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FRONCYSYLLTE _ 100 YEARS AGO.

By Emrys Roberts

The recently published Census of Population for 1911 allows us to visualise in general terms the type of village which Fron was at that time; size of its population; occupations which were followed; ages of both adults and children; number of places of worship, shops and pubs etc.

Dealing firstly with the population of the village (or more correctly the Township) we find that it was a sizeable community of some 912 people of which 111 were children under 4 years of age and a further 23 aged 4. Those of school age (ages 5 to 13 at that time) numbered a total of 197. The total number of children and young people who lived at Fron and whose ages were below 21 years was 440. From these figures we may deduce that nearly half the village population was made up of young people. At the opposite end of the scale of ages as shown on the Census there was a total of 64 people aged 60 and over and a further 7 persons had celebrated their 80th birthdays.

Considering that the council houses at Woodland Grove and also the Bourne Terrace area were not built at that time, we may well ask where all these 912 people lived. Part of the answer is to be found in the sizes of families in that era. A hundred years ago families generally tended to be larger than in present times. To illustrate this point, I quote the following family sizes taken from the Census Returns for Cysyllte. There were 13 families comprising the parents and 6 children and a further 8 families with 7 children. In addition there was 1 family with 8 children, 1 with 9 children and lastly 1 with 11 children.

Of the total population of Fron in 1911 the number who resided in the Cwmalis area was 100 with a further 140 living in the Ochr/Penygraig district. The remaining 672 lived in the main village of Fron where there were 8 blocks of terraced houses providing accommodation for 185 persons. These were Pleasant View (35 people), Mount Pleasant (29), Cross Street Terrace (26), Canal Terrace (23), Aqueduct Terrace (22), Swan Terrace (22), Bee Bank (16) and Belan View (12).

To support a population of this size there was a need for an infrastructure of places of worship, school, shops, pubs etc. There was a total of 27 of these buildings in Fron at the time - Church, Church Institute, 4 Chapels and also 1 redundant chapel - (Bethogla at Penygraig), Temperance Hall, School, and Public Wash-house, Bakery 13 shops including General Stores, Butchers, Shoemakers/cobblers, Barber, Draper and Outfitter. I was previously unaware of a public wash house in the village - it was located somewhere on the canal side. Also the location of the original village post office comes to light. It was in a part of the property we know as Tower View which at that time comprised 2 cottages. The first village Post Office was probably no more than the front room of the cottage facing the A5 highway. Miss Eddy, in her account of village life in 1860, refers to it as selling stamps and little else. The Bakery probably took over the old Parish Oven and was run by Mr. Green, a Master Baker.

The school roll at that time was 260 this figure being made up by the 197 children aged 5 to 13 from Fron together with some 4 year olds and others who stayed beyond age 13. Also there would have been a few from outside the borders of Cysyllte such as Pontcysyllte, Fron Issa Blaenau and Wern Llwyd.

The principal occupations- followed by the male inhabitants of Fron were Coalmining (145 men), Brick and Tile making (45 men), Quarrying (12 men), General Labourers (13 men). The remainder were employed in a variety of professional, technical, skilled and non-manual work.

Lastly when we look at the languages spoken by the residents, we see that 75% claimed to be able to use both Welsh and English and 25% used English only.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr. Geraint Roberts

As the new Chairman of the Llangollen Rural Community Council, I would like to thank our retiring Chairman Cllr. Mark Valentine for his hard work and the excellent way in which he conducted our meetings and thank all the Councillors for their support.

I would like to thank our Clerk for the tremendous work she has done, and our County Councillor Pat Jeffares for the first-rate job he has done within the Ward and to congratulate him on being re-elected for a further term of office. Thank you all!

To the Electorate I would like to say, if you have any problems, let the Council Members know and we will try our best to sort it out.

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

The Beavers are busy as usual earning their badges and increasing the size of their section. The Cubs entered the District 6 a side competition, we didn't win, but great fun was had by all and they are also working towards their Global Challenge badge.

