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## Wales International Business Park Public Inquiry

Following pressure by Pentyrch Community Council, residents and other councils in the area, the Welsh Assembly Government has decided to call a Public Inquiry into the planning application for the Business Park development north of M4 Junction 33 at Capel Llanilltern. Anyone who wishes to appear and give evidence at the inquiry or wishes to make written comments must send their comments to the Planning Inspector by 8 January 2010 quoting reference APP/Z6815/V/09/2112987.

The planning application was considered on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 by the Planning Committee of Cardiff County Council but despite opposition to the scheme from Community Councils, and neighbouring County Councils as well as other individuals and groups, outline planning permission was granted. In August the Welsh Assembly Government decided to call the application in for the final decision to be made by the Welsh Ministers.

The proposed business park will cover an area of 100 acres between the M4 and Creigiau with a transport hub, offices and a five star hotel. (A map of the site was published in the Spring 2007 Community Link and can be seen on the Council website.)

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## Ymchwiliad Cyhoeddus i Barc Busnes Rhyngwladol

Yn dilyn pwysau gan Gyngor Cymuned Pentyrch, trigolion a chynghorau eraill yn yr ardal mae Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru wedi penderfynu galw Ymchwiliad Cyhoeddus i'r cais cynllunio am Barc Busnes i'r gogledd o gyffordd 33 yr M4 yng Nghapel Llanilltern. Rhaid i unrhyw un sydd am ymddangos a rhoi tystiolaeth yn yr ymchwiliad neu am roi sylwadau ysgrifenedig ddanfôn eu sylwadau i'r Arolygwyr Cynllunio erbyn 8 Ionawr 2010 gyda'r cyfeirnod APP/Z6815/V/09/2112987.

Ystyriwyd y cais cynllunio gan Bwyllgor Cynllunio Cyngor Caerdydd ar 15 Gorffennaf 2009 ond er bod gryn wrthwynebiad i'r cynllun gan Gynghorau Cymuned a Chynghorau Sir gyfagos ac unigolion a grwpiau rhoddwyd caniatâd cynllunio amlinellol. Ym mis Awst penderfynodd Llywodraeth y Cynulliad galw'r cais i mewn gan roi'r penderfyniad terfynol i Weinidogion y Cynulliad.

Bydd y parc busnes arfaethedig ar 100 erw o dir yn cynnwys Canolfan Gludiant Ranbarthol, swyddfeydd a gwesty pum seren. (Cyhoeddwyd map o'r cynllun yn rhifyn Gwanwyn 2007 o'r Cwlwm Bro ac mae copi ar wefan y cyngor).

(Parhad ar dudalen 2)

## Rosebowl Final 2009



Well, at last we have done it! On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, at St Fagan's Bowling Club we won the "ROSEBOWL", and didn't we deserve it!. We came from being runners up to finally reaching our goal. All the team gave 100%, particularly in the final. We were both down on two rinks at the tenth end and thought, "Here we go gain!" (Runners up) We dug deep and all our work finally paid off. It had been a good season and we all put a lot of work in preparing ourselves for the final. We beat Cardiff Ladies, who are a top side, and they were hugely disappointed after going ahead on both rinks. However, in the end, the best team won! So, well done to all the girls who got us to the final and the ones who played in the final. I would like to say a personal thank you for all your support throughout the season and hope that next season will be as successful for you.

Colleen O'Conner (Ladies Captain).  
Pentyrch Bowling Club

*Nadolig Llawen  
a Blwyddyn  
Newydd Dda*

*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

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Mae cofnodion cyfarfodydd Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn ogystal â ôl rifynnau o Cwlwm Bro mewn lliw ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor.

Minutes of meetings of Pentyrch Community Council as well as back-numbers of Community Link in colour are available on the Council's website.

## Business Park Inquiry

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At a Public Meeting organised by Pentyrch Community Council on 23 June which was attended by the developers during which they admitted that they had not assessed the impact of the development on M4 Junctions 32 and 34. There was outright opposition to the proposals with speakers concerned particularly about the effects on the local environment and traffic issues on the M4 and the surrounding road network.

In the meantime Pentyrch Community Council has set up an on-line e-petition on the Welsh Assembly website urging the Welsh Government to reject the plans for the Wales International Business Park. Please support the stance taken by the PCC and vote for this motion. Links to the petition are on the front page of the council's web site [www.pentyrch.cc](http://www.pentyrch.cc)

It is a little complicated signing e-petitions as you have to register but please persevere as it might make a difference! We will also set up written petitions in the shops, restaurants and pubs in the Council area for those who do not have the convenience of access to on-line services.

## Ymchwiliad Parc Busnes

(O dudalen 1)

Mewn Cyfarfod Cyhoeddus a drefnwyd gan Gyngor Cymuned Pentyrch ar 23 Mehefin dywedodd y datblygwyr nad oeddynt wedi ystyried effaith y datblygiad ar gyffordd 32 a 34 yr M4. Roedd gwrthwynebiad cryf i'r cynlluniau gyda siaradwyr yn bryderus am yr effaith ar yr amgylchedd lleol a phroblemau traffic ar yr M4 a'r rhwydwaith ffyrdd o gwmpas yr ardal.

Yn y cyfamser mae Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch wedi gosod deiseb ar-lein ar wefan Cynulliad Cymru yn pwysu ar Lywodraeth y Cynulliad i wrthod y cynlluniau am Barc Busnes Rhyngwladol. Os gwelwch yn dda cefnogwch safiad y Cyngor Cymuned a phleidleisiwch dros y cynnig. Mae cyswllt i'r ddeiseb ar dudalen flaen wefan y cyngor [www.pentyrch.cc](http://www.pentyrch.cc)

Mae'r weddol cymhleth i arwyddo'r e-ddeiseb am fod angen cofrestru ond mae'n werth dyfalbarhau oherwydd y gall wneud gwahaniaeth! Byddwn hefyd yn gosod deisebau ysgrifenedig yn y siopau, bwytai a thafarndai ardal y Cyngor ar gyfer y rhai nad ydynt yn gallu defnyddio gwasanaethau ar-lein.

## Christmas Gift Tips

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### Desk Calendar

Pictures of Pentyrch's Open Gardens during different seasons of the year.

The desktop and wall calendars include different selections of photographs.

Price £5.00; P&P £1.00



### Wall Calendar

Pictures of Pentyrch's Open Gardens during different seasons of the year.

The wall and desktop calendars include different selections of photographs.

Price £7.50; P&P £1.00



### Postcards

The cards show five of Pentyrch's beautiful Open Gardens.

The back is blank.

4 cards and envelopes

Price £1.00; P&P £1.00

## Stars in Our Eyes

Another fantastic display on the Gwaelod y Garth playing field! Unlike last year when the entire evening was beset with rain, it was a clear cold night. Not a damp squid in sight! The event was the most successful ever, with around 300 people watching the display.

It should be remembered that the Fireworks display involves a great deal of organisation and an event that has been traditionally funded by the organiser's has now had to look elsewhere for additional funds, in order to keep the event viable. Consequently sponsorship was sought from the suppliers of essential equipment, such as the crowd barriers, and the cost of public liability insurance was covered by a grant application to Pentyrch Community Council. A raffle was also organised, all of which will, hopefully, prevent a repeat of the substantial loss suffered by the organisers at the 2008 event.

Everyone who went to this free display was a winner this year! A cool crisp night, a truly splendid display and a real community event. Thanks are due to the Firework Master and the organising team behind him for yet another memorable display which filled the Taff Gorge with stars.

**Tom Procter**

The organisers wish to thank: Half Way Garage, Autowise Vehicle Services, Pentyrch Community Council and the shops in Taff's Well that donated prizes for the raffle. We hope in the future that business in Gwaeold-y-Garth would also participate. Also we would like to thank Atlantic Marquees who provided the barriers and lighting. Thank you also to the residents who helped out on the night of the event.

## POPPY APPEAL 2009

Thank you on behalf of the Royal British Legion, to all the businesses in the area for looking after and displayed the collection boxes and selling poppies once again this year.

The final amount collected will not be known for a week or two and will be published at a later date.

It was good to see so many people including pupils of Pentyrch Primary School, who laid a poppy wreath, at the Remembrance Service. This was organised by the Community Council and was held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at the War Memorial, Pentyrch.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Thank you for all your support.

Angela Ashley

## Celebrating a Centenary

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in September, over a hundred Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from Garth District walked to the top of the Garth Mountain to celebrate the centenary of the Guiding Association. The girls then ate their picnics and sang a medley of Guiding songs whilst taking in the wonderful views - the visibility was just perfect! On the return journey they stopped in a field in Pentyrch to collect their party bags and have a piece of the specially made centenary cake. It was indeed an occasion to remember.



**Rhian Horsey (on the right), ex Brownie Guider of 1st Creigiau Brownies, with Helen Terry and Liz Lewis - two of the three Guiders who have taken over from her. Rhian now runs the Guides and Rangers in Creigiau.**

## WANTED ----- MEN!

Well how many of you are reading this out of curiosity?

Are there any men, of any age, who enjoy singing but have never joined a choir or group, but could be tempted? On Sunday evenings you could meet a crowd of people in Creigiau Primary School between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. We are a mixed bunch, but at present could do with some new males joining. We wouldn't turn away any altos away who were keen to join

The group, called Cantorion Creigiau, have been singing for Charities for nearly 39 years, some have been members since its humble beginnings. Mair Roberts has been the Musical Director since its inception and a number of the founder members are still singing

It started as a small group of carol singers who went around Creigiau collecting money for presents for children in a local foster home, in connection with Creigiau 23. Having enjoyed the experience they wanted to continue singing and Cantorion Creigiau was born. The home has since closed but it is now a flourishing Care Home for adults with learning difficulties.

Newcomers to the Creigiau and surrounding villages might not know of our existence, and even older

residents may not know of the choir's achievements.

The inaugural concert at St. Davids' Hall was given by Cantorion Creigiau with the Central Band of the R.A.F. We've appeared there several times since. There have been many television recordings. We have in the past won at the National Eisteddfod of Wales twice and won major awards at Celtic Festivals in Brittany.

Tours have taken place in France, Italy, Dublin, Vienna, Belfast and Hong Kong. Concert venues have been varied.

Remembering how it started, the choir used to go around Creigiau on the back of a lorry, always the last Sunday before Christmas, singing carols and collecting for a child related charity. As the village grew in size it was decided instead to hold an annual Carol Concert in the Church Hall.

