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Ffarwel Ffrindiau!

Ar ôl llawer o flynyddoedd yn dysgu yn Ysgol Creigiau daeth yr amser i Mrs. Yvonne Davies a Mrs. Lowri Lambert ymddeol ar ddiwedd tymor yr Haf. Bu Mrs. Davies yn gweithio yn yr ysgol am ddwy flynedd ar hugain a Mrs. Lambert am ugain mlynedd.

Goodbye Friends

Mrs. Yvonne Davies and Mrs. Lowri Lambert retired at the end of the summer term after teaching in Creigiau School for a number of years. Mrs. Davies worked at the school for 22 years and Mrs. Lambert for 20 years.

Pentyrch Surgery Reprieved

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has agreed a deal to retain GP services in Pentyrch for the foreseeable future, the GP having agreed a lease for the use of his premises that runs to 2013.

The future of the service was in doubt when, in November, Dr Benedict, the surgery's GP announced he intended to close. The Health Board ensured that those patients who wished to were able to transfer to Radyr and other surgeries, and engaged a locum GP to work at the surgery for the few weeks it was thought the premises would remain available to them. However, in order to retain a Pentyrch base, the Health Board was grateful to pursue the option suggested by the Village Hall Committee Chairman at the public meeting held on 8th November to place a temporary surgery on an area of the car park. It would appear that that option is no longer necessary, and the Health Board-employed locum GP service will continue to provide medical and nursing services whilst the longer-term prospect to return to an independent contractor-based service are explored.

Significant numbers of patients have transferred to the care of other practices, notably to Radyr and the Rhondda Cynon Taff based surgeries of Taffs Well Health Centre or Parc Canol's branch surgery in Creigiau. These people now have the choice to remain in their new practices or return to Pentyrch. It is understood that the viability of a Pentyrch-based surgery or branch surgery will be dependant upon a revival in the numbers of patients.

The promised follow up meeting has been arranged for the beginning of March. General enquiries should be made via the Community Health Council at 029 20377407. Any patient with a specific query concerning their personal situation should contact the Health board's Primary Care Directorate on 029 20556032.

Pentyrch School Bicycle Shelter

On a very cold and windy on the 28th of January in our school playground we had a grand opening for our new bike shelter.



All the school, our teachers and lots of mums and dads came to watch the exciting event! Something funny happened because one of the special balloons blew away in the wind and everyone cheered.

Dr. Pettit came in wearing his cycling clothes and cut the ribbon for the bike shelter opening. Mrs. Phillips chose eight children to stand at the front and pop the party poppers whilst Mrs Adam got the bottle of champagne ready to declare the shelter officially open. Dr. Pettit got the scissors to cut the ribbon to open the shelter and then Mrs Adam gave him the champagne bottle. He shook it up and he shook it up ... but the cork would not pop!! So he shook it some more and then POP!! It splashed everywhere and everybody laughed.

It was lots of fun, but lovely to come into the warm afterwards because it was so very cold!

Alex Bowler and Evie Scammell

Garth Domain 50

Congratulations to Don Llewellyn for compiling 50 editions of the Garth Domain.

The Garth Domain has brought to life the history of the area and documented stories and recollections and valuable historical information which would otherwise have been lost. Make sure you buy your copy of the latest edition. Number 51 is out now.



British Rowing Champions in our Midst?

Dylan Palmer, who lives in Gwaelod y Garth, Ben Fry from Rhydlafar, Joe Miles from Creigiau and Adam Keen from Llandaff, were recently successful in the Welsh indoor rowing championships in Cardiff. The Radyr Comprehensive pupils won the team event. In the individual event, Ben finished 2nd, Dylan 4th and Joe 8th.

The boys will now compete in the British championships at the O2 Arena in London in March.

The recent success has seen the boys



join Llandaff rowing club, where hopefully this added experience will bring home another Gold in the team & individual event, and put them in a position to maybe become British champions!

GOOD LUCK TO THEM.

House of Lords

Congratulations to Ben Thorne, of Gwaelod y Garth, for winning First Prize in the Schools 2010 History of Parliament Competition. Ben, pictured above with Lord Speaker, Helen Hayman and Welsh Historian, Lord Morgan, spent a day as a guest in the Houses of Parliament. After his presentation in the Rivers Room, he witnessed the Lord's Procession, visited the historic Archives and listened to the Commons debate, in which George Osborne was at the Dispatch Box, from the VIP Strangers Gallery. At the end of the day, he was able to visit Downing Street for a photograph outside No. 10.



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Pentyrch at a
standstill in the
December snow

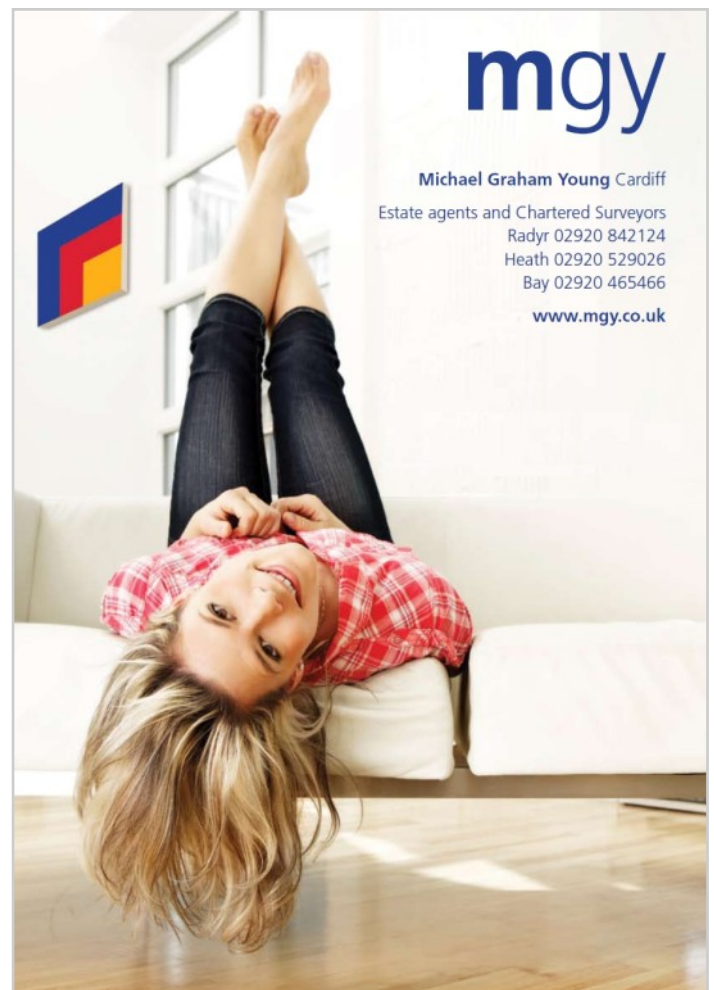


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A new 10 year strategy called 'What Matters' is being written that will set out the priorities for the key organisations working across Cardiff including the County Council, Health, Police, Fire & Rescue and the Voluntary Sector. Please visit www.askcardiff.com to read about the work so far!

What Matters is the overarching strategy that will shape how Cardiff moves forward over the next 10 years. It has been developed over the last year by a range of public, private and third sector partners, focusing on outcomes for the city across organisational boundaries, delivering what matters most to people.

What Matters is based around the delivery of 7 key strategic outcomes, which will improve the quality of life for all people. The outcomes are: * People in Cardiff are healthy * People in Cardiff have a clean, attractive and sustainable environment.

* People in Cardiff are safe and feel safe. Cardiff has a thriving and prosperous economy. * People in Cardiff achieve their full potential. * Cardiff is a great place to live, work and play.

* Cardiff is a fair, just and inclusive society.

To read more about the strategy go to www.askcardiff.com and fill in the questionnaire at:

<http://www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/whatmatters/index.htm>

School Lane, Gwaelod y Garth

School Lane is a disgrace. Anyone who has to walk a child to school has to manoeuvre huge and muddy puddles, squelchy yellow mud splattered clothes and physical anguish at the sheer effort of getting their child - and maybe another in a buggy - along the unmade area of this lane. Children have tripped and fallen on the ruts as they try to find dry ground; residents suffer yellow mud oozing into their drives and gardens; drivers puncture car tyres with debris picked-up from where it lies hidden in the deep puddles. It has been like this for years and the regular barrage of complaints has got nowhere. Plans get made but never put into action.