3 scouts and their Leaders went by kayak along the River Wyke, during the bank holiday weekend at the beginning of May, they paddled 31 miles taking from Friday to Monday. They managed to get through the rapids and very swollen waters without capsizing. A great feat and a great adventure thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

We are still looking for any volunteers who could spare a few hours a month to teach the youngsters even more skills, if there is anyone interested at all please come and see me for an informal chat any Thursday at our HQ between 6.30- 8pm.

BBC First Click

Computer classes for beginners, who don't know anything about computers, take place on Thursday afternoons in the Garth and Trevor Community centre at 2pm. (For further information ring Delwyn Roberts on 01978 810119).

Prize Bingo 30th March 2012 at Froncysyllte Community Centre.

Susan and Len Davies would like to say thank you very much for helping them raise £735 for the Robert Owen House at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool. The kindness, support and donations were very much appreciated by us. Thank you once again.

Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

House Sparrows, Blue Tits, Gold Finches, Nuthatch, Crows, Magpies, Blackbirds, Great Tits, Chaffinch, Robins (feeding their young), Hedge Sparrows, Bullfinch, Jays, Coal Tit, Pied Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Collared Dove, Greenfinch, Owls, Ducks, Heron & Geese. Wood Pigeon, Stock Dove, Starlings & Buzzard.

Canal Tidy Up

By Moira Griffiths

After so much rain over the last few weeks I took on the challenge of cutting back the weeds and nettles along the canal path past the 'Clinker'. It wasn't too overgrown and it's not perfect by any means but at least people can walk this path without worrying about getting nettled or wet. I had several pleasant comments from walkers and boaters alike, but I can't remember which boater offered me a pint of beer though... Maybe next time!



The Towers Day Nursery

By Ruth Roberts

Children at the nursery have been very busy lately. We have welcomed several new children into the "nursery family" and they are settling in very well. We celebrated St David's Day in March. Many children and staff dressed up in a Welsh costume, Welsh cakes were made and eaten and the children enjoyed making flags, leeks and paper daffodils.

Easter was also celebrated and everyone enjoyed contributing to our Easter displays.

The nursery garden is now being prepared in readiness for the planting of flower seeds and vegetables. The current topic is Mini-beasts, which links in with Spring garden.

In June we will be decorating the Nursery for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth and will be holding a tea party. Children will be invited to dress up in red, white and blue and the local press will be in attendance.

Apricot & Sunflower Seed Flapjack

By Dave Norman

Pre-heat the oven to 160 c , 140c fan, Gas mark 3

8oz butter or marge (I use 4oz unsalted butter & 4oz Utterley Butterly)

8oz Demerara sugar

2 tablespoon golden syrup

12oz porridge oats

4oz no soak apricots (cut into small pieces)

4oz sunflower seeds



Put marge, sugar and golden syrup in a saucepan and melt over a low heat. Stir in the oats, apricots and sunflower seeds and mix well. Turn into a 10" lined square tin and level the surface. Bake in the oven for about 35mins until golden brown.

Fron School News

Spring was a busy time at Fron School.

- **Eisteddfod & World Book Day** March 1st and 2nd were busy days as the children participated in activities which they enjoyed a great deal about Saint David and reading/books respectively
- **Roman visit to Chester** Our key stage 2 children visited the Roman experience in Chester as part of the spring term topic about Romans in Britain
- **Art Project** The children began a creative project with 'Art Connections' on March 14th. All the children were involved. Their completed work will be a ceramic mural for the front wall of the school.
- **River Dee – Fringe Arts Project** Key stage 2 pupils spent two afternoon working with an artist to design river scenes and creating poetry about the River Dee. Their work will be on display during the Fringe in Llangollen.
- **Olympics Visual Arts Project –Oriell Gallery** Years 5/6 were involved in an Olympics visual arts project, this included photography and video work. The pupils were invited to see their work during the Easter holidays
- **Easter service and fair** On the 28th March we held our Easter service. All children were involved. Foundation stage performed "The Gingerbread Man", while Key stage 2 held a quiz around the Easter story.

Following the service our school council then held their Easter fair. Well done to the children running stalls and a big thank you to all staff for their hard work.

We are now all enjoying the start of our busy Summer Term. As well as the traditional annual sports day, summer fair, international eisteddfod and school trip, we also have the Olympic torch event and the queens Jubilee this year. I am sure this will be a summer term our children will always remember.