The members give all these concerts freely, just a nominal fee is charged to cover pianist's costs. Directly and indirectly we have raised in the region of £750,000 for many charities. As an example the concert held in Acapela in December raised over £1,500.

We have made recordings and currently have 2 CDs available "Un Llais/One Voice" and Unwaith Eto/Once Again"

We have concerts booked for the winter season and in 2010 a possible tour in Menorca.

## YOUR SQUASH COURT NEEDS YOU! -



Just a reminder to everyone that we have in our community a squash court and anyone is very welcome to join.

Now the dark nights have arrived you may have started to think, why should I travel all that way to the leisure centre, when within an hour I could be at Pentyrch Squash Court, had a game and be back home to watch the X-Factor!

Not many places can say they have a squash court and an X-Factor finalist in their midst. Give them your support.

The squash court is a great facility to have in our community so please make use of it.

Contact Shaun Kerrigan for details  
029 20892207

**Support your local squash court!**

Anyone wanting information, CDs or booking the choir for a concert please contact: - 02920891596. By Sept we hope to have our new website up and running:- [www.cantorion-creigiau.org](http://www.cantorion-creigiau.org)

Mair Coles  
Cantorion Creigiau **3**

# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Television talent shows are all around us. At the time of writing, auditions have been held for "Britain's Got Talent" to be shown in the New Year, and currently on a Saturday night we can watch "Strictly Come Dancing" and the talents of celebrities not noted for their dancing, whilst in our community there has been over the weeks particular interest in "The X Factor" and especially in the very gifted Lucie Jones of Pentyrch, who is to be heartily congratulated on all she has achieved, putting the village firmly on the map all over Britain. Very best wishes go with her for her future.

In "The X Factor" we and the judges look for that special something in the people performing on stage. Each time we watch a talent show, whether it is singing, dancing, ballroom dancing, ice-skating, or any other kind of act, we don't like to see our favourite act ejected from the competition. Many people telephone the studios to save their favourite act – sometimes to no avail and they may get a little dismayed when they think that justice wasn't done. The contestants themselves can be heard to say, quite understandably that to win or be in the final "means everything to me". But only one will survive – only one can win! All the others will be rejected. Everything will be resolved at Christmas-time in "The X Factor" and we shall know who has got the public vote.

When we vote at an election we choose the candidate by putting an X against their name. "X" is also a symbol of love – of a kiss. Many Christmas card greetings will include the letter X a number of times to represent kisses given in love. We use the letter X at times to stand for something unknown and the teacher uses it to mark a piece of work as wrong.

Christmas is a promise of a massive vote for you and me from God. He has chosen each one of us and has shown us His love for us by sending His Son to be born as at this time, Jesus Christ who in His life and ministry shows God our Father's love for us, and who died that what is wrong might be forgiven and rose again to show that death is not the end but that He is with us always. May God in Jesus not be unknown to us but one who is with us. There was

## PARISH OF PENTYRCH WITH CAPEL LLANILLTERN *CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2009*

### **St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch**

Sunday 6 November – Music for Christmas with Sine Nomine 6.30 pm.

Tuesday 15 December – Village Carol Service 7.00 pm.

Tuesday 22 December – Parish Service of Lessons and Carols by candlelight 7.00 pm.

Christmas Eve – First Eucharist of Christmas with Carols 11.00 pm.

Christmas Day – Sung Eucharist with Carols 9.00 am.

Sunday 31 January 2010 – Readings and Music from Advent to Epiphany 6.00 pm.

### **St David's Church, Groesfaen**

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

Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist 8.00 am.  
Sung Eucharist with Carols 10.30 am.

### **St Ellteyrn's Church, Capel Llanilltern**

Sunday 20 December – Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion 10.30 am.

Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist with Carols 10.30 am.

### **Parish Church Hall, Creigiau**

Sunday 20 December – Carols with Cantorion Creigiau 6.30 pm.

Sunday 7 February 2010 – Parish Christingle Service 10.30 am.

### **Everyone very welcome at our services.**

but Jesus seeks a place in our hearts and lives and homes wherever we are. Because of Christmas we can know the Christ Factor – that special someone to fill our lives with strength, hope, joy and love day by day.

I wish you and your families all the joy and peace of Christmas and the New Year.

JOHN W. BINNY

Vicar: Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern.

## HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

We kicked off our eighth season at Pentyrch Village Hall on 26th - 28th November, with the stage version of the hilarious comedy by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft, *Are You Being Served?*, set in Grace Brothers department store.

Our next production is the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* on Tuesday 23rd March - Saturday 27th March 2010. Set in Tsarist Russia in 1905, the story, based on the book by Joseph Stein, centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. Our final production for 2009/10 is *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* in June 2010.

We would welcome new members. Anybody wishing to become involved with the group (on or off stage) should come along to our rehearsal evenings on Thursdays or Sundays at Pentyrch Village Hall throughout the year (except August) or e-mail us at [info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk).

Further information about the group and all our productions, including information for ordering tickets, can be found on [www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk](http://www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk).

## PARISH CHURCH HALL, CREIGIAU

Fundraising is in progress and applications for grants are being made for a new kitchen for the Hall.

A Parish Family Service is held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30 am in the Hall and the Good News Coffee Morning takes place on the third Saturday of the month at 10.00 am. All are very welcome at both.

At the Coffee Morning the Prize Draw is made for the 100 Club. Further details from Mrs Sue Hall, telephone 02920 890087.

The Hall may be booked for functions by contacting Mrs Jean Wood – telephone 02920892865 or Mrs Alison Woodley, telephone 02920 891800.

## Lansio Nofel Don Llewellyn



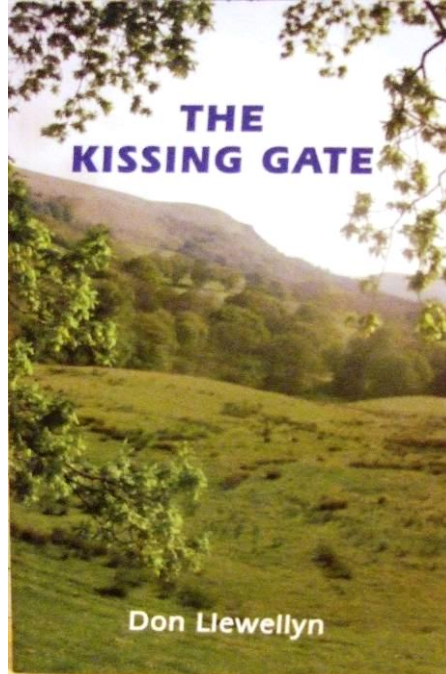
## Don Llewellyn's Novel Launched



Roedd Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch dan ei sang nos Fercher, Hydref 14 ar gyfer lansio nofel gyntaf Don Llewellyn – 'The Kissing Gate'. Huw Llywelyn Davies oedd yn llywio'r gweithgareddau gydag anerchiad yn gyntaf gan John Edwards (Wenglish) ac yna gan y dyn ei hun, cyn i bawb gael y cyfle i weld ac wrth gwrs i brynu'r llyfr.

Noson hwyliog dros ben gyda theulu Don yn bresennol ynghyd â llu o ffrindiau o bell ac agos, a chynrychiolaeth dda o'r pentre' ei hun. Roedd nifer a fyddai wedi dymuno bod yn bresennol ond yn methu â dod wedi anfon gair i ddymuno'n dda - yn eu plith Rolf Harris, Philip Madoc, yr Athro Dai Smith a John Taylor.

Cyhoeddir y llyfr gan Wasg Dinefwr a'i bris yw £7.99. Hanes carwriaeth plentyndod adeg yr Ail Ryfel Byd yw cnewyllyn y nofel a cheir cyfle i gwrdd â chymeriadau difyr a hynod. I'r rhai sydd wedi clywed Don yn adrodd hanesion trigolion Pentyrch a'r cylch, mae'n siŵr y bydd ambell gyffyrddiad cyfarwydd. Profwch drosoch eich hun ac ewch allan i brynu'r llyfr!



### The new extended lounge at Pentyrch Rugby Club during the launch

Pentyrch Rugby Club was full on Wednesday evening, 14 October, for the launch of the first novel written by Don Llewellyn – 'The Kissing Gate'. Huw Llywelyn Davies compered the evening with John Edwards (Wenglish) giving the opening speech. Then Don himself spoke about the book before everyone had an opportunity to see and, of course, buy the book.

It was a very jolly evening with Don's family and many of Don's friends from far and wide present as well as a good representation from the village itself. Amongst those that were unable to attend but sent their best wishes were Rolf Harris, Philip Madoc, Professor Dai Smith and John Taylor.

The novel is published by the Dynevor Press and its price is £7.99. The novel is a childhood romance set in the time of the Second World War. Against a background of the beautiful Welsh countryside the relationship between two children unfolds within a community of colourful and memorable characters. To those who have heard Don recalling tales about residents of Pentyrch and the area there will be some familiar touches. Prove it for yourself and go out and buy the book!

## Swyddfa Bost Pentyrch

Daeth cyfnod i ben yn y pentre' pan agorodd y swyddfa bost ei drysau am y tro olaf ddydd Mercher Hydref 21. Mae Glenys, y bostfeistres, wedi bod yn gofalu am y swyddfa ers 23 mlynedd. Roedd hi a Moira, ei chynorthwydd, bob amser yn groesawgar a pharod i helpu, a dymunwn yn dda i'r ddwy gan ddiolch iddynt am eu gwasanaeth.

Chwithig fydd colli'r Swyddfa o'r safle presennol ond bydd y gwasanaeth yn parhau gan fod cownter wedi ei neilltuo ar gyfer y post yn siop Spar ar sgwâr y pentre'.

## Clwb y Dwrllyn

Mae Clwb y Dwrllyn, Cymdeithas Gymraeg y cylch, wedi cynnal dau gyfarfod cyntaf y tymor yn lolfanewydd Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch. Dewi Pws oedd y gŵr gwadd yn y noson agoriadol a chafwyd llond bol o chwerthin a'r gynulleidfa yn ei dagrau wrth glywed rhai o'r straeon wrth ddilyn hyn bywyd Dewi Pws gyda'r Cadeirydd, Huw Llywelyn Davies, yn ei atgoffa o rai o'r digwyddiadau digri.