If you drive down School Lane, you will notice the ‘sat-nav’ of the car calls it School Lane only over the made-up area, to around where Bethlehem Cottages are situated. The remainder of the lane, the un-made area that causes such concern, is in various ownerships. Sylvia Edwards owns a stretch of land between Bethlehem Cottages and the Old Level, for instance – an historic ownership of a small patch of land that is so commonplace in Gwaelod y Garth. Cardiff owns a path width the length of the unmade area. Others involved, it is understood, are prepared to give any land they own to CCC.

The little woodland that makes School Lane so attractive in Spring and Summer, also contributes to the problems on the unmade area of the lane. Constant drips from overhanging trees have created the deep holes that all so regularly fill with muddy water. Work is needed on this woodland; branches need to be cut back, along with much of the undergrowth.

At a time when parents are being actively persuaded to let children walk to school, how sensible it would be if School Lane could again be the peaceful and safe walk to school that it was intended to be, rather than this obstacle course of a lane. Maybe it is again time to put pressure on the LA with a barrage of letters underlining this unacceptable situation within our Conservation Village. School Lane needs to be upgraded to a standard where pedestrians can walk without the risk of tripping or being drenched in mud.

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Cardiff Local Development Plan

The Cardiff CC, Local Development Plan, founded last year after the Welsh Assembly Government felt that it did not pass the soundness test. This meant that CCC had to go back to the drawing board and start again. We are now at the stage when interested parties have submitted their hopes to develop land over the next 15 years and all major landowners have contributed to this process. This Community Council submitted part of the fields it owns at Fairmeadow, Pentyrch for consideration as allotments at some time in the future, as CCC have singularly failed to provide allotments, as they are required to do under the Allotments Act 1908. Our development is very much a green issue, with minimal effect on the environment in the short-term and an arguably more positive effect in the longer term.

However there are five other submission sites within the Community Council area, and it was immediately noticed that Westgate Park (Cardiff) Ltd has not abandoned their plans for an International Business Park to the north of Junction 33 of the M4. In addition The Wingfield Estate has submitted the land to the south of Creigiau and presumably to the north of the A.4119 Llantrisant Road, an area of 37.7 hectares (91 acres), for 400-460 residential accommodations.

In Pentyrch two submissions to develop land at Dan y Garth have been made by Bovis Homes to provide a total of 129 houses and in Gwaelod y Garth, a submission for 10 houses on 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) at Tynewydd. The submission of these sites does not mean that they will be included within the final LDP and residents will have an opportunity object or comment on potential developments later on in the process. The opportunity to object or comment on any of the candidate sites is presently scheduled to occur between 9th May and 10th June 2011. This will be announced in the Capital Times and in the meantime anybody can check the progress of the LDP on the CCC web-site.



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PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS 2011



Spring and another gardening year begins! We are now looking forward to our Open Gardens Weekend and hope that as many as possible gardens will be open for 2011. Last year was very successful and all the gardeners enjoyed the event. It is not a competition and we would welcome any gardens that wish to open; large, small, cottage, kitchen - all would add to the wonderful mix we have here in Pentyrch. Your efforts helps POG to support our village with the money that is raised. Support would also very much be welcome by the donation of any plants 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 number below. Your help would be very welcome.

Diary Dates:

Plant Sale: Saturday May 21st (10am)

Plant Donations: Would you like to donate plants to the Pentyrch Plant Sale? We would welcome all plant drop-offs on Friday 20th May 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Open Gardens Weekend: July 9th & 10th. Tickets at the Village Hall.

Contact: Jeanette or Chris Troughton on 02920899331

UNWANTED POTS! Please bring your unwanted pots back for recycling. We welcome all sizes, shapes and forms. You can drop them off when convenient at 6 Cefn Bychan.

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Cantorion Creigiau 40th Anniversary Year

Best wishes to Cantorion Creigiau who will be holding their 40th Anniversary Concert on Thursday 24th March 2011 at the BBC Hoddinott Hall in the Millennium Centre with Treorchy Male Voice Choir. Tickets are on sale at the Millennium Centre.

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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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Golygydd Penri Williams Editor

Last date for entries in the next issue is

13 June 2011.

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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The views expressed in the Community Link are not necessarily those of the Community Council.

Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

13 Mehefin 2011.

Dylir cyfyngu erthyglau i 250 gair os yn bosib a dylid ei danfon i Glerc y Cyngor neu unrhyw Gynghorydd.

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3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

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Gwaelod y Garth

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Pentyrch

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Pentyrch Village Hall

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 our newly appointed bookings secretary, Judy Hamilton, for taking over the position at the busiest time of the year.

What a month, yet more snow came to the village again! However, the Pentyrch Village Hall struggled through with quite a bit of disruption around the village including Heol Goch being closed on one occasion. The Hilltop show was postponed, the nursery closed for a few days, however most activities continued throughout, despite the fact that the car park had become a skating rink!

The Butterfly Ball and the winter fair proved to be a great success at the Hall, with many outsiders to the village supporting both events. As usual, we must thank many individuals and community groups in the village for their help in organising and supporting these activities

The new website and online calendar are up and running, which gives much more flexibility when needing to arrange your diary:

<http://www.pentyrchvillagehall.co.uk>



Winter Fair at the Village Hall

Check out the regular users listing to find an activity you may want to join.

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
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 1st Quiz. May 13th Mama Mia Karaoke. June 18th Barn Dance. September 10th Auction.

Eric Priddy Chairman

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Our next production after Jekyll and Hyde will be the Frank Vickery comedy 'Trivial Pursuits', on Thursday 30 June, Friday 1 July and Saturday 2 July 2011, Pentyrch Village Hall. This is a comedy about a theatrical society attempting to decide on their next production during a barbecue at the home of their director that lasts into the small hours, with some hilarious insight into its members. If you've ever been involved with a play or just simply love the theatre, this show is for you! Following on from this production, our summer fundraiser for 2011, consisting of a one act play and a musical showcase, is on Saturday 23 July 2011.

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

The Missing Village Seat

Community Action has spoken to both our Community Council and the County Solicitor with reference to the missing seat, which was put in place by the Local Authority in the late 1940s.

Local people continue to suggest that the triangle of land on the County Highways Map, adjacent to Main Road, which originally held the seat, represents an area of Local Authority Ownership, that enabled the County Council to also place a public litter bin and bus stop at this point.

There is documented evidence from Parish Minutes from the 1940s that the Local Authority of the day provided the seat, and that the Pentyrch Parish Council, now the Pentyrch Community Council maintained it. The land immediately behind the seat was in the ownership of the Wingfield Estate, and was a popular play area for local children – a situation that prevailed until the recent Adverse Possession Claim. The land was purchased from the Wingfield Estate by Mr Kenny Mitchell and is now in the ownership of his heir, Mr Keith Roberts, who has offered to donate the land to the village. However, because of the Adverse Possession bid, the legal process is costly. The Community Council, whilst grateful for the land-owners' offer, do not have the resources to take on legal costs.

Mr Stephen Ham, CCC Solicitor told Community Action today (Feb. 3rd 2011) that he would re-look at the files related to the Adverse Possession bid and the missing seat. He will make a Statement on the current state of CCCs involvement when he returns from leave in a few weeks.

Community Action Committee

Creigiau Companions: the Retired Persons' Club

The 2011 programme started with smiles, singing and dancing as the world famous "Treacles" continued on the tour of their world that now extends as far as Efail Isaf!

With guitars, vocals, and a musical box of sorts, the Parish Hall in Creigiau resounded to their nostalgic ensemble as they relived their lost youth, imagining that the hall was The Cavern, Creigiau. Rapturous applause, laughter and calls for "more" resounded through the room, so much so that Brian Davies had difficulty restoring order. However, a good cup of tea and a biscuit calmed the audience and performers alike, and the companions walked slowly to their homes refreshed mentally, physically and, some, exhausted.

Having ended the Autumn term with a good Christmas lunch at the Creigiau Golf Club and later a Christmas concert, and a visit to St David's Hall, the momentum has now been carried through to the Winter and Spring programme. An excellent account by David Allen, of a trip to Everest base camp and the setting up of the Aid for Nepali Children Charity moved the Companions to add to his fee with a round-the-room collection for the charity.

A full programme of events, an Easter lunch and, later in the Summer, a trip, awaits the faithful members.

The invitation to all remains open. There is no signing on fee, just the handing over of £1.50 a meeting, and for that you have good fellowship, interesting programmes, and a cup of tea and biscuit to send you home. Just turn up at 2.15 p.m. every other Thursday at the Parish Hall in Creigiau. The first meeting in April is on 14th, in May the 12th.