Sport

Swimming lessons for years 3-6 on Mondays

Cricket – Dragon sports has started cricket training for years 3-6 on Tuesday mornings

Football – We are participating in Wrexham FC After school football. Coaches from Wrexham club run on Thursday afternoons.

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.

The dates of visits to your area for the next three months are as follows:

Wednesdays 27th June, 25th July and 22nd August

Walkabout Wrexham (Fron Group)

By Julie & Vaughan Williams

All aboard the Eirlys

Following their walk in March, the Froncysyllte Walking Group enjoyed a delicious bowl of soup prepared by Tony the Chef before boarding the narrow boat Eirlys from Jones the Boats wharf to sail back to Fron Basin. All agreed that this was a most pleasant way to finish off a delightful walk.

Thanks to Pete, Tony and Julie for their warm welcome at their cafe and on the boat.

Photo: some of the walkers being welcomed aboard the Eirlys by Peter and Tony.



Heritage Walk

Froncysyllte Walking Group embarked on a World Heritage Walk over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd April, covering all 11 ½ half miles of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Canal Path.

The picture shows Councillor Pat Jeffares wishing the walkers well on their first leg which was to take them from Horseshoe Falls, Llantysilio back to Cakes and Company Community Cafe at Fron. On the Sunday they walked from Weston Rhyn back to Froncysyllte.



Thank You

Local artist Michael McGeagh donated some of his paintings to Cakes and Company to distribute to their worthy causes in the village, to help them raise funds.

Pictured: Mr McGeagh with Megan on behalf of Seion Chapel, Beryl on behalf of Fron Walking Group and Janet on behalf of St David's Church



Llangollen & District Patients Trust Celebrates 25 Years

The Llangollen and District Patients' Trust is a charitable organisation which was set up for the benefit of the patients of the Llangollen and District Health Centre and is run by a joint committee of Doctors, Health Centre Staff and patients. In June 1987 a group of business people, headed by the late Mr. George Heald, decided to help raise funds for the purchase of a Reflotron machine. This machine measured the level of cholesterol in the blood. The aim was to raise £5,000 to cover the cost of the machine and the initial running expenses. The Trust was formally registered as a charity in February 1991.

Amongst the successes of the Trust was the construction of the pedestrian crossing between The Health Centre and the local pharmacy in Llangollen. The late Mr. Tom Clutton, who was Treasurer for many years, and Mrs. Branwen Thomas, who chaired the Trust for a period of time and is still a committee member, worked tirelessly, amidst much opposition, to secure the construction of this crossing.

The Trust has raised funds over the years by holding sponsored walks, quiz nights and bingo nights. The first sponsored walk organised by the Trust took place in June 1992 and raised £2,500. The Trust has also been fortunate in receiving donations in memory of patients of the Practice and has purchased items such as Omron blood pressure monitors, nebulisers, weighing scales and a camera for use by the District Nurses in the community, to name but a few.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the Trust we are organising another sponsored walk, which will take place on Saturday June 23rd 2012. The walk will start from Siamber Wen, Wern Road, Llangollen at 10 am and will cover a circular route of approximately 5 miles. There will be a registration fee of £2 per walker to cover insurance costs. All are welcome, including your dogs provided they are kept on leads.

Packs, which will include a route map, sponsor form and an instruction sheet, will be available from Llangollen Health Centre, Glyn Ceiriog Surgery, Plas Madoc Surgery and the Tourist Information Office in Llangollen from Monday 4th June.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Julia Roberts (Secretary)

Bird list Fron - Garden list:

Blue Tit, Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Chaffinch, Crow, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Hedge Sparrow, Heron, Jackdaw, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Pied Wagtail, Robin, Rook, Redpoll, Song Thrush, Nuthatch, Starling, Siskin, Swallow, Swift, Tawny Owl, Wren, Woodpigeon.

We haven't seen Spotted Flycatchers or heard Willow Warblers for a good few years. Is anyone aware if they are still in the area?

Are you able to help?

