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## Pentyrch Primary School Centenary Celebrations

This year we are celebrating 100 years of education at the current Pentyrch primary school site! On Tuesday 3 July the children and staff enjoyed the Edwardian School Day. We all dressed up in the clothes of the time and the children experienced something of what life was like in this school in 1907. They undertook formal lessons in handwriting, arithmetic and playground drill. In our assembly they heard 'The Parable of the Sower'. Ross Lang misbehaved and received 'two strokes of the cane'! At playtime the children played with hoops, tried skipping and played marbles. In the afternoon we had a party!

On Friday 6 July we held our Centenary Exhibition in the School Hall. The children's work and research was on display. We also had historical artefacts relating to the last 100 years, kindly loaned by parents and friends of the school.

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## Hilltop Completes 5 Years



Hilltop Theatre Company are celebrating the completion of 5 annual seasons at Pentyrch. The group was founded in the summer of 2002, and opened in September the same year. Following consultations with local historians Hilltop are claiming to be the longest surviving amateur theatrical group in the history of Pentyrch. In fact this could be somewhat misleading, as Hilltop is not just surviving but positively thriving. The group puts on three major productions per year, and in most years manage 2 extra performance evenings – a very busy schedule.

Founding chairman Bob Petersen commented "Our total audience

numbers for the three major productions have increased steadily each year, from 797 in the inaugural 2002/3 year, to 1,102 attending in 2006/7, and there is no reason that the record cannot be beaten again this year". This optimism is reiterated by current chairman (at time of writing) Martyn Lench who explained, "We have always presented a very wide range of type of production, a policy we intend to continue."

Martyn makes his directing debut with the best selling author Terry Pratchett's "Wyrd Sisters" which could be described as taking Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and turning it up 'till the knob comes off'. This comedy will be presented on 6th – 8th December 2007 and tickets can be ordered on 02920 891528. This will be followed in April 2008 with Bob directing the hugely popular Lionel Bart musical "Oliver", based on Dickens's "Oliver Twist". Another new director Helen Page will present the summer production "Steel Magnolias" in July 2008 a heart rending drama set in Louisiana, U.S.A.

Anyone interested in being involved with Hilltop only has to turn up at the Village Hall on a Thursday or Sunday from 7.30 p.m., and they may find a very demanding but rewarding hobby, make new friends, have a great time and be part of an activity which enriches community life.



*Nadolig Llawen  
 a Blwyddyn  
 Newydd Dda*

*Merry Christmas  
 and a  
 Happy New Year*

*Cyngor Cymuned  
 Pentyrch  
 Community Council*

## YMCHWIL AR MYRR

Bu Catrin Heledd Middleton o'r Creigiau, sydd ar hyn o bryd yn astudio geneteg ym Mrhifysgol Caeredyn, yn gwneud gwaith ymchwil dros yr haf yn labordy yr Athro Delme Bowen yn ysgol Biowyddorau, Prifysgol Caerdydd.

Bu yn astudio effaithiadau cemegolion o'r planhigyn Myrr ar dyfiant a marwolaeth celloedd cancr y fron. Dangosodd ei gwaith fod dosrhaniad o'r cemgau Myrr yn difa y celloedd cancr drwy broses arbennig o hunan laddiad. Bu Catrin yn cydweithio hefyd gyda Dr Jon Court, gynt o ysbyty Felindre, sydd bellach yn ymchwilydd yn labordy Delme. Byddant, maes o law, yn cyhoeddu eu gwaith ar ffurf poster fydd yn cael eu arddangos yn y Brifysgol. Mi fydd y gwaith yn debyg o gael ei eangu y flwyddyn nesaf os caiff y labordy arian pellach o Frwsel.

## MYRRH RESEARCH

Catrin Heledd Middleton from Creigiau, who is currently studying Genetics at Edinburgh University, has been undertaking research over the summer in Professor Delme Bowen's laboratory at the School of Biosciences, Cardiff University. She has been investigating the effects of chemicals isolated from the Myrrh plant on the growth and death of human breast cancer cells. Her work has shown that at particular doses chemicals from Myrrh induce a special kind of cell suicide in cancer.

Catrin also worked with Dr Jon Court previously based at Velindre Hospital but now working as a research associate in Delme's laboratory. They plan to publish and display their results at the University and hopefully extend the work next year, if funds become available from Brussels.

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## PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

Have you seen the fantastic new floor?

During the summer break the Hall has been a whirlwind of activity with the stage curtains down for cleaning; new skirting, the front of the stage changed; repair made to the Committee Room roof and the floor.

After a great deal of research it was agreed to use heavy duty vinyl flooring in the form of wood-like panels. The badminton court was outlined in a different colour (saving £150 annually on repainting) and the back lobby was floored in a sheet vinyl, with a carpet at the entrance.

A total amount of £20,000 was spent, the vast majority coming from Landfill Trust (gained with the help of Ymlaen Pentyrch) and an insurance claim dating from 2006. As I write, a donation has been received from Pentyrch Open Gardens to pay for the cleaning of the curtains and the decorating of the lobby and toilet area.

The committee is very grateful to all the organisations and individuals who help the hall maintain the standard set 30 years ago. A special thank you to Richard Porch who was our Project Manager and who gave so much time and expertise to the Hall.

Fundraising continues with a quiz on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carols and Christmas Market on November 30<sup>th</sup> and a Children's Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

A Night at the Opera (a Queen tribute band) is being organised for January 2008.

If anyone would like information, tickets, to offer to help please contact me, Barbara Rodd 2089 1584

# Eisteddfod

GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU

Caerdydd a'r Cylch 2008

## Cyngerdd Nadolig Ysgolion y Cylch

7.00 pm, Tachwedd 23ain  
Yn Neuadd y Pentref, Pentyrch

**Tocynnau: £5 i oedolion.  
£2 i blant.**



2007 will go down in history as the year of the rain!! The Open Gardens Weekend was wet but not miserable, thanks to the fantastic support of gardeners, villagers and visitors.

The organisation proved again how much can be achieved when everyone has the same aim. The catering, advertising, raffle, plant sales and publicity were all a huge success - all supported by a large group of volunteers in the Hall and on the buses during the weekend. The year ended with a profit of £4274, even though only £860 was brought in by ticket sales (£1888 in 2006). The grants awarded can be seen below - don't forget to apply by May 2008.

At the A.G.M. in September acknowledgement was made of the huge contribution by Helen Edwards and Barbara Rodd to the Open Gardens organisation. As a result of the formation of the group, £30,000 has been given away to local causes over the last 8 years - quite an achievement.

Barbara and Helen are both becoming 'mere' gardeners next year and leaving the organisation in the capable hands of Jeanette and Chris Troughton.

If you would like to be involved in this community event please let them know: telephone number 029 2089 9331.

### DONATIONS 2007

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Pentyrch Village Hall             | £1450 |
| Pentyrch Bowling Club             | £140  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pentyrch Brownies | £150  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Pentyrch Brownies | £100  |
| Pentyrch Darby & Joan Club        | £200  |
| Pentyrch W.I.                     | £150  |
| Llys y Waun Care Home Resident    | £250  |
| Matthew Smith                     | £300  |

## Cardiff Eisteddfod 2008

### Schools Christmas Concert

7.00 pm, November 23rd  
At Pentyrch Village Hall,

**Tickets: £5 adults.  
£2 children.**



# Dynevor Gardening Association

The Dynevor Gardening Association (which may be more familiar to you as the Creigiau Allotments) established a Social Committee at its AGM this year. Initially it was suggested that it should be a Ladies' Committee but this was rejected on the basis of sex discrimination! However, we have yet to recruit a man to our ranks!

Our aim is to encourage social events and interaction among members. So far we have organised a skip for removal of rubbish, had two successful plant swaps, a regular newsletter, a scarecrow competition and a BBQ. We hope to attract a speaker in the autumn and next year may hold an Open Day.