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Community Council Highlights

Grants

Since the last publication the only grant from within the Community considered at the December meeting was from Radyr & District Good Neighbour Scheme who were awarded £100. So far this year the Council has spent £1,150 from its budget of £1500 not including the surplus from last year of £95. This leaves £445 for distribution at the March meeting, which is the last one of this financial year, and any applications should be made by 11.am on 21st March at the very latest. As usual, 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.

CF15 Directory

I have been contacted by Joanna who, with Rachel, puts together the CF15 Directory which is posted through most doors in this locality as a free magazine. Joanna tells me that they are happy to promote local community events, school news and charity events for free. They also hope to continue to increase the size of the magazine during the coming months and, obviously, the more paying pages they have, the more free pages they are able to offer local groups. So if you have any Community news coming up that you wish to advertise, please contact the CF15 directory on sales@cf15directory.com.

Dog Fouling

I have been asked by a resident in Pentyrch to mention, once again, the problem with unsocial dog-walkers allowing their pets to foul on the pavements of Pentyrch and, I am sure, in the other villages as well. I am advised that Bronllwyn and Bron Haul are particularly bad and the sad thing is there is no need for it. I have two dogs and I have always got those little nappy sacks in the pockets of my jacket. At 99p for 300 they're well worth buying. If you can't afford them, and if you can't afford them, you shouldn't be able to afford to have a dog either, then CCC will give you bags for free. The dog warden has a supply and he has left a load in our office which I regularly dish out to dog-walkers. The people who allow their dogs to foul the streets of these beautiful villages are basically saying, 'I don't care about where I live and I don't care about anybody else. I'll do what I want'. Bear this in mind if you see somebody allowing their dog to foul the street and don't think twice about reporting them to the Police or the dog

warden. Instant fines can be levied as a consequence which, at about £50 a time, could have bought them about 15,000 nappy sacks!

PACT Meetings in Pentyrch

I have received an email from the Police in relation to the last PACT meeting held on 12th January 2011 which attracted 15 residents. The PACT priorities were Traffic Calming Measures at Mountain Road and Tyn y Coed Road and Youth Annoyance around the Squash Club and Village Hall. The first issue is impacted by the outcome of the Community meeting mentioned below and the youth annoyance issue seems to have been well policed by PC Bad Weather. Residents were updated on the crime statistics for the period 10th November to 12th January, (13 crimes – no arrests), as well as being advised about Neighbourhood Watch, speed checks, a knife crime in the area, burglaries in Rhydlafar, cold callers and the perceived dumbing down of crime figures. The agreed PACT priority was a concerted action to check the road-worthiness of vehicles in the Pentyrch and GYG areas and the next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 9th March at Pentyrch Rugby Club.

Community Meeting in Pentyrch

The Community meeting took place at 7pm on Wednesday 8th December 2010 at Pentyrch School Hall and was well attended with over 40 persons turning up on a cold winter's night. Officers from Cardiff County Council were also in attendance to ensure that any votes taken were legal and also to set the scene as to the history of the traffic calming measures, the current situation within the Highways Department and what could be achieved in the future. It was a lively meeting with strong views being expressed on all sides. Finally a proposal was made that a meeting be held between officers of CCC, County and Community Councillors and representatives of the village such as the School Governors, Neighbourhood watch and the W.I., to formulate proposals for putting to a public meeting and that this be done within 3 months. The vote was 39 in favour and 2 against. County Councillor Craig Williams is chairing this group which will report back to another village meeting in due course. Anybody wanting to read the minutes of this meeting can access them on the PCC web-site, www.pentyrch.cc, and click on 'Sub-minutes' and it is

marked '8th December 2010 Community Meeting'. On a sad note, Mr Haydn Walters, who attended the meeting, collapsed and died on his way home. Our sincerest condolences go to his wife and family for their loss.

Footpaths

Those keen walkers will have noticed a lot of work has been carried out on the multitude of footpaths that criss-cross this Council area. This work is thanks to the efforts of Paul and Julian, two hard-working employees of Cardiff County Council Footpaths department who are single-handedly responsible for keeping the hundreds of miles of footpaths open and clear for walkers to enjoy. There are other members of this department working in offices although I can never understand why two men do all the work whilst at least twice that number are in an office pushing paper around. Paul and Julian are that rare combination of hard-working individuals with a genuine interest in their job and providing the best service they can for Cardiff residents. If only the remainder of CCC employees could take a leaf out of their book! So if you see them in the area thanks them for their efforts.

Fields in Trust

I doubt whether many of you will have heard of 'Fields in Trust' although you may have heard of it by its former name the 'National Playing Fields Association'. They have been in existence since the 1920s saving playing fields for the nation and the best known example of which, in Cardiff, is the Heath Park which is surrounded by King George V Drive who, as I am sure you all know, was the monarch at the time. The 'Fields in Trust' are launching another initiative called the 'Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge' for which Prince William is the patron. The purpose is to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and also link in to the London Olympics 2012. Councils have been asked to nominate any recreational sites and the two obvious sites in our area are Creigiau Recreation Ground and the Memorial Park at Pentyrch. If this is agreed, then a deed would be drawn up that restricts the land for the purpose of play and sport and ensures its continued use for future generations. The legal costs of executing the deeds would be met by Fields in Trust, so there would be no cost to the Council. It is envisioned that a celebratory event would occur sometime in June 2012, at the nominated sites to celebrate the diamond jubilee. This could be in addition to or instead of 'street parties'. I will keep you apprised of any progress towards these goals.



Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

Grantiau

Ers y rhifyn diwethaf yr unig grant a rhoddwyd i geisiadau o'r gymuned a ystyriwyd yng nghyfarfod mis Rhagfyr oedd oedi wrth Radyr & District Good Neighbour Scheme a rhoddwyd grant o £100. Hyd yn hyn eleni mae'r Cyngor wedi gwario £1,150 o'i gyllideb o £15000 heb gynnwys £95 arian dros ben o'r flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Mae hyn yn gadael £445 i'w rannu yng nghyfarfod mis Mawrth, y cyfarfod olaf yn y flwyddyn ariannol bresennol. Dylai unrhyw geisiadau gyrraedd erbyn llyb ar 21 Mawrth. Fel arfer, dylid gwneud ceisiadau i'r Clerc, drwy e-bost os bosib, (clerk@pentyrch.cc) a dylid cynnwys cyfrifon neu'r adroddiad ariannol diweddaraf.

Cyfeirlyfr CF15

Mae Joanna a Rachel yn cynhyrchu'r Cyfeirlyfr CF15 sy'n cael ei ddsbarthu i'r rhan fwyaf o dai yn yr ardal am ddim. Dywed Joanna ei bod yn hapus i roi cyhoeddusrwydd am ddim i ddigwyddiadau cymunedol lleol, newyddion ysgol a newyddion am elusennau. Maen nhw hefyd yn gobeithio cynyddu maint y cylchgrawn yn ystod y misoedd nesaf ac yn amlwg bo fwyaf o dudalennau sy'n talu yna mae rhagor o dudalennau am ddim ar gael i grwpiau lleol. Felly os oes gennych unrhyw newyddion Cymunedol yr hoffech ei gyhoeddi cysylltwch â Chyfeirlyfr CF15 ar sales@cf15directory.com.

Baw Cŵn

Mae trigolion ym Mhentyrch wedi gofyn i mi sôn, unwaith eto, y broblem gyda cherddwyr cŵn anghymdeithasol yn gadael i'w hanifeiliaid i faeddu'r pafin ym Mhentyrch, ac rwy'n siŵr, y pentrefi eraill hefyd. Rwy'n deall fod Bronllwyn a Bronhaul yn enwedig o wael ac yn drist iawn does dim angen am hyn. Mae gennyf dau gi ac rwyf o hyd yn cadw nifer o fagiau bach baw cŵn ym mhoced fy siaced. Eu pris yw 99c am 300 ac maen nhw'n werth eu prynu. Os nad allwch fforddio eu prynu, ac os na allwch fforddio eu prynu yna ni allwch fforddio cadw ci, yna mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn rhoi bagiau baw cŵn am ddim. Mae gan y Warden Cŵn cyflenwad o fagiau ac mae wedi gadael llwyth yn ein swyddfa er mwyn i mi eu dosbarthi i gerddwyr cŵn. Mae'r bobl sy'n gadael i'w cŵn i faeddu strydoedd ein pentrefi yn sylfaenol yn dweud, 'Dydw i ddim yn poeni am y lle rydw i'n byw nac yn poeni am unrhyw un

arall. Mi wnaf beth y mynnaf.' Cofiwch gadw hyn mewn cof os welwch rywun yn gadael i'w ci i faeddu'r stryd a pheidiwch â meddwl dwywaith cyn rhoi gwybod i'r heddlu neu Warden Cŵn. Gellir rhoi diryw ar y pryd a fyddai am £50 y tro wedi prynu tua 15,000 sachau baw cŵn!