During the month of June the Community Council with help from the Youth Club and local residents will be planting hanging baskets, flower beds and planters throughout Garth, Trevor and Fron. We are always looking for an extra pair of hands especially with watering. If you are able to help in any way please contact Sue Jones on 01978 810466.

More than Gold

The Revd Neil Kelly

Curate to the Parish of Llangollen with Trevor

The 1981 film *Chariots of Fire* about the British sprinters who won medals at the 1924 Paris Olympics is being re-released in July as part of the London 2012 Olympics.

Whenever I think of the film I recall the opening scenes of sprinters running along the beach and feel inspired by the iconic music composed by Vangelis. The theme tune from *Chariots of Fire* spurred 5,000 runners on as they tested out the track at the opening of the 2012 Olympic Park. The music will be used to fanfare the carriers of the Olympic flame on parts of the route through the UK, perhaps even when the Olympic torch crosses the aqueduct in May!!

One of the sprinters portrayed in *Chariots of Fire* was Eric Liddell, often called the 'Flying Scotsman', after the record-breaking steam engine. He was a Christian born in China in 1902 to Scottish missionary parents.

A devout Christian, Liddell refused to run in a heat held on a Sunday and was forced to withdraw from the 100 metres race, his best event at the Olympics. Instead he was offered the chance to run in the 400 metres. He won the gold medal and broke the existing world record.

Eric Liddell continued to embody the Olympic ideals in the way he lived his life through inspiring and empowering others regardless of their background or abilities. At the core of Eric Liddell's life he believed that everything he did should be to give God pleasure. As his film character said "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure".

A prayer in preparation for the 2012 Games

Eternal God, giver of joy and source of all strength,

we pray for those who prepare for the London Olympic and Paralympic games.

For the competitors training for the Games and their loved ones,

for the many thousands who will support them,

and for the Churches and others who are organising special events and who will welcome many people from many nations.

In a world where many are rejected and abused,

we pray for a spirit of tolerance and acceptance,

of humility and respect and for the health and safety of all.

May we at the last be led towards the love of Christ who is more than gold, today

and forever. Amen

Garth CP School News

By Mrs S. Clough

Garth School has enjoyed many successes in recent months and the whole team have worked hard to constantly enhance the teaching provision and environment for our children. Targeted training continues to be enjoyed by staff to drive further advancement in key areas and offer a range of learning experiences for the children. For example, Welsh is being utilised across the curriculum as a medium for discussion and day to day interaction and this is taking place from Foundation Phase right through to Key Stage 2.

The range of learning experiences and opportunities has also been enhanced, with outside lecturers and local specialists in Science visiting the school, and vocational trips to Blist Hill museum, Erddig Hall, Cosford RAF Centre, Llangollen Wharf and Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre. All pupils have also completed the Young Enterprise initiative and gained their certificates.

In late March, Garth School were finalists in the Primary Engineer national competition at the Manchester Communication Academy and this was achieved from an entry of 20,000 school children. Pupils had to design, build, test and evaluate their own vehicles under a range of criteria. After winning the regional finals at Ysgol Dinas Bran, they performed brilliantly in the junior finals with hard work from Kian Carr and Imogen Hanley. The infant pupils, Millie Barnes and Holly Jones, went one step better and came runners-up in their competition winning prizes for themselves and the school. Once again well done to all involved.

In July we welcome an exchange visit from Switzerland giving our children the opportunity to interact with new friends and learn from their language and culture. A programme of targeted learning events has been drawn up to take the maximum benefit from this opportunity.

School Council students arranged a dedication for the memorial chair to commemorate Rose McLaren, our school cook, who passed away last year. Rose's family and friends joined staff, pupils and parents on 29th March to remember Rose and give thanks for all the hard work and love she gave to the school.

This time of year brings a mixture of emotions as we soon wish farewell to our Year 6 pupils. However, the sadness at seeing them move on is compensated by the immense pride we hold in all that they have achieved with us at Garth.

CONCERT

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Thursday 5th July, 7.00 pm St Mary's Church, Chirk

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CONCERT

DAVID & STEWART KEMPSTER with Charlotte Kinder (soloists)

and with Sixth-form choirs from Dinas Bran School

Saturday 14th July at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Chirk,

in aid of Church and Chirk Lights & Celebrations Committee. Admission £8.

