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Ymweliad â De Affrica



Aeth y Cyngorydd Sara Pickard i ymweld â De Affrica a Lesotho ar ran Mencap Cymru. Bu'n helpu'r mudiadau lleol ac yn dathlu yn Lesotho.

Councillor Sara Pickard travelled to South Africa and Lesotho on behalf of Mencap Cymru. Read about her visit on page 3.

Creigiau Scouts



Congratulations to the leaders and members of the 1st Creigiau Scout Group who celebrate the 25th anniversary of the group. See page 4.

Hilltop Theatre Company Challenge the Eggheads! (See page 5)



Thank you to Creigiau Travel for building a footpath which avoids the dangerous railway bridge on Station Road, Creigiau.

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

Pentyrch Open Gardens



After the success of the 10th Anniversary of Open Gardens last year - despite the rain - we hope to continue with an even bigger number of gardens to open this year. It is not a competition and we would welcome any gardens that would wish to open; large, small, cottage, kitchen all would add to the wonderful mix we have here in Pentyrch. Your support helps POG to support our village with the money that is raised. Support would also very much be welcome by any plants that can be contributed to the Plant Sale. And not least, please come along to a wonderful weekend with lunch and tea being served at the Village Hall. Transport is also available between venues. So, if you think you would like to either join us in opening your garden, donating plants for the Plant Sale, or even baking a cake for the Village Hall lunch or tea please contact the numbers below. Your help would be very welcome.

Dates for your diary:

Plant Sale: Saturday May 15th (10am)

Plant Donations

Would you like to donate plants to the Pentyrch Plant Sale? We welcome all plant drop-offs Friday 14th May 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Open Gardens Weekend: July 10th and 11th. Tickets at the Village Hall.

Contact: Jeanette or Chris Troughton 20899331.

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Pentyrch Primary School

Our Trip to Helsinki 2010

This year some children from year 6 went to visit Suutarilla School in Helsinki. We left very early on Sunday 7th february. It took 6 and a half hours to get to the hotel in Vantaa. It was 3 hours from Pentyrch to Heathrow Airport on the bus, then 3 hours on the plane and then half an hour from the airport to the hotel. We went sledging as soon as we got there and we had a barbecue we had Finnish sausages of the barbecue they were really nice. We got back to the hotel quite late.

The next day we met the Finnish children at the Finnish Science Centre called Heureka. It was a massive equivalent of Technquest. There was a murder scene and we had to find out who was the murderer. We had loads of fun.

On the Tuesday we visited Suutarilla School and attended lessons with the pupils. Later we visited the island fortress of Suomenlinna. The sea was frozen and the ferry had to follow channels made by the ice breaker.

On Wednesday we visited the zoo in Helsinki. We also went shopping in the city centre and went sledging in a Kaivopuisto Park.

We went to school again on Thursday and attended assembly and also had lessons in PE, music, woodwork and skating! In the evening we went to the Finnish children's houses and we gave them presents and they gave us presents. For tea we ate some traditional Finnish foods.

On the Friday morning we visited Heureka again, then after lunch we headed for the airport and home. We had loads of fun in Helsinki!

Alex Carnell, Year 6

The Road Safety Quiz 2010

This year, five children from Year 6 participated in the Cardiff Road Safety Quiz. We had to study the Highway Code and other road safety booklets for about 5 weeks before finally we played against St. Fagan's School in the first round. In the end, Pentyrch won by 165 points to 125. But then, in the second round, we lost to Bryn Deri 135 points to 165. But it didn't matter because we'd all had loads of fun and learnt lots.

Oliver Shenton Year 6



FACE Project Meeting

We recently welcomed staff from our partner schools in Europe to Pentyrch and Cardiff. Pentyrch Primary School was hosting the second multi-lateral project meeting. The FACE Project (Friendship, Arts and Culture in Europe) focuses on creative arts and cultural traditions. It was very appropriate that we welcomed our guests to Wales in the week of St. David's Day. Our visitors travelled from Finland, France, Sicily and Turkey.

An advance party from Ecole du Clos Perrine arrived in time for the Wales v France rugby international. Sandra and Veronique were delighted with their team's victory and even more excited to learn that their pupils, family and friends in France had seen them on TV during the singing of the anthems!

Most of our guests arrived on Saturday 27th February. On the Sunday they enjoyed a visit to the National History Museum, St. Fagans, and Cardiff city centre.

On Monday 1st March our friends joined us for our St. David's Day Eisteddfod. Our guests came to school on the Wednesday morning for the formal project meeting. They enjoyed lunch in the Kings Arms, before returning to school to finish the meeting and visit classes. After school they were taken to meet the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Lady Mayoress in the Mansion House. In the evening we held a farewell party for our FACE Project friends.

The project meeting was a great success and we look forward to future cooperation between the five schools.

NEWS EGGSTRA!

Dosbarth Dau have been looking after eggs in an incubator. There were 10 eggs and they have all hatched successfully. **Lauren Grant** wrote:

The chicks are small and fluffy. All the chicks have dander and when the chicks grow up their dander turns to feathers. The chicks are all nice and warm in their box. I love our chicks.

Eisteddfod 2010.

On March 1st we had our Eisteddfod in school. We have it every year but this year it was quite different. This year we had friends other schools in Europe. Our guests had travelled from Turkey, France, Finland and Italy. They all sat and enjoyed our Eisteddfod, which took up the whole day, but we had breaks in the Eisteddfod! We enjoyed a traditional Welsh lunch with Cawl at 12:00, which is the time we all have our lunch. After lunch we carried on with the Eisteddfod. Annabelle, Ioan and I played an instrument, as well as many other children in our school. In the Eisteddfod lots of children also did recitations and we all had to enter the handwriting and art. Everyone dressed up in traditional costume, and as all Eisteddfods end, Suzy was crowned the Bard. You become the Bard by writing the best poem which this year was about the red dragon

By Isabella Parker and Annabelle Oliver.



Weekend 2010

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'TRIP OF A LIFETIME'

As Mencap Cymru's Partners in Politics Officer, I was given a wonderful opportunity to visit South Africa and Lesotho for 12 days in November / December 2009. After a long flight from Cardiff, via Amsterdam, we arrived in the glorious sunshine of Cape Town and were able to see some of the sights that the Mother City had to offer including of course Table Mountain!

From Cape Town we travelled by road along the Garden Route to Knysna and then on to Port Elizabeth. Here I gave a presentation to the members of the Down's Syndrome Association of the Eastern Cape. Having Down's Syndrome myself, I felt very privileged to be able to speak to families and young people with Down's Syndrome in another part of the world. They were really keen to meet a role model with Down's Syndrome who has made such a impact upon life for people with a learning disability in Wales.

An exciting day's travel to Grahamstown gave us the chance to see African wildlife all around us – elephants, giraffes and rhinos! Here, we stayed with a family originally from Llanelli who had a 3 year old son, Tommy, who has Down's Syndrome and again we were able to talk about the ways we support people with a learning disability in Wales.

Our final destination was Lesotho – Wales' twin country and the home of the LSMHP an organisation for people with a learning disability and their families which has been linked to Mencap Cymru for ten years. In Lesotho we spent time at an orphanage for children with learning disabilities, many of whom were also HIV positive. We also helped out at the offices of the LSMHP and helped to redecorate a room that was to be used as a nursery for young disabled children. We had a team photo of everyone who helped complete the job!

While we were in Lesotho we attended a Celebration of the International Day for Disabled People – this was a very musical and colourful event. We also met with various officials working on projects in Lesotho and even met up with Mike German AM, who was working in Lesotho at the same time as us.

This visit gave me an understanding of how hard life can be for people in poorer parts of the world and how people with learning disabilities live their lives in different countries. I am extremely grateful to my colleagues Wayne and Lynn and Mencap Cymru for helping me to have a real "Trip of a Lifetime" but more importantly grateful to those people with a learning disability and those who support them in South Africa and Lesotho for showing me the importance of campaigning for a better life for all of world's citizens who happen to have a learning disability

Cllr Sara Pickard, Mencap Cymru

Cantorion Creigiau

In the Christmas edition I mentioned that it is our 40th Anniversary year starting September 2010. We are busy making plans for several events.

Tours have been to France, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy and Vienna in the past. In October this year the Choir is going to Menorca for a week and 3 or 4 concerts are being arranged. A concert with Treorchy Male Choir hopefully will take place sometime in 2011.

Pentyrch Rugby Club have completed their new extension. Why not come along to see the new fantastic facilities at the clubhouse on May 7th 2010 when Cantorion Creigiau will be giving a concert. Seats will be limited so first come first served.

New members are welcome on Sunday evenings during term time at Creigiau School 7.30 – 9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to raise money for charity why not book Cantorion Creigiau to give a concert or sing at functions or events.

Our new web site is up and running:- cantorion-creigiau.org
Mair Coles Publicity Officer Cantorion Creigiau. Contact Tel. No.:- 01446450198



International Day of People with Disabilities, Lesotho



Visit to an orphanage

24th Annual PENTYRCH HILL RACE

Fell Race category: BM
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25 Years of Scouting in Creigiau

2010 sees the 1st Creigiau Scout Group celebrate its 25th anniversary. Since its formation in 1985 the group has offered over 1,000 young people from Creigiau and the surrounding area the opportunity to enjoy scouting. Today the Group has over 100 young people who meet weekly to enjoy the range of activities scouting offers them.