Cyfarfod PACT ym Mhentyrch

Derbynias e-bost oddi wrth yr Heddlu am y cyfarfod PACT a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Ionawr 2011 a ddenodd 15 o drigolion. Y blaenoriaethau PACT oedd Mesurau Arafu Traffic ar Heol y Mynydd a Heol Tyn y Coed a phroblemau gyda Phobl Ifanc o gwmpas y Clwb Sgwash a Neuadd y Pentref. Mae'r flaenoriaeth gyntaf o dan drafodaeth yn dilyn y cyfarfod Cymunedol a sonnir amdano isod ac mae'r broblem ieuencid wedi cael ei reoli'n effeithiol gan yr heddwad PC Tywydd Gwael. Rhoddwyd yr ystadegau diweddaraf am droseddau am y cyfnod 10 Tachwedd i 12 Ionawr, 13 trosedd dim arestio. Hefyd rhoddwyd gwybodaeth am Warchod y Gymuned, mesuriadau cyflymder, trosedd gyda chylllell yn yr ardal, bwrgrera yn Rhydlafer, gwerthwyr yn galw mewn tai a'r teimlad fod ystadegau troseddau yn cael eu lleihau. Cytunwyd ar flaenoriaeth PACT i weithredu i sicrhau fod cerbydau yn addas a diogel i'w gyrru ym Mhentyrch a Gwaelod y Garth. Cynhelir y cyfarfod nesaf am 7yh dydd Mercher 9 Mawrth yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pentyrch.

Cyfarfod Cymunedol ym Mhentyrch

Cynhaliwyd y Cyfarfod Cymunedol am 7yh dydd Mercher 8 Rhagfyr 2010 yn Neuad Ysgol Pentyrch. Roedd cynulleidfada dda gyda dros 40 o bobl ar noson oer o aeaf. Roedd swyddogion o Gyngor Caerdydd yn bresennol i sicrhau fod unrhyw bleidlais a gymerwyd yn gyfreithiol a hefyd i roi gwybodaeth am hanes y mesuriadau arafu traffig, y sefyllfa bresennol yn yr Adran Ffyrdd a beth ellid ei gyflawni yn y dyfodol. Roedd yn gyfarfod bywiog gyda datganiadau cryf o bob cyfeiriad. Ar y diwedd penderfynwyd cynnal cyfarfod rhwng swyddogion y Cyngor Sir, Cyngorwyr Sir a Chymuned a chynrychiolwyr y pentref megis Llywodraethwyr yr Ysgol, Gwarchod y Gymdogaeth, a'r WI i ffurfio argymhellion i'w roi i gyfarfod cyhoeddus a hynny i'w wneud o fewn 3 mis. Y bleidlais oedd 39 o blaid a 2 yn erbyn. Mae'r Cyngorydd Sirol Craig Williams yn cadeirio'r grŵp yma fydd yn adrodd yn ôl i gyfarfod pentref arall. Gall unrhyw un sydd am ddarllen cofnodion y cyfarfod eu

gweld ar wefan y Cyngor Cymuned www.pentyrch.cc a chlicio ar 'Sub-minutes' a'r dewis '8 December 2010 Community Meeting'. Ar nodyn trist bu farw Mr Haydn Walters ar ei ffordd adref o'r cyfarfod. Mae'n cydymdeimlad diffuant gyda'i wraig a'r teulu yn eu colled.

Llwybrau Cerdded

Bydd y cerddwyr brwd wedi sylwi fod llawer o waith wedi ei wneud ar y rhwydwaith llwybrau eang sy'n croesi ardal y Cyngor. Mae'n diolch am y gwaith i ymdrechion Paul a Julian, dau o weithwyr caled Adran Llwybrau Cyngor Sir Caerdydd sy'n gyfrifol am gadw cannoedd o fil tiroedd o lwybrau ar agor ac yn glir i gerddwyr fwynhau. Mae aelodau eraill o'r adran yn gweithio mewn swyddfeydd ond ni allaf ddeall pam mae du ddyn yn gwneud y gwaith i gyd tra bod o leiaf dwywaith gymaint yn y swyddfa yn gwrthio papur o gwmpas. Mae Paul a Julian yn gyfuniad prin o unigolion sy'n gweithio'n galed gyda diddordeb diffuant yn eu gwaith ac yn rhoi'r gwasanaeth gorau y gallent i drigolion Caerdydd. Oni fyddai'n dda os byddai gweddill gweithwyr Cyngor Caerdydd yn dilyn eu hesiampl! Felly os gwelwch nhw yn yr ardal diolchwch iddynt am eu hymdrechion.

Meysydd mewn Ymddiriedolaeth

Dwi'n amau os yw llawer o honnoch wedi clywed am 'Fields in Trust' er efallai y bydwch wedi clywed amdanynt wrth eu henw blaenorol 'National Playing Fields Association'. Mae'r gymdeithas wedi bod mewn bodolaeth ers y 1920'au yn achub meysydd chwarae i'r genedl a'r enghraifft gorau o hyn yng Nghaerdydd yw Parc y Waun a amgylchynir gan Rodfa King George V, a oedd yn frenin ar y pryd. Mae 'Fields in Trust' yn lansio menter arall a elwir 'Sialens Meysydd y Frenhines Elisabeth II' gyda'r Tywysog William yn Noddwr. Y pwrpas yw dathlu Priodas Jiwbilf Diemwnt y Frenhines yn 2012 a hefyd y cyswllt gyda'r Gemau Olympaidd yn Llundain yn 2012. Gofynnwyd i Gynghorau enwebu unrhyw fannau hamdden a'r ddau le amlwg yn ein hardal yw Maes Chwarae Creigiau a Pharc Cofeb Pentyrch. Os gytunir ar hyn yna bydd gweithred yn cael ei lunio sy'n cyfyngu defnydd y tir i bwrpas chwarae a chwaraeon yn unig ac yn sicrhau ei ddefnydd parhaol i genedlaethau'r dyfodol. Bydd costau cyfreithiol o lunio'r weithred yn cael eu talu gan Fields in Trust, felly ni fydd unrhyw gost ar y Cyngor. Rhagwelir y bydd digwyddiad dathlu ym Mehefin 2012 ar y safleoedd a enwebir i ddathlu'r Jiwbilf Diemwnt. Gall hyn fod yn ogystal ag unrhyw bartion stryd. Byddaf yn rhoi gwybod i chi am unrhyw ddatblygiadau.

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Dear Friends

On the first Easter morning when Mary of Magdala saw Jesus in the garden where He had been laid after His death on cross on Good Friday, He asked her two ordinary questions. They are the questions any of us would be likely to ask a woman we met who was in tears and out and about at an unusually early hour.

"Why are you weeping? Who is it you are looking for?" Mary was standing by an empty tomb – the body of Jesus was not there and she did not know where He was. Mary thought it was the gardener with her and asked that if he had taken Jesus away from the tomb to tell her where He now was so that she could take Him away herself.

Mary's answer showed Jesus, if He did not know it already, that she had not realised who He was, and He revealed Himself by speaking her name: "Mary", a word which dried Mary's tears and ended her search.

The first thing Easter does for us is to answer a question about human existence.

Young people are often irritated by being asked the time-honoured question, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" Often this gets the answer, "I don't know" but there are some boys and girls who can immediately name the career they are planning for themselves. We do not, however, usually ask them what comes after that: we know they must answer, "Retirement and old age". We are still less likely to ask "What next?" for we and they know that the answer is "Death".

But beyond that there is a further question which people have asked through the ages. Philosophers, thinkers and learned people have discussed it; ordinary people like ourselves have pondered over it when someone we love has died and passed out of the family circle: "What happens when we die?"

Some people have declared their belief that death is the end, others have put forward very convincing and interesting arguments why, when we die, we must live again. Yet, however convincing these arguments sound, they remain only the views of people like ourselves.

The great answer to the last question of all comes from Jesus Christ. He answers, not with reasons and argument, but with a historical fact, that though He died on a cross on Good Friday and His

body was placed in a grave, on Easter

Day He was alive once more and asked Mary of Magdala why she was crying and who she was searching for in the garden.

The second thing Easter does is to end a story.

Every story that is really exciting has a surprise ending. We have heard the story of Jesus so often and know it so well that we do not notice the surprise ending. Yet it is the greatest surprise ending of all time, all the greater because it is the ending of a true story. If the hero of other stories dies, whether the stories are history or fiction the story is virtually at an end, the central figure has been removed from the stage. Not so with the story in the Gospels, its great ending is not the death of Jesus, but the Resurrection, with its promise of a future life to us all.