In common with many allotment sites across Britain we are attracting more families and women to our plots. All are welcome but there is a waiting list at present. For further information please contact our Chairman Mike Beaman on 029 20 891257



## The winning scarecrow made by Chris Barber and family



**Eric the Viking by David Jones and family (2<sup>nd</sup> prize)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition was this  
cyber scarecrow created by  
Sian Thomas and family**

# Frog Pond

# Pwll Broga



**The David Jenkins Heritage Initiative competition was won by Class 4 at Creigiau Primary School with a magnificent collage in a riot of colour, representing the animals in the Frog Pond.**

# PENTYRCH SCHOOL CENTENARY

Pentyrch school celebrated its centenary this summer with a full events program.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the school held an Edwardian school day with the staff and pupils dressing in the costumes of the period and experiencing lessons conducted in the style of past times. Much enjoyment was had by all and much was learnt from the exercise.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July marked the Centenary Exhibition held in the school hall. Here work done by the pupils was displayed together with various artifacts relating to the school and the past century. Thanks must be given to the parents, friends, and members of the community who took the trouble to find and loan items of relevance to support this exhibition.

On visiting the exhibition myself I was impressed with the variety of objects and works that were on display, and with the great effort made by the pupils in contributing to the project. My personal highlight came as I looked at the old school register and found my mother's name and old Pentyrch address greeting me on the page. It brought home the fact that we all become part of history eventually and how recording things is so important in the documenting of past times.

Congratulations to the school and all those who contributed and may the school prosper for another hundred years.

Simon John Roberts

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# Pentyrch Sports Association

The Pentrych Sports Association (PSA) was set up some years ago following the securement of the Parc Y Dwrlyn playing fields on a very long term lease from Taff Ely Borough Council. The PSA is the umbrella organisation for all of the sports clubs that use Parc Y Dwrlyn – Bowls, Cricket, Football, Rugby and Tennis.

All 5 clubs are thriving concerns with one big aim – to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for local persons of all ages to participate and socialise in a sporting atmosphere. It is very common for people to be members of more than one of the clubs!

The PSA committee is comprised of at least one representative from each club, the Pentrych Community Council, a treasurer and secretary, and is chaired at present by John Moore (Cricket). The committee oversee all general matters from boundaries, car parking, playing surfaces and the general well-being of the Parc and users.

**Pentrych Cricket Club** have 2 teams competing in the highest divisions of Welsh League Cricket, and their junior section has a membership that grows annually. The summer of 2007 saw 5 players being selected for Wales at their age group and 10 representing the County.

**Pentrych Rugby Club** run 3 adult teams, including the much-feared Veterans XV, plus age group teams from Youth down to Under 8s. The club has for the last few of years had the largest Mini and Junior rugby section in the country. At the end of September, 20 boys aged 11 and 12 competed in a “World Cup” international tournament in Rodez in South West France - the second year running they have proudly represented Wales with much distinction against teams from all the top European rugby nations plus South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. This season the Pentrych RFC is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with many functions planned.

**Pentrych Tennis Club** is thriving – so much so that it has only recently purchased a splendid new “Alpine Chalet” style club house, and had the playing surface of the 3 tennis courts



An aerial view of Parc y Dwrlyn, Pentrych

of many local clubs. They have a busy junior section with coach Graham North helping to produce a number of excellent players of the future.

**Pentrych Rangers Football Club** were formed in 1990 and have continued to grow ever since. They now run teams from under 8s to under 16s (more than 1 team in some age groups) – their 200 plus members competing weekly in the Cardiff & District League throughout the winter.

**Pentrych Bowling Club** has developed from an idea by a rugby club member into one of the few expanding bowls clubs in the country. While other clubs are declining in numbers and some even disbanding, the club continues to attract new members - both novice and experienced. Their membership which now numbers over 75, created and built their bowling green. It has been turned from a patch of waste ground into a bowling green to rival any in South Wales.

## BEGINNERS Yoga

**Creigiau Church Hall**  
Tuesday 1.30 – 2.45 pm

**Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov  
& 4 December**

**Fees @ £4.00 a session = £20  
£5 if paying on a weekly basis**

**Everyone welcome.  
Please bring a mat  
Jan Britton Tel 029 20891084  
BrittonJan@talktalk.net**

## WELSH LANGUAGE PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY IN CREIGIAU

If you would like to introduce Welsh to your child send them to Cylch Meithrin Creigiau from 9.30 - 12 from Monday to Thursday. Please contact Lisa Evans on 02920 891777

## CYLCH MEITHRIN CREIGIAU

Os hoffech gyflwyno'r Gymraeg i'ch plentyn yna gyrrwch nhw i Gylch Meithrin Creigiau o 9.30 - 12 o ddydd Llun i ddydd Iau. Cysylltwch a Lisa Evans ar 02920 891777

## Creigiau Companions

The Companions enjoyed an unusual afternoon recently when we were entertained by a group of Handbell Ringers from Port Talbot. Our Autumn programme is receiving a good reception and membership is increasing. September began with an interesting and amusing talk on the Royal Tournament and we look forward to hearing the two Johnnies, learning how to quill a card, and of course there will be the good social occasions of the Carol Concert and the Christmas lunch.

Our meetings are a great venue for welcoming newcomers to Creigiau and negotiations are in progress for a full and interesting programme for 2008.

We meet at 2.15p.m. on alternate Thursdays in the Church Hall. If you would like more information please ring either Margery at 02920 890685 or Bronwen at 02920 890696.

## Pentyrch Bowling Club



Pentyrch Bowling Club had another successful summer. Despite the horrendously wet conditions they only had a couple of home games cancelled because of the weather. This must be due to the excellent condition of the green, which is admired by many in South Wales, and the result of a lot of hard work by green keeper Bill Malcolm.

The Ladies in particular had a tremendous season under captain Colleen O'Connor, losing narrowly in the final of the coveted Glamorgan Rose Bowl. On the league front they had their best finish yet, finishing runners-up in the Glamorgan Ladies League. The men also did well with both Saturday teams putting up excellent performances and the Wednesday team claiming some notable scalps.

Junior Bowls is growing in the village with 50 children from the primary schools of Pentyrch and Creigiau having

### Pentyrch Primary School - winners of the Pant y Gored Shield

coaching sessions at the bowls club. At the end of term the two schools again competed for the Pant Y Gored Shield, and despite winning on 2 of the rinks, Ysgol Creigiau could not stop Pentyrch Primary from retaining the trophy. It is hoped that some of those children who have now moved on to High Schools will return to the Green next spring and help boost the growing number of junior members currently playing in the teams. Playing and coaching begins again in April – contact Alan Parsons 20890390 for more details. Any children over 8 years old are welcome on Friday evenings after school. And it is FREE !

Junior members played a prominent part in the Men's teams in 2007. Harri Lewis, Joel Dyer and Gareth Downs all made their debuts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team – playing so well that they continued to be

## Fairmeadow Residents Association

Following a couple of unsavoury incidents, the residents of Fairmeadow, Pentyrch, are fighting back and have formed their own Residents Association. The first meeting was on the 9<sup>th</sup> July and there have been regular meetings ever since. It has given the community a real buzz and help has been afforded to them by Pentyrch Open Gardens and Cllr Christine Priday. The biggest problem they have encountered should be the easiest to resolve. According to Cardiff CC, Fairmeadow is not an adopted road. Quite how they have come to this conclusion, bearing in mind the area was constructed by the local authority for local authority tenants, is quite amazing.

selected for the remainder of the season. Owen Morgan was also a regular and even made his debut in winning rinks in the 1<sup>st</sup> team. It must be admired that 3 of these boys are still aged 12 and the other just 14 years old!

The Club domestic competitions were again well-contested but Captain Ian Broxton stole the show appearing in all 4 available finals and winning 3 – most notably the Men's Singles trophy for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Ladies Captain Colleen O'Connor completed the captain's double winning the Ladies Singles final. Other local celebrities in the competitions were Pentyrch lollypop lady Hazel Davies who appeared in three finals, and Creigiau lollypop man John Davies who competed in two. Young players Gareth Downs won the Junior Championship and Owen Morgan won the Novice Shield.