What is Scouting in 2010 About?

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for 400,000 young people aged 6-25. Internationally, we have over 28 million young people enjoying the benefits of Scouting across 218 countries. Personal development from Scouting means promoting the physical, intellectual and social well being of the individual, helping them achieve their full potential. In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing,' when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves.

Scouting from both Sides of the Fence

W.G.Maddocks (Scout Leader)

I have the dubious distinction of being the first leader within the group to have been both a scout, and now a section leader. As a young person, my involvement within Creigiau Scouts significantly affected my future development. Scouting gave me self-confidence, independence and practical life-skills training that I wouldn't have achieved otherwise. The programme and range of exciting activities offered by the 1st Creigiau Scout Group introduced me to a world away from computer games and weekends in front of the TV: one of challenge, adventure of duty to others. It taught me self-respect and discipline, and allowed me to form friendships and connections that remain to this day.

As an adult, I was keen to become involved once more with the troop, giving back to a movement that gave so much to me. Today I am the proud scout leader of over 30 young people. These are kids who make a difference - make an effort, bother to get out and do something constructive with their time. Young people who give service to our community delivering these Links, and aren't afraid to stand up for what they believe to be right. I am proud to call them "my scouts": they have earned it through their outlook and attitude to life. I hope scouting remains buoyant and vibrant over the next 25 years in Creigiau. At present, with each section of the group holding a waiting list and numerous events and activities on the horizon, the future certainly looks bright!

Creigiau Scouts : My Last Year

Elliot Woods

I am a Scout with 1st Creigiau Scout Troop. I have been with this group since September 2008 previous to that I was with Cubs and Beavers. I enjoy all aspects of Scouts in particular our Scout meetings. We do lots of activities such as games, quizzes, adventure skills and competitions. Sometimes we replace the regular meeting with wide games and hikes (incident hikes and our annual night hike) these are always so much fun because we learn about things in a more physical way, e.g. first aid, building shelters, and team building activities which prepare us for weekends away and summer camp (there are always lots of opportunities for these). However we do a lot more fun activities in the hut, we learn skills like knots and camp skills and mainly a patrol fire usually in the summer. This helps us be prepared for camp. We do quizzes some times; last year we did a pub quiz which was really cool. We also do competitions between patrols; my patrol always does its best, especially in the cooking competition so I really enjoy that. The format of the evening commences with Flag Break, followed by the brief of the evening and we always finish with Flag Down and we are then dismissed. We nearly always start and finish with a game, to name some of my personal favourites - bulldogs, tug of war, the newspaper game and many more.

Our uniform is a very important part of the Troop and full uniform must always be worn, I am very proud to wear this uniform and I enjoy earning badges. I have really enjoyed my last year in Scouts, it has been amazing, and I hope there is a lot more in store for us in the future.

A Trip Away with the Troop

Ryan Bailey

I go to Scouts every Monday evening in the Creigiau Scout Hall. Over the last year, the one trip that stood out to me was our trip to Flat Holm Island. We went on a boat to the island and passed through Cardiff Barrage lock gates which was very exciting. The platform which the boat was tethered to in the lock actually moved up and down with the boat. We had to take everything we needed with us as we couldn't get anything over there. While on the island we got our electricity from the one wind turbine and solar panels and our water from the Victorian water collector. We had to be careful how much we used as when it's gone, it's gone!

We took part in several conservation activities and we found out that the island is divided into two as it has two SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest.) One side of the island is left natural and the other is kept maintained to keep the grass short. We also found out about the island's history. The most interesting part of this was about the old cholera house and we also saw the lighthouse, historic foghorn and old guns from the war. In the evenings we went out to play spooky wide games (a game of hide and seek for older children) in all the old wartime tunnels and gun pits.

PENTYRCH CRICKET



Lewis Coates

Pentyrch Cricket Club will play the coming season in the new Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Cricket League, having just missed out on qualification for the newly formed South Wales Cricket League which covers the whole of South East and West Wales. Although disappointing, this does provide more of an opportunity to continue to introduce some of the club's promising young cricketers from our successful youth academy into senior cricket.

On 30th March, Lewis Coates will join a tour party of 16 players representing the South and West of England Under 15's on a 9 match tour of the West Indies. The party covers Wales and all of the south of England from Berkshire down to Cornwall. This is a marvellous opportunity for Lewis who has been with the club since he was 6 years old, and was first selected for Wales in 2004 aged 11. Lewis is already a regular in the club's first team, and is a top order batsman and leg spin bowler. Lewis is very grateful to everyone who has supported him in raising funds for the trip, and would like particularly to thank Martyn Brown and John Moore for their fantastic support.

In the Under 14's category, 6 talented Pentyrch juniors went on a Cardiff and Vale District tour to Malaysia over Christmas playing a series of matches in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. The standard of cricket was very high, with some notable performances from our boys. Top wicket takers were Matthew Edwards and Connor Brown, and top run scorer was Scott Matthews. Best Catch (arguably of the year) was by Brett Hole, and with some aggressive batting from Todd Wilcox and a fine all round performance from Jordan Bowen, the boys did the club proud.

The club's Annual Dinner will again be at the Swalec Stadium on Friday 9th April when the principal guest speaker will be the highly acclaimed sports impressionist, after dinner speaker and comedian, Aaron James. Everyone is welcome to come along to support the club at this major fundraising event, and tables/tickets are available from Alan Siddall on 02920 891749. The club is also holding a Race Night at the Pavilion on the evening of Sunday 30th May (Bank Holiday weekend). Just come along on the night.

Celebrating our 25 Years of Scouting

The 1st Creigiau Scout group is celebrating their 25th anniversary with a camp at Miskin Mill Campsite over the weekend of 9th-11th July. All past and present members of the group are welcome to attend. For more information, contact our Group Scout Leader David Pendlebury : davidpendlebury@btinternet.com.

HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY CHALLENGE THE EGGHEADS!

On Thursday January 21st a team of six from Hilltop Theatre Company (Richard Jones, Martyn Lench, Huw Williams, Brenda Slaughter, John Crimmins and Rhys Stapleton) travelled up to Glasgow to challenge the Eggheads in series 11 of the hit BBC2 quiz show hosted by Jeremy Vine. The recording of this show has recently moved up to Scotland from London, so it was quite an early start for us all, getting to Cardiff airport for the 8.30am flight to Glasgow.

Having discussed team tactics on the plane, we arrived in Glasgow at about 10am before taking a short taxi ride to our hotel, the City Inn which was just across the river Clyde from the BBC Scotland recording studios where the show was to be recorded. At 2pm, we made the short walk to the BBC Scotland studios and, pumped on adrenaline, we all waited to be collected from reception to be prepared for the show.

The pre-show preparations consisted of choosing suitable costumes from the three items we had each brought along with us, putting on our make-up (so we would all look so perfect on the TV!) and having the rules, tips and a few practice questions read to us by the excellent BBC team who looked after us on the day of recording.

We finally walked onto the set of the show at around 4pm. We were the last of the four teams to appear on the show that day (a typical day for the show lasts from around 7am to 6pm with normally four teams each day). After having our microphones fixed up and various technical aspects explained to us by the technical crew, the Eggheads gradually appeared opposite us and came over to shake our hands. We then made our introductions to the camera before Jeremy Vine entered and came to say hello. Not long later the opening music of the show was playing and suddenly it was game on! For a while, this was certainly quite a surreal experience having watched so many episodes on TV. For many of us, including myself, this was our first appearance on TV!

The game itself took on the familiar format, albeit with quite a lot of stopping and starting! The four head to head rounds were followed by the crucial general knowledge final round. After the show, the Eggheads came over to shake our hand and we had a picture taken of all of us (see page 1). It was about 6pm at this point, with the show taking about 2 hours to record. The final production will, of course, be 30 minutes, so quite a lot of cutting to take place before it is aired. We spent a

Pentyrch Gardens in June

On Sunday 13th June, six of the best gardens in Pentyrch will open their gates to welcome visitors, as part of the National Gardens Scheme raising money for cancer charities. The gardens opening will be 5 Dan y Rodyn, 9 Heol-y-Pentre, Maes-y-Gof, 2 Penmaes, Sunny Bank and Ty Deri. Homemade teas will be served at Maes-y-Gof. Look out for the yellow signs guiding you to the gardens, or email ctvet@talktalk.net or phone 20899331 for more information.

lovely evening in Glasgow to mull over the day's event with some drinks and a nice meal before flying back the next morning.

The whole experience was a wonderful one for all of us and very interesting to see how such a show is produced and great to be on TV, especially for those doing it for the first time. The show itself is unlikely to be aired on TV (BBC2 weekdays at 6pm) for at least 6-9 months, but we shall be informed of the date beforehand. So look out for the appearance of the challengers called 'Hilltop Theatricals' in future shows!

Richard Jones

Hello

As you may be aware that due to boundary changes, Creigiau, Gwaelod-y-Garth and Pentyrch have moved from the Pontypridd constituency to Cardiff West.

