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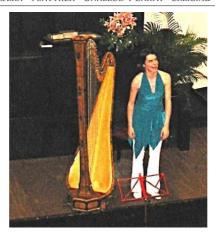
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The Tsunami Appeal Concert in Bethlehem Chapel, Gwaelod-y-Garth in January raised a massive £2068 which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal Fund. It was a great afternoon thanks to Sian Cothi, Catrin Finch, Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth Choir, Ryland Teifi, Celticana and the Serendipity Choir for helping make the event such a resounding success. And of course thanks to all those who turned out to listen.

Commendation

Congratulations to Pentyrch Community Council on receiving a commendation in the Newsletter of the Year category of the Local Council Review and Cooperative Bank Communications Awards 2004 for the Community Link.



Telynores - Catrin Finch- Harpist

GWAELOD-Y-GARTH POST OFFICE

There is now a limited Post Office service operating at the Gwaelod-y-Garth Village hall on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9.30 and 12.00. The service also includes car taxing.

Please make use of this service or it may be lost to the village. The service is kindly supplied by the Post Master of Taffs Well village and we are thankful for his support in this respect. You may be a car owner who has access to facilities outside the village, but still pop in to show your support, the queues will be shorter. Not everyone, particularly the elderly, who rely on it for their pensions, has access to transport. We all are getting older and let us think of the long term benefits to our small village. Imagine living without a car for just one week in Gwaelod-y-Garth and I can guarantee that you will appreciate how vital local services are, especially to the old and disabled.

Thanks for your support.

Simon John Roberts



Côr Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth

Taffs Well Quarry Planning Application -**Public Exhibition**

RMC has submitted a planning application to vary the working scheme at its Taffs Well quarry.

The application includes details of the timescales for the construction of a new tunnel access on to the Ty Nant roundabout which the company is obliged to provide under the current planning permission.

The company is holding an exhibition to which Members of the Public and interested parties are invited and where details of the application will be on display. RMC staff will also be on hand to explain the proposals.

The exhibition will be held at the Taffs Well quarry office, Heol Goch, Pentyrch on the following dates:

27 -29th April from 2pm until 7pm 30th April 9am until 12.30pm.

Car parking will be available at the office.

Should they be required further details may be obtained by contacting either Dave Goodman on 02920 593378 or Keith Frost on 01932 583450.

Creigiau Community Centre Committee Raising the Roof Charity No. 1058436

Following a successful campaign by a group of Creigiau residents to raise money for an Adventure Playground on Creigiau Recreation Area, a committee was set up to raise money to build a community centre in the village. This group became a registered charity in 1996 and raised almost £10,000. Our intention was to seek funding from the Lottery and other trust funds. We were very lucky to have the help of a local architect and various plans were drawn up.

An application for funding was made to the Arts Council for a grant to carry out a feasibility study in order to choose between two sites. This grant was turned down because the Arts Council received letters of objection from residents of Creigiau.

The project then became dormant. This was not a new situation however. Twice before, community centres had been planned for the village but had not been built due to objections from residents about the sites.

In the meantime three separate groups were trying to raise money to extend the Sports Pavilion on the recreation field, to build a new Scout Hall and to refurbish the Church Hall

Two years ago an attempt was made to bring these three projects together under the umbrella of the charity but, owing to difficulties with the Charity Commission and the Church, this was not successful.

The present trustees could not see a way forward and therefore called a public meeting on 25 January 2005 to propose that the charity be wound up and the money raised be divided between the three groups mentioned above.

The decision of the meeting was that if five new trustees cannot be found to take over the running of the charity in the next three months (by 25 April 2005) then the charity should be wound up and the money distributed between CRAMC, the

Show off your Green Fingers

The annual Pentyrch Horticultural Show is a community event designed to provide a showcase for the talents of Pentyrch and surrounding areas in a range of different activities. The show normally takes place in the first Saturday in September at the Village Hall, Maes y Sarn, Pentyrch.

The 2005 show will be held on Saturday, 3rd September.

Vegetable, plant and fruit growers, cooks and bakers, knitters and stitchers, and especially the children, are all encouraged to enter and join in the fun. The various categories within the programme are designed for the broadest appeal and most people will find something they can enter.

The show celebrated its silver jubilee in 2003 with a great number of entries and people continue the community tradition by taking part.

Entry is easy and details of the rules are featured in the programme published in the Summer. As well as providing the details of categories and prizes, the programme gives entry to the show itself.

Entries need to be submitted between 10 am and 11.30 am on the day. The Show opens at 2pm for viewing of the exhibits and the prize giving takes place at 3.30 pm.

If you'd like to get involved or for more information call one of the Pentyrch Horticultural Show committee members: Nella Statham, on 029 20890163; email nella.statham@NTL.com

Scouts and the Church Hall committee.

If you would like more details or are interested in becoming a trustee please contact Carole Willis on 029 2089 0770 or carolepc@aol.com

Junior Cricket

If you are between 9 and 15 years old and looking for something to do this summer, why not join the junior section of **Creigiau Cricket Club**. Junior membership is only £15 and you will receive tuition from qualified coaches and hopefully get to play in one of the club league sides at Under 11, Under 13 or Under 15.

The club has a supply of all the necessary equipment, so that you don't have to buy your own until you are sure you need it.

We will be holding indoor practice nets at the Cathedral school Thursdays 8 to 9pm

starting 10 March, every week to 28 April (excl. 24 March) £1 per session.

For further information on Creigiau Cricket Club Juniors or on junior cricket in general throughout Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan, contact Peter Morgan 029 - 20890828

New Netball Initiative

Creigiau Netball Club are very fortunate to have use of the new Radyr School Sports Hall on Tuesday evenings.

This new venture has been set up with the support of the WNA, coaches from UWIC, and Radyr School PE department. There are four separate sessions every Tuesday night.

The first session is for primary school boys & girls, then there is a session for girls aged 11 to 15, followed by a club session for Creigiau Club League teams, and finally a ladies leisure hour for past players, women who have not played since school and beginners.

All sessions have been well supported. We have been encouraged by the number of ladies attending the leisure hour session which will continue during the summer term. Anyone interested in this session or any of the other sessions, please contact Caroline Morgan on 029-20890828

Your Village Hall, Your Car Park

The final push is now on to resurface and landscape the area around the Hall and we need your help! This needs to be done to improve the access and make the area safer, particularly at night for those using the Hall. A bonus will be that it will look better for those people living close to it! The village hall was built by the villagers raising money back in the 1970's and is the centre for many community groups and is used and is available for everyone. The land around the hall was purchased in 2002 – again with money raised by the community – we now need to complete this project with your help. The work needs to be done as soon as possible in order that we comply with the Disabled Discrimination Act. The Hall Committee is trying to get funding from outside bodies but events in Asia have overtaken needs closer to home.

