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## PENTYRCH **SENIOR YOUTH CLUB**

Great excitement has been felt by the members of the Pentyrch Senior Youth this February. You may ask what has caused such a stir. It is the start of improvements at the shops at Pentyrch.

Our members have been very busy throughout the winter months following a request by Cardiff County Council that they be actively involved in the design of a mosaic which is to be part of the enhancement of this area.

On many a club night throughout the winter members have been pooling their ideas as to what form this mosaic should take. After many designs were discarded, the members took a vote and unanimously chose a design by Daniela Iannucci of 13, Cefn Penuel, Pentyrch, which is based on various Celtic designs and which reflects our cultural heritage. Having chosen the design, club members set about deciding which material will give it life. In consultation with Don Llewellyn of the local History Society, club members agreed to include in the design an old local Welsh saying Rhwng gwyr Pentyrch a'i gilydd' and after much debate 'Pentyrch people stand together' was agreed upon as the English version.

The photograph shows members debating which stone texture and colour will best reflect their creation and we must wait to see whether their efforts please us as much as their involvement in this has pleased them.



### CYHOEDDI DYDDIAD **BAND EANG**

Mae BT wedi cyhoeddi fod yr ardal wedi cyrraedd y lefel ar gyfer darparu band eang.

Bydd cyfnewidfa Pentyrch yn cael ei weithredu ar 19 Mai a chyfnewidfa Ffynnon Taf sy'n cynnwys Gwaelod y Garth ar yr 2 Mehefin. Mae hyn yn newyddion da i'r busnesau a thrigolion yn yr ardal sy'n defnyddio'r rhyngrwyd.

Dylai defnyddwyr gofrestru gyda Darparwr Gwasanaeth Rhyngrwyd fydd yn gwneud y trefniadau.

### **BROADBAND DATE** ANNOUNCED

BT have announced that this area has reached the trigger levels and will be enabled for broadband.

The Pentyrch exchange will be enabled on the 19th May and the Taff's Well exchange which covers Gwaelod y Garth on the 2nd June. This is good news for the many businesses and residents in the area who make use of the internet.

Users should now register with an Internet Service Provider who will make the arrangements.

#### LLYFRGELL DEITHIOL

Mae gwasanaeth Llyfrgell Deithiol Cyngor Sir Caerdydd yn cael ei ddefnyddio yn sylweddol yn arbennig yng Nghreigiau ac fe fyddai ei golli yn ergyd i bobl hŷn yr ardal. Cysylltwch â Chyngor Sir Caerdydd i fynegi eich cefnogaeth i'r Llyfrgell Deithiol.

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Mobile Library service provided by Cardiff County Council is well used by residents in our communities particularly in Creigiau and its loss would be felt by many of our aged residents. Please contact Cardiff County Council to express your support for the Mobile Library.

## **Pentyrch Art** Group

Pentyrch Art Group continues to flourish, we now have 24 members- and the Group is full at the moment. We have had an interesting year, having had a mixture of lessons and demonstrations, which have been enjoyed by all the members.

We shall be holding our 9th Annual Exhibition at the Village Hall, Pentyrch, on Sunday, May 23rd and we hope to be exhibiting over 100 new paintings. The exhibition is open from 10.00am until 6.00pm and admission is free. There will be a variety of pictures displayedfrom landscapes to flower paintings. During the afternoon a painting donated by William Wheeler will be raffled-free refreshments are served during the day.

Several of our members also belong to 'South Wales Art Society', and their paintings are often exhibited at other venues, such as St David's Hall and The Rhondda Heritage Park.

Members are always willing to paint commissions- all we need is a good quality photograph of the subject. For further information contact Anne Peebles, Ann Parsons or Glenys Mullins.

## **GOOD NEWS COFFEE SHOP**

First of all we would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Shop in 2003 and we hope to see even more new faces in 2004. At the time of writing we estimate that our efforts have raised approximately £1,200 towards the Church Hall Restoration Fund. Good news indeed we think.

Should any organization or person be interested in having a sales table during a coffee shop we would be happy to welcome them. For more information contact Maureen Moss on 02920 890876.

Creigiau Companions will be manning the sales table again at the March Coffee Shop when you will be able to purchase gifts for Mothering Sunday together with Easter gifts and novelties. In addition there will be lots of things to interest the children and of course prices to suit all pockets.

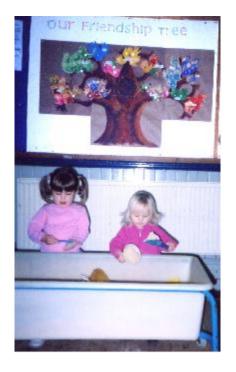
The Coffee Shop is open on the third Saturday of every month 10 a.m. to 12 noon ALL WELCOME please come 2 and join us.

## Creigiau **Playgroup**

Creigiau Playgroup has recently reregistered with the Welsh Care Standards Inspectorate and is now known as Bright Beginnings Playgroup, Creigiau. The playgroup, which caters for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years believe that learning should be fun. Free Play activities and experiences are offered designed to further children's development in the areas of Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Personal and Social Development, Physical development, Creative Development and an introduction to the Welsh language in the Curriculum Cymreig.

To complement the free play activities, at each session children are offered an adult led activity such as music and movement, art and craft, cookery and parachute play. The morning always ends with a story and songs. The aim of the playgroup is to provide a happy relaxed atmosphere, in which children can experiment and learn at their own level, enjoying their new friends and taking new steps of independence, as they feel ready. We believe that the playgroup is a valuable link between home and school/nursery and we aim to prepare children for this important step in their learning experiences.

Alongside the playgroup we also hold a 'Toddler Time' on a Monday, during term time, from 10-11.30am. This is aimed at babies and toddlers between 0 and 5 years. The children enjoy playing



and meeting new friends, while the grown up's can have coffee and a chat! Various activities such as the home corner, colouring, sticking /dough will be on offer and the morning finishes with an action song session.

The playgroup is a registered charity and relies on parental contributions to assist with the running costs. Fund raising events are held regularly which gives everyone the chance to socialise whilst raising valuable funds for the playgroup.

The playgroup is open from Tuesday to Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12 midday. If you would like any further information about the Playgroup or Toddler Time please contact the Playleader - Karen on 029 20891632.

## **CITIZEN LITTER PICKERS**

Residents in Creigiau have formed a citizen litter pickers group and keep certain areas of Creigiau reasonably clear of dropped litter. At present the group, led by Stewart Reid, concentrates on the A4119 junctions and Cardiff Road up to Parc y Coed.

Wouldn't is be idyllic if we had a team of community litter pickers who would each take "responsibility" for keeping one area of our community reasonably

If anyone is interested in helping with litter picking in Creigiau, Pentyrch or Gwaelod y Garth contact the Community Council Office.



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## CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

Are you at a loose end on Thursday afternoons? If so why not come along to one of our meetings, you may be pleasantly surprised at the range of our activities.

During the latter half of 2003 we have had several interesting meetings, e.g. a talk on the life of Paul Robeson, alcoholism, a quilling demonstration and a very informative talk on the Hedgehog Hotline, complete with a baby hedgehog for us all to marvel at. The year ended with a sherry and mince pies afternoon with Mr. Glyn Hamilton-Jones entertaining us at the piano.

2004 starts on another lively note with our New Year's party. The entertainment will be provided by the Creigiau Songsters, a firm favourite of ours. This is promptly followed by a trip to the Panto in Cardiff. This year will also see us supporting the Good News Coffee Shop and manning the sales table on some months to assist in the fund raising for the Church Hall.

Our meetings are held in the Church Hall on alternate Thursdays commencing 8th January (see our programme on the Church Hall notice board for further dates) at 2.15 p.m. New members are always given a very warm welcome, so why not pop in and see us one Thursday we are sure you will enjoy it. We look forward to seeing you.

A REQUEST: If anyone has a few minutes to spare at 1.45p.m. or 3.45p.m. on our meeting days we would really appreciate some help with bringing out and putting away our tables and chairs. Thank you.

For further information contact: Joyce King 02920 890806 or Margery Richards 02920 890685.

## MOBILE Skateboard ramp

Cardiff County Council have a mobile skateboard ramp, which they have agreed to bring to the area during the Easter School Holidays.

They will visit Pentyrch at the Primary School and Creigiau at the Recreation Ground on a ½ day basis. Times and dates will be advertised nearer the holiday.

### WELFARE OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS AGE CONCERN

This organisation run seven good neighbour schemes in the Cardiff area and are a useful contact if you are concerned about the welfare of elderly residents in your area. The main contact is Pat Arnold based at Age Concern, 91 Caerphilly Road. Tel: 20 521052. fax: 20 520357

## PERSONAL ATTACK ALARMS VIA TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Panic type alarm system, button worn around neck, can also be used in,the case of illness. Cost £1.53 a week. £244 fitting for persons not on benefits. Available from Community Alarm Service Tel: 20 614852...

Or.. Age Concern scheme is £20 month to rent, no installation charge. Tel: 0800 772266.

#### **GRANTS/ FIRE ALARMS**

Energy efficienCy grants are available (loft insulation etc) for over 60's on benefits. Contact Sally Sullivan 20 873635.