Canal Fruit Garden Project

Members of the Llangollen Rural Community Council have been working in partnership with The Aqueducks in planting over ninety fruit trees along the canal between Trevor Basin and Chirk Bank.

A Tidy Town Grant was awarded last year to finance the project which included a number of barrier baskets and planters for Trevor Basin and for Chirk.

In the photos are: Left: C/Cllr. Pat Jeffares and Sue Jones planting in Trevor Basin.

Right: Emily and Barbara Davies planting in Fron Basin



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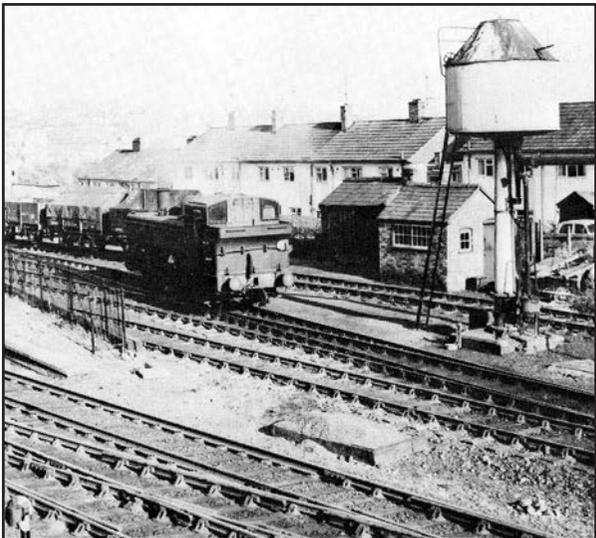
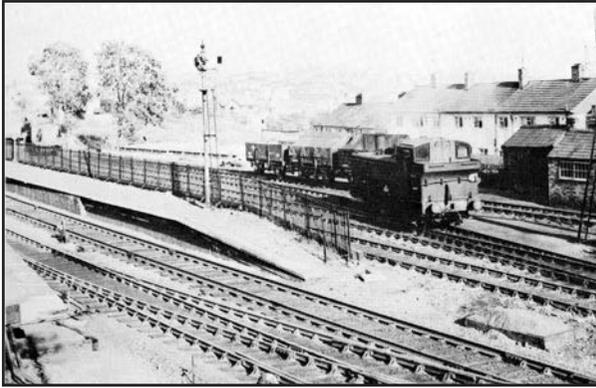
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Roy Duggan is Fundraising

Roy is starting to fundraise for a new ECG machine for the Surgical Assessment Unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. The machine will cost around £10,000 and following discussions with Senior Sister Awi Hughes and the clinical team, they have decided that this new equipment will benefit the unit the most.

Roy has now received a letter from Mr Andrew Davies, Deputy Associate Chief of Staff Nursing stating that 'In 2009 you successfully raised around £22,000 to enable the Surgical Assessment Unit to purchase a new ultrasound scanner for surgical emergency patients, which we were very grateful for and use on a regular basis. I would like to add that raising £22,000 was an exceptional achievement and did not expect further fundraising, but truly appreciative that you are yet again fund raising on behalf of the Surgical Assessment Unit.' In the formal letter of evidence from Mr Andrew Davies he says, 'that Roy is formally fund raising for the Surgical Assessment Unit during his fundraising campaign'.

Roy has over the years raised thousands of pounds for a number of different causes, especially Hope House and Wrexham Hospital. I'm sure we all wish him well!