Ym mis Hydref trefnwyd cwis gyda Gareth Roberts yn gwis-feistr. Roedd pum tîm yn cystadlu gydag enwau megis Praidd Bethlehem, Rocers Creigiau, Vote Lucy, Yr Hwch Goch a'r Ysgolheigion. Yn y diwedd roedd y marciau yn hynod agos ond daeth dau dîm i'r brig sef Praidd Bethlehem a Vote Lucy.

Eleni bydd Clwb y Dwrllyn yn mynd i ganu carolau yng Nghreigiau ar nos Fawrth 22 Rhagfyr. Manylion pellach: 20890040.

## Pentyrch Post Office

On Wednesday, 21 October, the Post Office at Pentyrch closed for the last time. Glenys had been looking after the Post Office for 23 years and she and Moira, her assistant, were always welcoming and helpful. Best wishes to both and thank you for providing an excellent service to the village.

The Post Office service has now moved to a new counter at the Spar shop at High Corner.

## PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

A lot has been happening at Pentyrch Village Hall (PVH) during the last few months.

During August the new heating system was installed, and 180 new chairs delivered to the hall. Purchase of the chairs was made possible by generous donations: from Carol and Stewart Saint (who put on the popular Abba Tribute concert in September to raise funds); Pentyrch Open Gardens and Pentyrch Art Society.

Proceeds from the Autumn Quiz in October went towards the costs of the heating system. Thanks to Susie Freeman and her team for organising the Quiz.

Current priorities at the hall are improvements to the kitchen, including new flooring, to comply with health and safety regulations; the landscaping of the carpark and provision of much-needed storage space. We welcome the arrival of Bookings Secretary, Rupa Grewal. Since her move to Pentyrch earlier this year, Rupa has already become an active member of the community.

The Winter Fair in early November brought in money towards the carpark improvements.

Future events to raise money for PVH improvements include the **Valentine's Ball** on 13 February 2010; **Queen Tribute concert** on 20 February (again, thanks to Carol and Stewart for organising this) and the **Spring Quiz** on 19 March.

As always, we are indebted to the many groups and individuals in the village who join in these activities, not only to have fun, but also to help maintain PVH as an attractive venue for community and private functions.

A reminder to do your online shopping through -

[www.pentyrchvillagehallshop.com](http://www.pentyrchvillagehallshop.com)

where you can find most major retailers, and each purchase you make brings a donation to hall funds. And/or join the hall's "200 Club" (for just £12 per year, you're entered in the monthly draw to win prizes of £40, £20 or £15).

For further information about any of the Hall's activities, please phone 029 2089 1493, email

[pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com) or visit [www.pentyrch.org.uk](http://www.pentyrch.org.uk) and follow the link to Pentyrch Village Hall.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters.

Eric Friday, PVH Chairman

## Karate Black Belt



Adam Jones, from Creigiau, has achieved his black belt in Budokan Karate - an international organisation at the age of 11. He was presented in August with his black belt by Shi Han Mike Tan (6th Dan).

This achievement is an amazing one for one so young and one Adam should be very proud of. He does not broadcast to his friends that he does karate let alone brag about the fact he is now a black belt!

Adam attends Radyr Comprehensive school and trains every Thursday evening under the instructor David Connolly and at the Cardiff Medical Centre Sports and Social Club under Shi Han Mike Tan's instructions.

Adam trains with Karate Budokan Internation (Wales).

<http://www.kbi-europe.com/catalog/>  
<http://www.karatebudokan.com.au/>

## CHAIRS ANYONE?

Anyone who has been to a function in Pentyrch Village Hall recently will be aware that we have had lovely new chairs. Consequently we have 50+ old chairs to pass onto a new home.

Whilst obviously second hand the chairs are still very robust and reasonably comfortable as anyone who has sat in them for a couple of hours can vouch for.

If you are interested in any chairs please contact Shaun Kerrigan 029 20892207.

We would like a donation of £1 per chair please.

## Pentyrch Gardens Attraction

Pentyrch Open Gardens' tenth anniversary season reached its climax on July 18-19, when 33 gardens welcomed visitors from far and wide. On Saturday, with fair weather, there was an excellent turnout and at one stage we thought we would run out of cakes to feed the hungry throng. On Sunday, with the poorer weather, we sold far fewer tickets. However, as it brightened after lunch there was a steady trickle of people, many of whom had returned for a second day after finding they didn't have time to see all the gardens on Saturday.

So many people were involved in making this weekend the success that it was, often working tirelessly behind the scenes, and we would like to thank them all. Particular thanks are due to all the cooks who generously made cakes and donated them to the catering department. The Pentyrch Open Gardens weekend has established a reputation for excellent homemade refreshments, and without these wonderful donations, we just couldn't do it! Many people also donated prizes for the daily Raffle, which on its own raised £315 - fantastic! Financially, the weekend went well, and we should have healthy sum to divide between the various groups & individuals who have applied for grants (it's too late now for new applications - you will have to wait until next year!).

On Sunday 26th July, the traditional Gardeners Walk took place, when each garden was visited in turn by all the Gardeners. This was a very enjoyable day, in spite of the relentless rain, and reminded us that the reason we do Open Gardens is not just to raise money, but because we enjoy being part of a like-minded community. If you would like to get involved next year, either by opening your garden or helping behind the scenes, get in touch with Jeanette or Chris (T:20899331;

E: [ctvet@talktalk.net](mailto:ctvet@talktalk.net))

## THE GARTH DOMAIN

No. 45 November 2009

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## **Working for Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth**

County Councillors Delme Bowen and Craig Williams cast aside party politics and joined forces in protest of the current planning system and developments in our area.

Cllrs Bowen and Williams led an amended motion at Cardiff Council meeting, which received cross party support stating: "This council believes that the whole procedure concerning the planning system lacks public confidence. It deplores the situation whereby its priorities and the priorities of local communities can be over ruled by Welsh Assembly inspectors, undermining public confidence in locally elected representatives and local democracy."

Over the summer many people have been alarmed to hear of proposed planning changes in our local communities. Cllrs Bowen and Williams opposed the International Business Park, which has now been called into the Welsh Assembly Government for final decision after local pressure.

Councillors are currently fighting to prevent proposals for a 4000 housing development on the "Waterhall" site – between St Fagans and Radyr, which would put intolerable pressure on our local infrastructure.

These are extremely important issues for our area and its long term future. It is time to put local communities back in the driving seat when development plans are considered.

Cardiff's Local Development Plan, which it is hoped will be adopted substantially unamended soon, has the full backing of Cllr Bowen and Cllr Williams. It will protect our green spaces and prevent any further expansion outside the city and our village's envelopes. Indeed much of our area will be classified as an area of "Special Landscape area".

## **Markers Market Road Show Christmas Market**

The Markers Market Christmas Market is coming to town on Saturday 5th December at the Pentyrch Village Hall. Free entry.

Professional artist's Tracey Baker (Equine Ceramic portraits) and Barry Akins (Sir Potsalot) have developed this travelling market to encourage children to participate in traditional crafts. The make and take workshops include, felt making, the potters wheel and jewellery making, which start from 50p. The market also encourages up and coming artists to display and sell their work, which includes ceramics, cards, jewellery and unusual hand made gifts. All items are realistically priced. Other stalls include collectables, antiques and rare books.

The market offers free information on local courses and has a welcoming friendly atmosphere for the whole family.

We have raised over £150 to date for local charities with donated prizes from stall holders.

The first fifty customers at each market are entitled to enter a free quarterly prize draw, first prize is a signed ceramic portrait of a member of their family.

So come along and find that special gift, have a go at a workshop and soak up the friendly atmosphere.

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# Community Council Highlights

## The cost of Democracy

As readers are aware the Pentyrch Community Council operates on a very tight budget and this is spent on the maintenance of the assets which are owned by the Community Council on behalf of the residents. The Community Council employs Maintenance officers to cut the grass, cut back the hedges, pick up litter, mend fences, re-furbish benches, etc., etc., at the various locations in the area that are owned by the Council. Any spare money is ear-marked for specific projects that Councillors feel may make a difference to the lives of the residents and more about these later. The Council also has to make reserves towards future events.

The bill for elections or by-elections is not picked up by the Local Authority or the Welsh Assembly Government but reserved over many years by the prudence of the Clerk and Councillors.

In August 2009 a by-election was held in Creigiau following a vacancy in the Creigiau Ward. The turn out for the election was a woeful 22% of the electorate or, put another way, only some 470 out of 2,121 on the electoral roll, ventured forth on that sultry summer's day to cast their vote. The bad news was that Cardiff CC charged this Community Council over £3,500 (nearly 5% of our total income for the year) for the privilege of having a by-election. This was despite the PCC taking a decision not to have election poll cards printed by Cardiff CC, at a further cost of £1,600, but had our own printed and distributed at a total cost of £130. It would seem that such is the cost of democracy!

It is not all bad news however as the good news is that the Community Council now has a new and most welcome Community Councillor, whose name is Wynford Ellis Owen. His contact details are shown on the last page of this Link. In addition the Community Council is pressing ahead to try and force the Welsh Assembly Government to pick up the bill for elections and by-elections at this, the primary level of local Government.

## Grants

The following grants were awarded at the June and September meetings of the Council:

1. £50 to Radyr & District Good Neighbour Scheme.
2. £50 towards an advert in the Pentyrch Open Gardens Programme
3. £50 for a raffle prize for the Pentyrch Open Gardens Weekend
4. £450 towards the cost of kit for Gwaelod Rangers FC
5. £210 towards the cost of Public Liability Insurance for the Fireworks display at Gwaelod y Garth Playing Fields.

The annual grants budget for the 2009/2010 year is £1,400 and after six months £810 has been spent on organisations within the Community. The next grant applications will be considered at the December 2009 meeting. Applications should be made to me, preferably by email, ([clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc)) and should be accompanied by the last set of accounts or financial statement.

