
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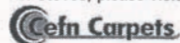
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Wales Air Ambulance

By Alyson Winn

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for their continuing support in raising funds for Wales Air Ambulance. Having recently taken on the role of Community fundraising Coordinator for the area, my role is to raise awareness of the service and to organise and support fundraising initiatives and events.

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I am happy to visit groups in the area to give a presentation with a short DVD about the day to day running of the Air Ambulance and real life stories from people whose lives have been saved. You may be interested in finding out about volunteering opportunities and other fundraising activities or need support for your own ideas to raise money for the Air Ambulance. Please contact me on the mobile number or email address below if you would like further information.

Once again, a big thank you and best wishes for 2015.

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Bird List Fron

By Julie Williams

Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Hedge Sparrow, Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Mistle Thrush, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Redpoll, Rook, Robin, Song Thrush, Tawny Owl, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

Fron News

By Julie Williams

Fron Walking Group (Walkabout Wrexham and District).

Fron Walking Group continued to enjoy winter walks, the November walk ending up at the Duke of Wellington, Acrefair, for a warming hearty stew. Our regular Advent Ambles also ended up at the Duke for one of Shaun's famous Christmas lunches. In December for our regular 'Christmas dinner' walk, we had a lovely carvery at the Lord Moreton in Gledrid.



Pictured: Beryl Jones, Margaret Edwards and Gail Bret letting their hair down at the Lord Moreton.

We saw in the New Year with a January 1st walk to the Duke of Wellington where we enjoyed lunch. For our regular January walk, we were hosted by Paul and the team at the Aqueduct Inn, for a light meal and some highly praised ales!

At the time of writing our next walk will take us past Trevor Church and the Sun Trevor and back along the canal. We look forward to another successful season.

History Talk A local history talk by Emrys Roberts will take place at Fron Community Centre on Wednesday 11th March at 1pm. All welcome. Admission £1.50p to include tea/coffee. Proceeds to St David's Church, Fron.

Cakes and Company The Cafe will reopen for the season on Easter Saturday, 4th April, 12noon – 4pm. We look forward to seeing you. Home made refreshments and cakes from £1. Tea/coffee 50p.

90th Birthday A very popular resident of Froncysyllte celebrated his 90th birthday in February. Congratulations Gron and many happy returns of the day from all at Cakes and Company.



Fron History cabinet

By Julie Williams

The Fron History cabinet theme for this year will be Fron Post Office as it is celebrating 100 years at the current building. We are looking for any items of memorabilia which may have a connection with the post office or any interesting items addressed to Fron. If you can help, please contact Julie on Williams-julie@hotmail.com or call in Cakes and Company. Thank you.

Cefn Mawr Museum at the back of the George Edwards Hall (opposite Tesco car park) is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 10am – 12.30pm. The museum has an interesting mixture of items relating to Cefn, Newbridge, Rhosymedre, Acrefair, Fron, Garth and Trevor. Entrance is free. All welcome.

A Bingo night organised by Eira Davis and Marjorie Crosbie at Fron Community Centre has been held to raise money for the Leonard Cheshire Home in Dolywern. The photo shows Eira presenting a cheque for £245 to Lynda Read. Eira and Marjorie would like to thank everyone who helped in any way or came to the Bingo night.



Sue Davies nee Lloyd, May Queen in the late 1970's pictured in Argoed Hall Grounds.



Aqueduct Community Association - First fundraising event for Garth Playground

By Sue Kempster - Chair Aqueduct Community Association

At the March meeting of the Aqueduct Community Association it was decided to begin our fundraising project for the Garth playground on the open day, at the Visitors Centre, Trevor Basin on 31st March from noon. This will be an afternoon of activities including storytelling organised by the Canal and River trust and they have invited us to participate. We will be having a cake stall and if weather permitting a book stall. Please support us by popping down and buying a cake or two whilst enjoying the canal side. Keep an eye and ear open for further Garth playground activities that we are planning this Spring in order that you can come along, have a good time and support this very worthy cause.

Church Services

Trevor Church

15th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion

3rd April 9.30am Good Friday, Last hour of the cross

5th April 9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

The regular Sunday Services are at 9.30am.

St. David's Church, Fron

Eucharist 9.30 every Sunday, apart from the Family Service at 9.30am on the last Sunday of the month.

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday Family Service. 9.30 am

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday Eucharist. 9.30 am

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday Service. 12.00 pm

Sunday 5th April- Easter Day Eucharist. 9.30 am

Sunday 22nd March United Parish Eucharist in St. Mary's Chirk, 10.00 am.

No service in St. David's Froncysyllte.

Garth School News

By Cath Ivanhoff - Assistant Head

The children, staff and parents all enjoyed the Christmas Concert; it was, as many of you know the first Christmas Concert performed by all three schools of the Federation. We had some lovely comments and positive feedback from parents. A lovely evening which brought communities together.

The New Term has seen the children working very hard yet again. The classrooms and corridors are filling up with their magnificent displays of work. Their enthusiasm for learning and working hard is admirable, we are really proud of all the children. Well done all of you keep up the good work.

Trips are already being planned for 2015. The first on the list is a visit for years 5&6 to The Harry Potter Studios. To say the children are excited is an understatement; they will certainly have a fantastic day.