This change has already taken place in the National Assembly seat in which Rhodri Morgan is now your Assembly Member. Similarly in the next General Election you will be voting to elect the Member of Parliament for Cardiff West, the position I hold currently.

As the Member of Parliament for Cardiff West I would like to welcome you to our constituency. I have spoken to many people in Creigiau, Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch and have seen the community spirit which exists in the villages.

Rhodri and I hold regular surgeries at the Ely Library, Grand Avenue, Ely, CF5 4BL, every Saturday from 10.00am-12.30pm. No appointment is necessary. Please feel free to come along if you have any matter or issue you would like to discuss with us.

If you want to email me for regular updates regarding my work in Parliament my email address is brennank@parliament.uk. You can access my website at www.kevinbrennan.co.uk.

Or you can contact me by post on Kevin Brennan MP, Transport House, 1 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9SD, or by Phone on 02920223207.

Best Wishes

Kevin Brennan MP for Cardiff West

Craig Williams

**County Councillor
for Pentyrch and
Gwaelod Y Garth**

*Please feel free
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I can be of any
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any time by
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Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff. CF10 4UW**

Wales International Business Park

In the last edition of the Link I brought you up to date on the latest situation with regard to the Wales International Business Park. There has been a little activity since but mainly preparatory work by the Planning Inspectorate. As you may be aware Cardiff County Council submitted their Local Development Plan to the Welsh Assembly Government who has to examine it for 'soundness' before agreeing to its implementation.

On Tuesday 15th December 2009, there was a pre-Inquiry hearing at City Hall, Cardiff. CCC was represented by Counsel and the Developers and the Agents representing them were also present. Several other interested parties were also present. The Inspector advised that he had been appointed the Inspector in respect of the consideration of the soundness of Cardiff's LDP and also the Inspector in relation to the calling-in of the Wales International Business Park by Welsh Assembly Government. He had proposed that the two matters be considered together to avoid duplication of the same issues and the purpose of the pre-inquiry meeting was to determine that process. Both the developers and CCC addressed the Inspector requesting that the two issues be separated and giving reasons for their request. Following a short recess it was agreed to separate the two matters and the planning application would be held in abeyance; with the developers having the option of when to bring their application out of abeyance. It was also decided that the Inspector, Mr Thickett, would continue to preside over the consideration of the Cardiff LDP and that a different Inspector would be appointed to consider the Wales International Business Park in due course.

The inclusion of the WIBP within the Cardiff LDP is crucial to the progress of the WIBP as it does not appear in any other Wales Spatial plan. Nevertheless the LDP would not be completed until at least November 2010 and was supposed to commence with a pre-hearing on 28.1.10 and the hearing would commence on 16.3.10. However this has now been thrown into further turmoil as the Inspectors postponed the pre-hearing meeting, scheduled for 28th January 2009, in order to carry out an exploratory meeting with CCC on 25th February. The outcome of this meeting was that the Inspectors have raised various concerns about the LDP and some are serious, with housing and the WIBP being two of the most serious.

CCC now has to decide whether it wants persist with the existing LDP, suspend it or withdraw it; and Council members will discuss what to do at their next meeting on 25th March 2010. If anybody wants to read what the Inspectors have said specifically

Recycled Plastic Bridge Trial in Coed y Bedw

Walkers through the beautiful Coed y Bedw Nature Reserve may have noticed a new footbridge over the stream. It has been placed there, in addition to the existing footbridges, as one of a series of projects under the WAG *Rights of Way Improvement Plan*.

The new footbridge is especially interesting in that it is made of plastic and the plastic is entirely made of recycled materials. This is the first plastic bridge to be installed locally and is part of a trial to test the materials used.

Residents of Georgetown became aware of this interesting project when a vehicle bearing the logo, 'inspiring people, delivering results' parked in the lane. A team of men, complete with a gas kettle, set-off towards the woods. Intrepid Neighbourhood Watcher, Arthur Welsby, tracked them down and discovered the new bridge under construction.

The project was carried out by CCC's *Public Rights of Way Team*, who already care for footpaths in the area. Finance Manager, John Donovan, who obtains the funding for such projects said, 'This is our first plastic bridge. It is a trial. We will see how it goes.' He praised the team from the *British Trust of Conservation Volunteers* (BTCV) the 'inspiring people' who helped with the work and the CCC Officers, Paul Morgan and Julian James, who, he said were the 'heroes on the ground.'

about the WIBP; then they can access it on-line on www.cardiff.gov.uk/LDPEXAM and click onto to *Exam008* on the right hand side. The specific reference to the WIBP is shown at paragraphs 35 – 49 inclusive and starts with paragraph 35 which states; 'The reference to the need in South East Wales for an IBP in the Wales Spatial Plan is noted. However, we do not consider that the evidence base provides a convincing case for the location of an IBP at Junction 33.'

The bottom line is that consideration of the WIBP is unlikely to occur before 2011, and depending on the outcome of Cardiff's response to the Inspector's concerns, this may be delayed even further.

In the meantime please continue to visit the on-line e-petition that Pentyrch Community Council has set up on the Welsh Assembly website urging the Welsh Assembly to reject the plans for the Wales



Photos Tom Procter



Money for this project has come from the WAG and the Countryside Council for Wales. 'There are more projects in the offing' promised John Donovan. 'You haven't seen the last of us yet.' It will be interesting to see how walkers take to the new bridge. One thing is sure: it is good to see improvements that help local residents and visiting walkers alike enjoy Coed y Bedw woods.

Norma Procter

International Business Park. Your continuing support for the stance taken by the PCC is needed and we would ask you to vote for this motion by going to links to the petition on the front page of the council's web site www.pentyrch.cc.

I know it is complicated to sign the e-petition as you have to register but please persevere as we can't let these bureaucratic obstructions prevent us from making a difference! If you access the Link on the Community Council web-site then the email address above can be linked directly by clicking on to either the English or Welsh address.

When we have more information on when the Welsh Assembly Government will consider the planning application 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.

CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2010

The 2009 Creigiau Carnival, with its theme of "Goodies and Baddies" was once again a huge success, with a massive turnout from the local community on a hot summer's day.

I am delighted to report that the amount raised was nearly £6000! As usual, this will be divided between Creigiau 23, and CRAMC., and will be invested in local sports facilities, and local community organisations.

This year the theme of the Carnival will be the World Cup, to celebrate one of the biggest sporting events on the planet. We hope that this will give plenty of scope for some imaginative and colourful floats and inspired fancy dress.

The Carnival week dates for your diary this year are:

Fun Run: Saturday 19th June 2010

King and Queen Disco: Monday 21st June 2010

Carnival: Saturday 26th June 2010

The Carnival programme, which also acts as the holder's ticket to the Recreation field on the day, is packed with local services information, and handy to keep in the drawer for essential local contacts and services. If you have

Somewhere in Gwaelod y Garth.....

Some of us have got a Gwaelod-made pig in our gardens, some of us have an owl, a hedgehog or maybe, a bird table. Some of us even have a hand carved image of our home.....

Somewhere in the village of Gwaelod y Garth is a modest woodcarver. Quietly, he chips away in his shed whilst listening to Radio 4. Outside, the red dragon of Wales flaps in the wind, its edges whipped into threads by the

advertised in the past, we will automatically write to you again this year, if you haven't advertised before, but wish to do so, e-mail me at cjonesboy@aol.com.

The programme makes a significant contribution to the funds raised, and I would like to thank everyone who contributes for their support -whether as an advertiser, help with distribution, or production.

Finally, if you want to become involved as a member of the Carnival Committee, have any ideas for this year's Carnival, or want to help in other ways, please do get in touch.

**Chris Jones, Chair
Creigiau Carnival 2010 Committee**



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harsh winter.

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Community Council Highlights

Grants

Only one application for a grant was made to the December meeting of the Council and £100 was awarded towards the Pensioners' Christmas Dinner at the Tuesday Lunch Club in Pentyrch. This comes under the umbrella of the Radyr & District Good Neighbours and provides hot meals on a weekly basis for pensioners in the Community Council area. If anybody is interested in volunteering to help out or if there are any pensioners who want to come along to the meals then they need only contact the co-ordinator, Barbara Willis, on 2084 2404.

The annual grants budget for the 2009/2010 year is £1,400 and after six months £910 has been spent on organisations within the Community. The next grant applications will be considered at the March meeting on 15th March 2010. Applications should be made to me, preferably by email, (clerk@pentyrch.cc) and should be accompanied by the last set of accounts or financial statement.

Dog Mess

There has been an increase in the amount of dog excrement accumulating on the streets of the Council area with specific complaints coming in about Tynant Road, Creigiau and Bronllwyn and Bronhaul in Pentyrch. Thanks to what the Police call a 'multi-agency approach' we have secured the assistance of the CCC enforcement team who have provided 'dog poo' bags and notices advising potential miscreants of the likely cost of allowing your pooch to poop and not clearing up after them. In addition the CCC Dog Warden for the area is hinting darkly at organising an operation to spy on and catch the perpetrators who are clearly using the cover of darkness to deposit their dirty doings. So if you see a man dressed all in black with camouflage paint on his face and night vision binoculars do not be alarmed, it is not a terrorist cell being busted, but an inconsiderate dog walker receiving their come-uppance. They will be named and shamed!