Welsh fire service will fit smoke detectors free of charge to certain groups of OAP's. Tel: 0800 3899668.

#### Cardiff Odd Jobs.

Handy person scheme. Free for over 70's or disabled. A care and repair service. Tel: 20473337. (all labour is free for jobs that take less than 2 hours.) Typical examples: Joinery work, doors gates, fencing etc. Security: Locks, chains, broken windows. General: Tap washers, shelves, curtain rails etc.

## **Concert**

A concert featuring the Royal Air Force St. Athan Voluntary Band will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall, Pentyrch.

The Band, conducted by Mr Alan Bourne B.Mus has won many prizes. Tickets: £5, Children: £3, including a complimentary drink.

There will be a raffle during the evening and proceeds are for the Church Hall, Creigiau, Restoration Appeal. Further details from Pentyrch Vicarage 029 20890318.

# THE "TEMPERATURE" IS RISING AT THE CHURCH HALL, CREIGIAU

Have you seen the "thermometer" outside the Church Hall, Creigiau? The "temperature" is rising as more funds are raised towards the cost of restoring this Grade II listed building. In addition to generous donations from Creigiau 23, the Llandaff Diocese and private individuals within the community, and the £750 received for collecting tokens from the South Wales Echo, fundraising throughout the winter has pushed the total even higher. Our thanks are due to those who run the "Good News" Coffee Mornings on the second Saturday of each month, the organisers of "Cantorion Creigiau in Concert", the village Carol Service, the Mulled Wine evening at Epiphany and the recent Quiz Evening, and also the groups of carol singers on the roads of Pentyrch and Creigiau over Christmas - but mainly, our thanks are due to you for supporting these events so whole-heartedly, and helping to rekindle community spirit.

As the Church Hall is a Grade II listed building, any restoration plans have to be in accordance with the requirements of that status, and this inevitably adds to the cost. Our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be submitted at the end of March, and a decision will be made by the end of September. Even if we are successful, our contribution to the costs will run to many thousands of pounds, so we still have a lot of fundraising to do.

With this in mind, further fund-raising events are planned - watch out for a concert by the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band on 24 April, a "Strawberry Tea" and a Grand Raffle in the summer. We will keep you posted regarding forthcoming events.

In the meantime, Tesco Extra at Talbot Green are holding Raffles on our behalf, at the store, throughout 2004 and donating generous prizes. The first of these will take place on 26 and 27 March

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support which is much appreciated.

The Committee of the Restoration Fund Church Hall, Creigiau

### On the Waiting List -Traffic Calming in Gwaelod y Garth

Residents at the lower end of the village are becoming used to the sound of cars rushing through Main Road regardless of the 30 mph speed limit. There have been a series of accidents, including damage to the bus shelter, which has had to be dismantled.

In January, after representation by CC Christine Priday, Cardiff County Council said that 'An examination of police accident records shows that there have been no injury accidents at this location within the last five years' and that 85% of the traffic is observing the speed limit. Local people, however, are worried by the 15% that speed and hope for action before there are serious injuries. PC Bishop has requested speed cameras in the village following a number of complaints by residents.

Jane Davidson, AM, has also taken up the problem. After her intervention, she heard in early February that there have been discussions between the Deputy Transport Leader of Cardiff Council, Michael Michael and Chris Pike, the Chief Traffic and Transportation Officer. Following recent investigation a scheme has been prepared which would create a 20mph zone comprising a series of speed cushions along the section of Main Road through the village The scheme has been added to the waiting list of traffic calming schemes.

Schemes on the waiting list are assessed by traffic and pedestrian flows, injury accidents over five years and depend on available finance. To build up statistics, it is important to report to the Police any accident that happens, insisting on an incident number to ensure that it is recorded. It seems poor practice to have to wait for a number of speed-linked accidents involving injury before preventative action is taken against the 15% who exceed the speed limit on Main Road.

## What the Miners' Wages Paid For

From the road side, Castell Coch looks like an elegant fairy tale palace. Up close, it looks no less magnificent. The castle is beautiful and almost eloquent, speaking of its past without words. It peers out of the cloak of trees which cover the mountain, echoing mystery and awe. Its spear pointed conical roof thrusts into the sky, leaving its scar on the horizon.

To reach this thing of fantasy you journey up a steep hill and through its mighty gates. After a short trek, you witness a miracle! Rearing from the ground like a dragon, beautiful yet almost fore boding, it raises its proud head to the skies. I love this castle for its towering pinnacles and sturdy stone work. As you step along its wide draw bridge and through its mighty solid gates, it is impossible not to feel respect for this brick and mortar child of fantasy, known to us as Castell Coch, 'The Red Castle'.

As you step into the paved courtyard, you see two flights of steps, one going up, the other descending to the dank and dark dungeon. The ascending flight leads you to an artistic gallery. From here you visit the kitchen. Other rooms which should be visited include the Banquet hall, the dome-ceilinged drawing room and orientally themed Lady Bute's bedroom. What I especially love about these rooms is William Burges' indomitable medieval flair. This building is full of ghosts, metaphorical ghosts, ghosts of the past who haunt these hallowed ground.

The ornate rooms would not be so spectacular without the detailed paintings and archaic furniture. The castellated washstand in Lady Bute's Bedroom is a magnificent piece with a model castle on either side of the sink. It has recently been restored to its former glory. But one of my favourite rooms has to be the drawing room. The first feature that strikes your eye is a life size carving of the three fates, Atropos, Clotho and Lachesis. On the main walls there are detailed paintings showing scenes from some of the Aesop's fables. In some panelled alcoves are realistic hand painted flowers and the ceiling is full of intricate birds.

Castell Coch, despite being termed a castle, is actually a nineteenth century folly, but that makes my liking for it no less. It was created by Burgess, but it was the Marquess of Bute's vision – Burgess just gave it life, no easy task. Despite the folly's beauty, it has a darker side. In the Marquess' mines in

# Make New Friends and Widen your Interests.....

Do you want to make new friends, take up new hobbies and widen your interests? Are you interested in Travel, Craft, Sport, Science, Community and Global issues? Then Gwaelod y Garth Women's Institute is the place for you.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (no meeting in August) at the Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

A varied and interesting programme is planned for this year, so why not give it a try?

I will be delighted to give you any further information, so please do not hesitate to contact me on 029 20811433.

Irene Welsby. President, Gwaelod y Garth Women's Institute.

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the Rhondda, some of the miners' wages were taken to pay for the lavish fantasy that we enjoy seeing today.

Joseph Thorne

## Late News is the Garth Mountain going to erupt?

Although it has not erupted for 50 million years, seismologists studying the mountain have recorded rumblings deep underground, indicative of a massive pocket of molten lava forcing its way to the surface. The mountain was not thought to be volcanic in origin, but research on the rock strata has shown this to be wrong. This research revealed the peak to be a remnant of a large crater, and studies in a small quarry on the eastern slopes have revealed hardened layers of ash and lava. Also, the Pimple is now thought to be a volcanic plug which has prevented eruptions in recent times, but this is eroding away, thus making an eruption more likely. Further afield, volcanic ash from the Garth has been discovered at Bridgend and Bedwas. It was these discoveries that prompted seismologists to take a closer look at the Garth.

The authorities are now in talks to draw up evacuation plans for Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth in the event of an eruption. A spokesperson for the British Geological Authorities refused to comment on when an eruption may occur, but urged anyone seeing steam or smoke billowing from the hill, sparks and rocks being ejected or any unusual bulges around the hill, to contact the B.G.A. and ask to speak urgently to April Fewell.

Idwal Gruffydd.

### **CREIGIAU POST** OFFICE

Creigiau Post Office will be temporarily closed from March 14th 2004 until April 19th 2004 while the store is converted to Tesco Express. During this period Post Office services will be available from Pentyrch, Taff's Well and Pontyclun. Replacement Pension and Allowance books will be available at Pentyrch PO, Bronllwyn Road. A Minibus service will run every half hour from 9am to 4.30pm between Creigiau and Pentyrch on March 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th and 15th.

### **New Welsh Classes** in Pentyrch

Radyr Adult Education Centre will be running Welsh classes at Pentyrch Community Council Office in Penuel Road next September.

- Welsh for Parents (beginner level) will be held one morning a week for 30 weeks.
- Welsh Stage 1 (beginner level) will be held one evening a week for 30 weeks.

Details of times and days will be given in the next edition of the Link and in Radyr Adult Education Centre's brochure available in July 2004.

For information, please contact the centre: Tel: 029 20842056. Contacts: Ann Smith and Megan Langmay

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#### **Art and Crafts Open Day**

Radyr Adult Education Centre will be holding an Open Day during the afternoon of Saturday 15th May 2004. 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm at Insole Court in Llandaff, where students' work will be on display for all to enjoy. This event will coincide with the nationwide 'Adult Learners' Week'.

For information, please contact the centre: Tel: 029 20842056 Contacts: Ann Smith and Megan Langmay

### **Bus Services to Cardiff**

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Information / Gwybodaeth - Traveline - 0870 6082608 www.traveline.org.uk

## TUESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Tuesday Luncheon Club at pentyrch Village Hall celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 10 February 2004.