Ken Skates AM and Susan Elan Jones MP are here to help you

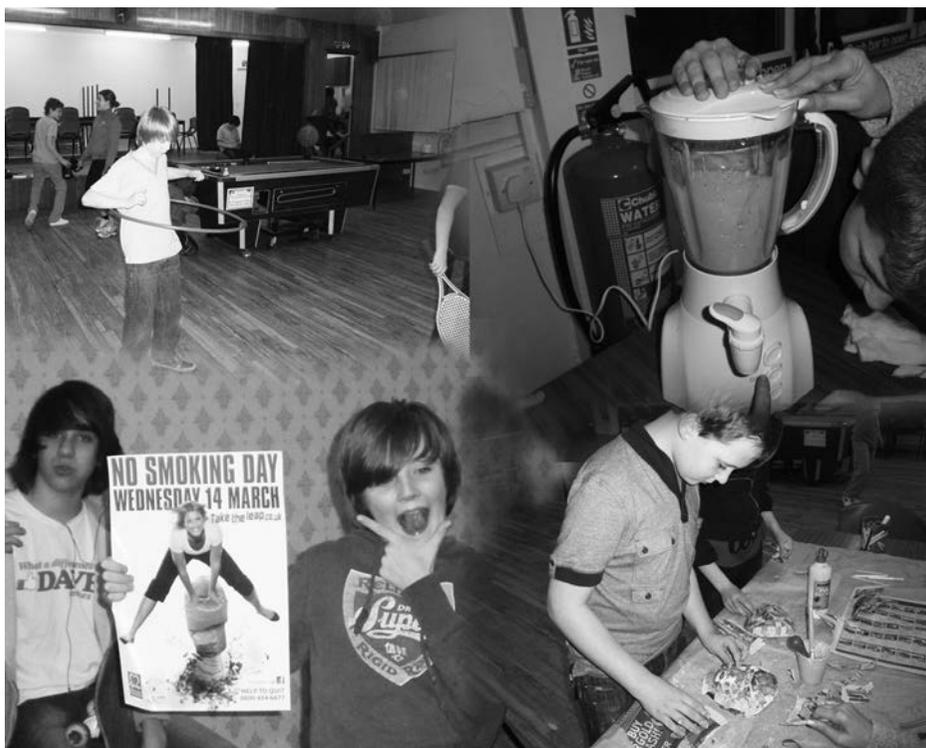
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| <p>Fri 8 June 2012 Gwe 8 Mehefin</p> | <p>LLANGOLLEN <i>The Library/Y Llyfrgell, Y Capel, Castle Street, Llangollen, LL20 8NY</i></p> | <p>4.00pm – 5.30pm/ y.h.</p> | |
| <p>Fri 29 June 2012 Gwe 29 Mehefin</p> | <p>RHOSTYLLEN <i>The Parish Hall/Neuadd y Plwyf, Vicarage Hill, Rhostyllen, Wrexham LL14 4AR</i></p> | <p>4.00pm – 5.30pm/ y.h.</p> | |
| <p>Fri 20 July 2012 Gwe 20 Gorffennaf</p> | <p>PLAS MADOC <i>Leisure Centre/Canolfan Hamdden, Plas Madoc, Wrexham, LL14 3HL</i></p> | <p>4.00pm – 5.30pm/ y.h.</p> | |

Trevor & Garth Youth Club Update

By Angela Hatton

The young people of Trevor and Garth community are currently planning a weekend away to Nantyr to learn skills on shelter building, survival tools Of Bushcraft, Fire Lighting and Woodland Crafts including spoon carving and pot hangers.

Since the last update the young people have made healthy fruit smoothies and a hula hooping challenge for the 'Bahamas Night'. Masks have also been made for our African night as this term the programming focused on the 'Olympics'. The young people have also been involved in a Smoking Awareness session which we held on 14th March to mark 'National No Smoking Day'.



The young people have been on a Cinema visit which was enjoyed by all!

If you would like an opportunity to meet new friends and learn new skills come along. If you would like more information about youth club please ring or text 07800688905.

Trevor Youth Club is open every Wednesday, 7 pm – 9 pm and is open to all young people aged 11 upwards. Please come along and meet the youth workers.

Trevor Bowlers . . .

By Moira Griffiths.

The Trevor bowlers had a good end to the indoor season winning the Monday night Flexsys League Trophy and the Tuesday afternoon league. The presentation evening at Flexsys went well with a drawn pairs competition being won by myself and Mark Evans (we both play for the G&T's who won the league . . . and it wasn't fixed either!)

The bowlers have now moved outdoors to the greens at Plaskynaston and The Royston, but both teams play in different leagues. Plaskynaston play in the Wrexham League every Saturday and then play in the Oswestry League along with The Royston during the week. Both clubs have teams in Div 3 and Div 5 in the Oswestry League and as yet haven't played, so it will be an interesting time when they do!