There have been fundraising activities throughout the past year and donations large and small have been made by many of the groups who use your hall. These have already raised approximately £20,000 but we need a further £60,000! There will be fundraising activities throughout the year (see dairy of events) - please support those you can. Every pound will count! If you can nominate us as a recipient for your company's Community Trust Fund or if you have any ideas for raising part of the money we need, please contact Barbara Rodd on 20891584. We intend having a 'Bucket' Collection the weekend of 14th/15th May - if every person living in Pentyrch donated just £1 we would have approx. £3,000!! If you are a taxpayer any donation you make can be gift aided which means it does not cost you any more but we will get 28p back from the

Give something back to your Community

After stalwart service to her village Judith Smith has resigned from the Pentyrch Village Hall committee. This leaves a large hole in the unit – are you big enough to fill it?

As Secretary the post holder is responsible for general administration duties but does not act as the Minutes Secretary. Judith has also administered the 200 Club, which could involve the use of Access or pen and paper!

Do you have the commitment, interest or the ability to help keep the Hall at the forefront of village life? If so please contact Barbara Rodd on 2089 1584 for an informal chat.

WANTED

Commitment Time Flexibility Reliability

All of these qualities are currently in use by Ron Mowbray, Booking Secretary and Caretaker of Pentyrch Village Hall. Unfortunately he wants time off to go on holiday!

This means that the committee are looking for someone to help Ron and the committee achieve this. It would mean working as part of the team at the Hall with some responsibility covering weekends and holidays.

Interested?

Phone Barbara Rodd on 2089 1584/ Ron Mowbray on 2089 1214

Chancellor of the Exchequer!!

Please note anyone collecting money will have ID and any fundraiser will be registered with the Village Hall Committee if you need confirmation that the fundraiser is genuine.

Pentyrch Village Hall Car Park Fundraising **Diary Of Events 2005**

April 22nd Village Disco with Bar £3 single or £5 per couple May 2nd 'Follis' Walk (in memory of Norman Follis who walked for the Hall 30 years ago).

May 14th & 15thBucket Collection around village

May 15th Pentyrch Art Group Open Day

June 17th Ladies Day Race Night with Bar Hats please ladies!

July 9th & 10th Pentyrch Open Gardens (Applying for funding)

Autumn Carol Lloyd Dance School

Autumn Queen Tribute Night

September 23rd Quiz Night Bar £3.50

October 21st Octave

December 3rd **Christmas Market**

Awaiting dates for: School Children's Disco, Favours Auction.

Pentyrch Local History Society

The series of interesting talks arranged by the Society continues at at Horeb Chapel, Pentyrch.

On 23rd March at 7.30pm Richard Watson will give a talk on "The Lives of the Rich and Poor in the Eighteenth Century."

The AGM will be held on 27th April and on 29th June Dr Juliette Wood will talk on "The Supernatural World of Glamorgan."



Don Llewellyn and Ellis Davies who recently gave illustrated talks to the Society

Community Funds

The Village Hall committee have been very successful in raising funds towards refurbishing the car parking area outside the village hall. We need to make a final effort to raise just under £60,000 so that work can start in September/October.

DO YOU WORK FOR BT?

If you do you can join the Honeypot Fund. As a member of this you can nominate the village hall to receive a contribution towards the car park.

DO YOU WORK FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY?

Most of the big insurers have a community giving policy and as an employee you could ask them if they would be willing to make a contribution.

DO YOU WORK FOR GE HEALTH CARE (Amersham) or for the QUARRY?

Again these companies have a community giving policy.

If you are an employee of one of these companies please contact the Council Clerk on 029 20891417 email - clerk@pentyrch.cc.

We will be able to put together a letter outlining what we want the money for and how it will benefit a 3 local community facility.



Community Council **Highlights**

Skateboard Ramps

Following the success of the County's mobile skateboard ramps during school holidays the County have agreed to install a permanent skateboard park at Creigiau Recreation ground. Meetings have been held with Councillors, County officers and young skateboarders and the park should be installed in time for the summer holidays

Pentyrch Sports Associations

The Community Council are to become one of the Trustees for Parc y Dwrlyn, the sports ground in Pentyrch. Two of the original Trustees are retiring and their places are being taken by Mr John Harrison and the Community Council. It is hoped that with the support of the Community Council the Sports Association will be in a better position to obtain grant funding for improvements on the ground.

Community Council Precept

The precept for the forthcoming year has been set at £59,000. equates to £21.73 per band D property, based on 2003/04 base rate.

"No Need for flytipping - Use your head - Use local facilities"

The headline from an article in the December 2003 Community Link which highlighted the increase in flytipping in the area. Unfortunately the situation has not changed.

Many of the culprits are from outside the area but the rubbish is sometimes local. How many callers have you had on a Sunday morning offering to take down conifers, cut back overgrown vegetation and trees? The contact number is usually a mobile and the van is Most respectable unmarked. 4 tradesmen want to advertise their

Penawdau y **Cyngor Cymuned**

Ramp Sglefrfyrddio

Yn dilyn llwyddiant ramp symudol y Cyngor Sir yn ystod gwyliau'r ysgol mae'r Sir wedi cytuno i osod parc sglefrfyddio parhaol ar faes chwarae Creigiau. Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod rhwng y Cynghorwyr lleol a swyddogion y Sir ac ieuenctid lleol a gobeithir cwblhau'r parc erbyn gwyliau'r haf.

Cymdeithas Chwaraeon Pentyrch

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned am fod yn Ymddiriedolwr o Barc y Dwrlyn, y maes chwarae ym Mhentyrch. Mae dau o'r ymddiriedolwyr gwreiddiol yn ymddeol ac mae eu lle yn cael cymryd gan Mr John Harrison a'r Cyngor Cymuned. Gobeithir, gyda chymorth y Cyngor Cymuned, bydd y Gymdeithas Chwaraeon mewn sefyllfa well i ddenu nawdd grantiau i wella cyfleusterau ar y maes.

Treth y Cyngor Cymuned

Treth am y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf yw £59,000. Mae hyn gyfwerth a threth o £21.73 ar adeilad yn Band D ar raddfeydd trethi 2003/4.

"Dim angen sbwriel Defnyddiwch eich pen - Mae cyfleusterau lleol ar gael"

Dyma oedd y pennawd yn rhifyn

services and make the most of free advertising on their vehicles. Beware of cowboys out to make a quick buck! They will undertake the work and then dump your vegetation in your countryside. Please ask for evidence of landfill registration before employing anyone to undertake garden or house clearance. They may be cheaper but you end up paying more in taxes to clean up the mess they leave behind!

New Maintenance Officer Needed

Following the resignation of the Council's Maintenance Officer the Community Council are looking for a new full time Officer to work within the Community area. For further details please contact the Clerk.



Rhagfyr 2003 o Cwlwm Bro oedd yn amlygu problemau gwasgaru gwastraff sbwriel yn yr ardal. Yn anffodus nid yw'r sefyllfa wedi gwella.