The third thing Easter does is to celebrate a victory.

Have you ever worked hard for a long time at something difficult and troublesome and at the very end, when you were on the point of accomplishing all you wanted to do, something has gone wrong and all your time and effort have been wasted? How disappointing!

When God sent His Son into the world to reveal Himself to us and conquer the powers of evil in the world, Jesus had a very difficult task. He had to fight a long, hard, weary war against temptation, poverty, weariness and the hostility of powerful enemies. Without drawing back or failing He fought it to the end, the ending of the cross, the ending of death, a defeat for Jesus, a victory for the power of sin and evil.

Yet it is the last battle in a war that decides the result, whoever wins it is the victor. Good Friday proved to be only the second last battle, not the final one. The last battle was on Easter Day and Jesus won it because He rose from the dead. We celebrate this victory over sin and death. The love of God in Jesus for each one of us is seen on the Cross, and trusting in His love we rejoice to share His victory with Him in this life and the next. The risen, living Jesus is always with us if we will let him into our lives, and know Him.

A happy and blessed Easter to you all

John W Binny

Vicar, Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern

Palm Sunday 17 April

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 "the Way to
the Cross"

St David's Church, Groesfaen 10.30am

Sung Eucharist

St Ellteyrn's, Capel Llanilltern 10.30am

Holy Eucharist and Hymns

Palm crosses will be distributed at these
services

Holy Week

Monday 18 April Holy Eucharist

7.00pm St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

Tuesday 19 April Holy Eucharist

10.00am St David's Church, Groesfaen

Wednesday 20 April 10.00am Holy

Eucharist - St Catwg's, Pentyrch

Maundy Thursday 21 April 7.30pm

Holy Eucharist and Watch of the
Passion

until 9.30pm - St Catwg's Church,
Pentyrch

Good Friday 22 April 11.00am Liturgy
and devotions - St David's, Groesfaen

2.00pm Liturgy and devotions - St
Catwg's, Pentyrch

Easter Day – Sunday 24 April

St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch 8.00am
Holy Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong

St David's Church, Groesfaen 8.00am
Holy Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

St Ellteyrn's, Capel Llanilltern 10.45am
Holy Eucharist and Hymns

Everyone very welcome at our services

PARISH CHURCH HALL, CREIGIAU

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

At the coffee morning the Prize draw is made for the 100 Club. Further details from Mrs Sue Hall – telephone 029 20890087.

The Hall may be booked for functions by contacting –

Mrs Jean Wood, telephone 029 20892865 or Mrs Alison Woodley 029 20891800

Beth sy'n Bwysig i chi?

Mae strategaeth 10 mlynedd newydd o'r enw 'Beth sy'n Bwysig' yn cael ei hysgrifennu a fydd yn nodi'r blaenoriaethau ar gyfer y sefydliadau allweddol sy'n gweithio ledled Caerdydd gan gynnwys y Cyngor, Gwasanaeth Tân, yr Heddlu, y Sector Iechyd a Gwirfoddol. Ewch i www.holicaerdydd.com i ddarllen am y gwaith hyd yn hyn!

Beth sy'n Bwysig yw'r strategaeth drosfwaol a fydd yn siapio'r sut y bydd Caerdydd yn symud yn ei blaen dros y 10 mlynedd nesaf. Mae'r strategaeth wedi cael ei datblygu dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf gan amrywiaeth o bartneriaid cyhoeddus, preifat a thrydydd sector, gan ganolbwyntio ar ganlyniadau ar gyfer y ddinas ar draws ffiniau sefydliadol, gan ddarparu beth sy'n bwysig i bobl.

Mae Beth sy'n Bwysig yn seiliedig ar weithredu 7 canlyniad strategol a fydd yn gwella ansawdd bywyd i bawb. Y canlyniadau yw:

- * Mae pobl yng Nghaerdydd yn iach;
- * Mae gan Gaerdydd amgylchedd glân, deniadol a chynaliadwy;
- * Mae pobl yng Nghaerdydd yn ddiogel ac yn teimlo'n ddiogel;
- * Mae gan Gaerdydd economi ffyniannus a llewyrchus;

'Cymeriadau'r Fro'

Dyma oedd teitl sgwrs gan Don Llewellyn yng nghyfarfod mis Chwefror, Merched y Wawr, Cangen y Garth. Gyda help ei dechnegwr, Ellis Williams, sydd hefyd yn hanesydd lleol, cawsom gyflwyniad i hanes ein pentrefi a rhai o'u cymeriadau lliwgar drwy gyfrwng lluniau a disgrifiadau byrlymus Don, yn ei dafodiaith liwgar. Diolch am noson wefreiddiol. Rydym yn ffodus fod Don wedi cronicle hanes yr ardal mor drylwyr mewn llyfrau, nofel a'r gyfres Garth Domain sydd nawr wedi cyrraedd ei 50ed rhifyn.

Gobeithio fod gwranddo ar Don wedi sbarduno aelodau'r gangen i fynd ati i gasglu enwau Cymraeg caeau, ffermydd, tai a strydoedd yr ardal fel rhan o brosiect Llywydd Cenedlaethol MYW, Mererid Jones.

- * Mae pobl yng Nghaerdydd yn cyflawni eu llawn botensial;
- * Mae Caerdydd yn lle gwyb i fyw, gweithio a chwarae ynddo;
- * Mae Caerdydd yn gymdeithas deg, gyfiawn a chynhwysol.

I ddarllen rhangor am y strategaeth ewch i www.askcardiff.com a llanwch yr holiadur ar:

<http://www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/whatmatters/indexw.htm>

Telyn i'r Ysgol

Mae'r disgyblion hynny sy'n canu'r delyn yn Ysgol Creigiau wedi derbyn rhodd o delyn gwerth £1,400 gan y Gymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon.

Cyflwynwyd y delyn i'r plant mewn cyngerdd diweddar ble cafodd rhieni gyfle i glywed y delyn newydd wrth i'r plant berfformio 'Tawel Nos'.

Dwedodd yr athrawes delyn, Lois Davies, 'Mae'r plant wrth eu bodd gyda'r delyn ac yn frwdfrydig i'w chanu. Rydym yn werthfawrogol iawn o'r rhodd hael yma.'

Ychwanegodd y Pennaeth, Peter Evans, 'Mae'r Gymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon yn gweithio'n galed iawn i godi arian i'r Ysgol ac yn helpu i brynu nifer o bethau ychwanegol i'r disgyblion.'

CYLCH CADWGAN

Yr amryddawn Cefin Roberts oedd y siaradwr yng nghyfarfod Cylch Cadwgan ddiwedd Ionawr yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pentyrch. Cyfaredodd y gynulleidfa wrth iddo rannu'r profiadau dwys a doniol a fu'n brif ddylanwad arno tra'n meithrin ei dalentau, gan gyfeirio yn benodol at yr aelwyd lle cafodd ei fagu, yr ysgol a'r coleg. Darluniodd agweddau ar y dylanwadau yma yn fywiog a chreffus gan ddefnyddio holl rychwant ei ddoniau – yn siaradwr, canwr, actor a chomedïwr. Dyna noson a fydd yn aros yn y cof.

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CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2011

The theme for the 2011 Carnival is "Britain through the Ages". We hope that this will give plenty of scope to match and beat the spectacular floats and fancy dress seen in recent years.

The Carnival 2011 dates are:

Fun Run: Saturday 18th June

King and Queen Disco:

Monday 20th June

Carnival: Saturday 25th June

If you have thought about a street or group float in the past, but haven't been able to source a lorry, we may be able to help! Contact me at the e-mail address below or give me a ring on 20890459 if you are interested in going for it this year!

The report on the 2010 Carnival is that once again it was a great success! Local people came out in the June sunshine in thousands to support the event, and saw the usual array of stalls and entertainment, as well as some fantastic new attractions. The Owl show and the "Zoo to You" from Bristol Zoo were particularly popular.

Financially, the event was also a success. Some £6000 was raised, including the Creigiau 23 bar and BBQ. Amounts of £2250 each have been presented to Creigiau 23 and C.R.A.M.C., and this money is used locally in the village for the upkeep and development of sports and recreation facilities, and to help our clubs, associations and other village groups.

A big thanks to all who spend their money, support and help organise the Carnival, it's a big team effort and very much appreciated. A special mention for Jen McDonald is also deserved. Jen once again organised Creigiau Open Gardens as part of the Carnival celebrations, and this proved to be hugely popular and successful.

