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Thursday 13th (Subject to change)



From Tottenham to the Trevor Basin

By John Pickett

In the early 1940's aged eight I was evacuated from Tottenham, London to Rhos -y- Coed farm, Trevor, to stay with my Aunty, Hilda Glascott Archer and my Uncle Ernest Glascott Archer. Also at the farm were Mrs Ada Glascott Archer, her sister Eleanor and her other son John. Ernest was about five foot four and John was over six foot tall.

Opposite the farm house was the iron foundry owned by the Diggory family. You could hear the clanging of metal on metal all day but you got used to it.

The reason why our family lived in the area was because my grandfather was from Rhos - y- Medre. He was a professional footballer playing for the Druids, then Wrexham, then Everton and finally for Tottenham Hotspur. He played nineteen times for Wales, usually at centre- half.

The Archers had a milk round selling to houses in Trevor and Cefn. Ernest had a full time teaching job in Cefn School. John worked in the office in Monsanto. He played hockey for the works team in winter and cricket in the summer. It is said he hit a magnificent six OVER the Aqueduct.

Later in the war we moved to Bridge-End farm just opposite Scotch Hall. I attended Cefn School with my Uncle Ernest. He was the organist at Ruabon Parish Church, where the Vicar was The Rev. Jones-Perrott. I would attend the services with my Aunt Ada. The Vicar always gave good sermons and would direct questions to what appeared to me to be individual members of his congregation. If he looked at me I would duck down and pretend to pick up a hymn book until he seemed to be talking to someone else. We would walk there calling in Cefn for Mrs Thomas on the way. Her son became Sir Miles Thomas. He was involved with the motor trade in the Midlands. On our return from church at Mrs Thomas's house I was allowed a glass of orange and a biscuit. I seem to remember the two ladies had something a little stronger!

One cold February evening my friend and I were playing by the canal floating a long piece of ice which was our battle ship. I poked it with a stick and fell in. My friend pulled me out, frozen and frightened I ran home only to be met at the farmhouse door by my mother who had come up from London to stay. I was given a good hiding, a hot bath, and then put to bed in that order.

All dealings with the farm animals were done through Oswestry market. If my uncle bought a milking cow it was always brought home by Harry Jackson who lived in Bro Gwylm. It was sometimes midnight when he arrived at the cowshed but he always turned up. We always took our cows to the bull at Plas-y- Pentre where Roy Bailey was the farmer. Our corn was ground into flour at the local mill.

The Archer family were friendly with the Roberts family who farmed Ty Ucha near the Golf Course in Llangollen. I was able to buy a hen and chicks from Mrs Roberts, five shillings for the hen and one shilling each for the chicks.

It was Francis Roberts that found us our first farm- Bwlch Mawr in Pentredwr on the Horse Shoe Pass. As we were fairly new to farming my father did joinery jobs and in return we were helped by some very kind locals. We left Bwlch Mawr in 1950 and moved down the valley to Pentredwr Farm where we have been ever since.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Geraint Roberts

First of all I would like to wish our County Councillor Pat Jeffares a speedy recovery after his accident. We wish him well and hope he will be back soon although I know he has done a lot of work whilst being in pain.

I would like to say how nice it was to officially open the new Children's play area in Fron. It was lovely to see the children from Fron School at the presentation and that their views had been taken into account in designing the new play area. I would also like to thank Wrexham Council, Wren and the Community Council for all their help and support in bringing this about.

As you can see from the photo I also helped Dave and Jan plant the tree that they were given as a special prize at the Gardening Presentation. The judges Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts gave this award to Dave and Jan for their continued commitment to the Sensory Garden and shrubbery at Fron Community Centre.

I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Concert for the Dystonia Society raises £286.

By Moira Gleed

Garth & Trevor Community Centre was the venue for the recent concert to help raise funds for the Dystonia Society. Although there were several other local events being held that evening (28th September) we still managed to attract a good audience of supporters and well wishers and raised an excellent £286.

The programme was varied with "Choral Variations" in fine form and included some songs from the shows, modern classics and some Dylan Thomas put to music! The soloists were Veronica Down, Len Joseph with Sue Hargreaves on recorder. Owen Roberts and Kevin Whitley conducted and accompanied the choir on the piano respectively. The audience were invited to join in a selection of Abba numbers and did so heroically (even without the lip gloss and five inch platform heels!).