Rest Centre

The Rest Centre on Mountain Road, Pentyrch has been at the forefront of Council interest recently following the PCC taking over as sole trustees some 18 months ago. The Rest Centre was constructed in 1941 for the 'relief of and

re-housing citizens' affected by the war. The building was never used for its original purpose but then came to be used as a village hall and on 13th January 1948 a 10 year lease was granted to cover the property which was now known as the 'Rest Centre'.

On 24th February 1955 the parcel of land upon which the 'Rest Centre' was built was sold to Trustees and a further declaration of trust was enacted on 9th January 1980 to clarify the position of the trustees. The current Pentyrch Village Hall opened in 1976 and the Rest Centre was, in the words of one trustee, '*left to decay*'. However the Scouts regenerated the Rest Centre, repairing and renovating it for their use and it was later also used as a Youth Club. Both organisations have since floundered in the village and neither has been in operation since 2006. The trustees of the Rest Centre were becoming concerned at their personal liability for the property and indicated their wish to relinquish their trusteeships which is how the PCC became involved.

At a Sub-Committee meeting on 7th July 2008 it was decided, following a Health & Safety inspection of the property, that it should be no longer used for any public function. In addition it was agreed that planning permission be sought for the land and then the property could be sold to a developer who would then have to carry out the demolition prior to any construction. The Clerk drew up the plans and made an application for outline planning permission to CCC (Development Control) on 18th August 2009. Outline Planning permission was granted on 26th October 2009 for the demolition of the existing building and the erection of a detached dwelling house.

In due course the property will be sold for development, probably by auction. It is felt that now is not the right time to do this because of the depressed state of the economy. At the Council meeting held on the 15th February 2010 it was decided that any monies raised from the sale would be used for projects in Pentyrch village.

Pot-hole Watch

This winter has been officially declared the coldest for 31 years or since the winter of 1978/79, with average temperatures of 2° Centigrade against a more normal average of 4° Centigrade. It's nice to have the facts supporting what everybody already knew. The biggest

consequence has been to the roads which have absorbed the water, which has frozen, cracked the tarmac and eventually given birth to a pot-hole, 'the scourge of the modern age.'

Cardiff CC, in common with most County Councils, has cut their budget for roads repairs as part of their economy drive. I confess I have never understood why local authorities do this. The one thing that is used by everybody in the Community is the roads.

In addition, this Council learned last year, that when road repairs are carried out by sub-contractors, the Council only inspects 10% of the work carried out on their behalf. Put another way, the sub-contractor has a 90% chance of getting away with sub-standard repairs, shoddy workmanship and low quality materials. Consequently the repairs they carry out break down again, and more frequently, and then the sub-contractor comes back in and does another poor job. It's a vicious cycle that does nothing to improve the quality of the road and serves only as a job creation scheme for the sub-contractor.

Our roads now look like patch-work quilts and drivers have to steer round the pot-holes to avoid expensive repairs to their vehicles. This has obvious safety concerns to other road users with drivers focussed on driving a slalom course to avoid the pot-holes. I believe the PCC is poorly served by CCC in respect of our roads and urge everybody to join a 'pot-hole watch'. If you see a pot-hole, note its position, depth and size, where exactly on which road it is and then tell CCC. Either email them on C2C@cardiff.gov.uk or email or telephone me on either clerk@pentyrch.cc or ring me on 2089 1417 and I will contact Cardiff for you. Let's inundate Highways with our problems until they do something about it and not just try to fob us off!

Precept

The precept for this next financial year will remain at £71,000 and, because of the way the calculator is decided this actually represents a decrease this year of 0.75%, in the proportion of your Council tax bill that pays for the PCC.

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Penawdau y Cynghor Cymuned

Grantiau

Dim ond un cais am grant ddaeth i gyfarfod mis Rhagfyr y Cynghor a dosrannwyd £100 tuag at Ginio Nadolig y Pensiynwyr sy'n cwrdd yng Nghlwb Cinio Dydd Mawrth ym Mhentyrch. Daw'r clwb o dan adain Grŵp Cymdogion Da Radur a'r Cylch ac maent yn darparu pryd o fwyd cynnes yn wythnosol i bensiynwyr yn ardal y Cynghor Cymuned. Os oes gan unrhyw un diddordeb gwirfoddoli i gynorthwyo neu os oes pensiynwyr eisiau dod i gael pryd o fwyd cysylltwch â'r cydlynnydd, Barbara Willis, ar 2084 2404.

Cyfanswm y gyllideb ar gyfer Grantiau'r Cynghor yn 2009/2010 yw £1,400 ac ar ôl chwe mis mae £910 wedi ei roi i fudiadau yn ardal y Cynghor. Bydd y ceisiadau grant nesaf yn cael eu hystyried yng nghyfarfod mis Mawrth y Cynghor. Gellir gwneud cais am grant i'r Clerc drwy e-bost os bosib (clerk@pentyrch.cc) a dylid cynnwys cyfrifon neu ddatganiad ariannol diwethaf y mudiad.

Baw Cŵn

Mae cynnydd wedi bod yn nifer o achosion o faw cŵn ar strydoedd yr ardal gyda chwynion penodol yn dod o Heol Tynant, Creigiau a Bronllwyn a Bronhaul ym Mhentyrch. Drwy drefniant rhwng gwahanol asiantaethau rydym wedi cael cymorth oddi wrth Dim Gorfodi Cynghor Caerdydd sydd wedi darparu bagiau baw cŵn ac arwyddion yn hysbysu'r gosb am adael baw cŵn heb ei glirio. Hefyd mae Warden Cŵn Cynghor Caerdydd yn ystyried trefnu cyrch i ddal unrhyw ddrwgweithredwyr sy'n defnyddio oriau'r nos i roi rhyddid i'w hanifeiliaid. Felly os welwch ddyn gyda binoculars nos arbennig yn crwydro'r ardal peidiwch â phryderu oherwydd mae'n chwilio am gerddwyr cŵn anystyriol. Byddant yn cael eu henwi a'u cywilyddio!

Canolfan y Rest Centre

Mae'r Rest Centre ar Heol y Mynydd, Pentyrch, wedi cael ystyriaeth gyson ers i'r Cynghor gymryd drosodd fel unig Ymddiriedolwr yr adeilad rhyw 18 mis yn ôl. Adeiladwyd y Rest Centre yn 1941 er mwyn rhoi cymorth i drigolion a effeithir gan y rhyfel. Ni ddefnyddiwyd yr adeilad am ei bwrpas gwreiddiol ond fe'i defnyddiwyd fel

neuadd y pentref ac ar 13 Ionawr 1948 rhoddwyd les 10 mlynedd ar yr adeilad.

Ar 24 Chwefror 1955 gwerthwyd tir y Rest Centre i'r Ymddiriedolwyr a rhoddwyd datganiad newydd ar 9 Ionawr 1980 i egluro sefyllfa'r ymddiriedolwyr. Yn 1976 agorwyd Neuadd y Pentref Pentyrch ac fe adawyd yr hen Rest Centre i 'adfeilio' yn ôl geiriau un o'r ymddiriedolwyr. Ond fe ddaeth y Sgowntiaid i adfywio'r Rest Centre a'i drwsio a'i adnewyddu a'i ddefnyddio am gyfnod. Yna fe'i defnyddiwyd fel Canolfan Ieuenctid. Mae'r ddau fudiad wedi gorffen erbyn hyn ac roedd yr Ymddiriedolwyr yn pryderu am eu rhwymedigaeth personol dros yr adeilad ac wedi datgan eu dymuniad i gwblhau eu cyfrifoldebau fel ymddiriedolwyr. Yr adeg honno daeth y Cynghor Cymuned i gymryd cyfrifoldeb amdano.

Yn dilyn archwiliad Iechyd a Diogelwch o'r adeilad penderfynwyd ar 7 Gorffennaf 2008 na ddylid cynnal unrhyw weithgaredd cyhoeddus ynddo. Hefyd penderfynwyd gwneud cais cynllunio amlinellol ar y tir ac yna gellid gwerthu'r tir i ddatblygwr a fyddai'n gyfrifol am ddymchwel yr adeilad presennol cyn cychwyn adeiladu. Paratowyd cais amlinellol gan y Clerc i Gyngor Caerdydd ac ar 26 Hydref 2009 rhoddwyd caniatâd ar gyfer dymchwel yr adeilad presennol ac adeiladu un tŷ ar y safle.

Disgwylir gwerthu'r tir i'w ddatblygu, mwy na thebyg drwy ocsiwn. Mae'r Cynghor o'r farn y dylid aros ychydig cyn gwerthu oherwydd cyflwr y farchnad tai a'r economi. Yng nghyfarfod y Cynghor ar 15 Chwefror 2010 penderfynwyd y byddai unrhyw arian a ddaw o werthu'r safle yn cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer prosiectau ym mhentref Pentyrch.