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Angen Swyddog Cynnal a Chadw

Yn dilyn ymddiswyddiad y swyddog cynnal a chadw presennol mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn chwilio am swyddog llawn-amser newydd i weithio yn ardal y Cyngor. Manylion pellach oddi wrth y Clerc.

ADVERTISE IN COMMUNITY LINK

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

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CRIME DECREASE

There has been a noticeable decrease in crime figures for the area. Indeed, in 2004 the reported crime figure in Pentyrch / Gwaelod Y Garth have fallen by over 30 per cent and it is in fact the lowest figure for over 4 years. Creigiau / St Fagans / Capel Llanitern have also experienced a reduction in crime during 2004.

One of the main reported crime in this area is theft from motor vehicles. Research shows that 63 per cent of thefts of and from vehicles happen when they are parked outside the home. Many of these vehicles are left unlocked or valuables [including CD players] are left in the car. In Pentyrch, it appears that numerous cars are broken into when they are parked on the Garth mountain road, valuables such as cameras, binoculars and CD players are often stolen but thieves will also break into a vehicle if jackets / coats are left on the back seat or loose change left in the ashtray.

Many dwelling house burglaries are crimes of opportunity. A burglar only needs to spot an open window, unlocked side gate or a dodgy alarm to target a house. Statistics show that properties with little security are 15 times more likely to be burgled than those with good security. There are relatively few house burglaries in the area, residents should lock all front and back doors with mortice locks [kite marked BS 3621] and ensure key operated locks are fitted to all windows.

MOTOR CYCLE / GOPED ANNOYANCE

The police are receiving regular calls about the problems caused by scrambler motorcycles [Tyn Y Coed woods and the quarry at Heol Goch] and petrol Gopeds often ridden by children on public highways. The legislation is the same – a driving licence, certificate of third party insurance, test certificate (if applicable) and protective head gear must be worn prior to these motor vehicles being used on public highways. Permission of the land owner must be sought if these vehicles are used on private land.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

Anti Social Behaviour has been defined as an action likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress there by preventing others enjoying an acceptable quality of

CREIGIAU CARNIVAL

In spite of the bad weather last year the Carnival raised £2,321.14. This money was shared between the Recreation Field Management Committee and Creigiau 23.

The Recreation Field Management Committee will use the money for improvement and maintenance of the facilities under their control. The Management Committee meet monthly in the Pavilion and all members of the community are welcome. For times and dates please telephone 2089 0409.

Creigiau 23 is a society which exists for promoting fellowship within the community and to support ,both financially and practically, organisations in the surrounding area. They meet monthly in Creigiau Golf Club and the current Chairman is Chris Wilson, 2089

This year's Carnival Events are: Fun Run in the Recreation Field Saturday 18th June at 10.30 am. Junior Disco and Queen and Attendants election in the Church Hall

Monday 20th June.

Carnival Saturday 25th June with procession from the green in Parc Y Fro at 1.30 pm.

The Carnival Committee meet regularly from January onwards and all are welcome at these meetings and to help at the events. The Chairman is Gareth Williams on 2089 2283.

H.D.Chorlton Chairman CRAMC

life. The police are currently receiving fewer youth annoyance calls. The 'hot spots' of the area are still Creigiau Park / Recreation ground and High Corner in Pentyrch, especially on a Friday and Saturday night. Quantities of alcohol have been confiscated from under aged children and destroyed. Damage has been caused in these areas with graffiti and littering also being a problem. A number of first warning letters have been served on local youths in an effort to combat this.

POST CODING ITEMS / CYCLE CODING

Pentyrch Police Station will be open between 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 9th April 2005 in order for cycles / mobile telephones to be post coded. This is now done with a permanent marker pen which will show up via ultra violet light.

PRIZEWINNER OR PRIZE FOOL

Every day, people throughout the UK open their post to find they've unexpectedly won a draw, lottery or other exciting prize. While much of this mail is genuine, some of it is a dishonest attempt to trap you into parting with your money.

How do I know it's a con?

If you're asked to send money in order to claim your prize, chances are it's a scam.

The warning signs to watch for.

- 1. You must send a fee to make your claim.
- 2. The promotion is based overseas.
- 3. You are asked to send money abroad or to a PO Box number
- 4. Prizes are shown in foreign currency.
- 5. You are asked for your credit card or bank details.

What to do if you suspect a scam.

If you think it's a scam and would like to help the Office of Fair Trading investigate, send your suspect mail to; Office of Fair Trading, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8JX and inform your local Trading Standards Department about the scam.

Typical scams

- 1. Letters telling you that you've won a prize which can only be claimed if you pay a 'processing fee'. The prize in question is usually worth far less than the fee.
- 2. Letters asking you to 'invest' in a syndicate to increase your chance of winning a high-stake lottery overseas. [these may result in unauthorised withdrawals from your credit card account.]
- 3. Mailings from alleged clairvoyants in Holland or Switzerland inviting you to send money in exchange for good luck.
- 4. Awards or other notifications of large prize wins. The small print requires you to send money for a piece of jewellery, which turns out to be virtually worthless.
- 5. Official-looking invoices for payment to release a 'shipment' addressed to you.

IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.

COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES YOUTH EFFORT

Awards have been made to seven young people for their contribution to village life in Pentyrch.

During the summer, the Pentyrch Community Action Focus Group invited nominations of young people who had made positive contributions to the community. As a result, this year's Pentyrch Youth Awards were recently presented to:

- · Katie Cragg Church chorister
- · Jennifer Cragg Church chorister
- · Louise Evans Church chorister
- · Danielle Iannucci for helping to design a centrepiece in the local shopping centre.
- · Stephanie Micallef for work with local Brownies
- · Olivia Prankard-Smith Church chorister
- · Rachel Rees Church chorister

Pentyrch Community Action Focus Group was founded in early 2004 by Pentyrch Community Council, Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch and Ymlaen Pentyrch. It aims to develop stronger ties between young people and the wider community through provision of facilities and activities. The Focus Group consists of seven people who live in the village together with the Community Police Officer, and reports to a Community Action Group, made up

Allotments for all

You are probably already aware of the UK Allotment Regeneration Initiative, which seeks to help more people get growing on allotment sites. More details of our work are available on the website [www.farmgarden.org.uk/ari].

A national network of volunteer Mentors has recently been appointed to offer advice on all aspects of allotment activity. I have taken on this responsibility in South Wales, and hopefully, with fourty years experience of working on the land, [including eighteen as an allotment-holder in Cardiff], I can be of some assistance to you? I aim to help with problem areas such as site administration, neglect, selfmanagement, fund-raising, wastemanagement, or whatever problems there may be.

There is no charge for this service. For information contact Philip G Ward. Allotment Regeneration Initiative Mentor for South Wales on 02920 480296.

of representatives from village organisations and the Community Council.