A lovely sample of home cooked cakes and refreshments were provided by several members of the choir and the two Johns and Maurice very efficiently staffed the doors and sold raffle tickets. (Thanks also to those who donated most welcome raffle prizes). The monies raised will go towards research into Dystonia and to help run the help line (the latter a God-send to anyone waiting for a diagnosis and eventual treatment).

New friendships and contacts were made and everyone agreed it had been a most pleasant evening. Thanks again to everyone involved.

As a result of an initial advertisement in the Wrexham Leader Newspapers for the concert, additional interest was generated from other sections of the media which included Wales on Sunday/Daily Post, ITV News (Wales) and four of the wider UK press agencies who wished to broaden the topic of the rarity of this neurological condition, the lack of knowledge around it and the fact that when I sing my eyes work like the normal function of a person without Dystonia.

So far, much of this is in the melting pot, but it looks like the message of the need for ongoing research and support for Dystic patients may be getting through to the wider public. Who knows perhaps some budding PhD or MSc student looking for an area to research may just choose this one on which to do their thesis. Perhaps there's a solution just waiting to be resolved by a Research Scientist who would earn the lifelong thanks of many sufferers worldwide.

Remembrance Sunday, Garth

This year, the weather was kind to all taking part in the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in Garth. The service was led by Lay Reader Mr Mike Rawlins, with music supplied by Mr Eric Hughes. The 1st Trevor Scouts attended the service with their Leader Vicky Bolton. The Scouts had marched up to the cenotaph from the Aussie Rooster with their flags and they brought a number of brothers, sisters, mum's and dad's.

It was a very nice service by Mr. Rawlins and the Scouts took part with a prayer that they had written. The service was well attended with C/Clr Pat Jeffares presenting a wreath on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council. Cllr. Mrs Joyce Evans, Cllr Mark Valentine and the Clerk Mrs Sue Jones also attended on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.

1st Trevor Scout Group

Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader

Within the scout section four scouts and five Leaders kayaked approximately 30 miles along the River Severn from Ironbridge to Stourport, over 150 scouts from Wales took part. Glorious sunshine during the day but hard frost whilst camping at night. The scouts will be attending the Remembrance service and also helping with the Senior Citizens Xmas Party.

Cubs and Beavers had a great Halloween party. They bobbed for Spiders, made scary monsters to go in the trees outside, decorated themed cakes and had to put the bones of a skeleton in the correct order, all in Fancy Dress costume.

Within the Group we still have vacancies for Beavers and Scouts, but our Cub section is over subscribed and we have a waiting list.

Our Xmas Bingo is Wednesday 12th December, eyes down at 7.30pm. We will draw the Xmas Raffle that evening. We will do our usual Carol singing around the Estate probably Thursday 6th December.

A big thank you to Roy and his team from Scottish Power who have cleared our grounds and donated new bark as part of their Community Service.

Also many thanks to Seddons Company who have donated the supplies and their employees who have painted the exterior of our HQ.

Another thank you to Tesco Cefn Mawr for donations to our Bonfire night Party and giving us the opportunity to carol sing in the store to raise funds.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the last year and wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Fron Youth Club

By Andrea Jackson

Fron Youth Club members have been very busy over the last few months. Coral and Jade have been attending the South Area Forum putting forward the views of the young people from Fron.

Laura and Jade took part in the Big Welsh Walk on Saturday 3rd November to kick start Youth Work Week. Laura and Jade joined the youth workers and young people from Trevor and Garth youth club. Well done to all.

The youth club programme has been full of activities for Halloween and Bonfire night and a visit to Glyn Ceiriog youth club for a quiz and games. The youth club members are now planning the Christmas programme with lots of cooking, games and a Christmas party.

If you would like to find out more about the youth club please contact Andrea Jackson, zone leader for Wrexham Youth Service on 07800 689104.

Fron School News

By Mrs Cathy Jones

People Who Help Us!



In Foundation Phase our topic this term has been 'People who Help Us'. We were lucky to have lots of visitors who came into school to talk to us about the special jobs that they do.