If you feel that you'd like to learn to play bowls, whether it be indoor or outdoor, then please contact either Joyce Evans on 823244 or myself on 824401.

Council Elections May 2012

On the 3rd May 2012, both the County and Community Councillors were re-elected unopposed.

At the Community Council's Annual General Meeting Cllr. Geraint Roberts was elected Chairman and Cllr. Glyn Jones the Vice Chairman.

Cllr. Glyn Jones was re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cllr. Elfed Morris re-elected as Chairman of the Noddfa Cemetery Committee. Other Councillors were elected as representatives on various other committees and organizations

A full list of County and Community Councillors is listed below.

Llangollen Rural Community Councillors:

| | Telephone |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Jim Davies | 01691 774070 |
| Joyce Evans | 01978 823244 |
| Pat Jeffares | 01978 820570 |
| Glyn Jones - Vice Chairman | 01978 821983 |
| Sue Kempster | 01978 810302 |
| Elfed Morris | 01978 820122 |
| Tracey Pugh | 01978 820631 |
| David Roberts | 01691 770754 |
| Geraint Roberts - Chairman | 01691 773056 |
| Mark Valentine | 01978 812113 |

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs Sue Jones, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham LL20 7TF Tel – 01978 810466

E Mail: clerk@llangollen-ruralcc.org

Fron News

By Julie Williams

Fron History Talks

In May, Mr Emrys Roberts, local historian, gave another one of his entertaining and informative talks on the History of Fron. His talks are increasingly popular with local people and those from further afield who have family connections with the village of Fron. Over 50 people attended the talk which raised over £100 for St David's Church, the subject of his talk was Law and Order in the village.

The next History talk will be on Wednesday 27th June at 1.30pm in Fron Community Centre.

Photo: Mr Emrys Roberts catching up with Mr & Mrs Thomas during the refreshment break.



Cakes and Company

Cakes and Company which was formed in June 2007 by local volunteers, continue to sponsor village organisations, welcomes locals and visitors to their Community Cafe, where a cup of tea or coffee has remained the same price (.50p) since its doors first opened, and also keep the wildlife well fed! Beryl Jones, a volunteer at the cafe, takes home the crumbs for her bird table! Why not call in and see us, you will be most welcome.

Geraint Roberts accepts a cheque on behalf of Darby and Joan from Cakes and Company volunteer.



Mobile Library

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

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| 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: 12th June, 3rd and 24th July, 14th August and 4th September.

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

Froncsyllte School Garden Project

This term Froncsyllte School received a grant of £500 and volunteers from Barclays Bank to help improve the school garden with the PTFA. We held our first volunteer day on Saturday 21st April. Barclays volunteers, parents and children began the day digging over the garden, topping up the soil levels and painting the fences. Thank you to Sue Williams from Barclays and Jody Jones (PTFA) for organising this project. We have been busy building new raised flower beds, laid fresh turf and created a new seating area. This has only been possible with volunteers from Barclays Bank and the hard work of the parents, grand parents, staff and children for all their hard work. With the purchase of some new seating the garden can be used as an outdoor classroom, as well as a quiet part of the playground for the children to use. With new plants and flowers we hope to attract butterflies and increase the diversity of wildlife.



Homes for Wildlife

Froncsyllte School PTFA are very grateful to Farm & Pet Place this Spring, who helped the children create homes for wildlife by donating some bird boxes, a toad box and butterfly house. These have been set up in our wildlife garden and the children are now waiting to see who will set up home there. With the bird feeders they supplied the children are now able to attract birds into the garden, hopefully to stay. This is a great way for the children to get close to nature and increase their understanding and appreciation of wildlife.

TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP



We welcome all children and their Parents, Grandparents, and Carers. Every Thursday morning 10am-12pm

Everyone welcome please come and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat whilst the children play. Juice and snack provided for children. £1.50 for 1st child and 50p per additional child.

We run through all school holidays! The toddlers at Tiddlywinks have been busy making Daffodils for St David's Day.