## Council Projects

I mentioned at the beginning article that any money left over would be considered as being used for the projects that were put forward and agreed at a recent Council meeting. So, as they say on 'X-Factor', in no particular order:

1. Listening Link
2. Circular walks
3. Permanent Christmas Tree in Pentyrch, Christmas decorations and lights
4. Placing of more public seating.
5. Improve playground equipment and facilities.
6. Improvements to attractiveness of Village Entrances by use of Planters and Signs.
7. Hanging Baskets
8. To establish allotments at Fairmeadow, Pentyrch.
9. Litter Bin review
10. Review and improvement to footpath signage.
11. Walkways within Gwaelod y Garth area

12. Improve access and parking to GYG School and Village Hall.

13. To lobby for a cycle link from the PCC Area into Cardiff.

14. Publication of a directory & map of usable footpaths/bridleways in PCC area.

15. Liaison with Police to provide a home security pack for distribution to all households.

16. Planting Trees on Ffordd Dinefwr, Creigiau.

Wild flower strips on PCC grassed area.

Some of these projects will cost little to no money whilst others will necessitate major investment by the Council but, to parody the old joke about what you call 6 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean, it's a start!

## Cardiff Buses

Some of you will have received the 'Capital Times', the 'Pravdaesque' publication of the City and County of Cardiff and some of you may even have read it. But how many of you noticed the large map of Cardiff in the middle pages of the rag which shows the routes taken by each Cardiff bus and the number of that bus. Now look closely at the map and try and find which bus goes through Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, Capel Llanilltern or Creigiau. These four villages have been part of Cardiff since 1996 and yet do not even feature on a map of Cardiff and, incidentally, nor does St Fagans. Mind you, if you look at Cardiff Bay the barrage doesn't feature either. Cardiff Bus is really on the ball isn't it????

## Commiserations

Shortly before the closing date for this Link we learned that Lucie Jones had been voted out of X-factor. I am sure I was not alone in feeling that Lucie had been dealt with rather shabbily by an increasingly smug and arrogant Simon Cowell who, after weeks of complaining that the duo of John and Edward were unable to sing or dance, then voted for them and against Lucie who had been one of the best and most consistent performers in the competition. I am in no doubt that Lucie has a big future as singer and I hope that she will bounce back from this disappointment. The one thing she has done is in a few short weeks is to put Pentyrch firmly on the map, something which the Community Council has been trying to do for 115 years!!!



# Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

## Pris Democratiaeth

Mae Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn gweithio ar gyllideb dynn iawn ac fe'i defnyddir ar gynnal a chadw asedau sy'n berchen i'r Cyngor ar ran trigolion yr ardal. Mae'r Cyngor yn cyflogi swyddogion cynnal a chadw i dorri gwair, torri cloddiau, codi sbwriel, adnewyddu seddi ac yn y blaen yn y gwahanol leoliadau yn yr ardal. Mae unrhyw arian drosben yn cael ei glustnodi ar gyfer prosiectau penodol mae Cynghorwyr yn ystyried bydd yn gwneud gwahaniaeth i fywydau trigolion - mwy am hyn nes ymlaen. Mae rhaid i'r Cyngor hefyd roi arian wrthgefn tuag at ddigwyddiadau yn y dyfodol.

Nid yw'r bil am etholiadau neu isetholiadau yn cael ei dalu gan yr awdurdod lleol na Llywodraeth y Cynulliad ond mae angen i'r Cyngor Cymuned gadw arian wrth gefn dros y blynyddoedd ar gyfer hyn.

Yn Awst 2009 cynhaliwyd isetholiad yng Nghreigiau yn dilyn sedd wag yn Ward Creigiau. Dim ond 22% o'r etholiad oedd wedi dod i bleidleisio - 240 allan o Restr Etholiadol o 2,121, o bobl aeth allan i roi eu pleidlais. Y newyddion drwg yw bod Cyngor Sir Caerdydd wedi codi dros £3,500 (bron 5% o'n hincwm am y flwyddyn) am y fraint o gynnal yr isetholiad. Fe fyddai'r gost wedi bod yn £1,600 yn fwy pe bai'r Cyngor Sir wedi argraffu a dosbarthu cardiau etholiad ond llwyddodd y Cyngor Cymuned wneud hyn am £130. Dyna yw'r pris am ddemocratiaeth y dyddiau hyn!

Dydi'r newyddion ddim i gyd yn ddrwg oherwydd y newyddion da yw ein bod wedi croesawu Cynghorydd Cymuned newydd - Wynford Ellis Owen. Mae ei fanylion cyswllt ar dudalen cefn y rhifyn hwn o Cwlwm Bro. Hefyd mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn pwyso i gael Llywodraeth y Cynulliad i dalu'r biliau am etholiadau ac isetholiadau ar y lefel sylfaenol hwn o lywodraeth leol.

## Grantiau

Dosrannwyd y grantiau canlynol yng nghyfarfodydd Mehefin a Medi y cyngor :-

£50 i Radyr & District Good Neighbour Scheme.

£50 tuag at hysbyseb yn Rhaglen Gerddi Agored Pentyrch

£50 tuag at raffl penwythnos Gerddi Agored Pentyrch

£450 tuag at kit i Gwaelod Rangers FC

£210 tuag at gost Yswiriant Cyhoeddus ar gyfer y Tân Gwyllt ar gaeau chwarae Gwaelod y Garth.

Cyllideb flynyddol y cyngor ar gyfer Grantiau yn 2009/10 yw £1,400 ac ar ôl chew mis fe wariwyd £810 ar fudiadau yn y gymuned leol.

Ystyrir y Grantiau nesaf yng nghyfarfod Rhagfyr 2009 y cyngor. Dylid danfon ceisiadau i'r Clerc (clerk@pentyrch.cc) gan gynnwys cyfrifon olaf y mudiad neu ddatganiad ariannol.

## Prosiectau'r Cyngor

Soniais ar ddechrau'r erthygl y bydd arian dros ben o gyllid y cyngor yn cael ei ystyried ar gyfer prosiectau a gyflwynwyd a chadarnhawyd mewn cyfarfod diweddar o'r cyngor. Felly, heb gael eu rhoi mewn unrhyw drefn arbennig, dyma'r rhestr :

1. Cwlwm Bro ar Dâp i'r deillion

1. Teithiau Cerdedd

2. Coeden Nadolig parhaol ym Mhentyrch, addurniadau Nadolig a goleuadau.

3. Rhagor o seddi cyhoeddus.

4. Gwella cyfarpar a darpariaeth ar y meysydd chwarae.

5. Gwella mynedfeydd i'r pentrefi drwy ddefnyddio bocsys blodau a gwell arwyddion.

6. Basgedi blodau.

7. Sefydlu rhandiroedd ym Mhentyrch.

8. Adolygu'r Blychau Sbwriel.

9. Adolygu a gwella arwyddion llwybrau cyhoeddus.

10. Llwybrau yn ardal Gwaelod y Garth

11. Gwella mynediad a pharcio i Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth a Neuadd y Pentref.

12. Lobio am gysylltiadau seiclo o ardal cyngor Pentyrch i Gaerdydd.

13. Cyhoeddi cyfeiriadur a map o'r llwybrau / llwybrau ceffylau yn ardal

y Cyngor.

14. Cydweithredu gyda'r Heddlu i ddarparu pecyn diogelwch yn y cartref i'w ddosbarthu i dai.

15. Plannu coed ar Ffordd Dinefwr, Creigiau.

16. Blodau gwyllt ar sribynnau tir y Cyngor Cymuned.

Ni fydd rhai o'r prosiectau hyn yn costio llawer i'w gweithredu tra bydd rhai eraill angen buddsoddiad sylweddol gan y Cyngor. Ond mae'n gychwyn ar waith newydd i wella'n hardal.

## Bysiau Caerdydd

Bydd rhai ohonoch wedi derbyn 'Llais y Ddinas', papur gwybodaeth Cyngor Sir Caerdydd. Efallai fod rhai ohonoch wedi ei ddarllen. Ond faint ohonoch sydd wedi sylwi ar y map mawr o Gaerdydd yng nghanol y rhifyn diwethaf sy'n dangos llwybrau'r bysiau yn y ddinas a'u rhifau. Edrychwch yn fanwl ar y map a cheisiwch weld pa fws sy'n mynd drwy Creigiau, Capel Llanilltern, Pentyrch a Gwaelod y Garth. Mae'r pentrefi yma wedi bod yn rhan o Gaerdydd ers 1996 ond dydyn nhw ddim yn ymddangos ar fap o Gaerdydd ac mae'r rhu'n peth yn wir am Sain Ffagan. Ar ben hynny maen nhw wedi anghofio am y morglawdd ar draws fae Caerdydd hefyd. Mae Bysiau Caerdydd llawer o waith dal i fyny!

## Cydymdeimladau

Yn fuan cyn dyddiad cau'r rhifyn hwn o Cwlwm Bro clywsom fod Lucie Jones wedi cael ei phleidleisio allan o'r rhaglen deledu X-factor. Dwi'n siŵr nad wyf ar ben fy hun yn teimlo fod Lucie wedi cael ei thrin yn wael gan Simon Cowell, y beirniad balch hunanfodddhaol. Bu'n cwyno am wythnosau fod y deuawd John ac Edward yn methu canu a dawnsio, yna pleidleisiodd iddynt yn erbyn Lucie sydd wedi bod yn un o'r perfformwyr gorau a mwyaf cyson yn y gystadleuaeth. Rwy'n siŵr fod gan Lucie ddyfodol disglair fel cantores a gobeithiaf y bydd yn dod yn ôl a chael llwyddiant yn dilyn y siomedigaeth. Yr un peth mae hi wedi gwneud mewn wythnosau byr yw rhoi Pentyrch ar y map. Rhywbeth mae Cyngor Cymuned wedi bod yn ceisio gwneud am 115 o flynyddoedd!!

## A CHRISTMAS QUIZ FROM CREIGIAU NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

- 1) In what year did Slade first release that ubiquitous and annoying song that somehow still compels us to sing along and gets us dancing at festive parties, 'Merry Christmas Everybody'?
- 2) What is the non-emergency number you should ring to report crime which doesn't need a 'blue light' response?
- 3) In which 2 gospels are the events of the Christmas story recorded?
- 4) If your home is burgled, it is more likely than average to be burgled again in the next few weeks. True or false?
- 5) From which carol does this line come: 'The cattle are lowing'?
- 6) How many points are set out in the Policing Pledge, which on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2008 all police services in England and Wales promised to deliver? How well are South Wales Police doing?
- 7) Which saints' days fall on: a) Boxing Day b) New Year's Eve?
- 8) How would you know if people working in your area were doing so as part of the Community Payback service?
- 9) Which country sends Britain an annual gift of a large Christmas tree which stands in Trafalgar Square?
- 10) If you are called to court as a witness to a crime, can you now expect to wait in a separate area away from the defendant's family?
- 11) This is the phrase for 'Merry Christmas' in 3 other languages. Which ones? a) Nedeleg Laouen b) Feliz Natal c) Gledelig Jol
- 12) What proportion of women will be victims of domestic violence at some time in their lives?
- 13) True or false? a) Female reindeer have antlers. b) Holly can be male or female.
- 14) Your local council has a responsibility to tackle anti-social behaviour and to publicise which powers they are using. Where can you find this information?
- 15) Many people travel to Rovaniemi to meet Santa, and to have fun in a region of reindeer and deep snow. Where is Rovaniemi?
- 16) For what proportion of time, according to the Policing Pledge, should members of our Neighbourhood Policing Team be visibly working in our area?