Councillor Nick Webb, retiring Chair of the Focus Group, said, "Being a teenager in modern society is not easy and far too often the minority who cause trouble overshadow the many who show commitment to their community. I hope these will be the first of an annual round of awards, showing how much Pentyrch's younger generation contribute".



Pentyrch Bowling Club

Could be called the 'Top Club' in South Glam, being almost a thousand feet above sea level! It was started in 1991 by a bunch of ageing rugby players looking for a Summer recreation.

However, it is much more than a bowling facility, internal activities include Cheese 'n' Wine Lunches, Barbeques, Quizzes, Horse Racing and Murder Mystery Nights. The Club is also strongly linked with all Village activities, and in addition to the Rugby, Cricket and Tennis Clubs. The local School sends it's top year for coaching. Monday Evening 'Spoons' run by Alan Parsons reflects the enthusiasm within the Club over 36 regularly take part, with casuals dropping in, we've had 52 on one occasion!

Two Gentlemen's teams playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays and a Ladies team on a Tuesday and Thursday stretch our resources. We need some fresh recruits. Urgently. Be they experienced, novice or junior, a warm welcome is extended.

Contact the Bowls Hotline 20891850.



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An exciting development for the well known village salon in Pentyrch.

In December 2004 'Clare & Co' the local village hair salon was taken over by Jayne Gleave. The salon has now been re-named 'Halo'.

Before becoming a Hairdressing Lecturer at Coleg Morgannwg where she teaches students from total beginners up to foundation degree level, Jayne was a former employee of 'Brothers Constantinou' in Cardiff and 'Lazarou' in Whitchurch. Also, having been trained by world famous Vidal Sassoon of London and Goldwell Academy, to name but a few, Jayne feels that she can bring with her a wealth of experience in hair design to the village.

The team at 'Halo' comprises of Jayne, Louise, Lou and Julie, many of whom have worked for 'Clare & Co' for a number of years.

Jayne, whose ambition and dream has been to run her own salon, sees this as a fantastic opportunity to offer new and existing clients a top class service comparable with any of the top Cardiff salons, without having to travel into the city.

To achieve this Jayne and her team are fully committed to a continued programme of ongoing training to make sure they remain at the "cutting edge" of the Industry.

Besides offering all the regular hairdressing services, 'Halo' also specialize in many areas, one of which is 'Our Wedding Package' where we are able to design a tailor made service to suit the client's individual needs for that special day.

'Halo' will shortly be launching a new and funky range of styling products by TiGi called 'Bedhead and 'Catwalk'. These will be used in the salon and can be purchased for home use. For free advice and information you are very welcome to call at the salon or telephone 029 20891911 for appointments and opening times.

During 2005 Jayne is intending to give the salon a thoroughly new and contemporary look, whilst still keeping a friendly personal service.

The team at 'Halo' is looking forward to the exciting and new challenges ahead, and extends a warm welcome to all.



PENTYRCH PEOPLE AND DISABILITY

Now able to observe Pentyrch people from a different perspective, I confirm my former belief that they are neighbourly.

I have Parkinson's disease, a progressive, debilitating condition causing loss of balance and generalised weakness. As any once healthy person coping with disablement knows, the transition from 'healthy' to 'never-to-be-healthy-again.' is difficult. Acceptance is the remedy, however; turn and face an enemy and you usually regain control.

When ever-patient husband, Ron, suggested a mobility scooter, I recalled a childhood incident. You may be too young to remember the toddler tricycles of the 1940s, invariable red with tiny peddles which, if pumped furiously, would move you along at near walking pace. My cousin had one and I wanted one too. One day I toddled down the road to where he lived and 'stole' his from the front step. Such heart-pumping elation I felt when with peddles spinning I rolled down hill. Yes, I fell off, big time. Bleeding and wailing like a lovelorn tomcat, I ran home to a cuddle, though the telling-off came

My experience with the scooter has been less traumatic, though Ron's patience reached its limit when I overran a flowerbed. The first village trip was difficult though. Would people think me a sympathy seeker, a sham? No, older folk gave me thumbs up. Young people, though shy at first, now delight in my front and rear indicator lights and warm me with laughter as I speed away at six miles per hour.

Pentyrch people, for your sensitivity and good will, we thank you.

Sylvia. M. Parker.

Planning Chaos in Gwaelod y Garth

Who is riding rough-shod over Gwaelod y Garth? I wish I knew who was to blame. We all have a little moan about the car parking problems especially when the bus can't get through. But the biggest problem of all, I think, is people waiting for the bus to take them into Cardiff or Pontypridd only to be told that the bus won't be coming up to Garth Olwg because they can't get through owing to the number of lorries or cars blocking part of the road.

The woodland at the entrance to the village was felled last year and a lot seems to be going on there still. There also seems to be a lot of activity opposite the old Post Office. I though Wimpey Builders had taken over! Concrete blocks, builder's vans, cars – all delivering opposite the Post Office. Imagine the chaos and excitement for us old ones!

I was then told by a friend of mine that they are building offices for a financial advisor, maybe two or three staff. To me, that means two or three more cars on our only road. That's just what we need!

Then - wait for it, the building opposite the pub. As an ex-builder, I must say what a professional job they are doing. Not easy on that sloping site with difficult access problems. And when all the scaffold is taken down, windows put in. painted and landscaped, I think it will look quite good. Better than the eyesore that was there before. But what I can't fathom is that the house that was partly built there before this one was said to be too high, so wait for it again - Yes, they made them pull it down. Now, I can't be sure of this, but this new building looks just as high - possibly a little higher. Planning permission seems so easy to get nowadays. Is it left to just one man or a committee? I often wonder how they arrive at a decision. I don't think any of the planners can live here in Gwaelod y Garth! They wouldn't be able to put up with the chaos.

Russell Webb.

A CIRCUIT OF THE VILLAGE OF PENTYRCH

THIS WALK TAKES YOU AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS OF PENTYRCH ENCLOSING ALMOST THE ENTIRE VILLAGE IN A CIRCULAR WALK.

TIME: 2 HOURS APPROX.
DISTANCE: 3.5 miles approx.
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START Pen-y-Waun Pentyrch GR. 101825.

DIFFICULTY AND TERRAIN: The walk covers mainly farmland much of which is muddy, Wellington boots being advisable, there are also small road and lane sections

Easy with small climbs and descents best describes this walk.

POINTS OF INTEREST: The old village of Pentyrch lies within a Conservation area and contains the church of St. Catwg rebuilt in 1857 in the gothic style, with the well of St. Catwg flowing down Church road to form one of the three streams in Pentyrch. The second stream being crossed at the beginning of the walk. The reason for this is that Pentyrch lies on Carboniferous Limestone which is pervious to water, and only at the junction with impervious rocks does the water flow out as springs.