Thanks once again to the volunteers, an excellent meal was cooked and served to nearly thirty people who attended.

After the lunch everyone participated in a Beetle Drive. The dice was shaken and rolled but luck deserted some of the players who were certain number "6" was jinxed. The room was alive with shouts of excitement and competitiveness as some of the Beetles ended up with eight legs or three eyes. All our brainpower was needed to keep track of who's turn it was and who was due to change places.

More brainpower was needed to add up the final score making sure there wasn't any cheating and to celebrate the winners luck.

After much excitement a raffle was held and pieces of birthday cake given out before everyone got ready to leave.

If you would like to join the Tuesday Luncheon Club or know of someone who would like to meet up and make friends, please ring Barbara Willis, Co-ordinator of the Good Neighbours Scheme on Tel: 20842404.

## **Mobile Library**

The area is served by Cardiff County Council Mobile Library every three weeks.

#### Creigiau

Friday — 19 March, Thursday 8 April, 30 April, 21 May, 11 June, 2 July, 23 July, 13 August.

9.30 - 10.30 Ffordd Dinefwr

10.35 - 10.55 Parc-v-coed

11.00 - 12.30 Post Office

1.40 - 2.30 Parc-y-Bryn

2.35 - 2.55 Parc Castell-y-Mynach

3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

#### Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

Thursday — 25 March, 15 April, 6 May, 27 May, 17 June, 8 July, 29 July, 19 August.

#### Gwaelod y Garth

9.40 - 10.15 Post Office 10.20 - 10.50 Heol Berry.

#### **Pentyrch**

11.00 - 12.15 Lewis Arms

12.25 - 12.50 Maes y Sarn

2.00 - 2.30 Bron Haul, Pentyrch 2.40 - 3.50 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch

If you need any further information with regards to the Mobile Service you can contact the Mobile Library Staff on 029 2076 3849 (answerphone), or by emailing D a p h n e (dausterberry@cardiff.gov.uk) or Val (vpriddle@cardiff.gov.uk) directly or

outreachlibraryservice@cardiff.gov.uk



The growing garden event is entering its fifth year! Approximately £11,500 has been raised since the event started and donated to different organisation in Pentyrch that needed support for a special project.

This year, we are expecting larger groups of garden-visitors in July!

We welcome new gardens from all over Pentyrch to join Pentyrch Open Gardens 2004 A.S.A.P. For further information please contact Helen Edwards Tel 20891 337.

Grant-applicants for 2004 are welcome to contact Tessa Hartog Tel 20890 467. Closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### Dates for your Diary

Annual Plant Sales Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.00am, The Village Hall

Pentyrch Open Gardens Weekend Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am – 4.30pm.

Thank you for supporting us!



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### **CREIGIAU WEEK**

Creigiau Fun Run - 19th June 2004 Creigiau Carnival - 26th June 2004



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## Easter Message From the Vicar of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern – Rev John Binny

Dear Friends,

Living nearly two thousand years after the first Easter, it is virtually impossible for us to enter fully into the tragedy which must have overwhelmed the followers of Jesus on the first Good Friday. Almost everything we say, think, or believe about the enormity of the

## PARISH OF PENTYRCH WITH CAPEL LLANILLTERN

Services in Holy Week and at Easter 2004

Palm Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April
8.00 am St David's Church,
Groesfaen. Holy Eucharist
10.30 am Church Hall, Creigiau.
Parish Family Communion.
10.30 am Capel Llanilltern Church.
Holy Eucharist
6.00 pm St Catwg's Church,
Pentyrch. Parish Meditation in

Pentyrch. Parish Meditation in Words and Music for Holy Week.
Palm Crosses blessed and

distributed at these services.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

7.00 pm St Catwg's Pentyrch – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am St David's Groesfaen. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am St Catwg's Pentyrch – Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, 8th April

7.30 pm St Catwg's Pentyrch – Holy Eucharist – Watch until 9.30 pm.

Good Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

11.00 am St David's Groesfaen.

Liturgy and Devotions.

2.00 pm St Catwg's Pentyrch -

Liturgy and Devotions.

Easter Day 11<sup>th</sup> April

8.00 am St David's, Groesfaen -

Holy Eucharist

9.00 am St Catwg's Pentyrch – Sung

Eucharist

10.30 am St David's Groesfaen -

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am Capel Llanilltern Church –

Holy Eucharist

6.00 pm St Catwg's Pentyrch – Evensong

Everyone welcome to all our services.

Crucifixion, or about anything else in Jesus's life is said, thought or believed in the light of the Resurrection. It is impossible that it should be otherwise.

Even such records of the events concerning Jesus we have were written, not as a sort of diary set down as the events happened, but in the light of the Resurrection. Jesus rising from the dead, bathes everything that went before it with glory, so that we cannot approach these earlier events any more than the New Testament can, except in the glow of glory.

"Christ is Risen" is a belief and a statement of such overwhelming glory that we simply cannot ignore it, even for one solemn day. It is there as a conviction and as a poser and we cannot pretend it is not there. On Good Friday we see the love of God for each one of us is that He gave His only Son to die for us, that our sins might be forgiven. But we must not let the solemnity of Good Friday be bathed in the radiance of Easter as we celebrate the Victory over sin and death.

All this is a kind of parable for us. All our lives will have from time to time their "Good Friday" – disasters, tragedies, disappointments. With hindsight we can see that our little "Good Fridays" can be illuminated with the light of Resurrection. It is a manifesto for life. The truth is that everything we say, think or do, not only about God but as our own lives must be said, thought or done in the light of the Resurrection and must be viewed with the hindsight which comes from that glory. If we believe what we say it cannot be otherwise. Resurrection is now built into how things are and it cannot be uninvented. The Passion, the suffering and death of Jesus remains for all of us, but we cannot see it without taking account of Easter. "Christ is Risen" remains a truth for all time affecting everything that happens to us in time and beyond.

The Easter message tells us that as Christ has conquered death and sin and promises us new life beyond the grave, we can be courageous in the face of dangers, preserving in the face of obstacles, holding fast always in trust to God's promises, looking for His help so freely given.

Out of darkness of near despair, out of sin itself, our God brings forth goodness, new life and hope. Jesus says to each one of us, "I am risen and am still with you."

May the miracle of Easter make all the difference in your life.

A very happy Easter to you all. John W. Binny The Vicarage, Church Road, Pentyrch. CF15 9QF. Tel: 029 20890315.



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# Pentyrch Village Hall Car Park

Richard Porch, of Porch and Jenkins has drawn up the technical drawings for the proposed car park. Extensive consultations have taken place with the users of the Hall with the plans on display at the Hall since December. To the best of our ability, the wishes of the users have been included in the plan and changes have been made accordingly.

Obviously the safety of all users has to be paramountwhich is why there is a large area of pedestrian access. The Hall has been promised an amount of money from Cardiff City Council to install lighting in the car park - again a safety feature much needed.

Decisions now have to be made - all ideas are very welcome before the project goes out to tender. The map is on display at the hall, please contact Barbara Rodd (2089 1584) if you have any comments.

Needless to say, the Hall does not have the money to complete the plan. Thanks to many generous donations we have been able to commission the technical drawings and the investigative work (and indeed to purchase the land) but now we need to start the process of applying to the Lottery and other bodies for grants. If anyone has any ideas/ contacts, please let us know - we are working for the village - everyone should be involved.

## Can we increase our membership to the magic 200?

Pentyrch Village Hall 200 Club would like to thank all its members for supporting it during the past year. There are thirty-six lucky members out there who have shared in the winnings in the past year.

The grand total raised for the year was £1752.00 half of which was divided between the winners and the other half has been donated to the Hall car park fund.

The 200 Club is always looking for new members either to replace the members who have moved away from the village or to increase its membership. We have never reached the magic 200 - perhaps this is the year we could achieve this with your support.

The cost of membership is twelve pounds a year. This entitles you the chance of winning one of three prizes drawn each month £40, £20 and £15.

All funds raised by the 200 Club are used for the extra items the hall requires and not for the daily expenses the hall incurs.

Please contact either: Judith Smith 029 20891568 Or Helen Williams 029 20890980



Andrew Peebles, Treasurer of Pentyrch Village Hall who is resigning after 15 years of service receiving a gift from Barbara Rodd, Chair of Pentyrch Village Hall.



### Fusilier Trevor George Holbrook 4202878 6th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Born at number 9 Moy Road, Taff's Well, he was the youngest of five children of Ernest and Ada Annie Holbrook. He married Alice Evans of Craig y Allt farm in August 1938 and had two children, Barbara, born in 1940, and Jean, born in 1941, and was living at number 1 Post Office Row, Gwaelod y Garth.

On leaving school he worked with his father at Mills Scaffolding, but later left to become a plasterer and went to London to train. He was a keen supporter of Cardiff Rugby club and attended all their home matches. He also liked gardening and walking.

It is not known when he enlisted for military service but was posted to France around the time of the Normandy landings and died of .wounds, aged 32, at Caen on Saturday 22th July 1944. He is buried at Brouay War Cemetery, Calvados, France (Plot number 111. B. 19.)