Edrych am Dyllau Ffordd

Datganwyd mai'r gaeaf hwn oedd yr oeraf ers 31 mlynedd, sef gaeaf 1978/79, gyda'r tymheredd ar gyfartaledd yn 2°C o'i gymharu â chyfartaledd o 4°C yn arferol. Mae'n braf i gael y ffeithiau i gefnogi beth mae pawb yn gwybod yn barod. Mae effaith yr oerfel i'w weld yn glir ar ein ffyrdd sydd wedi amsugno'r dŵr, yna wedi rhewi a chracio'r tarmac a chreu tyllau ffordd sy'n amharu ar ein trafnidiaeth gyfforddus.

Mae Cynghor Sir Caerdydd, fel bron pob cynghor sir arall, wedi torri'r gyllideb ar gyfer trwsio ffyrdd fel rhan o'u hymgyrch cynilo arian. Nid wyf yn deall pam maent yn gwneud hyn am mae'r un peth sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio gan bawb yn y gymuned yw ein ffyrdd.

Yn ogystal roedd y Cynghor Cymuned wedi deall y flwyddyn ddiwethaf fod y Cynghor Sir ddim ond yn archwilio 10% o waith trwsio ffyrdd sy'n cael ei gyflawni gan is-contractwyr. I'w roi mewn ffordd arall - mae gan is-contractwr 90% o siawns o beidio cael eu dal am wneud gwaith trwsio israddol gyda defnyddiau o safon isel. Y canlyniad yw bod gwaith trwsio yn methu yn fuan ac yn fwy aml ac yna mae'r is-contractwr yn dod yn ôl a gwneud gwaith anfodddhaol unwaith eto. Mae'n gylch dieflig sy'n gwneud dim i wella safon ein ffyrdd ond yn rhoi cynllun creu swyddi i'r iscontractwyr.

Mae'n ffyrdd yn edrych fel clytwaith ac mae'n rhaid i yrwyr fynd o gwmpas y tyllau i osgoi gwaith trwsio drud ar eu cerbydau. Mae'r tyllau yn achosi peryglon pellach oherwydd bod gyrwyr yn gyrru cwsrs slalom i osgoi'r tyllau ac yn peryglu defnyddwyr eraill.

Rwy'n credu fod ardal y Cynghor Cymuned yn cael gwasanaeth cynnal ffyrdd gwael gan y Cynghor Sir ac anogaf bawb i ymuno ag ymgyrch chwilio tyllau'r ffordd. Bob tro y gwelwch dwll ffordd nodwch ei leoliad ac enw'r ffordd, maint a dyfnder a rhwch wybod i'r Cynghor Sir. Gallwch e-bostio nhw ar C2C@caerdydd.gov.uk neu ffoniwch neu e-bostiwch Glerc y Cynghor Cymuned clerk@pentyrch.cc neu 20891417 a bydd yn cysylltu â Chaerdydd i chi. Beth am i ni orlifo'r Adran Ffyrdd gyda'n problemau nes eu bod yn gwneud rhywbeth amdanynt a ddim yn ceisio ein hanwybyddu.

Treth y Cynghor

Bydd archebiant y Cynghor Cymuned am y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf yn aros ar £71,000 ac, oherwydd y ffordd y cyfrifir y dreth, mae'n golygu gostyngiad o ryw 0.75% yn y rhan o'r bil treth sy'n talu am y Cynghor Cymuned.

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HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Hilltop Theatre Company is performing the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' from Tuesday 23rd March to Saturday 27th March 2010 at Pentyrch Village Hall. Set in Tsarist Russia in 1905, the story centres on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives.

Hilltop's final production for 2009/10 is 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' on Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th June 2010 at Pentyrch Village Hall. 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' is set among the patients and workers in a mental institution. It tells the story of an energetic con man who seeks institutionalization as a means of escaping the rigors of a prison work farm. Before long, he begins to challenge the dictatorial Nurse Ratched. McMurphy became a hero, changing the life of the inmates, but at what price.....?

Hilltop would welcome new members. Anybody wishing to become involved with the group (on or off stage) should

Creigiau Recreation Open Day

CRAMC (Creigiau Recreation Area Management Committee) would like to invite all our local community along to an open day and experience a range of new possibilities for you and your family's enjoyment. This year in addition to the annual Tennis Club Open Day event, the rest of the CRAMC organisations will also be joining in the fun.

CRAMC is the organising team that, in conjunction with Pentyrch Community Council, look after the facilities at Creigiau Recreation Field and support the various sports clubs by providing facilities needed by them to successfully run their clubs. In addition, CRAMC works together with other

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. Further information about the group and all our productions, including information for ordering tickets, can be found on www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk.

groups that use the recreation field area (such as the Allotment Society and Cardiff County Council), to ensure the facilities such as the skate park are fun places for all to enjoy. CRAMC is also a major contributor and member of the annual Carnival held at the Rec helping to ensure the continued success of this major community event.

Over the last year we have seen a number of improvements to the pavilion interior, but we are always in need of new ideas and thoughts as to what could be provided at the Rec. So, why not come along on Sunday 18th April at 2 – 4pm to see the plans that have been brewing, grab some refreshments in the pavilion, give us your thoughts as to what else we should be providing for the community and experience some fun activities hosted by the tennis, cricket, archery, petanque and football member clubs and other associated organisations? You never know, the next Andy Murray, Andrew Flintoff or Robin Hood may be out there !!

For more information contact Jacko (Chair, CRAMC) on 20890454.

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CREIGIAU OPEN GARDENS

This will be our second year to open our gardens and allotments. We had an excellent response last year, and it was a very enjoyable day. All the profits went to Creigiau Carnival funds.

This year, the gardens will open during Carnival Week, on Sunday, 20th of June.

Please contact Jen MacDonald for further details on 029 20892830.

Dathliadau Dydd Gŵyl Dewi

Roedd pawb wedi gwisgo'n barod am ddiwrnod o ddathlu ar Ddydd Gŵyl Dewi. Cawsom wasanaeth ysgol lle welsom eitemau Eisteddfod yr Urdd, pob lwc i bawb sydd yn cystadlu.

Gemau Gwyddbwyll

Ar Ddydd Mawrth yr 2^{il} o Chwefror fe ddaeth Vivian Martin a Mike McGuire i roi anrheg i'r ysgol, sef pump o gemau gwyddbwyll. Pwrpas y rhodd oedd i roi cyfle i ni ddysgu a datblygu sgiliau chwarae gwyddbwyll. Roedd Vivian Martin a Mike McGuire yn aelodau o glwb gwyddbwyll Pentyrch. Roedden ni yn gwybod sut i chwarae y gem a fe gawsom cyfle i chwarae o flaen y dosbarth. Enillodd Carwyn yn rhwydd! Mae pump o gemau gwyddbwyll yn cael ei chwarae yn ystod pob amser cinio! Erbyn hyn ni yw chwaraewyr gorau ein dosbarth. Rydym yn bwriadu creu clwb gwyddbwyll yn yr ysgol fel bod mwy o blant yr ysgol yn dysgu sut i chwarae y gem. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn i Vivian Martin a Mike McGuire am ddod a'r gemau gwyddbwyll i'r ysgol.



Diogelwch ar y Ffordd

Daeth Roadie i'r ysgol cyn y gwyliau i ddweud wrth blant babanod yr ysgol sut i gadw'n ddiogel ar y ffordd. Roedd e wedi dweud wrthom sut i groesi'r ffordd ar y 'groesfan sebra' a bod rhaid i ni aros, edrych a gwrando bob tro cyn croesi. Roedd Roadie yn ddoniol iawn, diolch am ddod!

St David's Day Celebration

Everyone came dressed for a day of celebration on St David's Day and we were treated to performances from the children competing in the Urdd Eisteddfod in a special assembly. Good luck to them all.

Chess

Vivian Martin and Mike McGuire visited our school in February and brought us 5 chess sets as a gift from the Pentyrch Chess Club. We were very grateful for these chess sets and we have children playing them every lunch time. We are hoping to set up a chess club and help other children in the school to learn to play the game. A big thank you to Vivian Martin, Mike McGuire and the Pentyrch Chess Club.

Carwyn Herbert a Nicolas Jones
Dosbarth 5C

Open afternoon

We would like to invite any parents who may be interested in educating their children at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth through the medium of Welsh or English to an open afternoon on Wednesday the 23rd of March between 1.30 and 2.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Prynhawn agored

Hoffwn wahodd unrhyw rieni sydd â diddordeb mewn addysg Cymraeg neu Saesneg i'w plant yn Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth i brynhawn agored ar Dydd Mercher, Mawrth y 23ain rhwng 1.30 a 3.00. Edrychwn ymlaen i'ch croesawu.

Road Safety

Roadie visited the infant department to teach us about road safety. He taught us how to cross the road using the 'zebra crossing' and told us that we always have to 'stop, look and listen' before we cross the road. Roadie was very funny, thank you for coming!

William ac Owen 2C

Hats for Haiti

On Wednesday 10th February we wore hats to school to raise money to help the people who were struck by the horrible earthquake in Haiti. The earthquake devastated the lives of many people and we wanted to help. The children wore many different types of hats including baseball hats, sombreros, jester hats, cowboy hats and bicycle helmets. All together we raised a whopping £450!!