START

From Pen-y-Waun Pentyrch follow the road to the end of the cul de sac. To your right and easily missed is a path that starts at the top of a drive leading to Steveden House. Keep to the right hand wall cross a style and enter a field. At the bottom of this field, roughly to your right and on a N.E. bearing is a stile. Look for an old railway carriage as a guide. Caution this field is very muddy at the bottom. At the stile cross the stream and turn left and head for some stables crossing a small stile on route, then head for the gate at the top eastern corner or roughly half right across the field. Cross and head for the busy Pentyrch hill, crossing this road with care you will see a stile in front of you leading up

through Cefn Bychan fields. Quite a steep slippery climb. At the top turn left into Cefn Bychan lane until you reach the end of the houses and a stile leading to fields on your right. Follow the hedgerow on your right through the fields heading for an old barn as a guide. Soon the barn passes to your left and a view of Pentyrch village emerges to vour right. At the lane turn left and head up the lane to a stile on the right in the hedge. Enter the field, a favorite for bulls, and make your way forward then left looking for a stile in a hedgerow, then follow the hedge on your right until you meet a gate. Once though the gate head down the field keeping the fence on your left, past a way marker and to the bottom of the field. Now turn at the stile and head back up the field with the fence to your left past a stile until you reach a stile on your left near the top of the field. Cross and keep to the hedgerow to your right as you cross fields. Look out for the way markers and the view of Pentyrch just before a gap in the hedge as you turn to descend the hill bearing left to a stile tucked into the

Once over, head right to the next one, then cross the field heading for the houses at the top end of the field. Cross the stile on your left to meet Church road Pentyrch. This is part of the old village of Pentyrch and contains some nice old houses; it is also a conservation area. Walk down the road to your left taking care to avoid any traffic as there is no footway, and after passing the last house on your left a kissing gate is reached on the right. Steps lead to another gate then a pleasant walk through woodland, attractive in the springtime, leads to a way maker where you turn right and follow the fence through a very boggy field till you reach a house and the road for Craig-y-Parc. Turn right and head up the road until you reach a kissing gate on your left, enter the field and pass by Elm cottage on your right. A series of gates and stiles bring you to the road leading to Creigiau know as Heol Pant-y-Gored. Cross this busy

road with care and enter the field opposite via a stile and head straight across to a stile in the left corner of the field.

This takes you through the ruins of Brista Fach an old cottage dating from 1899 and once used for stocking leather supplied from Bristol. Head up the field keeping the fence to your left until you reach an old dirt track. Please note that this section is extremely muddy, especially in winter. Turn right for a short distance along the track looking for a stile off to the left near the fence boundary. Again the conditions under foot are very marshy, and no definite path can be seen. From the next field walk half right towards a stile in the top corner leading you on to Tyn-y-Coed road. Straight over the road the next stile brings you back into farm fields. The way here is not clear but head towards the Garth Mountain peak in the distance, roughly half right across the field. Cross a stile turn right and cross a gate onto Mountain road turning right again and following the road down to Pen -y-Waun on your left.

Simon John Roberts

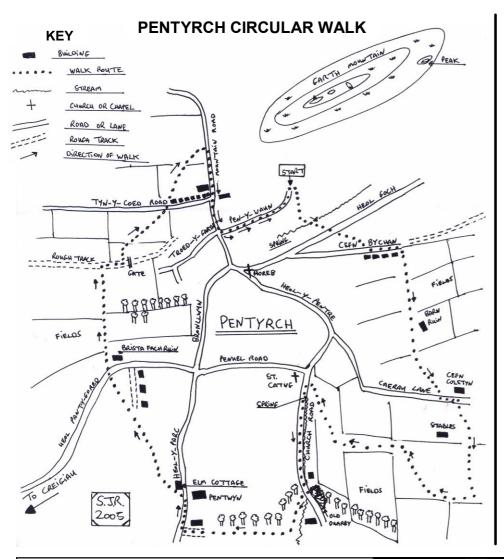


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CREIGIAU W. I.

The ladies of Creigiau W.I. have continued in their usual busy way over the last few months. Every one enjoyed our Birthday Dinner in the golf club in October. In November we had an interesting talk by Mr Hayden Walters from the Royal Mint unfortunately no free samples. December was a busy Christmas season with a Carol service on 9th December and a very successful Christmas Party on the 14th.

The New Year started with Mrs Ruth Mumford's information on Cardiff in Bloom competition and we need all our keen gardeners to take part and win some prizes for the village. Look out this year for the new Cardiff daffodil, which has been planted all around Cardiff to commemorate the centenary, bulbs will not be available to the public until a later date. In February we had an informative and interesting evening with Mr Bill Lee telling us all about bees.

We have a varying programme for the coming year check the posters around the village, we also have walks and trips being arranged to keep us busy into the summer months, why not come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month, all welcome.



Easter Message from Rev John Binny, Vicar of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern

Dear Friends.

March 27th is Easter Day – the clocks and watches go forward one hour to British Summer Time and the longer hours of daylight seem to have arrived, together with the springtime and the end of winter.

We celebrate this, but also we celebrate a wonderful victory – the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. After three days in the garden tomb o Joseph of Arimathea following His Crucifixion on Good Friday in His love for us, the risen Jesus is alive and lives for evermore! This is the message of Easter.

In 1815 the Battle of Waterloo was fought and of course the British were looking to General Wellington to defeat Napoleon Bonaparte. They had no radio or telegraph or telephone to get the message to everyone at home. So they used semaphore signals to flash the message in a series of relays on vantage points from the scene of the battle. Eventually it came to Winchester Cathedral and the men there began to repeat the message so that it would be picked up and flashed to London. Letter by letter is was spelled out - Wellington defeated - then came a blanket of fog. Everyone was so gloomy. Wellington had lost. Then later the fog cleared and the disappointed people saw the semaphore arm beginning to move again -Wellington defeated the enemy! despair turned to joy.

On Good Friday and the next day Jesus's followers huddled together in fear and were afraid the message was *Jesus defeated*. Then came the news *Jesus has defeated the enemy*! He had won a victory. despair turned to joy.

Good Friday and Easter Day tell us that Jesus won a victory over sin and death through his death and resurrection.

In our lives we shall know times of disappointment, sadness and despair. But because of Easter Day the love

of God seen in Jesus on the Cross for you and me gives us the promise that if we will let Him into our lives the risen Jesus is alive with each of us for ever more. As Jesus has conquered sin and death and promises us new life in this world and the next we can always look to Him in good times and bad in the knowledge He is always there with us.

Out of darkness God brings goodness and hope. Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A very Happy Easter to you all John W. Binny.

The Vicarage, Church Road, Pentyrch, Cardiff. CF15 9QF Tel: 029 20890318.

Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Lianilitern Services for Holy Week

and Easter 2005

Palm Sunday, 20th March 9.00am St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch. Sung Eucharist. 10.30am St David's Church, Groesfaen: Sung Eucharist

10.30am. Capel Llanilltern Church. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

6.00pm. St Catwg's Church: Parish Meditation in Words and Music for Holy Week.