Tiddlywinks also enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the grounds of the Community Centre – lots of Chocolate was found!!!! We have re-planted our garden and are enjoying watching it change each week

Best Kept Garden Competition

We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts have agreed to judge the garden competition again this year. Both very keen gardeners one enjoys flowers and shrubs whilst Tony Roberts is a very good fruit and vegetable gardener. Tony Roberts has his own allotment at Price's Lane. Andrea Evans has her own gardening business. Both love plants and gardening is more of a passion than a job. Andrea Evans has been on the Wales in Bloom team as a volunteer since it began and this will be her sixth year of entering.

Llangollen Rural Community Council Best Kept Garden Competition 2012 Application Form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

*** Categories are:-**

Overall Large Garden **Overall Small Garden** **Vegetable Garden**
Hanging Basket **Container.**

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

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each category. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding feature and the Monsanto rose bowl for the best garden.

The gardens will be judged on Friday 13th July 2012.

The competition is open to all residents in Fron, Garth, Tower Hill and Trevor. If you are interested in applying please complete the application form. Forms will also be available from Councillors and the Clerk.

Please return the completed form to:

Mrs Sue Jones, 1 Ael Y Bryn, Llangollen Road, Trevor by Tuesday 10th July.

For further information please phone **01978 810466**

Police Matters

Advice on keeping your valuables safe in your car

Police are appealing for motorists not to tempt thieves by leaving valuables on show in their vehicles.

Inspector Nick Evans said that they were urging people to take extra care following a spate of thefts from vehicles in the Wrexham Rural area. Recent incidents have involved car boots being broken into, unlocked cars being entered and damage being caused to steal navigation equipment left on display to passers by. People need to follow some basic security tips and either remove valuables or hide them away.

Car owners need to ensure they lock their cars and don't leave items on display which may tempt a passer by. We are also urging the public to be extra vigilant and if they see anything suspicious or someone hanging round vehicles please get in touch with us on 101.

Security tips:

- Never leave anything on display in your vehicle; a bag on the back seat is enough to tempt a thief.
- Remove all belongings including bags; lock them in your boot.
- Always remove your portable sat nav system including any support cradles and suction pads that are fitted to the windscreen. If you can't take it with you lock it safely in your boot. Always remove the suction ring left on the windscreen using a nylon cloth.
- When you leave your car, close all windows including your sunroof and ensure your car has been locked.
- Never leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment and don't leave the vehicle documents in the car.
- Mark items such as CD players and sat nav systems with your postcode or vehicle registration using a special security marker.

Please feel free to contact me **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 on a message).

Saturn and Taff

Saturn is seen leaving Trevor Basin being towed by Taff, one of the horses from Llangollen Wharf. The Saturn will be based at Llangollen Wharf for a ten day education visit where numerous local schools will be taking their pupils to learn about working life on the canal in the early 1900's



County Councillors Diary

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

Elections

I was very privileged to be returned unopposed as your County Councillor for another term of office. This now gives me the mandate to continue the good work, in conjunction with all the local organisations within the ward. I am very proud to be part of these organisations, and the enthusiasm shown by them. I have no doubt what ever projects we decide to take on like in the past we will succeed.

Litter Picking

The Youth Club has approached me as part of their project in the community, to organise a litter picking day. Anybody who wants to be part of this day please give me a ring. A date is yet to be set.

Community Council AGM

Councillor Gerraint Roberts was installed as the new chairman for the ensuing year, I would like to wish our new chair every success during his term of office. Councillor Glyn Jones was elected as the Vice Chair. I would like to say a special thanks to the out going chairman Mark Valentine who did a great job during his term, it was a pleasure to work with him, and my fellow councillors.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our clerk Mrs Sue Jones who works extremely hard, looking after the books, and keeping us in order, she does far more than beyond her call of duty.

Fron Playground

We have now got a start date for the first week in June to carry out the work on this project.

Bont Bridge

All the funding is now in place to carry out the repairs. The bridge will be closed for at least two weeks. Work to commence when the children go back to school in September, which will be a quieter time of the year.

Any Problems don't hesitate to contact me.

Pat Jeffares

Phone: 01978 820570 E-mail: pat.jeffares@wrexham.gov.uk

The Olympic Torch arrives at Trevor and then onto the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

30th May 2012