Take care now nights are long.  
Don't leave expensive presents on display under your tree for too long before Dec 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Be careful how you dispose of the packaging for all your expensive new gadgets.  
Have a great and crime-free Christmas.  
**From Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch**

Answers on page 19.

## Pentyrch dance school T'nT

Local dance school, T'nT entered three formation teams in a Latin-American dance competition held at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on 27th and 28th of June 2009. All three teams reached the finals. On the Saturday, the 8 couple juvenile team came 4th and the 4 couple junior team came 5th which were both fantastic results but on the Sunday, the 4 couple juvenile team came 1st, beating the British champions! T'nT hold dance classes at Pentyrch Village Hall on a Saturday morning. The girls are pictured here with their medals and the winner's cup!



Back row, Tiffany Jones(trainer), Emily, Chloe, Ashleigh, Sophie, Tamsen Cave (trainer).  
Front row, Carys, Corinne, Eleri, Ellen.

## Pentyrch Tuesday Lunch Club

Retired members of the community enjoyed a delightful Autumn Tea in Pentyrch Village Hall at the end of October. Afternoon tea with delicious sandwiches and home baked cakes were served after entertainment by Owls 4 U. They talked about working with rescued owls, including one which had been bought as a pet for a child after he had seen the first Harry Potter film! Guests were able to see and touch these beautiful birds. Our thanks go to Pentyrch Open Gardens

for supporting this event.

If you missed the Autumn Tea don't miss out on our next special event - Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 15th December. A turkey lunch with all the trimmings, for £4, followed by carol singing and a seasonal raffle. This event is open to all retired folk in the area and tickets can be purchased from Tuesday Lunch Club or Radyr and District Good Neighbour Scheme by Friday 11th December.

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## GWAELOD RANGERS – A TRUE STORY



The time – a sunny Saturday morning Spring 2008; the place – a bustling sports hall in Radyr; the occasion – the weekly meeting of the SWSS – not a secret organisation featured in a Bond movie or the Welsh social network – Single Welsh and Super Sexy but a

force greater than this. SOUTH WALES SOCCER SCHOOLS!

The story – a number of proud dads started to hatch a plan. Since the age of 4 they had watched their boys play together week in week without fail. Now the dads were left with two

choices: see the boys split up forever and scattered like jewels to teams all over North Cardiff; or to stand, fight and boldly go where none of these dads had been before - to form their own football team. They chose to fight. The result – the formation of Gwaelod Rangers Under 8's Football Team.

From our humble beginnings of 7 boys and jumpers for goal posts, the word spread and we slowly recruited players throughout the season. Firstly came the newly designed kit; then a generous sponsorship from Real Radio that enabled us to buy a set of goal posts; all of a sudden we were a credible team with great aspirations of doing well in the Cardiff and District League.

Another year on and such has been the interest in Gwaelod Rangers, that our late summer training sessions saw up to 50 boys and girls joining the crew – a very proud moment for all the dads that started it all.

Paul Williams, Chairman of Gwaelod Rangers said: 'It has just been overwhelming to see the rapid development of the Club. Without generous sponsorships and the hard work of all the parents involved we would not have come this far. In particular we would like to thank the Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth Community Council for their generous donation that has enabled us to purchase a new football kit for the new Under 8's team.'

Gwaelod Rangers now have an Under 9's, an Under 8's and an Under 7's Development squad.



### Makers Market Road Show Christmas Market



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## Charity Event

On Friday 25th September @ 11.00 a.m Deborah Hunt organised a COFFEE MORNING at her home in Pentyrch to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanking everyone for their help Deborah said, "The contributions made were fantastic, I wanted to thank all the ladies who attended for their kind generosity. A raffle was organised by my sister Bev and beautiful homemade cakes made by my Mum, Dad and younger sister Melanie oh not forgetting our friend Alison. We raised an amazing £165.00. I think a very enjoyable morning/afternoon! was had by all. Thanks again to everyone who helped and raised money for an excellent cause."



## PENTYRCH BOWLING CLUB – *THE* local success story

Pentyrch Bowling Club had another successful season, attracting new members from Pentyrch and neighbouring villages. While the men's team battled on 3 different fronts – two Saturday teams and the Cardiff Wednesday League, the Ladies took pride of place winning the very prestigious Glamorgan Rose Bowl. Captained by Colleen O'Connor they defeated Cardiff Bowling Club in an exciting final.

The junior section gained its first representative honours with Owen Morgan and Harri Lewis being selected to play for the County of South Glamorgan. Competing against boys often a few years older than themselves, and in one game against the Welsh Under 25s Ladies, Owen and Harri proved they are a match for anyone.

Every summer the club coaches invite the pupils of Pentyrch School and Ysgol Creigiau for a series of coaching lessons. Most of the children adapt to the game straight away and the end of term annual match between the two schools is developing into quite a battle. This year, for the first time, the winners of the Pantygored Shield were Ysgol Creigiau.

The end of the summer season is dominated by the Club Competitions. This year the two captains John Davies Jnr and Colleen O'Connor figured prominently on the winners rostrum, both winning their respective singles championships. **The full list of Club Honours for 2009 are:**



**County Juniors Harri Lewis & Owen Morgan**

**Ladies Singles:** Colleen O'Connor

**Pairs:** Pat Sedgebeer & Ginny Atkinson

**Triples:** Jean Lane, Pat Sedgebeer & Colleen O'Connor

**Gentlemen's Singles:** John Davies Jnr.

**Pairs:** John Davies Jnr. & Mark Krawiecki

**Triples:** Tim Morgan, Jeff Tarr & John Davies Jnr.

**Mixed Pairs:** Claire Collett & Oscar Evans

**Junior Championship:** Owen Morgan

**John Calnan Cup (Mixed Triples):** Howard Thomas, Hazel Davies & John Davies Snr.

**Two Wood Singles:** Colin Howson beat John Davies Jnr.

The club enjoyed a very eventful and busy Annual Tour – this year re-visiting old favourites in Cardigan, Carmarthen and Llanelli. Their best bowls were sometimes left in the bar, but they definitely won the singing contests led by their old crooner Tommy Murray. Next season the tourists are looking forward to visiting sunny Bournemouth.

Throughout the summer the numbers that turn up on a Monday evening to

## Latest Scams

PC Bob Minton, who used to be the 'village bobby' in Pentyrch and now works in 'Community Safety' from the shiny new Police Station in Cardiff Bay has provided details of a clever scam where a person, purporting to be a 'representative' of BT, rang an elderly person, in Whitchurch, stating that she would be disconnected because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00, or it would be £118.00 to be re-connected later. He would only accept payment by credit or debit card. Luckily, no money was handed over on this occasion. What the scammer does to demonstrate that they can cut people off is to pretend to disconnect the call and pressing the 'mute' feature on their phone. When the recipient tries to make a call he cannot get a dialling tone and believes that the phone has been cut off. After a while the caller disconnects the phone and then rings again. This appears to be a national scam which has already received some coverage recently – but it is worth reminding people **NEVER** to give out card details to a "cold callers". A useful new link for information and news on such scams is: <http://www.ripofftipoff.net/>.



**Ladies Pairs: Ginny Atkinson & Pat Sedgebeer**

play "spoons" is the envy of every club in the county, and Alan Parsons must take all of the credit for that. The excellent Davies family produced club magazine is distributed quarterly throughout the villages and anyone wishing to sponsor a player or place an advert need only approach committee member. The club can never have too many members so if anyone, of any age, wishing to learn the game, or is an experienced player wishing for a new challenge, they can contact Tim Morgan tel.02920 891850 or look on the web site.

[www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk)

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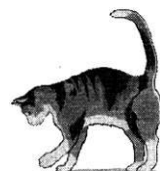
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# Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School

**Healthy School Week**  
**12th - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
**Class 2E's Diary!!**

## Operation Christmas Child



This year the children of Gwaelod y Garth Primary School have been busy preparing boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child'. We made these boxes to help children that aren't as lucky as us. They will go to children in countries like Africa, Afghanistan and Iraq where there is trouble and war. We filled the boxes with Christmas presents. They didn't cost much to make but they will mean a lot to the children who open them. We collected 104 boxes here at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth.

Y flwyddyn hon mae plant Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth wedi bod yn paratoi bocsis ar gyfer 'Operation Christmas Child'. Rydym yn gwneud y bocsis yma i helpu plant sydd ddim mor llwus a ni. Mae'n helpu plant o wledydd lle mae trwbwl ac ymladd fel Affrica, Afghanistan ac Iraq. Roedd rhaid llenwi'r bocsis gyda anrhegion Nadolig. Doedden nhw ddim yn costio llawer i wneud ond mi fydden nhw'n meddwl llawer i'r plant sy'n ei hgor. Casglodd plant Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth 104 bocs.

Gan Isobel Owens Blwyddyn 5

## Gwersyll Llangrannog

Ar nos Wener y Nawfed o Hydref aethom ni i Wersyll yr Urdd yn Llangrannog. Cawsom ni swper ar ol cyrraedd, mae'r bwyd yn gret yn Llangrannog! Ni chawsom llawer o gwsg ar Nos Wener felly roedd pawb wedi blino'n lan ar ddydd Sadwrn. Er hynny roedd llawer o weithgareddau i wneud. Roedd beiciau modur, sgio, marchogaeth, nofio, gwib-gartio, rhaffau, saethyddiaeth a'r trampolin i wneud!! Roedd pob un o'r gweithgareddau yn hwyl. Roedd hefyd casgliad o weithgareddau yn y nos fel bingo, disgo, canu, chwaraeon a twmpath. Roedd pawb yn y gwely yn gynnar ar nos Sul ar ol gwneud gymaint dros y penwythnos. Cawsom amser bendigedig yn Llangrannog.