**Anyone interested in more details about the club should contact Secretary Howard Thomas on 20891419.**



Pentyrch Ladies  
v. Rhiwbina 3rd July 2007

Back L-R - Pat Morgan, Pat Owen, Clare Collett, Margaret Errington  
Front - Margaret Farmer, Susanne Richards, Colleen O'Connor (Captain), Janet Berry

### Pentyrch Ladies



The Junior Bowlers L-R Joel Dyer, Harri Lewis, Owen Morgan, Gareth Downs – all live in Pentyrch



## Pentyrch Primary School Centenary Celebrations (From Page 1)

Once again, we all dressed up and the School Choir entertained our visitors with Edwardian Music Hall songs. The event was very well attended. One special guest had travelled from Oxford. Mrs. Mary Searle is the great granddaughter of the school's first headmaster, 'Jones Bach'. She brought her son with her and he is doing a project on his great great grandfather's school!

In addition, we welcomed my immediate predecessor Mrs. Diana Johns. Di spent her entire teaching career at Pentyrch Primary, joining the staff in September 1965. She was headteacher from January 1980 until July 1994.

The event was very well attended and we have received a lot of positive feedback. One local resident wrote to the headteacher: 'The century rolled back, we were transported to another world – the costumes were brilliant and the exhibition fascinating. The icing on the cake was the choir and their happy rendition of those old familiar songs – sounds that filled the mind for hours!'

### Out and About!

Children from Pentyrch Primary School have enjoyed a variety of trips and visits this term. The infant classes enjoyed a trip to the seaside at Southerndown. Year 2 visited the Cog Moors Environmental Education Centre. Pupils in Year 2 and Year 3 spent a day at Duffryn Gardens, and enjoyed an open air theatre performance, as well as exploring the grounds. Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Flat Holm Project. They crossed by ferry from Cardiff Bay and spent two days learning about the nature and history of the island. Year 5 pupils spent a morning at Craig-Y-Parc School and participated in a range of activities designed to give an insight into coping with a disability. In addition, Year 5 spent a week at Llangrannog taking part

in outdoor activities and improving their Welsh. Year 6 spent a weekend at the Manor Adventure Residential Education Centre. They took part in a variety of outdoor pursuits including hill-walking, climbing, abseiling and the assault course! In addition, they enjoyed their traditional end-of-term trip to Oakwood.

### International Award

Pentyrch Primary School was one of nine Welsh Schools short-listed for the British Council and Welsh Regional Professional Development Network International School Award 2007. The award recognizes excellence in international education. Although we didn't win, we were delighted to be highly commended by the judges.

### A Grand Walk up the Garth!

Children in Years 1 and 2 took part in a sponsored walk up the Garth. The event raised over £1000, which will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment. We are very grateful to Justine Griffiths and her helpers who arranged the event. Thanks also to our sponsors.

### We are the Champions (again)!

Our tennis team won the South Wales Under 11 Championship for the second year running. Our team is pictured (from left to right): Christopher Lai, Holly Fernandez Lewis, Tara Davies and William Hayward.



### Comic Art Masterclass

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a 'Comic Art Masterclass' with Kev F. Sutherland, a comic artist who has worked on Marvel Comics and the Beano! The children were inspired to produce some wonderful comic art. By the end of the day two groups had produced their own comics.

## Creigiau Carnival



Despite the dreadful weather on 30th June, the plucky villagers of Creigiau braved the elements to ensure that the carnival went ahead as planned. Undaunted by torrential rain, everyone was determined to enjoy themselves when the circus came to Creigiau. In fact, the procession turned out to be very colourful and was led by the Samba Galles Band with its infectious drum rhythms. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Gill Bird, helped to award prizes for the fancy dress competition and carnival floats and several new stallholders joined the traditional avenue of stalls offering a diverse range of products.

The lucky programme number was 0108 but the prize was not claimed – contact us if you still have the winning programme! It really is worth keeping your carnival programme for future reference, as it contains many local adverts with some very useful contact numbers. Thanks to the local advertisers and the sale of programmes, a profit can still be made even if the weather is unfavourable. This year it was approximately £2,800 which has been divided between Creigiau 23 and C.R.A.M.C. Next year's carnival is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and the theme is 'Countries of the World'.

The Fun Run was organised this year by the Friends of Creigiau School under the auspices of the carnival committee and they raised £597 for school funds.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please send an e-mail via the website: [www.creigiau.org/carnival](http://www.creigiau.org/carnival) or contact the Chair – Chris Jones: Tel. 2089 0459.



Manor Adventure Residential  
Education Centre

Creigiau  
Fun-run



# CREIGIAU CARNIVAL FUN RUN 23 June

This year, almost 100 children and adults took part in the annual Carnival Fun Run at the Recreational Ground, in Creigiau. The Run is split into a number of different age group races, running between 1 and 3 laps of the Recreational Ground and for the second time, there was also an infants run for the under 4s (?). The 3 laps around the field are particularly gruelling for the adults. There were some fine performances, from the 'regular runners', and particular mention for our mother and daughter runners such as Lisa & Rebecca Evans and Colette and Kate Bevan who had 2 firsts and 2 seconds between them.

The spirit of the Fun Run is to simply take part, and there were a tremendous number of adults and children who made a fantastic effort to run round the Recreational Ground on a damp Saturday morning in order to help raise money for the local school. Roger Bassett Jones, coach for the Under 11s Creigiau cricket team, set a good example by running the long 3 laps. Roger was however, the only adult cricketer running this year. Perhaps next year, more of the cricketers will be able to shake off their injuries and

participate?

Managing the event was a team effort between the Carnival Committee, Creigiau 23 and Friends of Creigiau Primary School. Money raised from the £1.50 entrance fee and sponsorship of the runners is usually donated to a local village charity or organisation. This year, the money was donated to the Friends of Creigiau Primary School (fundraising committee). The constant need to raise funds is hard for all sports clubs, charities and school committees, so the donation and efforts by the runners is very much welcomed and appreciated by Creigiau Primary School.

## Results

Nursery/Meithrin 1. Aled Robins  
2. Tom Jones 3. Jac Davies.  
Yr 2 & Under Girls 1. Emma Bailey  
2. Rebecca Cuco 3. Heledd Roberts .  
Boys 1. Fergus Hodgson 2. Michael Roberts 3. Gareth Powell.  
Yr 6 & Under Girls 1. Laura Curwen.  
2. Rebecca Evans 3. Katie Thorpe  
Boys 1. Matthew Marley  
2. Ben Simmonds 3. Taylor Preece  
Yr 7-13 Girls 1. Kate Bevan  
Boys 1. Jack Lewis 2. Geraint Harcombe.  
Over 16s/Adults Women  
1. Lisa Evans 2. Colette Bevan.  
3. Judith John.  
Men 1. Eurof Davies 2. Mike Davies  
3. Ian Smyth.

# YSGOL CREIGIAU

## Dosbarth 1 a 2

Aeth Dosbarth 1 a 2 ar drip i Gapel Tabernacl, Efail Isaf ar y 12fed o Hydref. Fe gwrddon nhw â Mr Rees y Gweinidog yno. Cafodd Aled Robbins a Daniel Jones eu bedyddio. Lowri Impey oedd y fam a Joshua Holland oedd y tad. Felly fe welon nhw sut y mae plant yn cael eu bedyddio a beth sydd yn cael ei ddweud a'i addo.

Ar ôl bod yng Nghapel Tabernacl, aethon nhw i Harry Ramsden's i ddathlu. Cafon nhw ddiwrnod wrth eu boddau.