Help wanted in St. Davids Froncysyllte Churchyard

by Dawn Jones

Do you have a few hours to spare on a regular basis? Would you like to come along to the Churchyard at St. David's in Fron? We are hoping volunteers will join in to keep the Churchyard tidy and hopefully more wildlife friendly for the summer.

Whatever your ability and knowledge we would be very happy for you to come along. Tea and cake provided! We will meet for the first time on Saturday 18th April at 11.00 am until 1.00pm in the Churchyard, so hopefully see you then!

TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



The toddler group had fun at Christmas enjoying visits from Piccolos and Rhythm Time. These were specialised groups which came in to entertain the children with musical instruments and singing. They also enjoyed their Christmas party with singing, dancing and lots of party food and also a visit from Father Christmas to hand out their gifts.

The Toddler Group will be organising some more specialised events during the spring along with some craft sessions and possibly a day trip out.

TiddlyWinks Toddler Group is a voluntary group which meet every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am. It is £2.00 a child and £2.50 for two children this includes refreshments such as tea, coffee, juice, toast, fruit and biscuits.

Everyone is welcome at Garth and Trevor Community Centre so please parents, grandparents and carers call in to our friendly toddler group and support our local toddler group and meet new people.

Thank you all for your continued support.



Telecottage

Computer sessions for beginners in the Garth and Trevor Community Centre. Monday 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm. Thursday 1pm to 3pm. The Community Centre is an ideal place for parties. There are still a few available dates, to check on availability ring 01978 823244

Llangollen Rural Community Council - Dates of Meetings – 2015

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

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

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POLICE MATTERS

By PCSO Dave Jenkins

Having recently attended a Llangollen Rural Community Council meeting two of the concerns raised by councillors on behalf of residents were the issue of dog fouling in the ward and a report of some motorists driving in a dangerous manner.

I would hope local dog owners are responsible in regard to cleaning up after their pets as dog fouling in areas accessed by the public is no longer socially acceptable due to health implications and contamination of properties through transfer from footwear especially during the dark evenings when it is difficult to avoid.

Motorists should drive according to road conditions and within local speed limits. Condition, pressure and tread depth of tyres should be checked as these can dramatically affect stopping distance and road holding especially in wet conditions. Recent research has shown significant improved performance with a recommended minimum tread depth of 3mm over the legal limit of 1.6mm.

Recently there have been several reports of rogue traders in Wrexham County cold calling offering tree surgery or gutter clearing services or such like. Residents are advised to be wary of any such callers and to report such incidents.

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.

Bird Watch Trevor

By Anne Arnold

House Sparrows, Hedge Sparrows, Blue Tit, Great Tits, Chaffinch, two pairs of Robins, Nuthatch, Coal Tit. Some birds are passing up now (we have got 3 male bullfinches but only 1 female at the moment). Blackbirds making a noise! Pheasant, Collard Dove, Magpie, Pigeon, Sparrow Hawk, Owls, Buzzard, (Heron Geese overhead), Siskin, Goldfinches, Long Tailed Tit, Jays, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Marsh Tit, Crows, Starlings and an early Red Poll.

Towpath Update. . .

By Moria Griffiths

In my role of Volunteer Ranger, I get to see some quite unusual things while out on the towpath. I often do a litter pick between Llangollen wharf and Trevor basin and over the last few months I've found a miniature walking stick (ideal for a child) and quite comically I've found a wheel trim for a Vauxhall and an old oil filter. I'm keeping my eyes open for the rest of the car, but as yet with no luck!

County Councillors Diary

By Cllr. 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 2014 was, and I hope this success continues during 2015. 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.

The pensioners party at Trevor Community Centre was once again enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to say a special thank you to all that made it happen.

Polling Station The Council recently reviewed their polling stations as part of their budget cut backs. It was decided that Garth school would no longer be used, and voters would be switched to Trevor Community Centre. For residents of Garth who are unable to get to Trevor, you can register for a postal vote. 12% of residents in the ward have already registered.

For details on Postal voting contact the Electoral and Registration office on: 01978 292290, or website www.wrexham.gov.uk

Standing Down from Community Council. After a lot of thought, and very careful consideration, I feel that my dual role has become very duplicated. In view of all the extra responsibilities that Wrexham Council are passing on to Community Councils, I feel that it would be in the best interest of Llangollen Rural Community Council, that I should stand down and make room for a new member, as I feel we need a full team for the future.

I'm very pleased to say that my vacancy has been filled by Anthony (Rondo) Roberts, he is a resident of Tower Hill, and he is well known for his achievements in football within the district, and for his fund raising.

Another recent vacancy has been filled by Darrell Wright, who is a Trevor resident. Darrell is also chairman of Splash Magic Leisure Centre, it's thanks to all his hard work and his team that this Centre was reopened.

I wish them both and Llangollen Rural Community Council every success for the future. I can assure them, I will carry out my role as always to the best of my ability as your County Councillor up to the next election.

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

Joyce Tudor and myself are still working on the Community transport issue. We held a public meeting which was well attended, and highlighted some good ideas which we are working on. Will keep you posted.

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 issues resolved. It is logged and has to be dealt with in a time limit. Phone Number 01978 298989.

For Council Tenants the same applies for any issues regarding repairs etc. phone 01978 298993

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

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