Palm Crosses will be distributed at these services

Monday, 21st March 7.00pm. St Catwg's Pentyrch – Holy Eucharist Tuesday 22nd March

10.00am St David's Groesfaen: Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd March

10.00am St Catwg's Pentyrch: Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, 24th March 7.30pm. St Catwg's Pentyrch – Holy Eucharist and Watch of the Passion until 9.30pm

CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

2005 promises to be an interesting and fulfilling year for the Companions. Readers will remember that we are a retirement Group and we meet fortnightly in Creigiau Church Hall. We get together on Thursdays afternoons starting at 2.15pm. You can see the actual dates we meet on the notice board outside the hall.

We enjoyed a rousing start to the New Year when a group from Cantorion Creigiau treated us to a musical medley. Since then we have been entertained with more music and a fascinating account of Christmas in Los Angeles. Interesting talks and social afternoons are scheduled for the coming months and the summer outing this year will include a trip on the Brecon Mountain Railway.

Membership has increased since last summer's leaflet drop. Some of our members have retired to Creigiau to be near relatives and have found that joining the Companions has been an excellent way to make friends and become part of the community. Newcomers will always find a warm welcomenot to mention the tea and biscuits!

Good Friday, 25th March. 1.00am St David's Groesfaen – Liturgy and Devotions

2.00pm St Catwg's Pentyrch – Liturgy and Devotions

Easter Day, 27th March

8.00am St Catwg's Pentyrch - Holy Eucharist

8.00am St David's Groesfaen – Holy Eucharist

9.00am St Catwg's Pentyrch – Sung Eucharist

10.30am St David's Groesfaen – Sung Eucharist

10.30am Capel Llanilltern Church – Holy Eucharist and Hymns

6.00pm St Catwg's, Pentyrch – Evensong

A very warm welcome to all our services.

CANTORION CREIGIAU

Ganol mis Medi, dyma ni'n gadael am ein trydydd ymweliad â Laigueglia (ar arfordir Liguria yn yr Eidal). Fel arfer, cawsom groeso cynnes iawn gan y bobl leol. Roedd yn benwythnos dathlu Gŵyl San Matteo. Ar y nos Wener, cawsom gyngerdd mawreddog yn eglwys gadeiriol Laigueglia ac ar y nos Sadwrn, aethom i'r dref gyfagos, Alassio, i berfformio yn yr eglwys yno. Ar y ddwy noson, cawsom gyfraniad gan gôr meibion lleol, Coro Capo Mele, a gwnaethom fwynhau y canu unigryw, digyfeiliant yn fawr iawn. Ar ôl y ddau gyngerdd roedd cyfle i gymdeithasu gyda phasta a gwin a baratowyd gan aelodau o'r côr lleol.

Ar wahân i'r canu, aethom ar wibdaith i'r Cinque Terre - teithio ar fws drwy Genova ac wedyn mordaith i fwynhau'r golygfeydd o'r pump pentre unigryw yma o'r môr. Bu rhai pobl yn cerdded yn y mynyddoedd lleol, teithio ar y trên i San Remo, mynd ar wibdaith i Portofino, yn ogystal â manteisio ar y tywydd braf i ymlacio ar y traeth.

Bythefnos yn ddiweddarach, roeddem yn gwynebu glaw a gwynt wrth deithio i Aberaman i gynnal cyngerdd i godi arian dros elusen Macmillan.

Yng nghanol mis Hydref, aethom i Eglwys St Andrew yn Cheltenham lle cawsom y cyfle i gynnwys gosodiad Peter Teague i eiriau Gweddi'r Arglwydd. Roedd y cyfansoddwr yn y gynulleidfa ac yn amlwg yn hapus iawn i glywed ei waith am y tro cyntaf.

Ym mis Tachwedd buom yn diddanu cynhadledd 'Credit Unions' yng ngwesty'r Marriott, Caerdydd.

Ymlaen wedyn at fis Rhagfyr. Ar y 17^{eg} cawsom Noson Lawen yn cynnwys gweithgareddau digri gan nifer o aelodau'r côr o dan arweiniad Eric Willis. Codwyd dros £900 i'w rannu rhwng cronfa Neuadd yr Eglwys, Y Creigiau ac Eglwys Capel Llanilltern.

Dau ddiwrnod yn ddiweddarach, cawsom ein Cyngerdd Carolau blynyddol yn Neuadd yr Eglwys, Creigiau. Unwaith eto, roedd y neuadd yn llawn a chodwyd dros £200 fel cyfraniad at yr Uned Fabanod yn Ysbyty Frenhinol Morgannwg. Roedd yn bleser cael cwmni y Parch John Binny, ficer y plwyf, ar y noson.

Fel diweddglo i'r flwyddyn, cynhaliom barti Nos Galan, eto yn Neuadd yr Eglwys, Creigiau. Roedd hon yn noson lwyddiannus iawn a, thrwy haelioni'r bobl oedd yn bresennol, codwyd dros £250 drwy raffl tuag at gronfa'r drychineb yn ne ddwyrain Asia.

Yn olaf, digwyddiad pwysig iawn yn



Eglwys Gadeiriol, Laigueglia Cathedral

In mid-September, we left for our third visit to Laigueglia (on the Ligurian coast of Italy). As usual, we had a warm welcome and continuing hospitality during our stay. The feast of San Matteo was being celebrated over the week-end and we were pleased to be part of that. On the Friday evening, we performed in the Cathedral in Laigueglia and on Saturday, in the large church in the nearby town of Alassio, on both occasions to large and enthusiastic audiences. We had learnt some songs in Italian and these were well received! On both nights we were joined by the local men's Choir, Coro Capo Mele, and enjoyed their unique style of unaccompanied music. We also enjoyed the pasta and wine prepared by members of this choir after both concerts.

Apart from the formal events, there was the opportunity to take a conducted coach trip to Cinque Terre with a stop on the way to visit the Aquarium in Genova. We enjoyed a boat trip to observe these picturesque villages from the sea. Some took the opportunity of walking in the mountains nearby, taking the train to San Remo, taking a coach trip to Portofino or simply relaxing on the beach.

Two weeks later, we were braving the elements as we travelled to Aberaman, to perform a concert in aid of the Macmillan charity at the newly-refurbished miners' hall there.

hanes y côr oedd cwblhau recordio a chynhyrchu crynoddisg newydd – 'Unwaith Eto - Cantorion Creigiau - Once again', dan label Sain. Rydym yn falch iawn o'r cynhyrchiad a gobeithio y cawn gefnogaeth yn lleol i brynu/ gwerthu'r CD.

Mid-October, we travelled to St Andrew's Church, Cheltenham and had the pleasure to perform Peter Teague's composition to the words of The Lord's Prayer in front of the composer. It was the first time for him to hear it performed and he was very pleased with the result.

Mid-November, we provided after dinner entertainment at the conference dinner of Credit Unions held at the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff.