Here we are with PC Kim. We asked her lots of questions about her job. We even got to sit in her police car and some of us tried on the handcuffs which were very exciting!



Gareth and Jen the Paramedics came up to school in their ambulance.

Here is Gareth showing us how to switch on the blue lights and the siren. It was very loud but lots of fun too!



We tried on coats and helmets and had a go with the equipment they carry in their special bag.

Dylan is checking that Charlie is well and listening to his heartbeat with a stethoscope.

Bird list / Garden list:

By Julie Williams

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Chaffinch, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Robin, Nuthatch, Wren, Woodpigeon.

Nothing unusual to report. Feeding started at the beginning of November. We have noticed an increased number of sightings of Jays in the area, apparently this is down to a failure of their food source on the Continent and many have migrated in as a result. Keep a look out for these gorgeous members of the Crow family.

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 21st January 2013.

A Christmas Message

By Tony Rees, Vicar of Chirk and Froncysyllte

When we look at new-born babies, we may naturally wonder "How will this little one grow up?" "What sort of person will he or she become?" Or we may look at the baby to see which characteristics the baby appears to have taken from each parent.

According to St. Luke, Mary had the same sort of questions about her baby Jesus. Messages from angels, greetings from a cousin (Elizabeth), and predictions by strangers, as recorded by St Luke, add to the sense of wonder and hope at the birth of Jesus.

At Christmas Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, who grew up to demonstrate the character of God, to preach the kingdom of God, to bring healing and hope from God. In Jesus, we see the Son of God who was born, lived, died, and rose for us. In Jesus, we see the characteristics not only of his parents, but also of God: love and peace, mercy and forgiveness, and also goodness and righteousness, challenge and inspiration.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who grew in stature and wisdom and in favour with God (as St Luke says). May we all aspire to grow up like him (full of grace and truth, as St John says), and help our children to do so too.

Church Services

St David's Church, Froncysyllte:

Nine lessons & carols: Friday 21st December, 7.00 pm

Christmas Communion: Monday 24th December, 7.00 pm

Family Carol Service: Sunday 30th December, 9.30 am.

Trevor Church:

Nine lessons & carols: Sunday 23rd December, 9.30am

Christmas Communion: Christmas Day, 9.30am

Sunday 30th December: No Service but a combined service and Holy Communion will be held at 11am in St Collens Church, Llangollen.

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

Dates for 2012: 18th December. 2013: 8th and 29th January, 19th February and 12th March.

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

Trevor and Garth Women's Institute

By Tracey Pugh

In October the Trevor and Garth Women's Institute held their Annual General Meeting and the Election of Officers were as follows:

President Sue Kempster

Secretary Tracey Pugh

Treasurer Joyce Evans.

After the Annual General Meeting our monthly meeting took place and the programme for 2013 was discussed.

January We will be having a demonstration in Acrylic Nail Application.

February The emphasis will be on Meditation with a visit from Ros Faulkner who will guide us through the process.

March Sharon Darlington from the Air Ambulance will be visiting.

April The art of Flower Arranging provided by Belles Fleurs in Llangollen.

Further entertainment has been arranged for our programme throughout the year and we will update you in the next edition of the Community Newsletter.

Following the close of business, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

In November we enjoyed a very informative talk on the Battle of Crogan this was delivered by a very knowledgeable Deryn Poppett.

If there are any ladies out there who would like to join us then come along to one of our meetings for a little taster, we meet every second Thursday of each month. Please contact either Sue or myself.

Sue Kempster 01978 810302 Tracey Pugh 01978 820631

Contact Us

Items for inclusion in the next edition of the Community News can be left with The Clerk, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor LL20 7TF or telephone 01978 810466 or e mail clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.org

The deadline for the Spring issue will be noon on Friday 8th February 2013.

Please mark your copy "Community News" and include a name, address and contact telephone number, items will not be accepted without these details.

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The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

We have been busy welcoming new children into nursery. Tempest photography has been to take photos of individuals and family groups, all ready for Christmas.

Halloween has been celebrated with a fancy dress party. The children made Halloween biscuits and other party items and came to Nursery dressed in their fancy dress costumes.

During the week leading up to Children In Need Day, staff and children attended nursery wearing pyjamas. They made Pudsey biscuits and had a collection for the charity. Many thanks to all who participated and gave a donation towards Children in Need.