## Llangrannog

Ar benwythnos y 5-7 o Hydref, fe aeth Blwyddyn 5 a 6 yr Adran Gymraeg i Llangrannog. Roedd y stafelloedd yn daclus iawn ac roedd y gwelyau yn gyfforddus. Fe wnaethom ni lawer o weithgareddau yn cynnwys: gwibgartio, sgïo, ceirt modur, marchogaeth, nofio, canolfan treftadaeth, a llawer mwy. Ond y peth gorau oedd y ceirt modur. Roedd pawb yn mynd o amgylch y trac fel mellten!

Roedd y bwyd yn flasus iawn. Roeddem yn boeth iawn yn y disgo oherwydd fod pawb yn dawnsio ac roedden ni wedi dysgu dawns Mistar Urdd a dawns Jac y Do.

Cafodd pawb lawer o hwyl a dysgon ni lawer. Rydym ni gyd yn gobeithio mynd eto'r flwyddyn nesaf er ein bod wedi blino'n lân.



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# Community Council Highlights

## Community Sweeper for Creigiau

Sharp-eyed residents of Creigiau may have spotted the new Community Sweeper, Tom Watkins, who is based at the Creigiau Pavilion. His arrival follows the successful introduction of a Community Sweeper, Kath Britten, at Pentyrch. It should be mentioned that Kath Britten was present when a resident of Pentyrch collapsed with a heart attack at the beginning of the summer this year. Thanks to her training in first aid she went to his assistance and performed CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) until an ambulance arrived. Kath claims that she only did what anyone else would have done but nevertheless we have put her forward for an award from the Royal Humane Society.

## David Jenkins Heritage Initiative

It was decided this year to slightly alter the David Jenkins Initiative so that the whole community could benefit from the competition. Consequently we cast around for a suitable project and decided that, as the information board at the Frog Pond, Creigiau, had become sun-bleached, we would set a replacement information board as the project for the David Jenkins Initiative.

The competition was won by Class 4 at Creigiau Primary School with a magnificent collage in a riot of colour, representing the animals that should be in the Frog Pond. The judges were so impressed with the quality of their entry that it was decided to be good enough for permanent display.

The Class's teacher, Rachel Hussey, told me that, even before the details of the competition were announced, her class of 7 – 8 year olds had talked about the problems of the Frog Pond and were unhappy that they could no longer read the display board. It was their idea to re-design the information board and advise people not to add non-indigenous animals, such as goldfish. In order to preserve Class 4's efforts the original was photocopied and the copy laminated. It is this copy that is currently on display. The original was laminated and presented to the school. Well done to them and Mrs Hussey!

Those of you visiting the Frog Pond can now see the results of their efforts.

A copy of the display is shown on page 3.

## Grants

Grants are considered and awarded on a quarterly basis to all applicants from within the Community and at the end of the year we also consider those applicants from outside the Community. The ones from outside the Community tend to be the large national charities and at the end of the last financial year we gave grants to, among others, Childline Cymru, Shelter Cymru, British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, Cymdeithas Alzheimer's and MacMillan Cancer Support. There have been two meetings this year where grants have been considered and the following amounts have been awarded.

£250 to the local appeal committee of the Cardiff National Eisteddfod 2008.

£250 to 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Scouts.

£100 to the Pentyrch Village Hall

£250 to the Bright Beginnings Playgroup at Creigiau

£60 to the Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme.

## Frog Pond, Creigiau

I don't know what it is about the Frog Pond but there always seem to be problems associated with it. This time last year we had the sighting of a terrapin, which has subsequently evaded all attempts to capture it and has now grown to the size of a rugby ball. To add to the problem it would seem that we now have goldfish in the pond. Some kindly soul, who could not face the prospect of killing their children's goldfish, has obviously just tipped them into the pond. Now I am told by the Community Park Rangers that goldfish are singularly the worst non-indigenous fish that could be put into a wildlife pond as they will eat everything. Needless to say our attempts, and the attempts of both the Cardiff Conservation Volunteers and the Community Park Rangers, have failed to catch any of the foreign invaders.

## Land Rover

At last, after years of frugal saving, the Council has raised sufficient money to

buy a new (second-hand) Land Rover. T36 BSO, in the livery of the Pentyrch Community Council, can now be glimpsed on the highways and by-ways of the Council area. The reasons for replacement were obvious to anybody who saw the old Land Rover drive past as the Q-plate Land Rover was a Heinz 57 vehicle of parts from various other cars. It nevertheless served this Council for 8 years and has been pensioned off. The new Land Rover ticks all the boxes in terms of Health and Safety concerns and is in excellent condition and will, hopefully, serve this Community for at least a decade, if not longer.

## New Administrative Assistant (Job Share)

As many of you know Caroline Morgan has been working as the Administrative Assistant for the Community Council for over a decade and recently asked to reduce her hours. It was decided to advertise for another person to job share with Caroline and in September, following an interview Mrs Madeleine Webb was appointed. Some of you will recall that Madeleine's son, Nick, was, until early 2006, a Community Councillor but who resigned his post when he moved to Bristol. Madeleine is an experienced administrator having previously worked for, among others, the Welsh Office and the Welsh Assembly. She is a welcome addition to our little team!

## Missing Gwaelod-y Garth bus seat.

In the last edition of the Community Link mention was made of the disappearance of the bench at Nant y Garth. Much has been going on in an attempt by the Community Council and local residents to re-instate the bench and the latest information is that the matter is still being considered by Mr Ham of Cardiff CC Legal Services, who is waiting on a reply from Rhondda Cynon Taff, who hold the records kept by, the now defunct, Taff Ely Council. Having established at the outset that Pentyrch Community Council did not own the bench or the land upon which the bench sat, the Community Council have consistently supported the actions of the residents to get the seat reinstated and abhor what we see as an illegal annexation of land in public use. We are also extremely disappointed in the procrastination by Cardiff CC who appear to have abrogated their responsibilities in relation to this issue. Rest assured the fight will continue!





# Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

## Glanhauwr Cymunedol Creigiau

Mae Glanhauwr Cymunedol newydd yng Nghreigiau, Tom Watkins, sy'n gweithio o'r pafiliwn ar y maes chwarae. Daw ei ddyfodiad yn dilyn llwyddiant gwaith Kath Britten ym Mhentyrch.

Dylid nodi fod Kath Britten yn bresennol pan oedd un o drigolion Pentyrch wedi cael trawiad ar y galon ar ddechrau'r haf. Oherwydd ei hyfforddiant cymorth cyntaf roedd hi wedi gallu rhoi cymorth i'r claf a gweinyddu adfywio cardio-pwlmonaidd. Mae Kath yn dweud ei bod yn unig wedi gweithredu fel fyddai unrhyw un arall wedi gwneud ond rydym wedi rhoi ei henw ymlaen am wob'r i'r Royal Humane Society.

## Gwobr Treftadaeth David Jenkins

Penderfynwyd eleni i newid canllawiau'r gystadleuaeth er mwyn i'r gymuned gyfan elwa. Edrychwyd am brosiect addas ac oherwydd bod y bwrdd gwybodaeth ger y Pwll Broga yng Nghreigiau wedi dirywio y byddwn yn gosod, fel testun, prosiect i gynllunio bwrdd gwybodaeth newydd.

Dywedodd athrawes Class 4, Rachel Hussey, fod y plant, sy'n 7 - 8 oed, yn pryderu am broblemau'r Pwll Broga hyd yn oed cyn i'r gystadleuaeth gael ei gyhoeddi. Roeddynt yn hapus nad oeddynt yn gallu darllen yr hen fwrdd gwybodaeth. Eu syniad nhw oedd ail-gynllunio'r bwrdd a chynghori pobl i beidio ag ychwanegu anifeiliaid o dramor megis pysgod aur. Er mwyn cadw gwaith Class 4 gwnaethpwyd copi lliw i'w lamineiddio a'i roi yn y bwrdd gwybodaeth. Rhoddwyd y gwreiddiol i'r ysgol.