Alys Blwyddyn 6 a Carys Blwyddyn 5

## Sefydliad Calon Cymru

Ar ddydd Gwener Tachwedd y 6ed cafodd plant adran Iau yr ysgol twrnament dodgeball er mwyn codi arian i Sefydliad Calon Cymru. Cawsom brynhawn cyffrous iawn yn llawn hwyl a sbri. Cafodd plant y babanod sialens sgipio, roedd rhaid sgipio am 2 awr heb stopio gyda phob dosbarth yn cymryd tro. Casglodd plant yr ysgol £1667. Roeddwn yn hapus iawn gyda hyn.

Monday - Today we learnt how to wash our hands properly and had the glitter bug machine. This showed us the germs that were on our hands. We designed posters to show how to wash your hands.

Tuesday - Today we painted broccoli and pineapple. Broccoli and pineapple are very healthy! We also made fruit skewers. They were delicious!

Wednesday - Two dental Nurses came to visit us. They taught us how to clean and care for our teeth. We also designed a healthy menu for a restaurant.

Thursday - Today we played Dodgeball. This game helps us keep fit and healthy. It involves us running about and throwing balls at each other.

Friday - On Friday we made a 2D animation on the computer and we made moving fruits. We've had a very busy week!

## British Heart Foundation

On Friday November the 6th the junior children held a dodgeball tournament to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. We had a very exciting and fun afternoon. The infant children held a skipping challenge. They had to skip for 2 hours with each class taking their turn. We raised an amazing £1667 for the British Heart Foundation.

Huw, Charlotte a Sarah Blwyddyn 3



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## Child Mortality in Developing Countries

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, a group of sixth formers from Radyr Comprehensive School attended the fifth annual Global Student Forum in Westminster, London, in order to help raise awareness of child mortality in developing countries. The forum exists to encourage school students to think carefully about the spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues underlying Global citizenship and to help others to do the same. This year, the theme of the forum was child mortality, focusing in particular on the fact that 9.2 million children die before they reach their fifth birthday, which averages about one child every three seconds.

The conference was made up of multi-media presentations, debates, workshops and live music from artists, designed to help equip us to become peer educators on our return to school and therefore contribute to the aim of raising awareness locally. The conference was a major eye-opener for all of us and made every one of us realise how fortunate we are. During the Conference we learnt there that there were five main causes of child mortality in third world countries. These were malnutrition, poor sanitation, climate change, lack of education and lack of resources. It was particularly shocking to hear that preventable diseases, the top two being pneumonia and diarrhoea, caused the most deaths amongst children in developing countries.

Catrin Cooper, one of the sixth formers that attended the conference said, 'The whole experience really changed my perspective on world issues. The facts that I learnt and images I saw really affected me and I've realised that even I can make a



**Radyr Students hold a tally chart representing the shocking number of children that died during the course of the conference.**

difference! One of the most moving parts of the conference was Perry Njeri talking about losing her two children to aids. Hearing this firsthand account is something I will never forget.'

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to meet with our local MP, Kevin Brennan, in the Houses of Parliament, to present him with a question to raise in parliament on our behalf. The question we chose to pose to him was "If child mortality is such a significant issue, why is it not included in our school curriculum at a younger age?" We will be meeting with him again at the start of September to further discuss with him what we will be doing and what he can do to further this cause.

It was reassuring that there were things we could do as individuals to help. We have taken the Copenhagen pledge on the Christian Aid website to

## CREIGIAU OPEN GARDENS

Calling all gardeners who would like to open their gardens on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 as part of Creigiau Carnival Week. It is a very enjoyable and sociable event, and profits will be distributed to village societies. Last year was our first opening, six gardens and the local allotments, and it was a great success.

The gardens were varied – large, small, cottage, formal – but what we all have in common is our enthusiasm for gardening.

Please contact Jen MacDonald 029 20892830

reduce our carbon footprint. Likewise, we have sent a petition to Gordon Brown urging him to attend the UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen on the 6th-8th of December. In addition to this we learnt that we could make a difference to the lives of people in third world countries by simply buying more fair-trade products, like bananas, chocolate and clothes.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, we are going to make use of the lessons learned in London to raise awareness of child mortality amongst our local community. We are currently preparing assemblies and lessons to deliver in our own school and primary feeder schools that will go into more detail about why mortality rates are so high and how we can make a difference.

To find out more about child mortality go to [www.damaris.org](http://www.damaris.org)  
To make the Copenhagen pledge go to <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/Countdown-to-Copenhagen-climate-change>

By Catrin Cooper, Helen Wilson and Sama Razouqi



# Pentyrch Primary School



## Halloween Celebrations

Every year we have a Halloween Disco in school to have lots of fun. It is held in the school hall and everybody comes and gets dressed up in scary costumes. People dressed up as ghosts, witches and vampires! To get the hall ready for the party, we carved pumpkin lanterns in class and put candles in them. Then we put them in the hall. We played games and laughed with our friends. We saved our pumpkin seeds for our school garden to grow pumpkins next year. Halloween comes from the ancient Welsh Celtic tradition of the Festival of Samhein. For the Celts the winter and the New Year began on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Lots of the scary games we play go back to this time. On Halloween we usually go out "Trick and Treating". Trick or Treating is when you knock on people's house doors and you either get sweets or a nasty trick. It is a lot of fun.

Jacob Griffiths aged 10

## Art Project

This year we have had two Artists in our school to help our class work on a special project called "Marvellous Me". The artists were students from the UWIC in Cardiff and they helped us to work with lots of different materials. There were two groups in the class and my group looked at 2D portraits and 3D masks. The best bit was making masks. I made a Maori mask like the natives of New Zealand wore many years ago. I researched the project on the Internet and found out what they looked like then we made the masks out of ModrocÓ. This is a plaster "wrapping" bandage used for modelling. Then we painted them and to finish them off we put on beads and feathers. After a lot of hard work and mess, they were finished. All of them looked absolutely brilliant.

Oliver Shenton aged 11

## The Tuck Shop

In our school we are very keen to be healthy so we have a fruit tuck shop. We

call it the Fruity Tooty Tuck Shop and every morning the children in our class take it in turns to run the shop selling apples, oranges, bananas, pears, grapes and sometimes strawberries to the other children. It costs 20p for a piece of fruit. The shop does not make a profit but it makes sure everyone in our school has a chance to eat fruit because it is good for you.

Ioan Pettit aged 10

## The Summer Fair

Every year in our school we have a school fair or fete in our school grounds in June. This year the weather was very hot and sunny. I took a lamb from my family's farm to the fair so that people could try and guess its weight to win a prize. We put the lamb in a pen and lots of people paid to have a go to see how heavy he was. There were other stalls there as well.

We also had a huge bouncy slide that you pay to slide on this was lots of fun! The best one was the coconut shy when you had to throw balls at coconuts and try to knock them off a stand. The school choir sang and we also had a football tournament with teams of friends playing against each other. There were BBQ beef burgers and hot dogs and ice cream too. The school fete is my favourite school event!

Alex Carnell aged 10

## Book Week

In October we had National Children's Book Week and we had lots of events in school. We brought our favourite books to school and read our favourite poems. We all dressed up as characters from our favourite books and that was a lot of fun. On Friday which was the last day we had a children's story teller called Dylan Adams come to visit us in school and work with all the classes. In our class we did animation and made a short film from a traditional Welsh tale. In the afternoon the story teller told us the story of King Arthur and Merlin and it had music and acting. It was quite scary but exciting too!

Suzy Ryall aged 11



## Harvest Festival

Something we do every year in our school is to hold a Harvest Festival to say thank you for the food we have to eat. We bring in fruit and vegetables and then in the afternoon we sell them to parents. The money that we make we use to send to a boy called Ameth who lives in Senegal with his family to help them have a better life. Our class presented the Harvest Festival to the rest of the school, we told the other children about how many children in the world do not have enough food and how we can help. We made a play of "The Little Red Hen" and made a life size corn dolly. We always sing Harvest songs and our favourite is called the Big Red Combine Harvester. Everybody loves singing that because it has actions too.

Christopher Samuel aged 11

## Science Work

Our school is very lucky to have a school pond so we can learn about pond life and plants. The wild life pond was built for us in the summer by GE Healthcare who are a big company in Cardiff. We also went there in October for a science project. They have very good science laboratories for school children and we did an investigation into Finger Prints. We took our own finger prints with ink pads like they do in the police if you have committed a crime and then we studied the patterns on them to see what kind of patterns they had. We had to wear proper scientist coats and goggles and use the equipment very sensibly. It is great going to do science there because they have really fantastic science equipment. We love doing science.

Celyn aged 10

# Planning Applications to November 2009

**09/01134/W** Mr Graham Joseph, 14 Dol y Felin, Creigiau, applied for a replacement roof and alterations to the existing conservatory at 14 Dol-y- Felin, Creigiau. Permission was granted on 27/8/2009.

**09/01052/W** Mr Brian Lee applied to demolish Hill Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau and erect a replacement dwelling in an alternative location on the same site. Planning permission refused on 18/8/2009.

**09/01163/W** Waterstone Homes, Waterton Park, Bridgend applied for a variation to condition 2 of planning consent **08/01279/W** which granted in respect to the land south of Glan Y Nant, Church Road, Pentyrch.

**09/01167/W** Mr Gary Oakes, 1 Llys Teilo, Creigiau, applied for a two storey extension to side elevation and a single storey kitchen extension to the rear. Permission was granted on 11/8/2009

**09/01304/W** Mr & Mrs Amodeo, Robin Hill, Cardiff Road, Creigiau applied for a two storey extension and first floor extension to the southern section of the house to provide re-planned interior with lobby, cloakroom & w.c, new staircase, 5 en-suite bedrooms & new window & door openings; new roof to northern section of house to provide 2 further bedrooms & bathroom at Robin Hill, Cardiff Road, Creigiau. Planning Permission was refused on 16/9/2009

**09/01341/W** Mrs SE, Mr ER and Mr WR Thomas, Pant Y Gored, Heol Pant Y Gored, Pentyrch applied for the conversion of a listed barn and a milking parlour into two residential dwellings at Pant-Y-Gored Farm. This is still under consideration.