One of the ways in which money is raised is through the production of the carnival programme, which also acts as the holder's ticket to the Recreation field on the day. The programme is packed with local services information, and handy to keep in the drawer for essential local contacts and services. If you have 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

Finally, if you want to help as a member of the Carnival Committee, or in other ways, please do get in touch.

**Chris Jones, Chair
Creigiau Carnival Committee**



2010 Carnival

Monday is Funday at 1st Creigiau Brownies

The weeks have flown by since we started back after the Christmas break and our Monday nights at Creigiau Church Hall have been busy. We started back with a catch up session to find out about everyone's holidays and then played lots of games for the rest of the evening. The following Monday Stephanie from the BTCV kindly came and helped all the girls make a fantastic nest box each to help house all our local garden birds. This was a very noisy(!) but great session and thanks once again to Stephanie for giving up her time to help us.

Another evening was spent helping the girls plan a 'Takeover' night for each of our 3 Sixes - they will all take a turn at running a session, giving them a chance to use all their ideas and games. We're not quite sure what all the plans are yet but we are sure that they will involve lots of laughs and probably some cakes, sweets or biscuits! To celebrate the Chinese New Year we did some Chinese themed craft and games and then finished off with some Chinese (spicy!) snacks and fortune cookies. We ended this half term with a Valentines Party for our last session. We all had great fun and the Brownies looked fab in their pink and red party clothes - a big thanks to all the girls and their families for bringing the lovely party food!

Gwaelod y Garth Women's Institute

The Gwaelod y Garth Women's Institute meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members always welcome. If interested why not come along or for more information ring Mrs Irene Welsby on 029 20811433. We shall look forward to meeting you.

Boys Village



Does anyone remember the St Athan Boys' Village? Opened in 1925 as a free summer camp for miners' children, it has now fallen into disrepair. The camp originally had dormitories and dining hall, chapel and swimming pool, plus a full sized cricket pitch with a pavilion. Now, the Boys Village, which was recently up for auction, has been taken down to rubble by vandals. Graffiti is plastered over the walls; there is glass and debris everywhere..... though nature has taken over in places, filling the site with wild flowers. Myth holds that the village is haunted. The ghost is a boy, left there when the camp closed in the late 60s, stuck at the age of eleven for decades.

A German company has now made a short film called Boys Village, which has its premiere in Cardiff on February 9th. at Cineworld with the Festivals Company. Ben Thorne from Gwaelod y Garth plays the ghost, the child trapped in Boys Village.

Does anyone have any memories of this place? If so, it would be interesting to hear them.

Creigiau 23

As Creigiau 23 enters its 42nd year, I feel very honoured to take on the role of Chairman. I am very much looking forward to the role and tasks ahead and hope that I can add something different to the organisation.

I believe 2010 has been one of our most successful years ever and the organisation is well placed to continue to help the local community in the forthcoming year. I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to our outgoing Chairman, Neil Humphreys, and all the dedicated committee members working hard in the background. Without the efforts of these individuals the organisation would not be able to function as it does.

The purpose of Creigiau 23 is to support the community by organising a number of fund raising activities, the proceeds of which directly benefit the local clubs, charities, organisations etc within our village and its' surrounding area. I would encourage any such groups who need any financial assistance to request a donation via our website. There are no arduous criteria to fulfil – all you need to do is to demonstrate that the donation will directly benefit Creigiau and/or the people who live in the village. We

also organise several social events throughout the year and guests are very welcome.

Most Creigiau residents will be aware of the main village event, the Carnival, in which Creigiau 23 plays a major role. Our main function is providing both the beer tent and BBQ, probably the two most important items at any carnival.

We also organise the Xmas Eve "sleigh run" around the village and arrange for local children to meet Santa at the Church Hall afterwards. Well over 100 youngsters spoke to Santa last year, while their parents enjoyed a glass of mulled wine while listening to carols played by the CAVMS brass band.

The Boxing Day Walk attracted over 250 people despite the coldest weather that we could recollect – minus 8 degrees when the walk set off and below freezing all day!

As we look forward to the better weather, this year's Carnival will soon be upon us, Saturday June 25th. Also look out for the Fun Run, Open Gardens, and Quiz Night, etc during Carnival week and our Summer Ball on Saturday 9th July.

I hope you are able to join in and have some fun at these events which

Pentyrch Art Group

Pentyrch Art Group will be holding their 16th Annual Art Exhibition on Sunday, May 15th at the Village Hall. We will be open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. Admission is free and free refreshments will also be served. We hope to exhibit over 150 new paintings, many of the local area. There will also be hand painted cards for sale and we will be raffling 2 paintings by professional artists. As a result of the successful raffle last year we were able to make a donation to Village Hall funds.

It's hard to believe that this will be our 16th exhibition, the group evolved from very small beginnings - we began painting at a member's dining room table some 20 years ago. Five of the eight original artists are still painting and we now have 28 members.

It's a lovely social event, so please come along and see the results of our hard work.

serve to help strengthen our community and are some of the many reasons why the village of Creigiau is an enjoyable place to live.

Steve Link
Chairman 2011/2012



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Planning Applications to 21st February 2011

10/02031/DCH Mr Anthony Smith, 70 Maes-y-Sarn, Pentyrch, applied for a rear sun room to include a pitched roof over garage & front bay. Permission was granted on 4/01/2011.

10/02054/DCO Mr Kevin Hart, 68 Mountain View, Tonyrefail, Rhondda Cynon Taff, applied to demolish the existing bungalow at Windyridge, 22 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, and replace it with a 4-bed house with garage and build office/shed in rear garden. This is still under consideration.

10/02128/DCO Cardiff Landscapes, Viaduct Road, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for the erection of 2 x three sided work/storage units and the retention of a 3 metre square porta cabin office together with associated external works for the purpose of recycling timber and green waste as an ancillary activity to the existing landscaping contractors business. This is still under consideration.

10/02169/DCH Mr King, Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the construction of a two storey granny annex extension to the existing dwelling to provide kitchen/living area, bedroom, bathroom and link to the existing dwelling. Permission was granted on 28/1/11.

10/02173/DCH Mr Kerroumi, 13 Machlud Haul, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch, applied for a new front entrance porch and extended roof over existing bay window. Permission was granted on 20/1/2011.

10/02202/DCH Mr L Ryan, Coach House, Henstaff Court, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied for a two storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 21/1/2011.

10/02294/DCH Mr P Bouadana, 59 Kingfisher Road, North Cornelly, applied for a single storey rear extension at Trevanion, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau. Permission was granted on 4/2/2011

10/02370/DCH Mr Barton, 6 Tregarth Court, Creigiau, applied to demolish an existing garage & single storey extension for a kitchen & porch extension. This is still under

11/00004/DCH Mr Craig Merlini, 57 Parc Y Bryn, Creigiau, applied for a two storey side extension, single storey extension to rear with alterations to the boundary fence. This is still under consideration.

11/00035/DCH Phelim O'Hare & Annette Daly, 25 Maes Y Nant, Creigiau, applied for a two storey extension to side and rear of the property. This is still under consideration.

11/00091/DCH Mrs Charles, 15 Dol-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for the retention of a retaining wall to create level area & erection of boundary fence. This is still under consideration.

11/00092/DCH Mr Fraser Lawrence, Honeysuckle Cottage, 1-2 Post Office Row, Gwaelod Y Garth, applied for the replacement of existing single glazed hardwood door with a hardwood mortise and tenon door. This is still under consideration.

11/00161/DCH Mr C Dagley, Brynhyfrydd, Efail Isaf Road, Pentyrch, applied for an extension to the existing garage to provide stables and storage. This is still under consideration.

11/00186/DCH Mr Grocott, 59 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau, applied for a conservatory to the rear elevation. This is still under consideration.

11/00197/DCH Dr Thorne, 3 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for the demolition of single garage and construction of a two storey side/rear extension. This is still under consideration.

11/00205/DCH Mr P Farnham, 33 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch, applied for a two storey side and rear extension. This is still under consideration.

Decided Applications from Previous Community Links

10/01048/W The Laurels Ltd, Ty-Nant Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a change of use from a residential dwelling to a private day nursery for 35 children aged 0-8 years old. Permission was granted on 2/12/2010.

10/01360/DCO Mr Griffiths, Castle

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Cottage, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for a change of use from Chapel hall to dwelling with a two storey front extension, single storey front and rear extensions to the existing cottage. Permission was granted on 10/12/2010.

10/01790/DCO Cardiff Council applied for a 2-storey extension to Pentyrch Primary School, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch, to create additional classroom space. Permission was granted on 16/11/2010.