Gall y rhai ohonoch sy'n ymweld â'r Pwll Broga weld canlyniad eu gwaith. Llongyfarchiadau i ddisgyblion Ysgol Creigiau a'r athrawon am eu hymdrechion arbennig. Mae copi o'r cynllun ar dudalen 3.

## Grantiau'r Cyngor

Mae'r Cyngor yn dosrannu grantiau i geisiadau o fudiadau o fewn ardal y

Cyngor Cymuned yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor ym mis Mawrth, Mehefin, Medi a Rhagfyr. Rhaid cyflwyno cyfrifon wedi eu harchwilio gyda'r cais, a dylid rhoi'r pwrpas a maint y grant a ofynnir amdano. Rydym hefyd yn ystyried ceisiadau o du allan i'r Gymuned ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn ariannol. Maen nhw yn tueddu i ddod oddi wrth elusennau cenedlaethol ac rydym wedi rhoi grantiau i Childline Cymru, Shelter Cymru, British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, Cymdeithas Alzheimer's and MacMillan Cancer Support yn y gorffennol.

Eleni, hyd yn hyn, ystyriwyd ceisiadau mewn dau gyfarfod o'r cyngor a phenderfynwyd ar y rhoddion canlynol.

£250 i bwyllgor apêl leol Eisteddfod Caerdydd 2008.

£250 i 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Scouts.

£100 i Neuadd y Pentref Pentyrch

£250 i Bright Beginnings Playgroup at Creigiau

£60 i Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme.

## Y Pwll Broga, Creigiau

Mae problemau yn codi ynglŷn â'r pwll broga yn gyson. Yr adeg hon flwyddyn ddiwethaf roedd sôn fod pobl wedi gweld terrapin yn y pwll a lwyddodd i osgoi cael ei ddal ac sydd wedi tyfu'n enfawr erbyn hyn. Ar ben hyn, nawr mae gennym bysgod aur yn y pwll. Roedd rhyw berson tyner nad oedd am ladd pysgod aur ei blant wedi ei rhoi nhw yn y pwll broga. Yn ôl y Gwarchodwyr Parc Cymunedol pysgod aur yw'r pysgod tramor gwaethaf i'w roi mewn pwll bywyd gwyllt oherwydd maent yn bwyta popeth. Mae'n hymdrechion ni, Gwirfoddolwyr Cadwraeth Caerdydd a'r Gwarchodwyr Parc Cymunedol i ddal yr anifeiliaid o dramor wedi methu.

## Land Rover

O'r diwedd, ar ôl blynyddoedd o gynilo, mae'r Cyngor wedi codi digon o arian i brynu Land Rover newydd (ail-law) T36 BSO, sydd

nawr yn lliwiau Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn gweithio yn ardal y Cyngor. Roedd y rheswm am y newid yn amlwg i unrhyw un oedd wedi gweld yr hen gerbyd gyda plât Q a oedd wedi ei roi at ei gilydd o rannau o gerbydau eraill. Er hynny bu'n was ffyddlon i'r Cyngor am wyth mlynedd.

Mae'r Land Rover newydd yn cydymffurfio â holl ofynion Iechyd a Diogelwch ac mewn cyflwr ardderchog a bydd, gobeithio, yn gwasanaethu'r Cyngor am y ddegawd nesaf.

## Swyddog Gweinyddol Cynorthwyol Newydd (Rhannu Swydd)

Fel mae nifer ohonoch yn gwybod mae Caroline Morgan wedi bod yn gweithio fel Swyddog Gweinyddol Cynorthwyol am dros ddegawd ac yn ddiweddar gofynnodd i leihau ei horiau gwaith. Hysbysebwyd am berson i rannu swydd gyda Caroline ac yn dilyn cyfweiliadau ym mis Medi apwyntiwyd Mrs Madeline Webb. Bydd rhai ohonoch yn cofio fod mab Madeline, Nick, wedi bod yn Cynghorydd Cymuned hyd 2006 pan ymddiswyddodd a symud i Fryste.

Mae Madeleine yn weinyddwraig profiadol a fu'n gweithio i'r Swyddfa Gymreig a Llywodraeth y Cynulliad. Croesawn Madeline i'n tîm bychan.

## Colli Sedd yng Ngwaelod-y-Garth

Yn rhifyn diwethaf Cwllwm Bro soniwyd am ddiffianiad y fainc ar Nant y Garth. Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned a thrigolion lleol wedi bod yn gweithredu er mwyn ail-osod y fainc a'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf yw bod y mater yn cael ei ystyried gan Mr Ham o Adran Gyfreithiol Cyngor Sir Caerdydd sy'n aros am ateb oddi wrth Gyngor Rhondda Cynon Taf, sy'n cadw cofnodion hen Gyngor Taf Elái. Yn dilyn sefydlu nad oedd Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn berchen ar y fainc na'r tir oedd y fainc arno mae'r Cyngor wedi cefnogi camau'r trigolion i gael y sedd yn ôl ac yn gwrthwynebu'r ymgais i gyfeddiannu tir sydd mewn defnydd cyhoeddus. Rydym hefyd yn siomedig iawn gydag arafwch Cyngor Caerdydd sydd wedi methu a derbyn eu cyfrifoldeb am y mater hwn. Byddwn yn parhau i frwydro!

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR OF PENTYRCH WITH CAPEL LLANILLTERN

*Dear Friends,*

Christmas is a time of giving but also of keeping. As well as the giving of cards and presents, we also keep those given to us. Folk often remark that it's a pity people can't keep the spirit of Christmas all the year through. We can do this by doing what Mary the Mother of Our Lord did, pondering the great qualities and the great fact of Jesus Christ in our hearts. We can keep the wonder of Christmas. The Incarnation of the mighty God into human life is the supreme miracle and wonder. God's love led Him to make this incredibly wonderful gift to us and to all people. We can go on from this Christmas keeping the wonder of it that God's own Son should come to die for the likes of us.

We can keep the simplicity of Christmas. Christmas is as simple as a baby's birth in a stable with shepherds and a pilgrim star and a mother and father loving the baby. Christmas may be 'out of this world' in a profound sense but it is also 'down to earth' – "this shall be a sign to you" was the angel's directive to the shepherds and the sign was one of simplicity. God

came to ordinary folk to give of Himself and show Himself in Jesus Christ. Throughout the earthly ministry of Jesus it was the ordinary people who heard Him gladly because of what He said and how He said it. God always comes to us in simple, homely, everyday ways as we open our lives to Him.

Amidst all the merriment, the giving and receiving of presents, the carols, the cookery, cards and kindness and goodwill, let us keep Jesus Christ in our hearts and at the centre of our thinking at Christmas and on every day. He is our Emmanuel – God for ever with us. He will keep us and keep beside us every step of the year if we trust ourselves to His keeping.

A very happy Christmas and 2008 to you all.

**John W Binny**  
**Vicar of Pentyrch with Capel**  
**Llanilltern.**

### St Catwg's Sunday School, Pentyrch

The Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30am in St Catwg's Church, except for school holidays and the first Sunday of the month when the Parish Family Service is held in the Parish Church Hall, Creigiau at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome. Further details from the Rev. John Binny – 02920 890318.

## ST CATWG'S CHURCH, PENTYRCH 150th ANNIVERSARY

St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of the present building this year.

On the anniversary date, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007, the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend Doctor Barry Morgan, will celebrate and preach at a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 7.30pm in St Catwg's, followed by refreshments.

On Sunday, 18th November at 6.00pm in St Catwg's there will be a bilingual Songs of Praise. Everyone is very welcome and warmly invited to share in these services, including all former parishioners, all who have been baptised, married, prepared for Confirmation in St Catwg's and any for whom St Catwg's has a particular meaning and memory, whether in happy or sad times.

A Celebration Dinner is being held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall, Pentyrch. Further information on any of the above may be obtained from the Rev. John Binny, telephone: 02920 890318.



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## The Parish Church of St Catwg, Pentyrch



From a watercolour by Tom Axford 1909-2005

A brief history of the church has recently been produced.

### Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

The Right Reverend David Yeoman, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, officiated at the July Parish Family Eucharist in the Hall and planted a tree in the grounds to mark the renovation of the Hall. A Parish Family Service is held on the first Sunday of the month in the Hall at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome.

The Good News Coffee Morning is held on the third Saturday of the month at 10.00am when the 100 Club Prize Draw is made. (Details from Mrs Sheila Lloyd – telephone 02920 890136.) All are welcome. People wishing to book the Hall for functions should please telephone 02920 892865.

### PARISH OF PENTYRCH WITH CAPEL LLANILLTERN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

##### **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Readings and Music on Advent Sunday 6.00pm.

##### **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Village Carol Service 7.00pm

##### **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight 4.00pm

##### **Christmas Eve**

First Eucharist of Christmas and Carols 11.00pm

##### **Christmas Day**

Sung Eucharist and Carols 9.00am

##### **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008**

Service of Music and Readings from Advent to Epiphany 6.00pm.

#### St David's Church, Groesfaen

##### **Christmas Eve**

Blessing of the Crib and Children's Carol Service 3.30pm.

##### **Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist 8.00am.

Sung Eucharist and Carols 10.30am.

#### St Elltevrn's Church, Capel Llanilltern

##### **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion 10.30am.

##### **Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist and Carols 10.30am.

## GWAELOD-Y-GARTH FOOTBRIDGE CLOSURE

Gwaelod-y-Garth residents will hopefully be aware of the closure of the footbridge that links the lower end of the village with the facilities and transport links available in Taff's Well. The closure had been planned many times in the past but failed to materialize. The maintenance works will make life difficult for regular bridge users, especially the elderly and the disabled who have no access to transport to make the long and perilous alternative route to Taff's Well. With this in mind Rhondda Cynon Taff Council has arranged a shuttle bus to travel between the two villages. The bus will run between 7.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Saturday and 10.00am to 6.00pm on Sundays. There will be no timetable and the bus will run between both ends of the bridge even if no passengers are present in order to prevent passengers waiting unseen at either end for long periods. In response to residents concerns I requested R.C.T. to ensure the bus was wheelchair and pushchair friendly and they have acted upon this. Also requested were extra operating hours to help shift workers and people travelling outside the shuttle bus hours. These have so far not been provided. I understand that R.C.T. requested Cardiff County Council to make up the 3.5 hours per day either side, between 6.30am and 10.00pm but they have not responded.

The estimated re-opening of the bridge is March 2008, but if this is not possible, then R.C.T. have promised to keep the shuttle bus in place. I put the suggestion of a temporary bridge, which was suggested by Gwaelod residents, to R.C.T. Their decision against this involves excessive costs, which they believe would have led to the deferment of the scheme and the closure of the bridge. Let us hope that despite the inconvenience we get a safe restored bridge that will last for many years to come.

Simon John Roberts

#### Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

##### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Parish Family Eucharist "The True Meaning of Christmas", 10.30am.

##### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Carols with Cantorion Creigiau, 6.30pm.

##### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008**

Parish Christingle Service, 10.30am.

**A very warm welcome to you all.**

## The Englishman that went up a hill and came down a Mountain

Pentyrch Community Council owns 255 acres of Garth Mountain which includes the summit and essentially all the common land, around and down to the road that runs between Mountain Road, Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth.

There are many footpaths criss-crossing the mountain, although only 4 that are official footpaths, as marked on the definitive map, and therefore maintained and repaired by the local authority. The only one that goes over the top is Footpath 26 and this runs off Garth Hill (the road) just past the cattle grid and up towards Penmynydd Cottage. Further along Garth Hill (the road) is another footpath which runs up part way and then rejoins the road further down towards Gwaelod y Garth. This footpath is number 15. At the point where it dog-legs back down the mountain is a footpath that goes directly up the mountain to the summit. This is not an official footpath but is maintained as one by this Council. It is subject to erosion in the winter and we have had to put notices up this year warning walkers of the possible dangers. We have spent a lot of money recently shoring up the footpath to try and improve it for walkers.

Now believe it or not, it was only this footpath that was featured in the film 'The Englishman who went up a hill and came down a mountain'.

Pentyrch Community Council would like Cardiff County Council to adopt this footpath as a marked footpath and include it on the definitive map. To achieve this evidence must be adduced that this footpath has been used by residents and walkers for in excess of 20 years and we need everybody who can attest to this being the case to write to or email the Council Offices with their reminiscences and recollections. My postal address and email addresses are shown on the back page of this Community Link. Once I have collated these responses, I will write to Cardiff CC demanding that they formally adopt this footpath as the fifth official footpath on the Garth Mountain.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Merry Christmas' to all readers, as well as my daughter Rachel and my grandson Mojo, who are resident in Creigiau.

**Alec Davies**

**Clerk to the Council 11**

## Bright Beginnings Playgroup Creigiau

Creigiau's Bright Beginnings Playgroup has opened its waiting list for next year (September 08). The playgroup is a great way for children to start playing and mixing with others whilst preparing them for Nursery or Reception classes.

The playgroup is open daily between 9.40am and 12.10 pm in the recently refurbished Creigiau Church Hall. Children are welcome to enjoy between 2 and 5 sessions per week. The cost per morning is £8.25. It is also worth noting that for the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, children enjoy majority funding for the cost of their place from county councils.

Creigiau Playgroup introduces children of age 2 and over to the following activities:

Imaginative play, messy play, construction, physical play, music, song and movement, book/quiet area. Each session includes all of the above activities.

The playgroup is a member of the Pre-school Playgroups Association and is registered with the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales. The playgroup leaders have appropriate qualifications, training and childcare work experience and at least one member of staff for each session holds a paediatric first aid certificate. All members of staff have undergone an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

If you would like further information, please contact Alison Holmes (Chair) on 02920 892994.

## Canada Lodge Ball

A big thank you to all who attended the Canada Lodge Ball in July. The evening was a great success and we raised £2000 for Bright Beginnings Playgroup. The Lodge was the most perfect setting for the function and I think all of us truly enjoyed the Champagne Bar!

This was the first year that we have held this function but, following its success, will definitely be repeating it next summer.

Anyone interested in hearing details of this or any other forthcoming events, please email the following address to be added to our mailing list. Please entitle your mail "Playgroup Mail List":

[alyholmes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alyholmes@tiscali.co.uk)

Alison Holmes. Chair- Bright Beginnings Playgroup Creigiau

## Ysgol Gwaelod-y-Garth School

Yn ystod y flwyddyn ysgol yma bydd yr ysgol yn dathlu deugain mlynedd o ddarpariaeth ddwyieithog. Bwriedir trefnu gweithgareddau arbennig i ddathlu'r achlysur.

Bydd y **Clwb Carco** ar ôl ysgol newydd, sef "**Gorsaf Hwyl**", yn dathlu yr agoriad ar Dachwedd 5fed.

Gyda'r gwaith adeiladu wedi dod i ben, byddwn yn mynd ati i wella a datblygu'r ardaloedd allanol. Byddwn yn prynu a phlannu blodau, bylbiau a llwyni. Rydym yn ddiolchgar i WI Gwaelod-y-Garth am gyfraniad caredig o £25 tuag at y prosiect.

Llongyfarchiadau i'r G.Rh.A am lwyddo i godi £6000 y llynedd. Bwriedir defnyddio'r arian tuag at offer Technoleg Gwybodaeth. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn i'r Gymdeithas am y gefnogaeth hael.

Yn anffodus mae'r ysgol wedi colli gwasanaeth dwy aelod o'r staff sydd wedi bod yn gweithio yma am nifer fawr o flynyddoedd. Mae Mrs June Maddern wedi ymddeol yn yr Haf ar ol 15eg mlynedd o wasanaeth. Mae Mrs Dawn Thomas wedi symud I swydd newydd tu allan i'r sector addysg ar ol 23mlynedd fel Gweinyddes Feithrin yn yr Ysgol.