We are now busy learning Christmas songs and enjoying Christmas craft activities ready for our Christmas party and visit from Father Christmas. We wish all our customers a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sultana & Orange Cake

8ozs Soft margarine, 8ozs Caster sugar, 10ozs Self raising flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 4 Eggs, 2 tablespoons milk, 10 ozs Sultanas, Course grated rind of 2 oranges, Demerara sugar, Pre-heat oven 180 fan 160/350f

Grease or line a 10" square tin. Measure all ingredients except Demerara sugar together, beat well, turn mixture into tin. Bake for 25 mins sprinkle with Demerara sugar return to oven for a further 8 to 12 mins. Leave to cool in tin.

Remembrance Service in Froncysyllte



On Remembrance Sunday a well attended service, led by Hilary Prescott, was held in St David's Church, followed by a ceremony of Remembrance at the war memorial.

The names of those who lost their lives as a result of hostilities were read out by Mr Emrys Roberts (pictured beside the war memorial) and a wreath was laid on behalf of Llangollen Rural Community Council by the chairman, Cllr. Geraint Roberts. Also representing the Community Council were Cllr. James Davies and Cllr. David Roberts.

The work, commissioned by the Community Council, to refurbish the base of the memorial was greatly appreciated.

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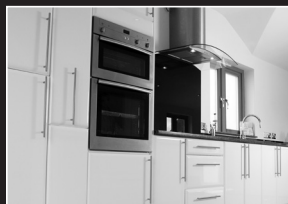
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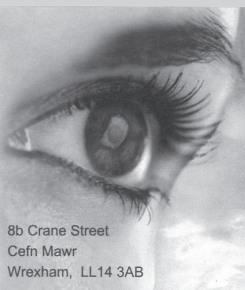
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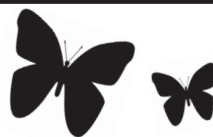
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TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



Tiddlywinks Toddler Group welcome all children and their parents, grandparents and carers.

We meet up every Wednesday 11.45am – 1.45pm. A light lunch is given at midday and then activity after. £1.50 a child and 50p for each additional child. First session is free and we run through all school holidays. Please come along and join in the fun and have a drink and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers.

All the children had a lovely time at our Halloween party. Lots of fun was had by all with lots of games, lovely crafts & party food – thank you to all who contributed.

The children are now looking forward to Christmas; there will be lots of festive activities over the next few weeks. Please come and join us! Contact Lynne Nash for further information on 07870 656180

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus

Froncysyllte C.P. School

Hopscotch Playgroup Plus was opened in 2006 with the aim of providing the highest quality childcare within a warm and friendly atmosphere. It is therefore a small nursery, for up to 12 children.

Hopscotch is registered by CSSIW. We have recently been inspected in June 2012 and were found to be 'Outstanding' in all areas. The inspection report is available upon request.

Open to all nursery children age 3+ from 11.30-3.15pm (£10.00 per session). The children can then stay on in After School Club for an additional charge.

Also children aged 2 ½ years+ can attend from 1.00-3.15pm (£6.00 per session).

Hopscotch Nursery offers a range of stimulating activities in a safe and friendly environment. A place where fun and enjoyment go hand in hand with learning and discovery. We accept childcare vouchers towards payment.

For any enquiries, please contact Anita Jeffares on (01691) 773310 E-mail: neatjeffares@aol.com

Thanks for your help

By Sue Jones

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the planting, watering, weeding and caring for the plants within our ward this year. Thanks also to everyone who came to help me with the Autumn clearing and planting. In the past we have had a great deal of help from our County Councillor Pat Jeffares, but due to his recent accident he has been unable to help out this Autumn. I'm sure you will all agree that it makes such a difference to see well cared for flower and shrub beds within the ward and this wouldn't have been possible without the help we received.

Garth & Trevor Telecottage

Computer sessions restart after Christmas on Monday 7th. January 2013 11a.m. and 1 pm., and classes for beginners on Thursday 10th January at 1pm (for more information ring Delwyn Roberts on 01978 810119).