10/01831/DCH Mr Morris, Penny Lane, Penuel Road, Pentyrch, applied for the replacement of a conservatory roof with a concrete tile lean-to roof to existing conservatory. Permission was granted on 24/11/2010.

10/01966/DCH Mr King, 10 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, applied for the construction of a UPVC conservatory. Permission was granted on 17/12/2010

10/02020/DCO Parc Canol Group Practice (Surgery), 69 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau, applied for alterations to a storage building. Permission was granted on 10/12/2010.

10/02032/DCH Ms Hilary Coles 9 Maes yr Hafod, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 22/12/2010

10/02036/DCH Dr John Anthony Crane, Talville, 25 Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied to erect a single storey rear extension and also a side extension at 1st floor level over the garage with a rear balcony. Permission was granted on 22/12/2010.

Bright Beginnings Playgroup, Creigiau

The children have had a very busy time since September and are looking forward to more new and exciting learning experiences planned for this term. Currently the children are learning about the world focusing on different countries each week, developing their knowledge and understanding by looking at the countries' flags, traditions and culture.

The playgroup is for children from two years and open daily between 9.40am and 12.10pm in Creigiau Church Hall. Children are welcome to attend between two and five sessions per week. 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 Providers Association and registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales.

There are places available for this term, please drop into the Church Hall during playgroup hours or call Clair 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 Creigiau Church Hall (Term time only) and 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 to meet new parents and let your child/ children experience the wide range of activities provided each week: free play, the parachute game and singing and dancing to name but a few. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

Fund Raising Events

Bright Beginnings has run a few events to raise much needed funds. During Halloween we invited everyone to dress up for the event: played Halloween games, best fancy dress competition, sold photos of the children in their fancy dress outfits, freshly baked cakes, teas and coffees, and raised over a hundred pounds for the play group.

The Christmas concert was a huge success raising over £200 for Bright Beginnings. It was a magical experience

for the children as they held a concert dressed as angels and shepherds singing Christmas Carols, every grandparent, parent, auntie and uncle thoroughly enjoyed being entertained. Father Christmas appeared to hand out presents, with stalls offering face painting, guess the name of the gorilla and other Christmas treats, the event was enjoyed by all.




Up Coming Event

Bright Beginnings Committee is hosting a Race Night at Pentyrch Rugby Club on Friday March 25th 2011. The night involves 6 horse races, you are able to purchase horses for the race, bet on the outcome or just enjoy the atmosphere

and good company. Tickets cost £10 each with food included if you fancy yourself as a tipster come along and enjoy the fun of the races, bar opens at 7pm first race 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased through any member of the committee or call 07561595467.

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Choir Performs at St. David's Hall

The 55th Lord Mayor's Matinee, featuring an afternoon of music and dance, was held on Sunday 30th of January. The school choir were asked to perform and sang two songs: 'We are the Young' and 'Hei Mr. Urdd'. The choir sang beautifully under the direction of Eirian Evans and accompanied by Lynfa Thomas on flute and Lois Davies on piano. The children enjoyed the experience of singing in one of Cardiff's main concert halls. It was the first time the choir has performed in the Lord Mayor's Matinee but hopefully not the last!

Goodbye Friends

In the photograph on Page 1 are Mrs. Yvonne Davies and Mrs. Lowri Lambert who retired at the end of the summer term after teaching in Creigiau School for a number of years. Mrs. Davies worked at the school for 22 years and Mrs. Lambert for 20 years.

Mrs. Yvonne Davis

Mrs. Davies started here as a supply teacher and went on to become the head of the English section and a member of the senior management team. Her contribution to Creigiau Primary is immeasurable as a teacher, a leader and an exemplar of good practice throughout the school. She can also take credit for starting and continuing to work up until her retirement on our very popular and successful newspaper "Seren Creigiau Star".

Mrs. Lowri Lambert

Mrs. Lambert also started here as a supply teacher and was our SENCO and shadow ICT coordinator. In September 2009 she was working part-time doing a job share with Mrs. Kirstie Rees. Under her leadership as the SENCO, the school has been recognised for its inclusive ethos. As a class teacher she was an exemplar of good classroom practice.

They are both missed in the school and we would like to thank them for teaching us and being our friend. Diolch yn fawr!

Cyber Dangers

P.C. J. Smith led a lesson with the Year 6 Class highlighting the dangers of the internet. The laws relating the setting of

a social network account and the dangers of letting strangers view your personal site explained. The pupils found the lesson informative and found the D.V.D. showing how information you wouldn't dream of giving to someone in the street is exactly the kind of information that is given over the internet. With the increased use of mobiles, games consoles and computers it is vital that children raise concerns with a responsible adult as soon as a problem arises. (Picture on page 19)

The Gregory Brothers Wow Creigiau!

The Gregory Brothers and their friends Gary-Go-safely, Spick and Span and Tidy Ted visited the school in January. The event was arranged and funded by Cardiff Council's Road Safety and Waste Awareness Teams.

The event was enjoyed by pupils and staff (see Mrs Hussey in the photograph!) and provided a great deal of important information and ideas in a vibrant and entertaining manner.

The show dealt with the issues of road safety and also how we can reduce our impact on the world we live in by remembering to, REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.

After the show pupils were asked for their opinions and these are a few of the responses:

Megan in Year 2 thought, "It was brilliant."

Molly in Year 5 said, "Gary-Go- Safely was very funny!"

Connor in Year 3 wrote, 'I liked the show because it was about safety but they made it fun.'

The staff and pupils look forward to seeing the brothers again and would like to thank the Cardiff Council teams for organising the informative and illuminating event.

Friends of Creigiau

The 'Friends' has been very busy over the last few months here are a few of the highlights:

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and many thanks to everyone who attended. The fantastic stalls, including one from the school's 'Crafty Creigiau' club, games and coffee and tea shop meant a sum of £1200 was raised. The day was rounded off for

Ffarwel Ffrindiau!

Ar ôl llawer o flynyddoedd yn dysgu daeth yr amser i Mrs. Yvonne Davies a Mrs. Lowri Lambert ymddeol ar ôl taith hir yn ysgol Creigiau, mae eu lluniau ar dudalen 1. Ar ddiwedd tymor yr Hâf daeth yr amser iddyn nhw ffarwelio â ni. Bu Mrs. Davies yn gweithio yn yr ysgol am ddwy flynedd ar hugain a Mrs. Lambert am ugain mlynedd.

Mrs. Yvonne Davies

Dechreuodd Mrs. Davies weithio yma fel athrawes gyflenwi, gan fynd rhagddi i fod yn Bennaeth yr Adran Saesneg ac yn aelod o'r Uwch Dîm Reoli. Bu ei chyfraniad fel athrawes, arweinydd ac esiampl at bawb arall yn Ysgol Gynradd Creigiau yn anfesuradwy. Hi oedd yn gyfrifol hefyd am gychwyn a pharhau i weithio ar ein papur newydd "Seren Creigiau Star!"

Mrs. Lowri Lambert

Cychwynnodd Mrs. Lambert yma fel athrawes gyflenwi hefyd a hyd at fis Gorffennaf 2009 bu'n gweithio yn yr ysgol. Ers mis Medi 2009 bu'n gweithio yn rhan amser, gan rannu swydd â Mrs. Kirstie Rees. O dan ei harweiniad hi fel ein Cydlynnydd Anghenion Addysgol Arbennig, cafodd yr ysgol ei chydabod am ei hethos gynhwysol.

pupils and adults alike when Father Christmas arrived.

A 'Parents' Quiz and Chilli Night' was held in January. A big thanks must be given to Simon Kealy, who is the chef at 'The Old Post Office' in St. Fagans who made a delicious meal for the seventy five staff and parents who attended. The questions weren't too hard and every team scored over seventy per cent! The event raised £600 and provided the staff and parents to mix in a convivial relaxing environment.

A recent addition to the 'Friends' timetable has been 'Movie Nights'. These have been a great success and the recent showing of 'How to Train Your Dragon', during which the children watched with popcorn and sweets, was greatly enjoyed and helped raise £250.

The raising of money has enabled the 'Friends' to contribute towards the new interactive surround sound and screen, which has been a great addition to the school. The 'Friends' also purchased a new harp which was presented to the school during the C.A.V.M.S. Concert in December.

Creigiau School Sports Report

Cardiff Cross country

Over one hundred entrants took part in the race, of which eighteen Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from Creigiau participated. They all ran well with B. Whelan the highest placed finisher in 15th.

Urdd Gymnastics

The Urdd Competition was recently held at Ysgol Glantaf. M. Evans and M. Ellis came 2nd and M. Holland and K. Hulley came 3rd. Well done to the four girls who competed.