Ar ddechrau'r tymor yma mae Dosbarth 2E wedi bod ar drip i Fae Caerdydd a'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol, a Dosbarth 5C wedi mwynhau penwythnos ar Llangrannog.

This academic year the school will be celebrating forty years of Bilingual Educational Provision and plans are being made for various events.

The new "**Fun Station**" After School Club, will be celebrating its opening on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

With the building work now completed, the outside area of the school is ready for improvement. We shall be buying and planting flowers, bulbs and shrubs. We are grateful to the Gwaelod-y-Garth WI for the kind donation of £25 towards this project.

Congratulations to the PTA for succeeding in raising a total of £6000. It has been decided that the money will be used to purchase Information Technology equipment.

Sadly the school has lost the services of two long-standing members of staff. Mrs June Maddern retired in the summer after 15 years' service and Mrs Dawn Thomas has moved on to a new job outside the education sector after 23 years as a Nursery Nurse.

At the beginning of this term Class 2E have been on a trip to Cardiff Bay and the National Assembly and Class 5C have enjoyed a weekend at Llangrannog.

## Awards for All Wales Grant

'Fun Station After School Club' have received a grant of £4930 for the creation of an After School Club for children attending Gwaelod-y-Garth Primary School and the local community. The money will allow the club to equip and employ staff to help deliver an excellent service.

The Chairperson, Julie-Ann Wright, is thrilled at the award. She said "The money will make a real difference and the process was fast and easy. I would definitely recommend the 'Awards for All Wales' grants programme.

For further information about the Awards for All Wales or to obtain an application pack please call: 01686 611740 or visit the website [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)



## Celebrating 100 years

This year has been a very important one for the Scout Association as it is 100 years since Lord Baden-Powell led the first camp on Brownsea Island in 1907, generally recognised to be the start of Scouting.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Scout Group has celebrated the Centenary, along with Scouts from all over the world, in a number of ways. The first major event was a Jamboree (called the Glamboree) organised by the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Area and held at Tredegar Park, Newport. Over 1,000 members from the Area, including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from our Group attended the event from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. Despite terrible weather on the Sunday all enjoyed a great range of activities from making Welsh cakes to canoeing and mine detecting. Our Group's contribution was to construct a coal mine, complete with coal and miners' helmets for Scouts to crawl through!

For their summer camp our Scout Troop went to the Walesby National Scout Campsite, near Nottingham, for the Walesby Experience, an International Jamboree attended by over 3,000 Scouts. Our Scouts had a wonderful time, particularly as the week included a day visit to the World Jamboree near Chelmsford. This was an almost overwhelming experience to see 44,000 Scouts from virtually every country in the world gathered together for fun and

friendship. On 1<sup>st</sup> August at 8am local time, Scouts all over the world gathered together for a sunrise ceremony to mark the centenary, when all renewed their Scout Promise. Our Scouts did this at Walesby on a beautiful morning with a big screen link to the ceremony on Brownsea Island, led by the Chief Scout, again an unforgettable experience. It was immediately followed by parachutists of the RAF Falcons display team parachuting into the camp arena, an amazing sight.

The final big event of the year was on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October when Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the Area marched with flags flying and accompanied by the South Wales Police Band from City Hall to St David's Hall. We were then entertained in the Hall by a show entitled "Our Journey through Time". It ended with a Scout camp on the moon – perhaps a glimpse of the future.

In this centenary year the 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Group is doing very well with over 100 members. There is also a very successful District Explorer Scout Unit (for 14 to 18 year olds) of about 40 members which is partnered with the Group and which meets in our Hall. The Scout Hall has recently been completely refurbished and we have plans to further improve it. We are therefore in good shape to meet the next 100 years! As ever we could do a lot more with more leaders. If anyone is interested in joining this successful organisation please do not hesitate to give me a ring.

David Pendlebury  
Group Scout Leader, '2089 2077

## New Beauty Salon

The Women of Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth will be pleased to know that a new beauty salon "Radyr Beauty Lounge" has opened for business just down the road in Radyr and quite a few residents have already enjoyed beauty treatments there.

Radyr Beauty Lounge opened its door this summer offering residents in the area and beyond a complete and extensive range of beauty treatments in a relaxed, modern and comfortable environment. It is situated in between Radyr cleaners and the fruit and vegetable shop. (Opposite Blush boutique and the new Cafe Latina).

The idea to open a salon was first thought of by its owners Nigel and Beverley Hardie who have lived in Creigiau in the past and frequently spend time in and around the Pentyrch and Creigiau area.

The salon includes a Reception and Seating Area, a Main treatment room, a manicure / pedicure room and a spray tanning room, which most people would be surprised at as, from the front, it doesn't look that big. (It's a bit like the Tardis!)

The salon manager, Laura Ferries, who runs the business has considerable experience and knowledge in the field having worked as a senior Therapist at the Vale Hotel and Spa for 4 years where she met and provided beauty treatments to a lot of people from this area.



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## Latest Scams

The Council has received emails from Bob Minton, who some of you may recall as the Community policeman in this area back in the days when we had 'Community' policemen and not a 'Neighbourhood Team'! Bob is now in the Community Safety Department and he regularly sends out information on a raft of issues. One recurring theme is the amount of cold callers we all seem to get, especially about 'home security'. Trading Standards offers the following advice which we would be wise to heed.

- Do not accept unsolicited phone calls
- If you need advice about home security contact your local police station
- If you need fire safety advice contact your local fire service
- A password scheme may offer additional security when dealing with callers at your home but make sure you set the password.
- Ask friends or family for personal recommendations before buying something.

Fairly obvious really but somehow we forget these basics when we get flustered dealing with cold callers who are trained to be persuasive and persistent. I have my own system which is to interrupt the caller as they start their spiel by asking them where they got my telephone number and name from. This usually confounds them and they mutter something about being specially selected but when I persist, they then ask me why I keep asking them. That is the point that I tell them that I am ex-directory, so how did they get my name and number? I then tell them that unless they provide me with a satisfactory explanation then I am going to hang up. They never can!

Incidentally it matters not whether you are ex-directory or not, as the callers will not know. The frightening thing about this is that your details are sold to telephone-sales companies by BT, the Local Council, the DVLA, in fact anybody who holds a mass of data is usually prepared to share it - at a price.

## Fly posting and illegal notices

The article in the last Link about 'the phantom' has prompted the individual responsible to come out of hiding and make contact. He still has not revealed his true identity but his 'nom de plume' [or should that be 'nom de guerre'?] is interesting if nothing else. In accordance with the last line of the letter the response has been recorded in full.

This missive was hand-delivered to 'Pentyrch (sic) Community Council' and sealed in wax! By the way, for those of you who may be in the remotest bit curious, Ignis Fatuus is Latin and means 'Will o' the wisp'. It is encouraging to know that the Clerk excites such passion in readers of Community Link.



*Kind Sir/My Lady*

*It was with pleasure following the passing of much time that I read your words of wisdom in the local scroll of Pentyrch - summer - in the year of our Lord - two thousand and seven.*

*Many dawns and snaws have passed since the feint light of your abode first drew me close and beckoned me to your side. That night under raven skies, damp ground and still air I crossed the village passing your residence on my return home to the bog. The hidden voices of the many previous*

*lords and ladies leapt from your timbers and this hastened my feet to leave. Alas I could not and was fixed to the ground. The wind rose and whispered around the neck of my doublet but did not have strength to cut my straw lantern.*

*Hidden spirits then spoke of marks of ink on parchment. "This is a place for the unwanted" the voices claimed. "Bring you unwanted signs and we will offer shelter". An thus for many seasons in the dark of night I reclaim the streets and relocate the soles of wayward signs left destitute and dishevelled by their owners.*

*Your servant now and always,*

*Ignis Fatuus*

*Reply: -*

*Your wisdom must be great given your status within our society but I would respectfully hasten to offer an alternative view to your "cat" analogy and one which I thought you would have recognised given the lawful nature of your business.*

*As you correctly indicate, most signs are not authorised advertisements but you fail to recognise that the actual sign has an owner and is the property of someone. Now balance this with the following statement.*

*"A person is guilty of theft if he dishonestly appropriates property belonging to another with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it; "theft" and "steal" shall be construed accordingly."*

*My task is to remove the sign without damage to the sign or the furniture to which it is attached and then pass it onto the "people" who are responsible for such matters. Giving the signs to my Community Council - my local authority - seemed appropriate. It is your job to liaise with the county authority to deal with the issue. You are quick to accuse me of fly tipping but you may wish to reconsider your actions.*

*I will look forward to seeing my response recorded in full in the next issue of Community Link.*



*Pentyrch Community Council*

Why has nobody, with the necessary legal expertise, taken on these conglomerates and sued them under

the Data Protection Act for selling the data?