Memory Lane - Trevor Fete



Fron Walking Group

By Julie Williams



On Thursday evening, September 20th, a small group of walkers gathered at Fron Community Centre for a bat detecting walk. Using the bat detectors kindly provided by Cakes and Company, we set off along the canal towpath towards Trevor Basin and heard a number of Pipistrelle bats flying amongst the trees. In the vicinity of the Community Centre and Argoed Hall, it is thought that Noctule bats were detected and along the canal one Daubentons bat was heard. The following evening five local youngsters joined us for a walk up towards the Nant from Woodland Road, detecting bats. The children were very excited to see and hear a good number of bats that evening. Pictured are: Jamie, Harry, Thomas, Delilah and Matilda.

On Saturday 18th August, Cakes and Company community cafe was closed and this, unfortunately, coincided with our walk date. We would like to thank Janet and Dave Norman for coming to the rescue by providing a wonderful 'garden party' on the canal towpath adjacent to their boat. This treat was enjoyed by a large number of walkers and local residents. Over £90 was raised towards walking group funds. Good old Janet and Dave!!



In early October, ten members of our walking group joined a weekend trip to walk on the Gower Peninsula. We were treated to stunning views, excellent weather, great food and good company. Well worth a visit for anybody interested in walking in beautiful countryside. Photo shows group taking a well earned rest at Rhossili Bay.



The annual photographic competition was again judged by John and Alison Jones of Penycae, who were very impressed with the quality of entries. These were displayed in Cakes and Company during the weekend of 20th October and prizes were awarded by Cllr Geraint Roberts to the winners. Category winners were Anne Dodd and Kelvin Mole. Prize for best photo in the competition was awarded to Dave Norman for a stunning snow scene.

McMillan Coffee Morning

In September a coffee morning was held in aid of McMillan Cancer at Fron Community Centre, raising £600 for this good cause. Organisers Shirley Bull, Betty Thelwell, Kim Larwood, Beryl Jones and Janet Norman wish to thank everyone for their support.



The Aqueduct Community Association

By Steve Edwards

Things have been quiet recently for the Aqueduct Community Association, with funding for new projects being very difficult to obtain and reduced numbers of volunteers who are willing to help we really are going through a quiet time.

Now should be the time that we should be looking for new projects and ideas ready for when the money becomes available, it takes time to plan a good project and get it prepared ready to apply for the funding! One very important part of any project has to be having people from our communities willing to spend some time and help carry out our projects; it's no good getting funding if nobody is willing to spend some time helping out. If there are any people out there who would be willing to donate some of their time to helping the Aqueduct Community Association we would be more than pleased to hear from you.

The committee are currently looking for a new secretary and Chairperson and would be pleased to hear from anybody who may be able to help out with either of these positions.

We normally hold an informal meeting at Garth & Trevor community centre on the first Monday of the month starting at 7pm (not January). We now also have a Facebook page, just search for The Aqueduct Community Association and become a friend to see the latest information.

The annual pensioners Christmas party is all booked again for this year at Garth & Trevor community centre following a similar format to last year. Also during December Santa will be visiting our three villages and again help would be much appreciated, details of the above events can be found on the front of this newsletter along with some contact information.

The Aqueduct Community Association would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bird Watch Trevor

By Anne Arnold

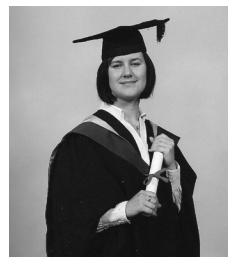
Robins, Blue Tit, Great Tits, Ducks, Goldfinches, Siskin, Hedge Sparrows, Blackbirds, Magpies, Bullfinch, Wood Pigeons, Collared Doves, House Sparrows, Buzzards, Heron, Jay, Geese, Long Tailed Tit, Crows, Jackdaw, Nuthatches, Green Finch, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Owls, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Rock Dove and Sparrow Hawk.

Congratulations

Well done to Alison Griffiths from Trevor who graduated from Harper Adams University College with a BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare.

Alison completed the four year course in July and during this time spent a year's internship at Chester Zoo working with rhinos and hoofed stock.

She is now taking a year out and is hoping to follow this up with a Master's Degree at Edinburgh University.



Fron News

By Julie Williams

History Talk

History of Fron – a talk by Emrys Roberts at Fron Community Centre, 1pm on Wednesday 5th December 2012. All Welcome. Admission £1.50 to include tea/coffee. Proceeds to St David's Church, Fron.