Class 3E

RSPB Big School Bird Watch

In January the whole school went bird watching! We had to fill the bird feeders so the birds would come to the school grounds to eat. We went outside but had to be very quiet because the birds are very shy. We took our binoculars and a clip board and we counted lots of birds. We heard lots of bird songs and saw a wood pigeon, collard dove, robins and lots more. We really enjoyed our bird watch and are looking forward to helping the RSPB next year!

May, Lydia and class 1E

Urdd Netball Tournament

On Wednesday February the 10th we took part in the Urdd Netball Tournament. The first team we played was Malborough but we lost against them. Then we played Rhydyppennau and we drew 1-1. Then we played Melin Gruffydd and Sant Curig and we won both, we were very happy!! We won two games and came second in our group. We did not make the finals but it was our first time and we were very happy. We all received a certificate in assembly.

Sophia and Megan
Year 3, Class 2E

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau

Mae cylch Meithrin Creigiau ar agor bore Mercher a Iau - 9.30 tan 12. Mae Anti Rachel nôl fel arweinydd ac Anti Sarah yn dal yno! Mae'r Ti a Fi yn llwyddiannus iawn ar fore Gwener am 9.30 - dewch yn llu!

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Clwb y Dwrllyn

Mentrodd nifer o wyrda Clwb y Dwrllyn allan i ganu carolau o gwmpas pentref y Creigiau a dymuno Nadolig llawen i bawb! Cafwyd ymateb ardderchog ynghyd â chroeso cynnes iawn yn y dafarn wedi hynny! Casglwyd swm anrhydeddus iawn tuag at ysgol Craig y Parc. Diolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth!

Cafwyd noson arbennig o hwyliog yn y Clwb Rygbi pan gynhaliodd Clwb y Dwrllyn yrfa chwist yno. Roedd Jim Morris yn ôl ei arfer wedi trefnu'r noson. Ifan Roberts oedd yr enillydd o blith y dynion ond 'roedd dyfalu ynglŷn â phwy oedd yr enillydd o blith y menywod sef y Briony Davies osgeiddig! Cymaint oedd yr hwyl nes bod sôn y bydd sawl aelod newydd yn ymuno â'r Clwb.

Gohiriwyd y Rifiw oherwydd yr eira ym mis Ionawr ond ar ddechrau mis Mawrth daeth y criw at ei gilyd i roi perfformiad penigamp yn y Clwb Rygbi. Roedd Jedward wedi gwneud ymddangosiad arbennig am fod Lucie Jones ddim ar gael. Ffoniwch 029 20890040 am fanylion am y Clwb.

Cymrodoriaeth Winston Churchill

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i'r Cynghorydd Wynford Ellis Owen, Prif-weithredwr Cyngor Cymru ar Alcohol a Chyffuriau eraill, ar iddo gael ei ddewis i dderbyn anrhydedd go arbennig – sef y cyfle i ymweld â nifer o ganolfannau yn yr Unol Daleithiau fydd yn cyfoethogi ei brofiad ac yn ehangu ymhellach ei weledigaeth unigolyddol wrth gynorthwyo pobl ifainc ac oedolion fel ei gilydd sy'n gaeth i gyffwr arbennig neu alcohol. Cwta gant o'r ysgoloriaethau yma a ddyfernir bob blwyddyn – ac mae Wynford yn hynod hapus bod y cyfle yma wedi dod i'w ran i ymweld â chanolfannau sy wedi profi llwyddiant mawr yn America – a gobaith Wynford yw y gall ail-adrodd ychydig o'r llwyddiant yma yng Nghaerdydd gyda'i brosiect - y 'Stafell

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CLWB RYGBI PENTYRCH

Bu'r cyfnod diweddar yn gyfnod o ddathlu yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pentyrch. Mae'r estyniad newydd - a gostiodd tua £300,000 o bunnoedd - bellach wedi ei gwblhau, ac yn achos balchder i bawb sy'n ymwneud â'r clwb. Heb os, mae'n hwb i'r pentre cyfan i gael canolfan mor ddeniadol ar gyfer gwahanol weithgareddau, yn ogystal â bod yn gartre teilwng iawn i'r timoedd rygbi. Daeth Dennis Gethin, Llywydd Undeb Rygbi Cymru, i Bentyrch i agor y clwb yn swyddogol, ac yna cafwyd noson gofiadwy iawn yng nghwmni neb llai na Gareth Edwards ar gyfer cinio cynta'r Llywydd a'r Is-Lywyddion. Roedd yr estyniad yn orlawn a phawb wedi eu swyno gan atgofion Gareth o'i amser yn chwarae dros Gymru a'r Llewod. Bu Gareth yn gloddesta ar "caviar" yn Nhŷ'r Arglwyddi amser cinio'r diwrnod hwnnw, ond y teimlad oedd ei fod e' wedi cael mwy o flas ar y pastai a'r potsh a'r pys slwdj yng nghwmni pobol dda Pentyrch gyda'r nos!

Achos balchder hefyd yw'r ffaith bod dwy o dîm rygbi merched Cymru a gurodd Bortiwgal yn ddiweddar yn dod o Bentyrch. Non Evans, un o hoelion wyth y tîm ers blyneddau, ond hefyd Becky Newton oedd yn ennill ei chap cynta dros y prif dîm. Mae Becky'n ferch i Gadeirydd Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch Clive Newton. Llongyfarchiade arbennig felly iddi hi.

Merched y Wawr

Betsan Powys oedd y wraig wadd yng nghyfarfod Chwefror a chafwyd noson wych yn edrych i mewn i fyd y Blogs. Am fwy o fanylion am nosweithiau hwyliog y merched cysylltwch â 029 20890040

Winston Churchill Fellowship

Congratulations to Councillor Wynford Ellis Owen, Chief Executive of the Welsh Council for Alcohol and Other Drugs, who has been awarded a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship to visit Community Recovery Centres in the United States.

Pentyrch Village Hall

Snow, snow and yet more snow came to the village these last few months causing much disruption to traffic flow. However, the Pentyrch Village Hall struggled through with only minor disruption! The nursery closed for a few days but most activities continued throughout. What a relief to think that the new heating system, complete with beautiful covers did not let us down once!

The hall bookings continue to go from strength to strength with classes taking place every night, every morning and now a few afternoons. Our thanks go to many individuals and the community groups of the village for their continued support.

The forthcoming project is to enhance the kitchen area to include new cooking facilities which will enable the hall to host more elaborate social events, such as the Annual Hall Ball which will take place in the autumn-date yet to be announced. Did you attend the "Queen Night"? and did you notice the new circular tables? Again, we thank you for your continued support.

Future fundraising events are Quiz Night, Friday 19th March, the Spring Fair, Saturday 17th April. This event is new to PVH following on from an excellent turnout at the winter fair.

A reminder to do your online shopping through

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 email pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com or visit www.pentyrch.org.uk and follow the link to Pentyrch Village Hall.

WANTED ----- EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR

Pentyrch Village Hall has an under-used Squash Court. If you know of anyone who is a qualified fitness instructor why not start a class? There is nothing available in the village at the moment-ladies travel to Curves, the Village Hotel or elsewhere. How much better if it is in the local hall?

No carbon footprint- just a pair of trainers walking to the Hall!

Contact: Barbara Rodd (029) 2089 1584

CLWB GWYDDBWYLL PENTYRCH CHESS CLUB Chess sets for local schools

(Pictures page 20)

Pentyrch Chess Club has donated 5 chess sets and boards to each of the primary schools in the community - Pentyrch; Creigiau; and Gwaelod y Garth. This has been made possible by the modest but very much appreciated grants from the Pentyrch Open Gardens Group (for Pentyrch) and the Welsh Chess Union (for Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth). The Headteachers and pupils of all three schools were very grateful recipients of the sets.

The Club was delighted to be able to pilot this approach in Wales as a means of stimulating interest among junior schoolchildren in playing chess. The pictures show the enthusiasm with which the sets were received at the schools. We were extremely pleased to learn that a chess club is already active in Creigiau Primary School, thanks to the initiative of Mr Phillip Ivins. Two pupils from the school had recently taken part in a Welsh Chess Union junior competition in Cardiff.

If the donated sets help to generate enthusiasm for chess in the schools, further visits may be arranged to teach pupils more about the game and give them a chance to play against (and, who knows, beat) experienced players from the Club. Perhaps in the longer run, all

Christian Aid in Crisis Christian Aid Week 9-15 May 2010

For many years the charity **Christian Aid** has been supported by the people of Pentyrch and Creigiau through the mid-May house -to-house collection. In the past this collection has raised in the region of three thousand pounds annually. Recently, however, the sum raised has been falling by several hundred pounds each year. This fall has not occurred because the people of the two villages have not been willing to respond but has been the result of the inability of our organisation to deliver and collect the red envelopes.

Advancing years and infirmity has taken its toll on the collectors, most of whom are drawn from the congregations of the two churches – St. Catwg's and St. David's, with the result that last year

three schools might link up to extend opportunities for their pupils to play chess.