Then came the busy month of December, with activities starting on the 17th with an evening of sketches and humorous musical items organised by Eric Willis to raise money for the Creigiau Church Hall Appeal and Capel Llanilltern Church. In excess of £900 was raised.

Two days later, the annual Choir Carol Concert was held in the Church Hall. Once again the hall was full and over £200 was raised for the Baby Unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. It was a pleasure to welcome the Rev John Binny, vicar of the parish, to the concert.

As the finale to the year, a New Year's Eve party was held at the Church Hall. It was a very successful evening culminating in a generously supported raffle which raised over £250 for the Tsunami Appeal Fund.

Finally, a very important activity came to fruition – our new CD, 'Unwaith Eto – Cantorion Creigiau – Once Again' was completed and produced under the Sain label. We are very pleased with the result and we hope we can rely on local support in buying and/or selling the CD.

Creigiau Pottery



I started working in Creigiau Pottery in 1967 and worked there for 18 months. I worked Monday to Thursday l0am - 3pm and l0am - 1 pm on Friday for the grand sum of one pound and two shillings per week. I used to walk to and from Tynant every day to the Pottery in all weathers, public transport was very limited.

I was one of 3 ladies who worked in the workshop putting the handles on cups, marking the rims on the saucers, hand turning the lines and stacking the items ready for firing. While I was there they started using the gold lustre finish on the outside with either a royal blue or pale green inside. After the firing the items were returned to us in the workshop for finishing. We would work a whole week on only one product, for example saucers then the following week would be the cups.

Mr Southgate owned the pottery but we didn't see much of him as he stayed mainly in his office or in the shop. He also facilitated the visits of the school parties who came to look around the pottery.

The pottery had two main areas, the shop and the workshop. The workshop was divided in two with Mr Howe the Potter on one side and Gwen Nash, May Beams and myself on the other. Gwen had worked there for a long time and was the more senior of the three of us. We all had young families hence the 10am start and the 3 pm finish. There was also an 'oddjob' man employed on an occasional basis.

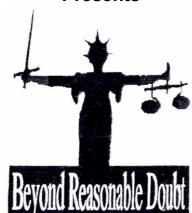
Mr Howe designed some of the ranges and was a very skilled Potter.

Part of the Community Council's Creigiau Pottery collection

I remember my time at Creigiau Pottery with fondness. There was always a lot of work and the three of us were kept busy all day. Facilities were very basic, no heating and hard stools with no backs but it was a very friendly, happy place to work.

Alma Redding





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New Public Convenience for Pentyrch

Following numerous complaints about lack of toilet facilities in Pentyrch, planning permission has been granted for a portable loo to be sited in the newly-refurbished village shopping precinct. Following consultations with the Health and Safety Executive, the council has looked at several different types and finally decided on the Russian-made 'Parlif Loo' as being best suited for the village. They are box-shaped, with a domed twirly roof, similar to those seen on the Kremlin, Moscow. Painted in bright yellow, they have a Hammer and Sickle motif on the door and a portrait of comrade Stalin inside. The air conditioned loos are made of toughened plastic and are vandal-proof, although this depends on the level of violence any vandal may direct at them. There will be an emergency telephone in the cubicle should anyone get locked in or if any savage dogs prevent you from getting out. There will also be piped music featuring a variety of melodies to suit all ages, as well as hourly news updates, traffic reports and weather bulletins. Councillors are also negotiating a deal to provide free internet access in the loo. To gain entry, users will have to purchase a 50p brass token which will be available in all local shops.

Although considered safe, this particular type of loo has had some problems. They seem to be prone to lightning strikes and several have been badly damaged as a result. They also have a tendency to toppleover in windy weather, and the manufacturers now recommend bolting them to the ground. Also, several users have allegedly suffered electric shocks while sitting on them

The new loo will be on public display in Pentyrch village hall between 9am and 12 noon on Friday April 1st. Councillors and representatives of the manufacturers will be present to answer any questions and give demonstrations on how to use the loo.

Idwal Gruffydd.

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Robin Sowden-Taylor



Cap cyntaf yn Rhufain

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HELSINKI FEBRUARY 2005

At 7.00am on the morning of Sunday 6th February a party of 16 children and 4 adults left Pentyrch bound for Helsinki. Once again we were to visit our friends at Suutarila School. The party

was accompanied by Class 1's mascot, Barnaby Bear. We arrived at 4.20pm local time, to be met by headteacher Kari Toyryla. Kari made sure we were settled in our hotel and that evening we enjoyed a pizza in a local restaurant.

On Monday we spent the day at the Heureka Science Centre. The children enjoyed the 'hands-on' exhibits and experiments. They had a chemistry lesson on acids and alkalis in the laboratory and had a guided tour of the Tyrannosaurus Rex exhibition. In the I-Max Cinema we saw a fabulous film on dolphins. We also enjoyed refreshments in Café Einstein.

Our hosts took us to the city centre on Tuesday. We visited the Olympic Stadium and took in the view from the tower. We then walked alongside a frozen river to the National Museum and had a guided tour. We visited the Forum Shopping Centre for lunch, before walking to the Senate Square and the Cathedral. We then travelled by tram to Kaivopuisto Park where we enjoyed sledging and a barbecue.

On Wednesday we spent the day at Suutarila School. The children took part in lessons such as woodwork and music,



before going sledging near the school. In the evening the children visited the homes of their Finnish friends and enjoyed traditional hospitality. Everyone felt that this was the highlight of the week.

Thursday was another highlight. Our hosts took us to the Talma Ski Centre and

gave us ski lessons. The conditions were perfect: clear blue skies, crisp snow and cold air. The children quickly got used to skiing and had a great time. We enjoyed a quick lunch of barbecued sausages, as we didn't want to miss any time on the slopes!! That evening there was a snowstorm. We travelled into Helsinki from our hotel by train. It was quite an experience to stand by the harbour and see the snow blowing in from the Baltic! We did a little shopping and visited the Cathedral Square before catching a tram back to the station. In the evening we enjoyed a game of ten-pin bowling.

On our last day, we visited Suutarila School in the morning. We attended morning assembly and were presented with gifts of a Finnish flag, some wooden games and a Moomin doll. In the afternoon we again visited the Heureka Science. Then it was time to head for the airport and home. We arrived in Pentyrch at about midnight, tired but elated!

Our friends from Helsinki visit us in April and we are looking forward to welcoming them to Wales.

Pentyrch Primary - School Inspection

In October, a team from the University of Wales, Newport, led by Mr. Allan Fear, inspected Pentyrch Primary School. The inspectors noted that as a school we are striving to improve. Many of the strengths of our school were acknowledged, whilst recommendations for future development were clearly identified.

It was pleasing to note that the inspectors recognised our pupils' positive attitudes to learning and their good behaviour. They acknowledged the valuable role parents play in the life of the school. The inspectors valued the contribution that the governors make to the school's development and improvement. They also commented on the good working relationships between teachers, support staff and pupils.