Alec Davies



# Planning Applications to October 2007

**07/01087/W** Applicant ~ *Not specified*, 1 Station Houses Creigiau Cardiff

The proposal is for the installation of domestic wind turbine to side of house at 1 Station Houses, Creigiau, Cardiff.

**07/01197/W** Applicant ~ *Not specified*, 1 Llys Dewi Creigiau Cardiff

The proposal is to erect mahogany effect PVCU conservatory to rear of property at 1 Llys Dewi, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/01208/W** Mr and Mrs P Samuel, 25 Bronllwyn Pentyrch Cardiff.

The proposal is for a first floor extension to rear, porch to front and alterations at 25 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01210/W** Mr Andrew West, Cornerstones, 1 Green Acre, Creigiau, Cardiff

The proposal is to build a party wall adjoining Batcombe House (part of which has to be a retaining wall and to renew the boundary wall around 1 Green Acre to a height of 1.8m at Cornerstones, 1 Green Acre, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/01227/W** Short Bros (Development) Ltd. The proposal is for a two storey office unit with parking at land at Main Road, Gwaelod Y Garth, Cardiff.

**07/01272/W** Mr & Mrs Peter Winks, 51 Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff.

The proposal is for alterations, new roof with dormers together with a garden/store area to create a dormer bungalow at 51 Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01273/W** Mrs Delyth Thompson, 19 Penmaes, Pentyrch Cardiff.

The proposal is for a new dwelling at part of land at 19 Penmaes, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01297/W** Mr & Mrs B Davies, 3 Bronhaul Pentyrch Cardiff. The proposal is for a two storey rear and side extension at 3 Bronhaul, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01387/W** Mr & Mrs J. O'Leary, Pinecroft Cattery, Mountain road, Pentyrch. The proposal is for the conversion of existing building to form temporary ancillary living accommodation and cattery office at Pinecroft Cattery, Mountain Road, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01443/W** Steve Benbow, 2 Bro Nant, Church Road, Pentyrch. The proposal is for an open sided car port for 1 car at 1-2 Bro Nant, Church Road, Pentyrch, Cardiff.

**07/01481/W** Geoff Grocott, 59 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau, Cardiff  
The proposal is to extend existing property above garage to create new bedroom at first floor, 59 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau/St. Fagans, Cardiff

**A/07/00110/W** ESSO Petroleum Co Ltd, Esso House, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead . The proposal is for various signage incorporating 1 no. I.D. sign, 4 no canopy

fascia signs, 3 no Freestanding signs 4 no building signs at Cardiff West Motorway Services, Junction 33, M4 Motorway, Cardiff

**07/01545/W** Wayne Taylor, 5 Georgetown, Gwaelod-y-Garth, Nr Cardiff . The proposal is for a two storey extension to rear - ground floor extension to front with balcony over and double garage on site opposite at 5 Georgetown, Gwaelod y Garth, Cardiff

**07/01560/W** M Courtney, Elm Cottage, Heol Y Parc, Pentyrch. The proposal is for re-located access to agricultural land alongside Elm Cottage, Heol Y Parc, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01605/W** Mr. & Mrs. A. Burns, 4 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau, Cardiff.

The proposal is for a two storey side extension at 4 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/01662/W** G. Bennett, 8 Parc Castell Y Mynach, Creigiau, Cardiff . The proposal is for a conservatory to rear of property at 8 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau.

**07/01699/W** Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd, Esso House, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead The proposal is for the site redevelopment including demolition of existing sales building forecourt and canopy and removal of tanks. Erect new sales building, canopy and forecourt and install new tanks at Junction 33, M4 Motorway, Cardiff

**07/01727/W** Mrs Lynne Jones, 2 River Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, Cardiff . The proposal is for a conservatory at 2 River Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, Cardiff

**07/01730/W** David John, Greenhurst Stables, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch. The proposal is for a new gated entrance and retention of kennel and covered run at Greenhurst Stables, Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/01763/W** Mr and Mrs Coles, 29 Parc y Felin, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a first floor extension to form bedroom with en-suite at 29 Parc y Felin, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/01780/W** Dr Tiwari, 3 Maes Cadwgan, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a single storey rear conservatory at 3 Maes Cadwgan, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/01876/W** J Ellis, 61 Parc Y Coed, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a two storey and single storey extensions with Juliet balcony at 61 Parc y Coed, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02000/W** Mr & Mrs R Abraham, 22 Maes Y Nant, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a first floor storey side extension over existing ground floor and alterations at 22 Maes Y Nant, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02034/W** Mrs S James, 9 Llys Caradog, Creigiau, Cardiff . The proposal is for a two storey rear extension for lounge, bedroom, en-suite shower, toilet and w.c. at 9 Llys Caradog, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02035/W** M Aslett, 12 Ffordd Yr Afon, Gwaelod Y Garth, Cardiff . The proposal is for rear roof extensions and alterations at 12 Ffordd yr Afon, Pentyrch, Cardiff.

**07/02072/W** Barrie Williams Developments, The Taff Business Centre, Tonteg Road, Treforest Ind. Est.

The proposal is for the infill of low-lying land with associated drainage and finish with top soil and reseed at Llwyn Y Brain Farm, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02077/W** Mr M Thomas, Bryn Awel, Mountain Road, Pentyrch. The proposal is for an extension to first floor at rear of building to form additional bedroom

and new bathroom and alterations at Bryn Awel, Mountain Road, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/02122/W** Stephen Smith, 24 Heol y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff,

The proposal is for a two storey side extension containing kitchen and study with bedroom over and two storey side extension containing garage and cloakroom with bedroom over at 24 Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/02125/W** Mr and Mrs S Micallef, "Steveden House", Pen-y-Waun, Pentyrch The proposal is for a single storey extension at Steveden House, Penywaun, Pentyrch,

**A/07/00146/W** Marketing Force Ltd, Cliff House, Chevalier Road, Felixstowe The proposal is an application for sponsorship acknowledgement signs at Junction 33, M4 Motorway, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02138/W** Michelle Girardi, 'Ashdene', 5 Station Road, Creigiau. The proposal is for a one bedroom bungalow to rear garden of Ashdene, 5 Station Road, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02151/W** Mr Griffiths, 5 Parc y Bryn, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a conservatory to rear of 5 Parc y Bryn, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02165/W** Mr J Carpenter, 23 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff. The proposal is for rear dormer roof extension for bedroom and shower room at 23 Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff

**07/02263/W** Mr and Mrs Shrewring, 7 Maes-y-Rhedyn, Creigiau, Cardiff. The proposal is for a single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 7 Maes Y Rhedyn, Creigiau, Cardiff

**07/02265/W** Mr and Mrs G Williams, Tlwsfan, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth. The proposal is for a single and first floor side extensions to provide dining/sitting room, utility room and en-suite bathroom to bedroom 3 at Tlwsfan, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth.

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Golygydd Penri Williams Editor

Last date for entries in the next issue is

**19 February 2008.**

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3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

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