His wife Alice continued to live in Post Office Row until 1970 when she moved to a flat in Heol Berry. In 1976 she moved to a flat in King Street, Taff's Well, where she died, aged 76, in March 1988. Alice visited her husband's grave just after the war, and although was never able to do so again she stayed loyal to the end, never seeing another man or remarrying.

If anyone has any information on any of the parish war dead, please contact Alan Lock on 20811672.

Jean Pender (Nee Holbrook) /Alan Lock.



### Rural Vandalism

The pace of life today leaves people with very little time to appreciate the area in which they live. We are fortunate living in our small communities that we have countryside right on our doorstep. Some of this countryside has been reclaimed from the past industries that featured in the area examples being mining, quarrying, iron and even brick making. These now derelict sites have been masked by nature and in some instances hardly any trace of past usage is apparent. Such is the power of nature in putting man's damage right and in overcoming the constant abuse it is subjected to.

However a new threat is emerging to our countryside, but this time, in the majority of cases industry is not to blame. No, the new threat comes from the mindless vandalism carried out in our countryside by the equally mindless minority who either reside in our community or pass through leaving a trail of destruction.

Those of you who frequent the outdoors around the area cannot have failed to see the rural vandalism that is on the increase. Rubbish is fly tipped, stones are taken from old stonewalls or derelict cottages for garden use, and cars are dumped and set alight. The Garth Mountain area is particularly blighted by these activities and is rapidly becoming an unsafe place to visit.

Wooded areas also suffer at the hands of the campers who specialise in lighting fires at the bases of trees thereby killing the tree and hacking down younger trees to add fuel to their fires. The result, deforestation of ancient and modern woodland together with the obligatory plastic rubbish and drinks cans etc. left at the scene. The Garth Villas woodland and the forestry area around Georgetown are two areas baldly affected.

Simon John Roberts



Alice Holbrook at Craig yr Allt Farm

## Sports in our Community

## **Pentyrch Rangers**

Currently run teams at: U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U15

Age groups up to U11 play 7 aside mini football on a Saturday morning and U12 upwards play 11 a side on a Saturday morning.

All age groups train one night a week either at a local school/sports hall or on the astro turf at the University playing fields Treforest.

They have recently started an U12 Girls team who are being coached by Derek Lancastle (20891709), John Watts and Ceri Gaunt.

#### Contact details

Chairman - Shaun Kerrigan 20892207 Secretary - Andrea Vaughan 20892190 Treasurer - Steve Conway 20891380

## **Creigiau Tennis** Club

Creigiau tennis club are always looking for more members, we have three all weather courts, one floodlit. Our ladies team have won their division this year, but we are very short of men players, anyone interested in joining please contact the above number.

Junior members are very welcome, and junior coaching on a Friday evening in the summer months are arranged for members.

We would very much like to have a junior team, but we need enthusiastic parents to organise, so if there's anyone out there that would like to take on the juniors please contact Trudi.

CONTACT TRUDIEVANS 02920 890036 HOME 07768 386119 MOBILE

## Creigiau Petanque Club

Contact: Keith Lord 029 2089 2184 Venue: Creigiau Recreation Field Times: Weds and Fridays from 7pm April to September.

Membership: 13 onward

Teams: 6 at varying levels in South

10 Wales League



U12 Pentyrch Rangers AFC girls in their new kit

## **Pentyrch Tennis** Club

Contact names & tel. nos.:

Peter Newton - Chairman 20892862 Peter Harrington - Secretary 20891325

Graham North - Coach/Men's Captain 20891595

Active membership is around 125. Ages 6 to 60+

During the summer practise sessions are held as follows:

Men Thursday evenings Ladies Tuesday evenings Family Friday evenings

A group coaching course for juniors is held during the season private coaching is also available for

1 Men's team and 1 Ladies' team in S Wales League.

## **Pentyrch Junior Cricket Club**

We have a thriving membership of over three figures and I myself have links with various schools in the area to promote cricket.

I can be contacted on 029 20864141 or by post to 6 Cae Pandy Willow Chase Caerphilly CF83 3JP. Please feel free to promote our website:

www.pentyrchcricketclubjuniors.co.

or contact myself for further details.

We have a hot news section and a registration section online but feel free to contact me if needs be.

Peter Edwards

## **Ladies Badminton** Club

Contacts: Barbara Jones 20891502

or Ann Angle 20891567 Venue: Pentyrch Village Hall

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday each month from 8.30 to

10.30 and play doubles.

Membership is for 16 years and up and new members are very welcome.

If you need any further information please contact Ann

Tel: 029 2076 5760 Fax 029 2076 5761

### Cambria Bowmen

Cambria Bowmen is an archery club for all ages, male and female. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.00 pm at Llandaff City Bowmen's indoor archery range at St Fagans from September to April and at the Creigiau sports ground from May to September.

We provide a six weeks beginners course for £18.00 with all equipment supplied.

For details contact: Noel Jenkinson on 01446-412616.

Recent success at the British Barebow Championships has resulted in a junior member achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK and a lady member achieving 8<sup>th</sup> in the UK and a veteran achieving 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK.

## Clwb Criced Creigiau Cricket Club

Following another successful season in 2003 the Club held its annual dinner & presentation evening at Creigiau Creigiau Golf Club on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Awards were made to various players in the first, second and third teams. Player of the year for the first team was Dave Avery, with Phil Jones best bowler and James Berrill best batsman. Special awards for outstanding service to the club were made to Dave Price and Peter Morgan.

Club nets will run every Sunday, 10 to 11am, until the end of March at the sports centre University of Glamorgan, Treforest. New players are welcome to attend.

The first team has been promoted to Division 2 of the East Wales Cricket Conference in 2004, bringing the highest ever standard of cricket to Creigiau. The second and third teams will bring the usual combination of serious cricket played in an enjoyable way, particularly providing experience for younger members and newcomers to the sport. The junior section will again field league teams at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15, with softball sessions for the very young ones

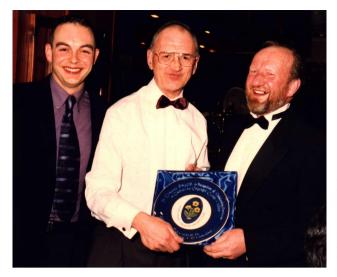
If you are interested in the club, whether it be playing, umpiring, keeping the score, preparing teas, cutting the grass or providing sponsorship, please contact any of the club officials.

Ian Buckland – Chairman - 20890908

Peter Morgan – Secretary and Junior organiser - 20890828

Chris Davies – Fixture Secretary - 20890756

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Martin Powell} & -1^{\text{st}} & \text{XI Captain} & -20890153 \end{array}$ 



## Chwaraeon yn ein Cymuned

Dave Price receives his award for outstanding service to the club, from Chris Davies & Wyn Innes

## Creigiau Netball Club

Training is held at Y Pant School 6.30 - 8.30pm on Mondays September to April. Membership: age 13 up.

Junior U11 section based at Creigiau Primary School.

Teams under 14 and 2 adult league teams play in Cardiff & District League.

Contact Sue Norey 20890454.

## Creigiau Football Club

Creigiau play in the Cardiff and District League and also have a successful Veterans Team.

Contact Chris Norey 20890454.

### **Mini Tennis**

Mini tennis (5 - 10 yrs old) is held at the Pentyrch Village Hall 5.15 -7.15pm on Thursday all year. Contact Helen Williams 20890980.

## Gwaelod-y-Garth Football Club

This Club has been running for many years, playing in the Cardiff & District Football League, providing a much needed sports facility for the youth and not so young of the area and we believe our efforts have not been in vain.

New players welcome. Contact Jeff Roberts, Team Manager on 029 20 892076 or Geraint Collins, Secretary / Treasurer, 20 Heol-y-Nant, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Tel. 029 20 810416



## Sports Chwaraeon

## Pentyrch Rugby Football Club

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#### CONTACTS

Rugby Club 02920890483 Chairman -Mr Kevin Thomas Vice-Chairman -Mr Clive Newton Secretary -Mr Martin Moss Fixture Secretary -Mr Bruce Robertson Treasurer -Mrs Delyth Thompson

#### SENIOR TEAMS MANAGEMENT

Head Coach- Mr Paul Marley Backs Coach-Mr Hywel Anthony 1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager - Mr Gareth Williams. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Manager - Mr Phil Edwards. Vets Team Manager - Mr Clive Newton.

Merchandise - Mrs Dee Simmons

## MINI AND JUNIOR MANAGEMENT

Chairman- Mr B Topping-Morris Vice Chairman- Mr Steve Cooke Secretary - Mr Ken Mills Treasurer - Mr Mike Gill

#### TRAINING NIGHTS

Senior Players - Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm Under 15's,16's and Youth players - Thursday evenings from 6pm Under 14's -Friday evening at 5pm Under 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's Friday evening from 6pm.

## NEW PLAYERS OF ALL AGES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

APPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB ARE NOW BEING TAKEN.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR RUGBY CLUB.

Web: www.pentyrchrugby.co.uk E-mail:

pentyrchrfc@pentyrchrugby.co.uk

#### **U8's**

This season, TAG rugby has been introduced across Cardiff & Vale District clubs. Pentyrch U8's has successfully adapted to this new type of rugby and participated in several local festivals.