The report recognises the quality of the school's own self-evaluation report and school improvement plan. The inspection team agreed with the majority of the school's judgements about its work. Our self-evaluation process has highlighted several of the issues identified by the inspection team as requiring attention. The shortcomings identified in the report will be incorporated into the current school improvement plan.

The staff and governors are not complacent and will make strenuous efforts to meet the recommendations put forward by the inspection team. We are confident that we can work together with pupils and parents to continue to raise standards at our school.

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Planning Applications to February 2005

04/02661/W Limes View Properties, Unit 2, Taffs Well Industrial Estate, Gwaelod-y-Garth,

Alterations.

04/02747/W Mr T Curtis-Williams, 2 Maes Yr Hafod, Creigiau

First Floor Side and Front Extension and Balcony

04/02822/W Mr & Mrs I Pottle, 42 Parc Y Fro, Creigiau

Two Storey Side Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension.

04/02826/W Mr R Watkins, Cefn Bychan Farmhouse, Cefn Bychan

to Demolish Existing Farmhouse and Barns and Build Two New Houses

04/02828/W Mr & Mrs M Grant, Fernbank, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau Single Storey Side and Rear Extension

A/04/00207/W Limes View Properties, Unit 2, Taffs Well Industrial Estate, Gwaelod-y-Garth

Coca Cola Signage As Detailed On Drawing No. 5030602/M7003, Lettering to West Elevation 9 Metres Long By 1.5 Metres High Saying 'Coca Cola Enterprises Ltd', Coca Cola Roundal to South Elevation Approximately 2 Metres In Diameter.

04/02861/W Mr A Dunn, 5 Maes Y Sarn, Pentyrch

Extension to First Floor above Existing Garage.

04/02905/W Mr Martin Ford, Graig Y Channel, Heol Pantygored

The Building Will Be Dismantled and The Materials Stored For Use In A New Construction As Far As Possible. The Base Will Be Made Good As A Hardstanding.

04/02908/W Gwaelod Y Garth Inn, Main Road, Gwaelod Y Garth

Alteration to Existing Roof & Entrance and Second Window & Door Added to Rear Elevation.

04/02912/W Mr & Mrs H Tudor, Enville, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau

Single Storey Extension to Rear of Property with Mono Pitched Roof to Provide Additional Kitchen, Dining and Family Area

04/02917/W R Whiteman, Plot Adjacent to Ardwyn, Main Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth

Amendments to Elevation and Inclusion of Basement Floor to New House Previously Approved Ref No. 01/1250

04/02918/W J Davies, Dwrlyn Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Capel Llanilltern

Erection of 3 No. 2 Storey New Houses with Private Access Road

04/02925/W Mrs M Palmer, Ty Isaf, Gwaelod Y Garth

Two Storey Extension to Rear of Property

04/02958/W Mr B Prichard, Yr Odyn,, Penuel Road. Pentvrch

2 No. 3 Bed Dwellings with Integral Parking.

04/02976/W Mr G Oakes, 11 Dol Y Felin, Creigiau

Two Storey Rear Extension and Loft and Side Windows

04/02978/W Phillip Shone, Bethlehem Cottage, School Lane, Gwaelod Y Garth Erection of Garage within Existing Garden

04/02979/W Mr & Mrs P Angell, 14 Maes-y-Dderwen, Creigiau

Single Storey Side Extension to Provide Utility Room and Larger Kitchen/ Dining Area

04/02980/W Village Hall Committee, Pentyrch Village Hall, Heol-y-Bryn, Pentyrch

External Works - Provision of Paved Car Parking and Pedestrian Areas. Provision of Disabled Access to Village Hall

04/03020/W Mr M Courtney, Tregwent, Penuel Road, Pentyrch Demolition of Existing Bungalow and Construction of New Flats.

04/03120/W R e q u e s t F o r Observations, Tyn Y Coed Quarry, Formal Revision to Planning Application 04/1715/15 to Vary Condition 1 of Planning Consent T/99/2369/10 to Read "The Development Hereby Permitted Shall Be Begun within Six Months of The Date of This Planning Permission"

05/00021/W Mr & Mrs Jones, Tryfan, Cardiff Road, Creigiau

Proposed Front Elevation Single Storey Extension

05/00073/W Mr & Mrs R James, 3 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau

Construction of 2 Storey Dwelling and Detached Garage

05/00229/W Stephen Short, Land Adjacent to Fairfield Avenue Industrial Estate, Gwaelod-Y-Garth

Erection of 4 No. Industrial Units Permitted For Following Uses:-Business (Use Class Order B1), General Industrial (Use Class Forder B2), Storage Or Distribution (Use Class Order B8)

05/00234/W Mr Mensikov, 'Esinore', Nant Y Ffynon, Capel Llaniltern Detached Garage Workshop and Store

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TOTAL COLLECTED FOR 2004 REG CHARITY NO. 219279

Creigiau Golf Club	£ 25.33
Craig-y-Parc School	£ 34.26
Pentyrch Post Office	£ 28.18
Pentyrch Primary School	£ 25.78
St Catwg's Church	£ 23.59
Doctors Surgery	£ 27.40
King's Arms	£ 32.54
Pentyrch RFC	£ 14.97
HC Jones Butcher	£ 117.64
Follis Paper Shop	£ 72.28
Lewis Arms	£ 44.83
Gwaelod y Garth Primary	School
	£ 108.66
Gwaelod-y-Garth Inn	£34.75
Old Drift Garage	£ 9.46
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£ 599.67

05/00297/W Mr & Mrs S Mackay, 28 Parc-y-Coed, Creigiau

Conservatory

Total

05/00344/W Mr & Mrs Zarifian, Llwyn Y Brain Bach Farm, Creigiau Part Demolition and Rebuild of, Plus Alterations to and Extension of Existing Dwelling House, Erection of Detached Garage and Stable Block

05/00366/W Forgeside, Church Road, Pentyrch

Construction of 12 New 2 Bedroom Residential Units on 3 Levels with Associated Car Parking For 20 Vehicles

05/00409/W Conservation Area Consent, Forgeside, Church Road,
Pentyrch

Demolition of Existing Garage and Bungalow

05/00372/W Mr & Mrs A J Wright, 17 Pant Glas, Pentyrch

Upper Storey Bedroom Extension to Rear and Pitch Roof over Garage

05/00386/W Mrs R James, 3 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau

Front Porch and Single Storey Rear Extension

Gorsaf yr Heddlu 1 Heol Penuel Pentyrch

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Jeff Canning	62 Parc y Fro	Creigiau	20892464
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Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

Thursday — 17th Mar, 7th Apr, 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th June, 30th June **Gwaelod y Garth**

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11.00 - 12.15 Lewis Arms 12.25 - 12.50 Maes v Sarn 2.00 - 2.30Bron Haul, Pentyrch 2.40 - 3.50Bronllwyn, Pentyrch

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