**09/01342/W Listed Building Consent** - Mrs SE, Mr ER & Mr WR Thomas, Pant Y Gored Farm, Heol Pant Y Gored, Pentyrch applied for the alterations to enable conversion of a barn (listed) and milking parlour into two residential dwellings at Pant-Y-Gored Farm, Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

**09/01344/W** Mrs Stella Thomas, Crud yr Awel, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied to construct a new vehicle access to a classified road. Permission was granted on 17/9/2009.

**09/01352/W** Mr Simon Williams, 5 Patmore Close, Gwaelod-y-Garth applied for first floor extension over the garage and assorted alterations works. Permission was granted on 27/8/2009

**09/01378/W** GMG Radio Unit 1, Ty-Nant Court, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied to relocate an air-conditioning plant to the existing stand-by generator compound and replace first floor escape stairs and alterations. Permission was granted on 30/9/2009

**09/01400/W** Ms Hazel Pierce, 4 Cefn Llan, Pentyrch, applied for a rear single storey extension. Permission granted on 24/9/2009.

**09/01509/W** Mr Alec Davies, Clerk to Pentyrch Community Council, applied to demolish the Rest Centre, Mountain Road, Pentyrch and construct a single detached

dwelling in its place. Permission was granted on 26/10/2009.

**09/01516/W** Mr Kingsley Greenman, 12 Tyn y Coed Road, Pentyrch applied for a rear roof extension. Permission was granted on 8/10/2009.

**09/01517/W** Mr Nicholas Baldwin, 4 Dol-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied to erect a stainless steel flue pipe. Permission was granted on 19/10/2009.

**09/01532/W** Mr Glyn Stephens, Oaklands, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern applied for a 2 bed-roomed bungalow on land to the rear of Oaklands, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern. This is still under consideration.

**09/01577/W** OpenReach, Narrowband Wayleaves Office, Post Point 110A, Communications House applied for a telecommunications cabinet opposite Beechwood, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth. This is still under consideration.

**09/01580/W** Mr Evans, 16 Tregarth Court, Creigiau, applied to put a velux dormer in the attic. Permission granted on 16/10/2009.

**09/01584/W** Mr Matthews , 3 Cefn Llan, Pentyrch applied for a two and a half storey side extension. This is still under consideration.

**09/01601/W** Mr Philip Andrews, 6 Maes Y Nant, Creigiau, applied for the renovation of existing outbuildings at Creigiau Farm into a single two storey domestic dwelling. The proposal will necessitate a change of use from farm buildings and require some demolition of other redundant structures at the granary & milking parlour. This is still under consideration.

**09/01627/W** Mr Gilchrist, 8 Lon-Y-Fro, Pentyrch, applied to construct a two-storey extension. Permission was granted on 20/10/2009.

**09/01628/W** Mr & Mrs Parfitt , Copper Beeches, Heol-y-Parc, applied for alterations to the existing property to form a double garage, and extensions to form additional bedrooms and en-suite to the loft, garden rooms and a new utility room. This is still under consideration.

**09/01638/W** Mr David Lambert, 13 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau applied for a single storey rear extension to kitchen & dining room and covered way to the side entrance. This is still under consideration.

**09/01646/W** Miss Jo Evans, 1 Woodland Crescent, Creigiau applied for a two storey side extension to provide lounge, bedroom and study. Permission was granted on 26/10/2009

**09/01718/W** Mrs Rachel Mooney, 1 Patmore Close, Gwaelod Y Garth, applied to move an existing boundary wall. This is still under consideration.

**09/01777/W** Ms Amanda Crockett, 9 Crossways, Heol Y Parc, Pentyrch applied for the relocation of five stables and small barn for hay storage at Castell y Mynach Farm, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

## Decisions from Planning Applications in previous Community Links

**08/02069/W** Barrie Williams Developments Limited, Llwyn Y Brain Bach Farm, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau, applied to excavate to form new lake and provide spoil to raise levels about lake to raise above water table. Permission was granted on 11/6/2009.

**09/00527/W** Mr & Mrs Paice FUL 3 Clos Caewal, Pentyrch, applied for a two storey side extension, demolition of existing garage and single storey extension to the side and rear and new front porch. Permission was granted on 11/6/2009.

**09/00554/W** Mr Robins, 21 Parc Castell-Y-Mynach, Creigiau, applied for a two storey side extension. Permission was granted on 16/6/2009.

**09/00585/W** Mr Leach, 5 The Terrace, Creigiau, applied to demolish existing extension and build new extension with associated works to the first floor. Permission was granted on 11/6/2009.

**09/00680/W** Mr & Mrs Jones, Bryn Cattwg, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for a detached garage/domestic gymnasium. Permission was granted on 18/6/2009.

**09/00692/W** Mr S Hitchings, 42 Parc-y-Coed, Creigiau, applied for a 2 storey side extension single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 29/6/2009.

**09/00693/W** Mr Cosslett, Cae yr Arfau, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau, applied for a steel-portal-frame detached building to be used for storage. Permission granted on 26/6/2009.

**09/00704/W** David & Liz Edwards, The Cottage, Creigiau Farm, Parc-y-Fro, Creigiau, applied for the addition of a second storey, to an existing single storey extension. Permission was granted on 18/6/2009.

**09/00791/W** Mr Gary Bratcher, 1 Salem Row, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a first floor extension to form a new bedroom. Permission was granted on 9/7/2009

**09/00825/W** Mr & Mrs Ragan, Old Tregurnog Farm House, Heol St Y Nyll, Creigiau, applied for a two-storey rear extension. Permission granted on 9/7/2009

**09/00855/W** Mr John Llewellyn, Swallowmead, Penuel Road, Pentyrch, applied to construct a conservatory. Permission was granted on 03/7/2009.

**09/00862/W** Mr Nelson, 'Rhiwceiliog', School Lane, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a 3-storey domestic extension to provide a new self-contained annex with physiotherapy and hydrotherapy suites. Permission was granted on 13/8/2009.

**09/00878/W** Mr Gareth Gronow, 39 Maes-y-Sarn, Pentyrch, applied to demolish the rear conservatory and construct a single storey extension to the rear. Permission was granted on 13/7/2009.

**09/00978/W** Cardiff County Council applied to install a double demountable classroom at Ysgol Gynradd, Gwaelod y Garth. Permission granted on 16/10/2009.

**09/01012/W** Mr Philip Angell, 14 Maes-y-Dderwen, Creigiau, applied to construct a 2-storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling. Permission granted on 10/8/2009

**09/01019/W** Mr Crosby, 26 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch applied to replace an existing grass bank and hedge with a wall surmounted by timber trellis. Planning permission was granted on 20/7/2009.

# Creigiau Allotments

“Working an allotment gives you plenty of fresh air and healthy exercise and it is suitable for elderly and disabled people as well as the fighting fit. It is good for your peace of mind as well as your body: a therapy in both physical and mental illness: a treatment for stress and obesity and can help all kinds of people get a sense of achievement.” – so it says in a Government Department’s guide for allotment holders. Cultivation of the land has also been put forward as the saviour from the three great evils – weariness, vice and want. I’ve even heard it described as the new Rock and Roll!

So much for the propaganda. For just over ten years, I’ve cultivated a plot at the Creigiau allotment site run by the Dynevor Gardening Association and it has not been without mental stress nor physical injury. When the weather conditions are such that it is impossible to plant out the seedlings which you have carefully nurtured and should have been put out a long time ago: when you finally get round to planting them and the following day you discover that they have been raised to the ground by slugs: or when, upon arriving at your plot, you find that it has been visited by a rogue rabbit or the strawberry-loving squirrel, there is a certain amount of stress to be felt. Straining muscles through “over-doing” the over-due winter digging can cause various degrees of discomfort.

But they say that a certain amount of stress is good for you and when, with the sun on your back and the birds singing, you eat the sweet peas from a freshly picked pod, it often feels that it is all worthwhile.

When I first took a plot with a friend in 1999, it seemed to me that I had become a member of kind of club for retired men, most of whom occupied “full sized” plots, measuring roughly

ninety feet by thirty. Over the years, the situation has gradually changed so that, now, most members occupy half-or even quarter-plots, reflecting the increase in busy lifestyles and the range of leisure activities available. It also is a result of the fact that we now have a lot more female members who have families to care for. So “Last of the Summer Wine” has transformed into “Loose Women”.

As you would expect, the increase in the number of women members has, in turn, resulted in an increased level of communication between members with the introduction of a news letter and a notice board. It has also resulted in the setting up of a social committee to organize events. In April, a number of the most insane members made their way to the allotment site around four am to listen to the dawn chorus; the various songs were identified for us by a keen ornithologist member. We also had a trip to the National Botanical Gardens and a picnic tea to coincide with the judging of the pumpkin competition. In June, the site was open to the public as part of the Open Gardens event. In view of the time of year, I should finally mention that, following last year’s successful Christmas “Do” in the King’s Arms, we will be playing skittles and

celebrating Christmas in a pub in Tongwynlais.

So it’s not all stress and injury! If you want to enjoy the benefits set out in the first paragraph of this article and make some new friends, get yourself an allotment. Unfortunately, it’s not so easy in this area (as, I suspect is the case in many others). We have a waiting list which currently stands at over a dozen and there will therefore be a lengthy wait for anyone wanting to put his or her name forward for inclusion on that list. However, there are moves afoot to try to establish allotments in Pentyrch village. The Community Council has identified a suitable site that it owns but, unfortunately, Cardiff City Council claims that it does not have the funds to convert this site into viable allotments. There may be other sources of income but finance is the stumbling block at the moment. The Community Council is keen for this project to be brought to fruition so anyone who would like to assist in this endeavour should contact the Clerk to the Council, Alec Davies, whose telephone number is :- 20891417 and e-mail address is :-

[clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc).

Mike Beaman,  
Chairman of the  
Dynevor Gardening Association.





**Judith, Brian a Haulwen**

## Ysgol Gynradd Creigiau Primary School

An important chapter came to an end in the history of Creigiau Primary School with the retirement of Brian Evans, Judith James and Haulwen Hughes at the end of the summer term.

Between them, they had given 58 years of service to the school..... Brian, 24 years; Judith, 18 years ( 15 as a deputy ) and Haulwen, 16 years.

Not only did these three work at the school; they were a key part of the culture and ethos of the school. Their hearts were in their work until the very last day.