Pentyrch have entered two teams, Fire and Rage, into these regional festivals and both have been performed very well.



New Kit for U10's sponsored by Merrills Ede and Tone the Fone

## Pentyrch Goshin Karate Club

The club meets on a Monday night in the Village Hall Pentyrch at 8pm. The aim of the club run by Sensei B Simmons and Sensei M Jones is to train members of all ages in the art of Goshin Karate and to progress through the nine gradings from Green Belt to Black Belt over a period of 4 years.

All members are encouraged to train at least twice a week to maintain a high standard and good progression. The atmosphere in the class is warm and friendly.

New members are welcome. Contact Malcolm Jones: 20301271.

## Creigiau Allotments

It's a good time of year to start a new allotment at the Creigiau field contact Selwyn Roberts 20891585.

## Pentyrch Bowling Club

2004 Season Monday 12th April to Monday 27th September New Members Always Welcome Contact: Iain Russell 029 20891102 Bill Monnington 01443 651090 Howard Thomas 029 20891419

#### Club Information.

Green available from 1:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. Sundays and Bank Holidays Club Night every Monday from 6 pm.

Both Ladies and Gents teams compete in various local leagues. New Member Fees - Seniors £60 Juniors (under 16) £10

We have 3 qualified coaches who run various coaching sessions for Seniors throughout the season and Junior coaching each Friday from May to July @ 4:45 pm.

Come and join us your never to young to start!



Keen Pentyrch bowlers

### Community Council Tax



### Trethi'r Cyngor Cymuned

Time and time again at public meetings residents in this community complain that they pay higher Council taxes than the rest of Cardiff. Although this argument may be true it has nothing to do with the Cardiff County's Council tax. The base rate throughout Cardiff remains the same whether you live in a band D property in Pentyrch, Splott or Rhiwbina. The differences arise within areas that have Community Councils. There are six Community Councils within Cardiff. Pentyrch. Radyr & Morganstown, St Fagans, Lisvane, Tongwynlais and St Mellons. areas pay an additional fee towards their Community Council costs. This year the precept for the Pentyrch area has been retained at £57,000. This equates to £21.10 per band D property. Pentyrch area is the largest Community Council in Cardiff and covers the villages of Pentyrch, Creigiau, Gwaelod y Garth and Capel Llanilltern.

But what is this money spent on? Different community areas have different priorities. Pentyrch Community Council's mission statement is:-

"The Community Council aims to achieve an improvement in our environment, to enrich the quality of life and preserve the diversity of local life. The Council will endeavour to protect the rural character of the four villages and retain local identity".

How do we do this? Over the years the Community Council has acquired a considerable amount of land with the ultimate aim of protecting the villages from development. Within Community ownership is the Garth Common, fields and woodlands between Fairmeadow and Cefn Bychan, woodland at Gwaelod y Garth, the Recreation ground, woodlands and the Frog Pond in Creigiau, and various pieces of amenity land within the residential estates. All these areas must be maintained in the interest of health & safety as well as visual impact. Both Bronllwyn and Penuel graveyards are under the control of the Community Council as is the Memorial children's park and the war memorial.

The Community Council maintain 45 miles of public rights of way. Most of the benches throughout our communities have been provided by the Community Council as well as the noticeboards in the village centres. Wild flowers have been planted in the hedgerows, daffodils throughout the villages, hanging baskets in the summer and Christmas trees in December.

Yn aml mewn cyfarfodydd cyhoeddus mae trigolion yn cwyno fod eu Treth Cyngor yn uwch na gweddill Caerdydd. Mae treth Cyngor Sir Caerdydd yr un fath ym mhob rhan o'r ardal ond mae gwahaniaethau oherwydd fod Cyngor Cymuned mewn chwe ardal —Pentyrch, Radyr a Pentrepoeth, Sain Ffagan, Llysfaen, Tongwynlais a Llaneirwg. Yn yr ardaloedd hyn telir treth ychwanegol tuag at gostau eu Cynghorau Cymuned. Y Flwyddyn ariannol nesaf mae Cyngor Pentyrch wedi penderfynu cadw cyfanswm ei dreth yn £57,000 sydd yn gyfystyr a £21.10 am bob adeilad ym mand D. Pentyrch yw'r ardal Cyngor Cymuned mwyaf yng Nghaerdydd ac mae'n cynnwys pentrefi Pentyrch, Creigiau, Gwaelod y Garth a Capel Llanilltern.

Ond ble mae'r arian yma yn cael ei wario? Mae gan wahanol Gynghorau gwahanol flaenoriaethau. Datganiad o

These are all facilities that we can all see and appreciate.

What about the services we don't see? The Community Council strives to ensure that basic facilities in the villages Potholes, broken street are upheld. lights, street cleansing, over grown vegetation, damaged signs, flytipping, vandalised bus shelters/telephone boxes are all regularly reported to the various authorities.

Planning issues are a major concern to Councillors and in recent years the Council has fought against a number of applications which would have had a detrimental effect on our communities. We have recently campaigned to bring Broadband to our villages and with your support we should be on line in late Support is given financially, practically and personally to many local groups and organisations. Community Council are Trustees to Pentyrch Village Hall, have been approached to become one of the Trustees for Pentyrch Sports Association and may soon become one of the Trustees of the Rest Hall. We are consulted by the County Council and the Wales Assembly Government on a variety of issues and always consider how these issues will affect out communities.

So do you think you get value for money? Please let us know your views on the Community Council. How can we improve on what we do? What else do you want us to do? Suggestions are always welcome. Sometimes it is the most obvious that gets overlooked and needs to be brought to our attention. Contact the Clerk.

fwriad Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yw: -"Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn anelu i gyflawni gwellhad i'n amgylchedd, cyfoethogi ansawdd bywyd a chadw'r amrywiaeth o fywyd lleol. Bydd y Cyngor yn ymdrechu i gadw cymeriad gwledig y pedwar pentref a chadw eu hunaniaeth lleol".

Sut ydym yn gwneud hyn? Dros y blynyddoedd mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi cael ardal sylweddol o diroedd gyda'r nod o gadw'n pentrefi rhag datblygiadau. Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn berchen ar Comin y Garth, coed a chaeau rhwng Fairmeadow a Chefn Bychan, coedwigoedd yng Ngwaelod y Garth, y maes chwarae, coedydd a'r Pwll Broga yng Nghreigiau, a nifer o ddarnau o dir yn yr ystadau tai. Mae'n rhaid cynnal a chadw'r ardaloedd hyn am resymau diogelwch ac er mwyn rhoi pleser a modd i drigolion eu defnyddio a'u mwynhau. Mae mynwentydd Bronllwyn a Penuel o dan reolaeth y Cyngor Cymuned yn ogystal â'r Parc Coffa a'r Cofgolofn.

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn cynnal a chadw 45 milltir o hawl tramwy cyhoeddus. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r meinciau wedi eu darparu gan y Cyngor Cymuned yn ogystal â hysbysfyrddau yng nghanol y pentrefi. Mae planhigion gwyllt wedi eu plannu yn y gwrychoedd, rhoddir basgedi blodau yn yr haf a choed Nadolig ym mis Rhagfyr.

Dyma'r cyfleusterau yr ydym yn gallu gweld a'u gwerthfawrogi.

Ond beth am y gwasanaethau nad ydym yn gallu gweld? Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn ymdrechu i sicrhau fod y cyfleusterau sylfaenol yn ein pentrefi yn cael eu cynnal drwy dynnu sylw'r awdurdodau priodol i dyllau yn y ffordd, goleuadau stryd wedi torri, glanhau'r strydoedd, gordyfiant ar balmentydd, sbwriel a fandaleiddio.

Mae Cynllunio yn faes sydd yn achosi pryder i Gynghorwyr ac yn y blynyddoedd diweddar mae'r Cyngor wedi ymladd yn erbyn nifer o geisiadau a fyddai wedi cael effaith andwyol ar ein cymunedau. Rydym wedi ymgyrchu ddod â Band Eang i'n pentrefi. Rhoddir cefnogaeth ariannol ac ymarferol i nifer o fudiadau lleol. Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn Ymddiriedolwyr i Neuadd y Pentref Pentyrch ac mae cyrff eraill yn ystyried hynny. Mae'r Cyngor Sir a Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn ymgynghori â ni ar wahanol bynciau.

Felly, a ydych yn meddwl eich bod yn cael gwerth am arian? Rowch eich barn ar y Cyngor Cymuned a sut y gallwn wella a gwneud pethau ychwanegol. Weithiau yr amlwg sy'n cael ei anghofio, felly gwahoddir 13 awgrymiadau. Cysylltwch â'r Clerc.



## Community Council Highlights

## Pentyrch Shopping Centre Improvements

By the time you are reading this issue of the Link the improvements at the shopping centre by Cardiff County Council should be finished and we should see a much improved village centre. £80,000 was allocated to this project and the improvement works have included new pavings, improved lighting, additional planting, a centre point designed by the Senior Youth Club, new lockable bins and bicycle stands. By involving members of the youth club in the project it is hoped that they will respect rather than vandalise the new look.