Harvest Gift Distribution in Froncysyllte.

As former school secretary at Froncysyllte C.P.School, I was delighted to be invited by the Headteacher Mr Jarvis and teacher Mrs Alison Kerr to accompany year five and six children and help them distribute a small number of tinned items to some of the senior members of our community. This tradition has been prevalent in Froncysyllte for a great number of years. Of course, everyone understands that this is far more important than distributing tins of vegetables, it gives the pupils the opportunity to meet and speak to members of their community who they otherwise might not get to meet, and it also gives the opportunity for different generations to come together and share values. This worthwhile experience benefits all concerned, and long may this important tradition continue in the village. Thanks to Zoe, Aimee, Sian, Casey, Sam and Ellis for their contribution.

Darby & Joan Club

The Fron Darby & Joan dinner will be held at the Hand Hotel, Chirk at 5.45pm on Tuesday 4th December 2012. The Duo Carousel will entertain after the dinner.

Fron Community Centre

Saturday 8th December – Christmas Celebration with Father Christmas, Llangollen Silver Band and the switching on of the Christmas lights. Café 12 – 4pm.

Cakes and Company

Following another successful season, Cakes and Company presented nine worthy causes in the village of Fron with a cheque for £750. Pictured: Anita Jeffares and Diane Fletcher, with some of the After School Kids Club children saying a big thank you to Cakes and Company.



Cupcakes

Connie, Emily and Florence in their Halloween costumes enjoying themselves at Cupcakes cafe with the lady volunteers at Froncysyllte School.



Trevor & Garth Youth Club Update

Angela Hatton Youth Leader

The last six months the members of Trevor & Garth Youth Club have been really busythe members have been involved in a community 'clean up' with Shane Hughes the Keep Wales Tidy Project Officer and Cllr Pat Jaffares of course.

A trip was organised to Drayton Manor at the end of the summer holidays which was really enjoyed by everyone! Lots of activities have been organised including cooking sessions, the members have made homemade soup which was yummy! A delicious chicken curry and a Frittata and some delicious home baking!

Other activities have included a Halloween party and a bowling trip which was funded by Operation B.A.N.G. – seasonal funding to support Neighbourhood Policing Teams with projects to reduce anti-social behaviour over Halloween and Bonfire period and 'big thanks' to PCSO Dave Jenkins for assisting with this application :-). The Party was great fun with games and prizes.

Our latest achievement has been the Big Welsh Walk which took place on Saturday, 3rd November at 12:00 noon a big thank you and congratulations to Adam, Ross, Joe and Grace, Jade, and Laura for completing the walk. Each leg was 5km and was part of the Watt's Dyke path (Tyn Y Groes to Trevor Basin). This national event was to raise awareness of the youth services in Wales whilst engaging young people in a fun, alternative activity during Youth Work Week.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members! If you would like more information about Youth Club please contact the Youth Workers Ang or Julie on 07800688905.

Youth Club is open every Wednesday, 7 pm – 9 pm all young people are welcome aged 11 up. Please feel free to come along all new members welcome.

Weds 21 st November 2012	Info Night – Alcohol Awareness Week Test your knowledge!
Weds 28 th November 2012	Anti Bullying Week (info available) Time Travel @ Trevor A look at what we've achieved
Weds 5 th December 2012	Bushtucker Trials
Weds 12 th December 2012	Cinema Trip (members only)
Weds 19 th December 2012	Christmas Party!!
Closed 26 th December 2012	
Closed 2 nd January 2012	
Closed 9 th January 2012	
Wednesday 16 th January 2013	'Feel Good Night' pamper yourself



Programme available from Youth Club please call in!

Frncysyllte After School Club

By Anita Jeffares

Frncysyllte After School Club will be holding their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December in Frncysyllte Community Centre (12 noon-4pm). Santa will be in his grotto with a present for each child that visits him. There will be numerous stalls including Christmas craft, toys, games, cakes and jewellery. There will also be a huge raffle with lots of fantastic prizes.

The community cafe will also be open serving hot turkey and stuffing baps, other various fillings and lots of tasty cakes and sweet treats. Come along and see us.