Pentyrch Chess Club, which currently has teams in the second and third divisions of the East Glamorgan Chess League, can be contacted via the secretary, Mr Vivian Martin (tel 029 2089 1402). The Club's website address is www.pentyrchchess.co.uk.

approximately one third of the houses in the two villages either did not receive an envelope or the envelope that they had received was not collected. This situation cannot be resolved without the help of additional well-wishers.

There are, in each village, approximately one thousand properties. Currently each of our collectors, of whom there are about fifteen in each village, visit 40/50 houses. They can hardly be asked to do more. Without extra help only 600/750 properties out of 1000 in each village will receive a red envelope. It is time for a re-think and it is with this in view that this article has been written. Whilst it is unrealistic to ask those in work to visit 40/50 properties I am sure that there are many of you who would consider calling on your immediate neighbours even if you live in areas where they still receive a red envelope. By so doing you would free up a current collector to collect elsewhere.

We therefore appeal to you all to consider taking 6/10 envelopes and to help us in your immediate vicinity. We would deliver the envelopes to you at the beginning of the week and collect them from you at the end of the week. If you can help in any way please contact:-
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Ysgol Gynradd Creigiau Primary School



Mrs Rose Price

Two long serving members of staff left the school at the end of the Christmas Term.

Mrs Mair Hughes finished after teaching at the school for 17 years, and Mrs. Rose Price retired after 27 years as a lunchtime supervisor. We would like to wish them both a long and happy retirement.

A function was held at the school on 21st December to thank both of them for their service, commitment and for their respective roles in helping to make Creigiau Primary School so successful. This was attended by colleagues, friends and governors. It was a pleasure to see so many former colleagues looking so fit and well. Both were presented with flowers and vouchers to spend at a well known store in the centre of Cardiff.



Mrs Mair Hughes

Gadawodd dwy aelod o'r staff ar ddiwedd Tymor y Nadolig wedi blynyddoedd maith o wasanaeth di - flino i'r ysgol. Bu Mrs. Mair Hughes yn athrawes am 17 o flynyddoedd, a bu Mrs. Rose Price yn un o'r cynorthwywyr cinio am 27 o flynyddoedd. Hoffwn ddymuno ymddeoliad hir a hapus i'r ddwy.

Ar Ragfyr 21ain, cynhaliwyd noson i ffarwelio ac i ddiolch i'r ddwy am eu gwasanaeth, eu hymroddiad a'u cyfraniad tuag at greu ysgol lwyddiannus. Braff oedd gweld cymaint o aelodau'r staff, cyfeillion a llywodraethwyr yn bresennol. Pleser hefyd oedd croesawi yn ôl nifer o gyn aelodau o'r staff a hwythau yn edrych mor dda. Cyflwynwyd blodau a thalebau i'r ddwy i allu eu gwario yn un o brif siopau y ddinas.

My Snowy Break

by Luke Young

I woke up on 5th January 2010, looked out of the window and saw that it had snowed in the night. It was as if a white blanket had been put over Creigiau. All I wanted to do was to go out and play but I thought I had to go to school, then I was told that school was closed, and I got very excited.

Before I went out side I had to put on my hat, scarf, gloves and wellies as it was so cold. When I went out side I had snowball fights, went sledging and I made a snow mountain. On one of the times I went sledging I found an enormous snowball, which I rolled down a slope but it hit a tree and it fell to pieces. When I wasn't playing in the snow I was watching TV, playing on my DS and with my Lego.

After a week or so of being at home I was starting to get bored and I wanted to go back to school, which is something I never thought I would say. A few days



later the snow started to melt until it was enough to allow the school to re-open.

Class 6

Creigiau Primary School

BOOK REVIEW

THE KISSING GATE

Don Llewellyn

Some of the readers of the Community Link may have been privileged to have read the first novel by Don Llewellyn of the village of Pentyrch. A childhood romance set during the Second World War, it deals with the relationships between wartime evacuees and local children growing up and for some discovering first love during those challenging times. For those who have read the novel, its excellence would have been made clear, but for those yet to sample its delights I offer this review to encourage you to sit down and absorb yourselves in its pages.

As is evident from the back cover, the novel has received favourable reviews from some household names in the world of show business, literature and the arts. Rolf Harris, Phillip Madoc, Iris Gower and Professor Dai Smith are all there, expressing their delight with the work. There is even a suggestion of making the novel into a film.

The novel takes the reader back to a time long past when children made their own entertainment and were free to roam the countryside unhindered by the distractions of mobile phones and computers. A safer world, innocent times, filled with local characters that were once a feature of village life, but now sadly disappeared. The two leading characters Geraint and Annabel fall in love and begin a childhood romance set in the countryside involving the old metal "Kissing Gates" that are rapidly vanishing from our foot paths. Folklore and local myths appear and play a part in the love story as does the Welsh language, with handy translation provided for those not familiar. The reader will find it hard to put this novel down, a true indication of a superior work of literature. Personally, I drew comparison with the works of Alexander Cordell (*Song of the Earth*) in the way the interaction of the lives of ordinary people and the simple beauty of nature are portrayed.

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Easter Message

When we watch a programme on television or listen to one on the radio we are probably aware that the programme may have been recorded – it did not happen as we watched or listened to it. It may have taken place days or weeks before, but it can be broadcast whenever desired.

In contrast to recorded programmes, however, there are many that are “live” – what we see or hear is actually going on as we watch or listen.

And there is a difference between the two. The recorded programme, however good it may be, is subject to alteration. It can be shortened to save time and some things can be edited out including any that did not go to plan. In the case of recorded news items or sports programmes we may have heard already what has happened, and so what we see or hear may lack the element of surprise.

On the other hand, the programme which comes to us direct is unpredictable. We see what the camera is pointing at, and hear whatever the microphone picks up at that moment. If something quite unexpected happens, something entirely unplanned, we may well see it and hear it. These direct programmes are more real and occasionally can be far more exciting and so we say they are “live”.

Recently, an edition of “Eastenders” was transmitted “live” to mark its twenty-fifth anniversary and during the programme a long-running mystery was solved – the answer to which was unknown to cast and crew and all of us until transmission. This added to the tension and excitement of “going live” in a fast-moving drama involving several people in short scenes.

The word “live” is a good word to describe the message of Easter.

In the first place the Resurrection of Jesus and all the happenings of the first Easter Day were quite unexpected and unforeseen by His followers. The women went to the sepulchre, expecting to find a dead body to anoint; not an empty tomb. Their friends who did not go could not believe their ears when Mary Magdalene came back to say she had seen Jesus alive. This, and other happenings after the Resurrection, was as if the camera had shown not what they expected, a grave with mourners visiting it, but a risen Jesus, greeting His amazed and rejoicing friends seeing Him alive.

“Live” is also a good word to use when we think of the effect of the

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday – 28 March

St Catwg’s Church, Pentyrch

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Sung Eucharist

6.00 pm Parish Service of Readings,

Choral Music and Hymns.

St David’s Church, Groesfaen

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

St Ellteyrn’s Church, Capel

Llanilltern

10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Hymns.

Palm crosses will be distributed at these services.

Holy Week

Monday 29 March Holy Eucharist 7.00 pm, St Catwg’s, Pentyrch.

Tuesday 30 March Holy Eucharist 10.00 am, St David’s, Groesfaen.

Wednesday 31 March Holy Eucharist 10.00 am, St Catwg’s, Pentyrch.

Maundy Thursday 1 April Holy Eucharist 7.30 pm, St Catwg’s and Watch of the Passion until 9.30 pm.

Good Friday 2 April Liturgy and Devotions 11.00 am, St David’s.

Liturgy and Devotions 2.00 pm, St Catwg’s.

Resurrection on Christ’s followers who were concerned in these events. It made them “live” in the way we sometimes use the word today. The disciples were transformed. Before the Resurrection they had given way easily to their fears: they had deserted Jesus when He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, only one of them had dared to watch by the cross. All this was changed by our Lord’s Resurrection; they became confident and courageous, strong, powerful and determined, not just at the time but as they proclaimed Jesus far and wide in the years to come, able, if need be, to face imprisonment, torture, even death because they had in their hearts the great truth of the Resurrection and they knew that their Risen Living Lord was with them.

And this is the good news of the Resurrection. It tells us to look forward to our own resurrection and to our reunion with our loved ones and to let the Risen Living Lord, who died for each one of us, fill our lives day by day to guide and strengthen us knowing that He is always there for us – “live”.

John W Binny
Vicar: Pentyrch
with Capel Llanilltern

Easter Day 4 April

St Catwg’s, Pentyrch 9.00 am Sung Eucharist. 6.00 pm Evensong.

St David’s, Groesfaen

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Sung Eucharist.

St Ellteyrn’s, Capel Llanilltern

10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Hymns.

Everyone very welcome at our services.

Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Welsh Assembly Government, has decided that in principle funding of £14,739.45p will be awarded for the replacement of the kitchen and provision of outdoor space, from the Community Facilities and Activities Programme. In order to cause as little inconvenience as possible, the Hall will be closed from July 19th 2010 for approximately a month to enable the work to take place.

“MOTO in the Community” at the Service Station at Junction 33 of the M4 have donated £200 for work at the Hall.