## Creigiau Recreation Ground Flooding

Many residents will have noticed the recent flooding at the recreation ground and the worsening condition of the old railway line. There is an outlet on the railway line which has been partially blocked by residents of the Terrace to prevent flooding of their properties. This means that the water now holds on the railway line and backs up onto the recreation ground. The County Council, Community Council, Tarmac Quarry and the Terrace residents have held discussions to try to resolve the problem. Unfortunately we are all powerless to do anything without the co-operation Railpaths who own the old railway line. Despite letters and photographs from the Community Council calling for action, Railpaths seem reluctant to get involved. Their view is that anyone on the old railway line is trespassing. We have pointed out that an agreement was made with the former British Rail for access across the railway line when the old line closed in the late 1950s early 1960s. However in the absence of any written confirmation Railpaths are ignoring this arrangement. If you are concerned about this issue please write to Mr Thornborrow, RPL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, George Knott House, 119 Holloway Head, Birmingham, B1 1QP, expressing your views.

#### Christmas Market

The Community Council are considering organising a Christmas Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2004. It is proposed to have stalls indoor and out. Some local organisations have already indicated their support for the event. If you are an individual or part of a group who would like to have a stall please contact the Clerk.

#### Mobile Library

The County Council have issued a green paper on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries in Cardiff. A consultation process is currently being undertaken. If you want to support the existing mobile library service, have suggestions for improving the service or want to comment on any other library issues please write to the Cabinet Office, Cardiff County, County Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

#### Taffs Well Quarry Tunnel

Many residents will be disappointed to learn that the new quarry tunnel to Morganstown has been delayed. This is because the original forecasts for the suitability of the quarry to commence work on the tunnel was based on a time scale of 5 years. In reality the slump in demand for aggregates has meant that not enough aggregates have been removed during this time scale to widen the base of the quarry to allow the tunnel to be started. review has been undertaken based on the amount of materials to be removed to allow work to commence and it is likely that work will not now start until 2005 with a completion date of around 2007.

## ADVERTISE IN COMMUNITY LINK

Community Link is delivered to 2800 homes in the area and is a valuable source of information.

#### Adverts

£15 6cm x 10cm £30 12 cm x 10 cm Tel: 029 2089 1417

#### Skateboard Ramps

Look out during the Easter holidays for the County's skateboards. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April the County will be providing mobile skateboard ramps in Pentyrch and Creigiau. Locations and posters will be displayed nearer the time.

#### **Sports Associations**

We have tried to contact all the sports clubs in the area for their details. If we have missed anyone out please contact us and we will include you in the next issue.

#### Youth Awards

As part of the Pentyrch Focus group's efforts to include and involve the young people in our village in community life the council is proposing to introduce a Youth Awards Scheme.

We are looking for nominations for young people who have undertaken a particular role which benefits the community or a section of the community, i.e. regular voluntary work, one off projects, helping the elderly, assisting with other groups or younger children.

Please could you send your nominations to the Community Council office by the end of March 2004.

#### Sewers at Creigiau and Pentyrch

The Community Council has received information and maps of the adopted sewers in Creigiau and Pentyrch.

All the adopted public sewers must satisfy particular standards. For example a public sewer must serve at least two properties and be no smaller than 150mm in diameter and public sewers should be located within the highway. Every property has private drainage for which the owner is responsible, running from their property to the public sewer.

Some of the developers in the area fully completed the adoption procedures required by Welsh Water but a significant number of the new developments are not adopted.

Welsh Water have outlined a procedure for the adoption of the sewers in new developments.



## Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

#### Gwella Canolfan Siopa Pentyrch

Erbyn i chi ddarllen y rhifyn yma o Cwlwm Bro bydd y gwelliannau i'r ganolfan siopa gan Gyngor Sir Caerdydd wedi eu cwblhau. Clustnodwyd £80,000 ar gyfer y cynllun ac mae'r gwaith yn cynnwys pafin newydd, goleuadau newydd, planhigion newydd, canolbwynt wedi ei gynllunio gan y Clwb Ieuenctid, biniau gyda clo newydd a sefyllfan beiciau. Drwy gael cydweithrediad aelodau'r clwb ieuenctid gobeithir y byddant yn parchu yn hytrach na fandaleiddio'r cynllun newydd.

Llifogydd ar Faes Chwarae Creigiau Mae nifer o drigolion wedi sylwi ar y llifogydd diweddar a chyflwr gwael tir yr hen reilffordd. Mae ffos ar dir y rheilffordd sydd wedi ei gau yn rhannol gan drigolion o'r Teras i atal llifogydd i'w cartrefi. Oherwydd hyn mae'r dŵr yn cael ei ddal ar dir y rheilffordd ac yn mynd yn ôl i'r maes chwarae. Mae'r Cyngor Sir, y Cyngor Cymuned, Chwarel Tarmac a thrigolion y Teras wedi cynnal trafodaethau i geisio datrys y broblem. Yn anffodus nid oes unrhyw hawliau i wneud unrhyw beth heb gydweithrediad Railpaths sy'n berchen tir y rheilffordd. Er bod y Cyngor Cymuned wedi danfon llythyrau a lluniau mae Railpaths yn anfodlon iawn i wneud unrhyw beth. Eu barn yw fod unrhyw un sy'n mynd ar dir yr hen reilffordd yn tresbasu. Rydym wedi egluro fod cytundeb wedi ei wneud gyda'r Rheilffyrdd Prydeinig pan gaewyd y ar ddiwedd y 1950'au i ganiatau mynediad ar draws y tir. Ond am nad oes unrhyw ddogfen yn cadarnhau hyn mae Railpaths yn anwybyddu'r trefniant. Os ydych yn pryderu am y sefyllfa cysylltwch â: Mr Thornborrow, RPL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, George Knott House, 119 Holloway Head, Birmingham, B1 1QP, i ddatgan eich barn.

#### Marchnad Nadolig

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn ystyried trefnu Marchnad Nadolig ar Ragfyr 4ydd 2004. Bwriedir cael stondinau tu fewn a thu fas. Mae rhai mudiadau lleol wedi dangos eu cefnogaeth i'r digwyddiad. Os ydych chi fel unigolyn neu fel grŵp am gael stondin cysylltwch â'r Clerc.

#### Llyfrgell Deithiol

Mae'r Cyngor Sir wedi cyhoeddi dogfen werdd ar Lyfrgelloedd yr 21ain Ganrif yng Nghaerdydd. Mae cyfnod o ymgynghori yn cael ei gynnal ar hyn o bryd. Os hoffech gefnogi'r gwasanaeth llyfrgell deithiol presennol, neu os oes gennych syniadau i wella'r gwasanaeth neu am roi sylw ar unrhyw fater yn ymwneud â'r llyfrgell ysgrifennwch i: Swyddfa'r Cabinet, Cyngor Sir Caerdydd, Neuadd y Sir, Caerdydd CF10 4UW erbyn 31 Mawrth 2004.

#### Twnnel Chwarel Y Garth Isaf

Bydd nifer o drigolion yn siomedig i glywed fod y bwriad i wneud twnnel i Bentrepoeth wedi ei ohirio. Mae hyn oherwydd bod y targed cynhyrchiant yn y chwarel dros gyfnod o bum mlynedd ddim wedi ei gyrraedd. Mae gostyngiad sylweddol wedi bod yn y farchnad am gerrig ac felly nid yw'r chwarel wedi ei weithio yn ddigon dwfn i alluogi cychwyn y gwaith ar y twnnel. Mae arolwg wedi ei wneud gan ystyried y lefel bresennol o gynhyrchu a chredir y bydd y gwaith ar y twnel yn cychwyn yn 2005 a'i orffen yn 2007.

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#### Mudiadau Chwaraeon

Rydym wedi ceisio cysylltu â'r holl glybiau chwaraeon yn yr ardal i roi eu manylion yn y rhifyn hwn. Os ydym wedi methu cynnwys unrhyw un cysylltwch â ni er mwyn eich cynnwys yn y rhifyn nesaf.

#### Gwobrwyo Ieuenctid

Fel rhan o waith Grŵp Ffocws Pentyrch i gynnwys ac ymrwymo pobl ifanc ein pentref ym mywyd y gymdeithas mae'r cyngor yn ystyried cychwyn Cynllun Gwobrwyo Ieuenctid.

Rydym yn gofyn am enwebiadau am bobl ifanc sydd wedi ymgymryd â rôl penodol sydd o fudd i'r gymuned neu ran o'r gymuned e.e. gwaith gwirfoddol rheolaidd, prosiect penodol, rhoi cymorth i'r henoed, cynorthwyo gyda grwpiau eraill neu blant iau.

Os gwelwch yn dda danfonwch eich enwebiadau i swyddfa'r Cyngor Cymuned erbyn diwedd Mawrth 2004.

#### Carthffos Creigiau a Phentyrch

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi derbyn gwybodaeth a mapiau am y sustem garthffosiaeth sydd wedi cael ei fabwysiadu yng Nghreigiau a Phentyrch.