In their own unique ways, they made an immeasurable contribution to the community as teachers and as people. Countless numbers of pupils have had the good fortune to have benefited from their teaching skills and endless enthusiasm.

They were also excellent role models for all members of staff, showing professionalism, commitment and good humour. The whole school community, past and present, wishes to record its immense debt of gratitude to them and to wish them a long and happy retirement.

### Mastermind Contender

Rhys Lewis, who has just left Creigiau Primary School, has been on television as a contender on Mastermind Plant Cymru.

He did exceptionally well, reaching the final, which was televised in October 2009. Unfortunately he didn't win but he was the runner up in a very closely fought battle of the minds.

His specialist subjects through the rounds included 'The Vicar of Dibley' and 'Cardiff City Football Club'.

Rhys is now attending Plasmawr Comprehensive School and is busy building upon his extensive knowledge.

### History Heritage Award

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the Cardiff Castle History Project. The project won the Trefor Rees and Eric Griffith Memorial Prize (£200) from Llantrisant Historical Society.

Daeth pennod pwysig i ben yn hanes Ysgol Creigiau gydag ymddeoliad Brian Evans, Judith James a Haulwen Hughes ar ddiwedd tymor yr haf.

Rhoddodd y tri gyfanswm o 58 o flynyddoedd o wasanaeth i'r ysgol..... Brian, 24 o flynyddoedd; Judith, 18 o flynyddoedd ( 15 fel dirprwy ) a Haulwen, 16 o flynyddoedd.

Nid dim ond gweithio yn yr ysgol oedd y tri yma; roeddent yn rhan allweddol o ddiwylliant ac ethos Ysgol Creigiau. Roedd eu calonnau yn eu gwaith tan y funud olaf.

Rhoddodd pob un ohonynt gyfraniad unigryw a helaeth i gymuned yr ysgol - fel athrawon ac fel unigolion. Mae llawerodd o ddisgyblion wedi bod yn ffodus o elwa ar eu sgiliau addysgu a'u brwdfrydedd di - flino.

Yn ogystal, maent wedi bod yn esiampl dda i holl aelodau'r staff, gan ddangos proffesiynoldeb, ymroddiad a hiwmor. Mae holl gymuned yr ysgol, y rhai presennol a'r gorffennol, am gofnodi eu dyled mawr a'u diolchgarwch i'r tri ohonynt, gan ddymuno'r gorau iddynt am ymddeoliad hir a hapus.

### Mastermind Plant Cymru

Yn ddiweddar gwelwyd Rhys Lewis, a adawodd Ysgol Creigiau llynedd yn ymgeisydd ar Mastermind Plant Cymru. Fe wnaeth yn wych, gan gyrraedd y rownd derfynol, a darlledwyd ym mis hydref 2009. Yn anffodus ni enillodd ond fe ddaeth yn ail agos iawn. Ei bynciau arbenigol oedd 'The Vicar of Dibley' a hanes Clwb Pêl-droed Dinas Caerdydd. Mae Rhys nawr yn mynychu Ysgol Plasmawr ac mae e wrthi'n brysur yn ychwanegu at ei wybodaeth eang. Ardderchog Rhys!

### Côr yr ysgol yn yr Eglwys Gadeiriol

Mae'n anrhydedd mawr i'r cor gael ei gwahodd i berfformio yn yr Eglwys Gadeiriol yn Llandaf ar yr 8fed o Ragfyr.

Bydd y cor yn canu mewn cyngerdd a drefnwyd gan Gymdeithas Meningitis. Mae'n siwr y bydd y tocynnau'n gwerthu'n gyflym.

Archebwch eich tocyn mewn da bryd!

### Flying the Flag

The school was recently awarded the Green Flag for the second time. Mrs Carroll Hurford and the Eco-Committee have worked exceedingly hard to promote various schemes within school to provide an eco-friendly environment.

Some of the schemes involve: -

- recycling white paper
- saving electricity by switching off unused equipment
- sorting rubbish/litter into food waste and recyclable items
- using the environment as part of different lessons
- development of the school garden and grounds
- being a healthy eating school
- saving water by installing new taps

The school was visited by two assessors and several representatives from the Eco-Committee escorted them around the school and discussed the above schemes. They were very impressed with what they saw and they complimented the committee on their achievements.

The new certificate arrived in school very quickly, together with a new flag which is flying proudly within the school grounds.

Well done to all of those involved.

### Choir at the Cathedral

The school choir are very honoured to be invited to perform at Llandaff Cathedral on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

They will be part of the concert organised for The Meningitis Society. Tickets for this occasion are sure to be in high demand.

## Bright Beginnings Playgroup, Creigiau.

The children have had a very busy few months since September and are looking forward to more new and exciting learning experiences planned for this term. We are busy preparing for Christmas concerts and parties.

The playgroup is open daily between 9.40am and 12.10pm in Creigiau Church Hall. Children are welcome to attend between two and five sessions per week. Children from two years old are welcome. The cost of each morning session is £9. Each session includes imaginative play, messy play, construction, physical play, book time, music time and more. Our playgroup is a member of the Pre-schools Playgroup Association and registered with the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales.

There are still a few spare places left for this term. Please contact the Church Hall during playgroup hours on 07813396394 for more details.

Bright Beginnings Playgroup is a registered charity (No-1025500) and we rely heavily on donations. If you are able to offer your support in any way, we would be very grateful.

### Baby and Toddler Group

The weekly Baby and Toddler Group is continuing to grow and frequently welcomes new members. The Group runs every Wednesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 3pm in the Church Hall. (Term time only) It costs £2.50 plus 50pence for every additional child. Tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults and a snack and a drink for the children is included in the price. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new parents and let your child/ children experience the wide range of activities provided each week. Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to meeting you.

### Bright Beginnings Fundraising Events

On Thursday 8th October 2009 we raised over £400 at our Virgin Vie Ladies Shopping and Pampering evening. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, bought and sold raffle tickets and who kindly donated prizes. We greatly appreciate your support.

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Party is on Saturday 12th December at the Old Post Office in St Fagans. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the other playgroup parents and enjoy the live entertainment. This is not just a 'Bright Beginnings' party, but a chance for friends of the playgroup (past, present and future) to celebrate with good food and wine. Tickets will cost £20 and includes a two course buffet. 7.30-12.30pm.

We are hosting a First Aid Course in The Church Hall on Monday 18th January 2010. Doors open at 7pm and the two hour hands-on course starts at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served. Tickets cost £5 each and everyone is welcome. The course will be run by volunteers from the Royal Life Saving Society and everyone will receive a certificate. The baby and Child First Aid course we hosted last year was well supported and we anticipate the limited tickets for this years event will sell out soon. Please contact Rachel on 20 899699 or Claire on 01443 202315 for tickets.

Our annual Race Night at St Fagans Cricket Ground is booked for Friday 12th March 2010. The event is always great fun and well supported. Book a baby sitter!

## Answers to the quiz questions (Page 10)

- 1)1973 2)101
- 3)The Gospels according to Saint Matthew and Saint Luke
- 4)True. The burglar now knows what you've got and where, and all about your locks and security systems, so it is vital to increase your security immediately. If a neighbour's house is burgled, please be extra vigilant and supportive to them during the following weeks.
- 5)Away in a Manger
- 6)10 points. South Wales Police are not doing particularly well, scoring 'Good' for only 2, and a mere 'Fair' for the other 8, but improvements are said to be in place.
- 7)St. Stephen's and St. Sylvester's days respectively. There are other saints connected with these dates, but these two are the best known.
- 8)They are now required to wear high visibility jackets labelled 'Community Payback', so that people can see what is being done.
- 9)Norway sends it and has done every year since 1947 to express gratitude for Britain's help during the Second World War.
- 10)Yes. Demand it if necessary.
- 11)a = Breton b = Portuguese c = Icelandic
- 12)25%. 2 women a week in England and Wales are killed by partners or ex-partners. Christmas is a bad time for domestic violence. Report it. Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- 13)a=true Reindeer are the only type of deer where the females have antlers, which they need for scraping away the snow to feed. b=true Holly bushes are either male or female. Only female bushes produce berries, and they need a male bush in the vicinity to do so - I'll spare you the full sex lesson!
- 14)Look at website:[www.respect.gov.uk](http://www.respect.gov.uk)
- 15)Rovaniemi is in northern Finland, very close to the Arctic Circle.
- 16)80%

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### Council Meetings

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

### Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

Mae'r Cyngor yn cwrdd ar 3ydd dydd Llun bob mis (heblaw Awst). Dangosir manylion y cyfarfodydd yn Hysbysfyrddau'r Cyngor ac yn y Swyddfeydd Post Lleol. Mae Swyddfeydd y Cyngor ar agor i'r cyhoedd o 9.30am i 11.30am, dydd Mawrth i ddydd Gwener.

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### Cwlwm Bro Community Link

Golygydd Penri Williams Editor

Last date for entries in the next issue is

**5 March 2010.**

Articles should be limited to 250 words where possible and should be sent to the Council Clerk or to any Councillor.

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Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

**5 March 2010.**

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### Mobile Library

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

#### Creigiau

Fridays 15 Jan, 5 Feb, 26 Feb,  
19 Mar, 9 Apr, 30 Apr, 21 May,  
11 Jun, 2 Jul

9.30 - 10.30 Ffordd Dinefwr  
10.35 - 10.55 Parc-y-coed  
11.00 - 12.30 Post Office  
1.40 - 2.30 Parc-y-Bryn  
2.35 - 2.55 Parc Castell-y-Mynach  
3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

#### Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

Thursdays 21 Jan, 11 Feb, 4 Mar, 25  
Mar, 15 Apr, 6 May, 27 May, 17 Jun

#### Gwaelod y Garth

9.40 - 10.15 Post Office  
10.20 - 10.50 Heol Berry.

#### Pentyrch

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

If you need any further information with regards to the Mobile Service you can contact the Mobile Library Staff on 029 2076 3849

(answerphone), or by emailing  
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### Useful Telephone Numbers

Age Concern	24521052
Age Concern Welfare Rights	
Service	2056 7883
Traveline	0870 608 2608
Cardiff Council- All departments	2087 2087
Consumer Advice Centre	2039 7781
Community Council - Pentyrch	2089 1417
Community Health Council	2037 7407
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Help the Aged Information Line	0808 800 6565
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Meals on Wheels	2056 6533
Police (General)	2022 2111
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Radyr & Dist Good Neighbour Sch.	2084 2404
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