A Parish Family Service is held on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 am in the Hall (on the second Sunday in April) and the Good News Coffee Morning takes place on the third Saturday of each 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 02920 892865, or Mrs Alison Woodley, telephone 02920 891800.

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning and Sale of their home-grown geraniums will be held in aid of Ty Hafan Children’s Hospital at the home of Harry and Carroll Mason, 24 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau at 10.00 am on Saturday, 22nd May 2010.

Christmas Fayre

Pentyrch Parish Christmas Fayre will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday, 13 November 2010 in the Parish Church Hall, Creigiau, in aid of Hall funds.

Planning Applications to November 2009

09/01740/W Acapela Listed Building Consent applied to re-roof the main chapel & vestry in Welsh slate and remove cement rendering to reveal original stone. This is still under consideration.

09/01995/W Mrs Diane Jordan, 57 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for a side dormer extension, single storey garage extension and alterations to the garage roof. Permission was refused on 11/1/2010.

09/02015/W Rhian Gibson & David Roberts, Bryn Awel, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for a ground floor extension, alterations and re-modelling inclusive of lower-ground, ground and first floor extension. Permission was granted on 5/1/2010

09/02023/W Dr Rees, Llyswn, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied for a garage extension at: Llyswn, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch. Permission was granted on 31/12/2009.

09/02033/W Mr & Mrs Amodeo, Robin Hill, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for a two storey extension & first floor extension to southern section of the house to provide re-planned interior with lobby, cloakroom & WC, new staircase, 5 en-suite bedrooms, new window & door openings, new roof to northern section of house to provide 2 bedrooms & bathroom. Permission was granted on 13/1/2010.

09/02047/W Mr Fred Liney, 31 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch, applied for a single storey rear extension with external decking area. Permission was granted on 4/1/2010.

09/02071/W Mr Honeybun, 55 Parc y Coed, Creigiau, applied for a single storey side and rear extensions. Permission was granted on 4/1/2010

09/02156/W Mr & Mrs J Rigby, 7 River Glade, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, applied for a first floor side extension. This is still under consideration.

09/02165/W Mr K.P Crean, Y Gocyd, Heol Y Parc, Capel Llanilltern, applied for a detached hay, straw and tractor shed at land south of Y Gocyd. Permission was granted on 26/1/2010.

09/02224/W Mrs Julie Clarke, Old School House Cottage, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, applied for a single storey extension to the existing sitting room. Permission was granted on 10/2/2010.

09/02234/W Mr John Hughes, 4 Scotney Way, Pontprennau, applied for a two storey rear and single storey rear extension at Waunwyllt, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

09/02268/W Mr A Evans, 16 Tregarth Court, Creigiau, applied to replace the flat roof on the garage with a pitched roof. This is still under consideration.

10/00043/W Mr Lewis, Tanglewood, Mountain Road, Pentyrch, applied for a single storey ground floor extension to enlarge kitchen/diner & utility room and provide additional reception room, with first floor extension to provide additional two bedrooms & en-suite bathroom. This is still under consideration.

10/00068/W Mr & Mrs Holland, 17 Ffordd Dinefwr, Creigiau, applied for a garden room extension, raising of roof ridge height and the restructuring of roof, including dormer extensions, to create dormer. This is still under consideration.

10/00117/W Mr & Mrs R Williams, 82 Parc-y-Fro, Creigiau, applied for the erection of a lean-to greenhouse to the rear. This is still under consideration.

10/00151/W Mr Steel, Greystone, Heol y Pentre, Pentyrch, applied for the provisions of a bay window. This is still under consideration.

10/00172/W Mr Bob Jordan, 57 Riverglade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a first floor side extension. This is still under consideration.

10/00206/W Mr Gardener, 5 Tai Penylan, Capel Llanilltern, applied for a single storey extension to the front. This is still under consideration.

10/00228/W Mr & Mrs Peter Ashby, 47 River Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the erection of a single storey lean-to extension to the rear of the property & first floor extension and alterations. This is still under consideration.

Decisions from Planning Applications in previous Community Links

09/00548/W Maureen Probert made a pre-application in relation to land adjacent to 2 Heol Berry, Gwaelod-y-Garth. A response was sent to the pre-application on 4/12/2009.

09/00551/W Mr King, Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a 2 storey extension to the rear & and also a single storey extension. Permission was granted on 11/1/2010.

09/01532/W Mr Glyn Stephens applied to build a two bedroom bungalow on land to rear of Oaklands, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern. Planning permission was refused on 25/1/2010

09/01577/W Open Reach, applied for a

Telecommunications Cabinet opposite Beechwood, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth. Permission was granted on 13/11/2009.

09/01584/W Mr Matthews applied for a two-and-half storey side extension at 3 Cefn Llan, Pentyrch. Permission was granted on 2 November 2009.

09/01601/W Mr Philip Andrews, The Granary & Milking Parlour, Creigiau Farm, Parc-Y-Fro, Creigiau applied for the proposed renovation of existing outbuildings at Creigiau farm to 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. Permission was granted on 14/1/2010.

09/01628/W Mr Parfitt, The Gables, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied for alterations to the existing property to form a double garage, extensions to form additional bedrooms and en-suite to loft, garden rooms and new utility room. Permission was granted on 10/11/2009.

09/01638/W Mr David Lambert, 13 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension to the kitchen and dining room and a covered way to the side entrance. Permission was granted on 10/11/2009.

09/01718/W Mrs Rachel Mooney, 1 Patmore Close, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the movement of an existing boundary wall. Permission was refused on 25/11/2009.

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Astar Music, and available soon via I tunes and other distributors. There has been a noticeable increase in download sales this year and the home grown talent nurtured at Acapela has been selling to downloaders all over the world.

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Creigiau Companions

After an enjoyable Carol Concert and a satisfying Christmas Lunch at the Atlantic Hotel in Porthcawl, it was disappointing to have to postpone our New Year's Party scheduled for the 7th January. As readers will remember, we were experiencing bitter snowy weather which kept many people indoors for several days. Eventually the Party took place two weeks later with brilliant entertainment from the Creigiau Songsters.

Not only were we celebrating the New Year, but also the Companions 10th Birthday. A special cake took pride of place on our refreshments table and an invitation was given to Mrs. Glenda Meakin who had been instrumental in setting up the Companions in those early days. The large turnout of members proved that the 10 years had been fruitful in providing Creigiau with a successful Association. We were pleased too, to welcome the Vicar, Mr. Binny to our festivity and the afternoon proved a happy and enjoyable occasion.

During the next few months several interesting talks have been arranged and an Easter Lunch will take place at the Creigiau Golf Club. Consultations are in progress about the Summer Outing in June. We particularly welcome newcomers to the area. For more information get in touch with Margery on 02920 890685, or Bronwen on 02920 890696.

4th Pentrych Brownies RECRUITING!

Meeting every Tuesday evening (6pm – 7.30pm), Pentrych 4th Brownies offers a fun and informative chance for 7 to 10 year girls to enjoy each others company outside of school.

The current group, run by two local mums Maria and Ellen since November last year, have already done lots of fun things with the girls. Activities have included a sponsored silence and learning to use sign language, learning about fire safety with a visit to Whitchurch fire station, a Christmas party, a cinema trip and tickets, courtesy of Hilltop Theatre, to Fidler On The Roof at the end of this month. With continued badge work, arts and craft, games and many outdoor things planned for the better weather, why not join us after Easter. New Term starts Tuesday 13th April.

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Howard a retired BT engineer is now in his 69th year but still is dedicated to his sport of running. As featured in the South Wales Echo dated Feb 1st 2010 Howard is to run this year's Virgin London Marathon on 25th April, six days before his 70th birthday. Running for 30 years it will be his 12th London Marathon, his entry being secured by a chance meeting with Dame Tanni Grey Thompson who kindly secured him a complimentary entry. He runs for two army charities; the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the Army Benevolent Fund and I am sure everyone will wish him well and support him by donating.

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Last date for entries in the next issue is

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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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1st Creigiau Brownies

1st Creigiau Brownies have been enjoying a fun-filled programme of events this year. We celebrated World Thinking Day on February 22nd - a day to mark the birthday of the founder of the Scouting and Guiding Movement, and also to think of others around the world less fortunate than ourselves. Linking in with the Cooking badges that the girls are currently working towards, they all produced a recipe sheet and these have been collated into a "Food for Thought" cookbook. The Brownies are now actively selling these cookbooks to their families and friends to raise funds for charity. We meet every Monday evening during term time in Creigiau Church Hall for an evening of challenges, games and activities, usually ones that the Brownies have suggested themselves. Brownies are between 7 and 11 years of age, if any young girls are interested in coming along then please let us know and we will put your names down on our waiting list. Please contact Elizabeth Lewis (Brown Owl) on 07712 835325 or pop into Creigiau Primary School to ask the secretary for an application form. Also contact us if you would like a copy of the 1st Creigiau Brownies "Food for Thought" cookbook, suggested donation £2.

Elizabeth Lewis (Brown Owl), Helen Terry (Snowy Owl)
and Claire Wilkins (Tawny Owl)



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