Mae'n rhaid i'r carthffos gyhoeddus sydd wedi ei fabwysiadu gyrraedd safonau arbennig. Er enghraifft mae'n rhaid i garthffos gyhoeddus wasanaethu dau adeilad a bod yn ddim llai na 150mm mewn diamedr ac fe ddylent fod wedi eu gosod mewn ffordd gyhoeddus. Mae'r perchennog yn gyfrifol am y draeniad preifat sy'n rhedeg o'u adeilad i'r carthffos gyhoeddus.

Mae rhai o'r datblygwyr tai wedi cwblhau yn llwyr broses mabwysiadu Dŵr Cymru ond mae nifer sylweddol o ddatblygiadau heb eu mabwysiadu.

Mae Dŵr Cymru wedi amlinellu y broses sydd ei angen i fabwysiadu carthffos mewn datblygiadau newydd.



## **FUN IN FINLAND!**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February thirteen children from Pentyrch Primary School, accompanied by three teachers (Mrs. John, Ms. Williams and Mr. Renshaw) departed from Heathrow Airport, bound for Helsinki in Finland. Once again we met up with our friends at Suutarila School. The visit was part of the ongoing Science Centre Schools Project, linking schools in Wales, Finland, Sweden and Spain. The party were accompanied by is Class 1's mascot, Barnaby Bear. Barnaby is very well travelled. In the past year he has been to Lulea in Sweden, Australia, St. Lucia, Peru, and at Christmas he went to Lapland to see Father Christmas!

Our hosts in Helsinki had planned a very full and interesting programme for us. We visited the Heureka Science Centre. As well as viewing the exhibitions, we learned about the 'Hair!' In the chemistry of demonstration theatre we discovered 'Why the cow doesn't fly!' and found out about gases in the presentation 'It's A Gas!' Heureka's resident mad scientist, Heko, used dry-ice to demonstrate how clouds are formed. In the Verne I-Max Cinema we saw a film entitled 'Bears', which told of the bear's battle for survival in many parts of the world and the work of conservationists. We also watched the film 'Antarktis!', which told the story of Ernest Shackleton's heroic expedition to the Antarctic.

The Korkeasaari Zoo in Helsinki is on an island just outside the harbour and can be reached across a bridge. As we crossed the bridge we observed a local man ice-fishing in the river below. It was a very cold day, minus 12 Celsius without the wind chill. In the zoo we saw animals such as forest reindeer, lynx, red panda, seals, Siberian tigers and bison. There was also an exhibition of ice-sculptures. From the viewing platform on the island there is a fantastic view of Helsinki across the frozen harbour!

We did of course visit Suutarila Our children were shown School. around the very impressive school facilities by their hosts. They attended lessons in subjects such as Maths, Woodwork, Music, ICT and Physical Education. The school is known as a 'service centre school' and houses a kindergarten, primary school, gymnasium, craft and IT rooms, music and drama studios, health centre, dental 16 surgery and library. The local



Girls from Pentyrch Primary and Suutarila School pictured with Barnaby Bear

#### **ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE!**

Pupils at Pentyrch Primary have been very active in raising funds for charity this year.

An appeal by Barnardo's Cymru in October raised £653.39. In November our pupils donated 55 gift filled shoeboxes to the "Operation Christmas Child" appeal. The charity organisation takes gifts at Christmas time to children in many of the world's trouble spots.

21st November was declared "Non-Uniform Day" in support of the Children In Need Appeal. For a fee of

secondary school is situated nearby. Many of the facilities are used by the public and can be hired out during the evening and at weekends.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February we visited the Talma Outdoor Sports and Nature Centre. The temperature was minus 16 Celsius as we had the opportunity to enjoy traditional winter activities such as sledging and walking in snowshoes. We had barbecued sausages for lunch. That evening we enjoyed traditional Finnish hospitality when, in small groups, we visited our hosts' homes. This was one of the highlights of the trip. The teachers enjoyed a reindeer stew at the home of head teacher Kari Toyryla!

We returned home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> none of us being superstitious about flying on that date! We arrived home in Pentyrch weary, but exhilarated by our adventure. Our Finnish friends will be visiting Wales at the end of March and we are already planning where we will take them and what we will do!

> Graham Renshaw **Head Teacher Pentyrch Primary School**

50p children were allowed to wear colourful, outrageous or just plain silly clothing. In addition, the children themselves arranged tuck shops and raffles. The total raised was £220.

In December we held our Christmas concerts. The juniors presented three performances of "Pictures of a Christmas World", in which a group of children discovered how Christmas is celebrated around the world. infants presented two performances of "It's a Party!" which told of a great celebration in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Both concerts were very well received by parents, grandparents and invited guests. A portion of the proceeds will be used to support the child we sponsor in Senegal, Ameth.

The raffles held at our Christmas concerts raised £116 for Christian Lewis Children's Cancer Care. The children held bring and buy sales for the annual Blue Peter appeal, raising £71.54.



Hannah Ellis (front) and Lauren Hooper enjoy themselves sledging.

#### **SNOW POEMS**

#### Winter Wonderland

The ground is covered by a blanket of snow, Children having snowball fights and building snowmen.

The puddles are frozen and slippery,

The chilly wind makes your teeth chatter.

But soon the ice and snow will melt and turn to slushy water. Everything around is quiet,

The snow is starting to melt, glistening in the sun.

The icy puddles turn to water.

The wind is still bitter.

But the frost on the windows starts to disappear.

Rose Walrond Class 7

#### **GOODBYE MR. JORDAN!**

Mr. Ben Jordan, Deputy Headteacher at Pentyrch Primary, has been appointed to the post of Deputy Headteacher at Bishop's Cleeve Primary School in Gloucestershire. Mr. Jordan originates from that area and he wished to return to be closer to family and friends.

The children, parents, staff and governors wish to record our thanks to Ben for his hard work, commitment and enthusiasm on behalf of our school. He is an outstanding teacher who always brings out the best in his pupils both in the classroom and on the sports field. He has made a huge contribution to the life and development of the school. We have the highest regard for Ben both personally and professionally, and will be sorry to lose such a capable and conscientious teacher. We wish him every success in his future career and hope that he leaves Pentyrch Primary School with happy memories.

#### Winter Days

Swirling snowflakes make no sound, People walking on crisp ground, Icicles melt in the morning sun, Children playing, having fun.

Snowball fights out of doors, Bitter cold and chattering jaws, Sparkling mornings and chilly nights These are Winter's fresh delights.

> Katie Ling Class 7

#### Winter Walk

Walking on the slippery ice, Cold, crunchy, white snow. Children having snowball fights Until it becomes a cold Winter's night. Swirling snowflakes in the air, Silent world all around.

Children wrap up warm,
Before coming out into the crisp air.
As the sun shines icicles sparkle,
Wheels skidding from side to side.
Frozen lakes, not a sound,
Children playing in the sparkling snow.

Morgan Hayward Class 7

#### Walking in the Snow

A cold, sparkly morning, Everywhere is white. Crunching under my feet, Frozen fingers and toes.

Children playing in the snow, Throwing snowballs at each other, Slipping on the icy road. Snowflakes falling on the ground, Melting in the morning sun.

> Jordan Jones Class 7

## Planning Applications to March 2004

03/02772/W Mr D John, Greenhurst Stables, Detached garage with garden storage area on upper level

**03/02901/W** J C Tarr, 36a Bronhaul, Porch-like extension. Front door and window being moved forward.

**03/02928/W** Mr and Mrs S Cooke, 41 Heol Berry, Single storey side and rear extension

**04/00094/W** Tesco Stores Ltd, Creigiau Post Office, Cardiff Road, Fit new refrigeration plant to rear **04/00112/W** Eric Lawman, 1

Dol Y Felin, First floor extension **04/00114/W** Mr & Mrs R Evans, Rocky Bank Cottage, Field Terrace,

Two storey side and rear extension 03/02983/W Mr & Mrs S Roberts, 13 Parc-y-Felin, Single storey extension conservatory and alterations to garage roof

**03/02984/W** Mr T Jones, 6 Brynyr-Eglwys, First floor bedroom extension

**03/02996/W** Mr & Mrs Phillips, 1 Ty Rhawn Cottage, Church Road, Provision of 2 parking spaces, new access and retaining walls

**04/00176/W** Mr P Morris, 64, Maes y Sarn, Detached dwelling with integral garage.

A/04/00009/W Tesco Stores Ltd, One Stop Shop, Remove existing signage and replace with new

**04/00207/W** Mr & Mrs J Wilkes, 4 Old School House, School Lane,

Loft conversion to form two bedrooms and bathroom with dormer projections

**04/00241/W** Mrs J Jenkins, 1, Castle Close, two storey side and rear extension

**04/00253/W** A P & I Rogers, 9 Pantglas, two storey extension to rear comprising bedroom over kitchen/dining room

**04/00285/W** Mr Steven Mather, 27, River Glade, new double garage, minor alterations to house, crossover and works to footpath

**04/00329/W** Richard Angell, Ardwyn, Heol Goch, Retain balcony over patio

**04/00330/W** Mr. A. Crabbe, 10 Brodeg, Rear kitchen extension and front porch

**04/00395/W** M. Jones, 52 Parc Y Coed, Retain rear raised patio

**04/00399/W** Mr. G. Griffiths, 1 Nant Yr Garth, Two storey side extension

**04/00406/W** Ms. C. Leach, Telynfa, Main Road, Extension and conversion of garage to gym

**04/00333/W** Mr. & Mrs. L. Morgan, 4 Lys Gwynno, Demolish existing conservatory and construct single storey rear extension

**04/00363/W** Dr Colin Davies, 16 Troed y Garth, Rear ground floor extension

**04/00367/W** Mr & Mrs P Goodall, 14 Llys Dewi, Domestic single storey extension

## PENTYRCH FOCUS GROUP

Last Autumn, two very well attended public meetings took place to discuss Pentyrch residents' concerns about vandalism, youth annoyance and crime. During the second meeting, a proposal emerged for a Focus Group to look into these issues and to lead by taking positive action to improve the situation. The Focus group consists of WPC Lisa Bishop, Mrs Yvonne Krip, Cllr Christine Priday, Mr Alan Rainford, Cllr Gill Rees, Mr Harry Rees and is chaired by Cllr Nick Webb. Local Youth Worker, James Healan is an associate member. The Focus Group reports back to a Community Action Group, which is made up of members of all village organisations and the Community Council.