Urdd Girls Football

The Competition took place at Sophia Gardens and the nine pupils played really well. The girls results were: won 1, drew 1, lost 2. The girls didn't make it through to the knock out stages but really enjoyed the day.

Urdd Girls Netball

The Competition took place at Sophia Gardens and the team were really pleased to qualify from their group with losing a game. In the semi-finals they lost to excellent team from Marlborough, who went on to win the tournament. The girls wanted to thank Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Hussey for a really enjoyable day.

Football against Santes Tudful – Merthyr

The teams from Merthyr proved to be very strong and in a thrilling encounter beat the boys 4-2. In the girls game Santes Tudful won 6-0. The pupils enjoyed representing the school and are looking forward to the next game.

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Hilltop Theatre Company on Eggheads

You may have seen the appearance of the Hilltop Theatricals on the BBC2 quiz show Eggheads on December 1st 2010. We came so close to winning the £28k, but just fell short on our third question in the final 'team' round, which pits the winners of all the head to head contests against each other to decide the money.

With the score finely balanced at 2-2 in the final round, myself and the captain, Martyn Lench, had a question regarding the awarding of the Nobel Prize in 2009 and which discipline Oliver Williamson and Elinor Ostrom had won the prize in. The options were Physics, Medicine or Economics. After ruling out Medicine (for some reason!), we then had a rather long (almost epic) 10-15 minute conversation during which we veered from Physics to Economics, suggesting possible reasons why it could be either, before finally admitting we didn't really know and that we would go with Physics. A correct answer would have put us 3-2 and one wrong Eggheads answer away from £28k. However, the answer was Economics and it was a little bit 'gutting' after such a long chat, during which we were so close to saying Economics.

What you saw on TV, however, was just one minute of this conversation, the rest being edited out. A little bit of a shame really, especially as they cut the majority of the debate to us saying Economics. Jeremy Vine did say "I thought you were about to say Economics there", but they had cut most of our chat leading up to this, so it didn't quite make sense. But that is the nature of TV editing. In total, it took two hours to record, with lots of stopping and starting, and this was condensed into a 30 minute TV

programme. We were, though, very pleased with the overall appearance of the final TV programme and thought we looked presentable!

But what else happens that you don't see on the TV? The Head to Head rounds take place in a separate room to the studio. The contestant and Egghead are actually in the same room to each other, each sitting on the end of a long bench looking into the camera. By not looking at each other, it gives the appearance they are in separate rooms. We also looked at Jeremy Vine on the monitor, as we looked into the camera. This was a bit confusing sometimes, as when Jeremy looked at me on the screen in the studio I see him on my screen looking somewhere else so not sure if he is talking to me or not!

I played against Daphne and I did manage to speak to her on the way to the room and on the way back, but apart from that, there is not much opportunity to speak to the Eggheads. After the game, they all came over to say hello and have a quick picture (and were very friendly), but that was pretty much it really. Although we changed in the changing room next to the Eggheads before the game, where we were given our 2 hour briefing and refreshments before the show, as soon as it was finished our kit had been shifted to the Reception area, to streamline our exit from the building! So, there was no chatting to the Eggheads 'off set'.

And we cannot forget Rhys, our stand by. He travelled up with us to Glasgow (where it was filmed) but took no part on the show, only acting as a reserve in case anybody couldn't play. He was in the studio and behind the camera all the time, but just not seen on TV!

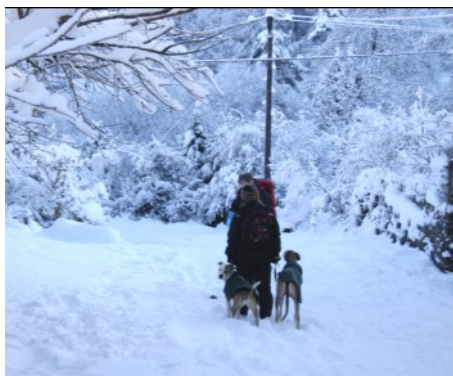


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Stuck in Georgetown



Recognise the road? When things happen in Georgetown, they happen with a vengeance! The snow at Christmas completely covered our only access road. Residents were stuck for two weeks.

Now, in February, we are again on foot. But for a magnificent reason! After ten years of letters and meetings, the Georgetown access road, it's cracks and craters so beautifully covered in the winter's snow, is getting its long awaited up-grade. Anyone who has walked or come to Georgetown by car will be fully aware of the chaotic state of the road and drainage. The only land drain is long sunken under gravel and mud. This has left surface water to flood down over the road, often freezing to sheet ice on the surface, making the elevated corner bend lethal in winter. Now, we move towards a new road, which is scheduled for adoption within the year.

We thank Christine Friday for her support when County Councillor, and Craig Williams for taking up the case after her. Thanks, too, to Jane Davidson, AM, who managed to get us a salt container – though its contents were frequently 'borrowed'.

We also want to thank CCC Senior Engineer, Nasser Nazimi, who has stuck with the issue of our road for the ten years it took residents to move CCC to monitor the road and finance the much needed upgrade. Thanks, too to resident Arthur Welsby, who, as usual, has been happy to make his land available to the contractors.

Norma Procter.



Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School

Clwb Eco Eco Club

Aeth plant y Clwb Eco am dro i edrych am broblemau sy'n ein stopio ni rhag cerdded i'r ysgol. Roedd llawer o broblemau ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen i gwrdd a Cynghorwr Craig William i drafod sut gallwn wella y llwybrau i'r ysgol.

William Jones 3C

The Eco club children went for a walk around Gwaelod to look for problems that stop us from walking to school. There lots of problem areas and we are looking forward to meeting with Councillor Craig Williams to discuss what can be done to improve the walks to school.

William Jones 3C

Dathliadau Dydd Gwyl Dewi

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

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 our own mini Eisteddfod. Good luck to them all.

Water Week

During our Healthy Week we learnt a great deal about how important and amazing water is. We now realise water is essential for every living thing. Without water no living thing would be in existence. We also learnt about children and adults in places like Africa and India who have to walk an average of three hours every day for dirty and disease ridden water. Millions of people die a year from dirty water, we went to visit the water education centre and found out about the lives that have been changed by clean water. We then finished the Water Week with a whole school sponsored walk to raise money for Water Aid. We all walked for around an hour in the pouring rain but it was worth it knowing it was for a good cause. We walked from our school down the zig zag around Taffs Well and back. We raised an amazing £1630! We were very proud to be able to help Water Aid.

Rhys 3E

RSPB bird watch

During the first week of February all of the school from Nursery to Year 6 took part in the RSPB bird watch. We used binoculars and sat in a hide to watch them. We saw lots of different birds and heard a woodpecker making a hole in a tree for it's nest.

We think it is important to protect birds. Counting how many birds come to our school to feed, will help the RSPB. We sent the results in by internet.

Lily James and Mary-Ella Class 1E

Y TWRNAMENT PEL-DROED

Ar Ionawr y 25ain aeth tim pel-droed merched Gwaelod Y Garth i Gerddi Sophia. Gadawon ni yr ysgol am hanner awr wedi naw, cyrhaeddwn ni mewn Gerddi Sophia am deg.

Roedd y tim i gyd yn teimlo'n falch iawn yn gwisg pel-droed yr ysgol.

Ar ôl 40 munud o aros ac ymarfer dechreuodd ein gem gyntaf ynerbyn yr Eglwys Newydd. Ar ôl 12 munud o pwffio o pantio gorffennodd y gem. Roedd o'n gem gyfartal 0-0. Ni'n ennillodd yr ail gem yn erbyn Iolo Morgannwg 2-0! Roedd Rhydypennau yn tim da ond roedd hi'n gem gyfartal.

Ar ôl chwarae un gem arall yn erbyn yr Eglwys Wen [ennillon ni 2-1] roedd rhaid aros am y canlyniadau.

HWRE! Aethon ni trwodd i'r rownd cyn-derfynol. Yn anffodus doedden ni ddim yn y ffeinals ond cawsom llawer o hwyl.

Gan Sarah Owens 4c

Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth School



Diolch yn fawr iawn i
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a Cynghorydd Sandy Rosser
am ddod i'n Clwb Eco.

A big thank you to
Councillor Craig Williams
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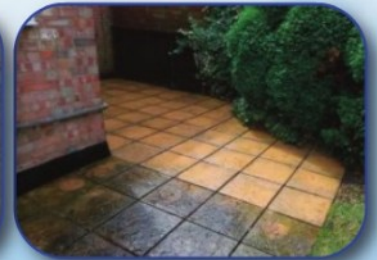
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