We have been very fortunate to receive a generous donation from Cakes and Company. This money will be spent on new play equipment for the children and also enable us to hold exciting workshops and craft evenings. We have an evening planned with Techniquet already booked for later this month. We are also expecting a visit from 'Honeypots'. The children will have the opportunity to make a special Christmas gift to take home. May we take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone involved with Cakes and Company for all their support.



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After School Club have once again been successful in obtaining an 'Awards for All Lottery Grant'. This will help the club and hold new stimulating activities. We will be holding sporting clubs, craft, cookery and having regular visits from different organisations. We will update you in the next issue of what we have been up to.



Aqueduct Classics are holding a classic bike trial on Sunday 9th December at Kynnaston's Farm, Nant Ucha, Tower Hill, Garth, LL20 7YH in aid of our After School Club. Why not pop along and see them in action. Hot and cold refreshments will be served on the day. Please see the website for more details: www.aqueductclassics.org for more details. Thanks lads!

We would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm in all our activities and parents for their continued support.

The costs of sessions are as follows:

	½ Hour	1 Hour	1 ½ Hours	2 ¼ Hours
1 Child	£1.30	£2.50	£3.50	£5.50
2 Children	£2.00	£4.00	£5.50	£7.50



We accept most Childcare vouchers as payment for After School Club. The Kids Club is held in the school every evening between 3.15pm and 5.30pm and open to all children between 3 and 11 years regardless of whether they attend Frn school or not.

For more information, please contact Anita Jeffares on 01691 773310 E-Mail: neatjeffares@aol.com

Free to a good home

Electric Organ, two rows of keys with footpedals about twenty years old, in excellant working condition. Phone 01978 820408

Garth C P School News

by Sylvia Hughes (nee Clough).

The biggest news from our school is my retirement on December 31st of this year. I have not taken this decision lightly, as I have had fifteen years serving as Headteacher in this wonderful community, and can honestly say that I have a great affection for the school and its pupils. However, I feel I am ready for a new and different challenge. I have been a head for many years, and have been at Garth for fifteen of those years. Each school I have led has been a unique challenge and I have had the privilege of working with children on many interesting projects, gaining prestigious awards along the way. Moving here was a big step, as I had to move from the area in which I had grown up. Being a head in your own locality has hidden challenges, but moving into a completely new area was a learning curve and I enjoyed the experience and immediately felt welcomed and well supported.

Over the years, the children of Garth have won the Woolworth Enterprise Award, Healthy Schools Award, Basic Skills Awards, Eco School Awards, Primary Engineering Award to name but a few and we have worked on projects to improve the site using grants achieved. The pupil School Council has been recognised by The Welsh Government for their good work and enterprise skills. Pupils have formed links with schools in Germany, Albania, Ireland, Switzerland, Tibet, Uganda and Ghana and have enjoyed visits from pupils from Ghana and Switzerland.

At the end of the Summer Term this year, when our friends from Switzerland were staying with us, we had a wonderful evening together celebrating our friendship. We enjoyed a barbecue followed by a dance and music by Katie Sheridan and the band Full Circle, now named Orange Flavoured Floorboards.

The evening was a complete hit and I felt it really helped teachers and pupils from both countries to bond and to involve parents in the friendship between the two schools.

There is one person who has been on my Governing Body from the very beginning. Joyce Evans has been not only a friend, but one I could trust to give an honest opinion and unstinting support and I thank her from the bottom of my heart. All the governors have also been supportive and have served the school well and I have made lasting friends from working with them.

I will miss many aspects of school life but I am also very excited. One great advantage will be the fact that I will be able to travel during term times, which will make it so much easier for me to spend time in my beloved Italy and the USA.

I thank everyone for their wonderful support and I am proud of the pupils who have been through our school. They have matured into nice, balanced young adults and they have a sense of commitment, as many return to visit us, and others spend time at the school gaining work experience.

I also thank everyone who has wished Alun and myself every happiness, following our marriage in August of this year. It was an experience I never thought I would enjoy in my lifetime. It was strange being given away by my loving and loyal son Tim.

I wish the school every success in the future and I shall always remember my pupils with affection.