No one is pretending that the Focus Group can achieve solutions on its own; we have already worked closely with Ymlaen Pentyrch, Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Council. We have also had positive feedback from our enquiries with the County Council. The Focus Group must work for progressive improvements to relations between the youth of the area and the community as a whole. Where preventative measures can be taken to reduce crime, then we shall do all we can. However, our priority must be to improve the integration of teenagers in the village. We do not exist merely to try and appease the few who have caused trouble, but rather to provide an environment where young people have the opportunity to develop their own interests. Let us not be naïve; the commonly held view that teenage years are the 'best of your life' is in some cases true. But growing up in 21st century Wales is not easy. There are pressures from education, from friends and from the media. Many teenagers may well be having the time of their lives, but that does not mean that they all are. To quote (probably for the first time in Community Link) rockstar Marilyn Manson, "you're watching television, ...you are being pumped full of fear, ... cut to commercial buy the colgate - if you have bad breath they are not going to talk to you. If you have pimples the girls aren't going to (like) you. And it's just a campaign of fear and consumption." The simple fact is that for all the teenagers who reach out to assist the community to develop, there are some who need the community to make the first move.

There have been notable achievements since last October. The Youth Club has more volunteers and is now able to offer two nights per week (Tuesday and Thursday). The Spar shop has agreed to sell alcohol only to over 21 year olds unless proof of age and identity can be shown. The Youth Club has been involved in the design of a centrepiece for the shopping precinct redevelopment. The Rugby club has offered the use of their mini-bus to transport young people to activities outside the village. Several activities are being investigated; liaison with teenage groups is already under way, but any suggestions you have will be most welcome. Working with Ymlaen Pentyrch, we have been able to secure a grant of £800 from the County Council for the refurbishment of toilets in the Rest Centre/ Scout Hall. Traffic calming measures have been approved by Cardiff County Council for four of the busiest roads in the village. Skateboard ramps will be available for use at Creigiau Recreation Field and Pentyrch Primary School in forthcoming school holidays. These will be fully supervised. More opportunities for girls to play sport, and awards to recognise the contribution young people make to the village are currently being investigated. I hope you will agree that is not bad going for only a few months work!

However, we are just getting started on this unique opportunity to rewrite the relationship between the generations in Pentyrch. One of the major projects facing the Focus group has been identified as the refurbishment and rebuilding of the Rest Centre. The condition of the building is very poor and in need of urgent attention. This is a long-term project and one that will require the support of the village. Efforts are being made to contact the Trustees and for the ownership to be transferred back to the community. Once this has been done, fund raising for the project can commence. help you can offer - surveys, building, plans, materials, funding will be very gratefully received.

We have been working closely with the Youth Outreach Workers in Cardiff and are looking at the possibility of recruiting one specifically for this area. I have heard very positive reports of the impact workers have had in Radyr.

We are also looking at the potential to develop an all-weather playing field. This would be an expensive project and, as such, will most likely have to wait until the completion of the Rest Centre redevelopment. We have to be realistic and the need is greater for the Rest Centre at the moment, but this is a very exciting concept.

## Japanese Knotweed -What is it and what can you do with it?

Japanese knotweed was brought to the UK in the 1800s as a garden plant. Today it can be found anywhere. It is very rampant and forms clumps up to 10ft in height. It has large oval leaves and in spring red fleshy roots. In late summer it has clusters of cream flowers and it dies back in Autumn. It will grow in any soil. The seeds of the plant are sterile but it is spread by fragments of the existing plants. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 it is an offence "to plant or otherwise encourage" the growth of Knotweed. Any soil or plant material which includes Knotweed is classed as controlled waste.

There are a number of ways to treat Japanese Knotweed but most need to be used over a number of years to be effective. Spraying with herbicide is the most effective treatment. movement should be avoided during treatment as this will encourage the plant to re-grow. Spraying of Knotweed must be undertaken by a qualified person. The most effective ingredient on Japanese Knotweed if glyphosate. This can be found in "Round Up" and other similar herbicides. Always watch for re-growth and treat as necessary. The more leaves sprayed the more herbicide is taken into the root system. Japanese Knotweed can be dug out but all ground materials must be removed and care taken not to spread fragments during such work.

Don't forget Japanese knotweed is a controlled waste product. Disposal must be at authorised sites only. For more information on the control / disposal of Japanese knotweed look up the Environment Agencies web site www.environment-agency.go.uk.

A great many people have been involved in our achievements to date and I thank you all very much. I also encourage others to approach us with ideas or offers of assistance. Please contact the Pentyrch Community Council Clerk; the contact details are on the back page.

Finally, to all of the young people of the village, this is your opportunity to put across your views too.

> Cllr Nick Webb Chair of the Focus Group www.pentyrch.org.uk/focusgroup

## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. It is all about getting together with your neighbours to take action to cut local crime. The main objectives of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- To cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- To help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities

There is an active Neighbourhood Watch movement in the villages of Pentrych, Creigiau and Gwaelod Y Garth. A Rural Watch scheme is also in existence which serves some of the areas outside the villages.

PC Lisa Bishop, your local community officer and I would encourage residents to join existing schemes. We are particularly keen to establish new watches in areas which are not covered by existing watches.

One of the ways the police keep in contact with watches is by using a "Ringmaster" computer system. This can update members on local crimes and issues by voice mail or E mail.

If you want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, information packs are available from this office. Please contact Pc Lisa Bishop on 02920 890753 or Pc Bob Minton on 02920 571539.

Pc Bob Minton. Cardiff Police Community Safety Dept.

C Division, Canton Police Station, 194 Cowbridge Road East, Canton, Cardiff. CF5 1GW Tel: 029 20 571539 or 60 834. Fax: 029 20 633419.

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Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch meet on the second Wednesday of the month in Horeb Chapel at 8pm.



## Clwb y Dwrlyn

Dros y Nadolig bu aelodau'r clwb yn crwydro strydoedd Pentyrch. Ar yr 22 Rhagfyr bu criw yn canu carolau a chodi £145 tuag at Ysgol Craig y Parc. Diolch i bawb a gyfranodd.

Yna ar y 9ed o Ionawr Y Fari Lwyd fu'n dathlu'r Hen Galan a chael croeso yn y Clwb Rygbi, a thafarnau'r Kings a'r Lewis. Eleni cafwyd cwmni Dafydd Idris a fu'n canu rhai o ganeuon traddodiadol yr ardal.

Cafwyd blas Llydewig i noson Cylch Cadwgan yn Ysgol Creigiau ym mis Chwefror. Trefnwyd y noson gan Glwb y Dwrlyn a'r gŵr gwadd oedd Gwyn Griffiths, Pontypridd. Bu'n olrhain argraffiadau awduron yn Llydaw o ddyddiau Cesar i Sant Illtud ac hyd heddiw. I ddathlu Gwyl Ddewi bu'r Clwb yn ciniawa yng Nghlwb Golff Radyr yng nghwmni'r darlledwr, Alun Wyn Bevan.

### Pentyrch Historical Society

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### **Council Meetings**

# The Council meets on the 3rd Monday Monthly (except August). Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards and in local Post Offices. Council Offices are open to the public 9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday to Friday.

### Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

Mae'r Cyngor yn cwrdd ar drydydd dydd Llun bob mis (heblaw Awst). Dangosir manylion y cyfarfodydd yn Hysbysfyrddau'r Cyngor ac yn y Swyddfeydd Post lleol. Mae Swyddfeydd y Cyngor ar agor i'r cyhoedd o 9.30am i 11.30am, dydd Mawrth i ddydd Gwener.

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Back Row: Councillors Peter Davies, Delme Bowen, Nick Webb, Tom Procter, Stuart Thomas, Jeff Canning, Eric Priday. Front Row: Yvonne Krip and Councillors Gillian Green, Gill Rees, Jim Prosser, Angela Ashley, Carole Willis and Penri Williams

#### **Useful Telephone Numbers**

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Shop Mobility	2039 9355			
Street Lighting	2078 5200			
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VEST Community Transport	2048 5036			
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