Police

By PCSO Dave Jenkins

The clocks going back and the resulting darker evenings can provide the potential for increased crime in our neighbourhood as 'twilight offences' can occur where opportunist criminals can take advantage of insecure properties. We can all do our part in preventing such offences by taking basic precautions such as locking doors whether we are at home or out and leaving a light on or using a timer switch and also keeping alert to any suspicious activity in our neighbourhood. Some of you may have already started your Christmas shopping during which purchases should be kept out of sight in vehicles if unattended as with valuables at any time of year to reduce risk of becoming a victim of crime. Road safety is a major concern with the darker days and less favourable driving conditions in the winter months with pedestrians cyclists and motorcyclists particularly vulnerable. Good road sense and being as visible as possible are recommended, young children on bicycles being a major concern in residential areas.

Advice on these and other issues can be found on the North Wales Police website or you can contact me with information or for advice.

PCSO David Jenkins tel: 07854332425 e-mail davidjenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report any non emergency incidents please call 101 or for an emergency 999.

Trevor Bowlers

By Moira Griffiths

The outdoor bowls season is now over. In the Wrexham league, bowlers from Trevor played for Plaskynaston and managed to end the season in the middle of the league table; not bad for their first season after promotion to the First Division.

In the Oswestry league Third Division, the Plaskynaston 'A' and Royston 'A' teams had mixed results during the season. Plaskynaston finished in 5th place with Royston 8th only 7 points behind. In the Fifth Division Royston 'B' finished 5th with Plaskynaston 'B' just managing to hold on, narrowly missing relegation.

Players have now moved into the warmth of the village halls. Two teams of players from Trevor play in the Flexsys Monday night league, but the two teams combine on Tuesday afternoons to make up a very strong team that are hoping to retain the league title.

If you feel that you'd like to learn the game of Short-Mat Bowls then why not come along to the Community Centre on Thursday nights, from 7pm? We have two mats and plenty of spare bowls of various sizes to suit all ages! Contact either Joyce on 823244 or Moira on 824401.

Coffee Morning and Fun Day

Joyce Evans and Julie Cooper

A coffee morning was held at Trevor Community Centre on September 29th and also a stall at the Fun Day on the Canal side in Trevor. The amount raised from both events was £560.00.

We have given £280 each to the McMillan Nurses and to the Shooting Star.

Many thanks to all who helped us raise this amount.

County Councillors Diary

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

We are coming to the end of another year, and the first frost has arrived. I'm pleased to say that most of our salt bins have been refilled; there are still some areas to be completed, which I am chasing.

On the 2nd September, I had a nasty fall in Wrexham, which resulted in me breaking my shoulder in 3 places. Twelve weeks on and the breaks are starting to heal but it's a very slow process. I still cannot drive and am waiting to start physiotherapy. I would like to say thanks to Mabel my chauffeur, and Mrs Sue Jones Clerk of the community council, with their help it has been business as usual. I would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and cards which I have received it means a lot.

Skip Day Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to my fall, and will be rearranged early in the New Year. Thankfully our litter picking day was completed the day before and we had a good turnout. However, I would really like to thank all residents who give their time so generously during the year, to litter pick throughout the ward.

Highway Matters I am pleased to say the Island has now been completed by the old school house Trevor, which will make it safer for pedestrians to cross the road. Bont Bridge is now open; I hope the new layout prevents any further damage. Within the ward there have been lots of resurfacing and footpath repairs.



Canal Fruit Garden Project We were thrilled to be awarded second prize from Wrexham County Borough Council for the Canal Fruit Garden Project. We received funding for this project from the Tidy Town Grant Scheme for barrier baskets and planters for Trevor Basin and for fruit trees along the eleven mile corridor. To date we have planted over ninety fruit trees, barrier baskets and planters at Trevor Basin. We have worked with individuals, groups and agencies too numerous to mention but all have agreed it was a very successful project and will benefit the community in years to come. In the photographs are C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares and Mrs Sue Jones planting a fruit tree and receiving the award on behalf of the Llangollen Rural Community Council.



Christmas Party I would like to say a special thank you to a Fron resident, Mrs Pat Wilson who has raised £300 and donated it very kindly to this years Christmas party. What a fantastic achievement. 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, and the PCSO Dave Jenkins for all their help and support during the past year.

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

Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

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