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**Arglwydd Faer Caerdydd, y
Cynghorydd Delme Bowen, yn un o'i
ddyletswyddau cyntaf yn agor Llwybr
Taith Gerdded yng Nghreigiau**

**The Lord Mayor of Cardiff,
Councillor Delme Bowen, at one of his
first engagements opening the new
Circular Walk in Creigiau**



**John Gough giving the
final instructions
before the Pentyrch
Hill Race on 26th
April.**

**The winner of the
Senior Men's Race
was Peter Ryder
number 148 on the
right of the bottom
picture.**



Honours

Norma Procter, Gwaelod y Garth, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in recognition of her Services to the Environment and the Community. Together with a loyal Action Committee, and advised by local and international experts, she has led successful high profile campaigns against quarry extension, radio-active storage and discharge and other local issues, endlessly campaigning with the Action Committee and Community Concern over a period of twenty-five years.



Norma Procter

Also in the Birthday Honours List Non Evans of Pentyrch has been awarded an MBE for her services to sport. She has represented Wales in Rugby, Wrestling, Judo and Weightlifting. Non has also recently been honoured by the Gorsedd.



Non Evans

Llongyfarchiadau i Norma Procter a Non Evans ar eu Hanrhydeddau Pen-blwydd y Frenhines ac i Non Evans ar gael ei derbyn i Orsedd y Beirdd yn Eisteddfod Wrecsam.



Cantorion Creigiau celebrating 40 years



Did you notice the wonderful display of daffodils this spring, beside the carpark at the top of Heol Goch - pictured here? This was the work of local resident Dave Bilham, and the bulbs were supplied by Pentyrch Open Gardens.

Pentyrch Open Gardens has funds available to supply bulbs to anyone who would like to bring a splash of spring colour to the public areas of Pentyrch. If you would like to do this, just get in touch with Jeanette Troughton (02920899331) and put in an order for the bulbs; they will be supplied in the autumn for planting to bloom next spring, and for many years after.



Geraint Roberts, Pentyrch Mini and Juniors receiving a donation from Creigiau 23 Chairman, Steve Link.



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Cantorion Creigiau 40th Anniversary Year

All the planning for our 40th Anniversary celebrations were in place and everyone was looking forward to the Christmas Carol singing around the village of Creigiau. The press had been contacted and photographer booked, then for the first time in the Choirs lifetime there was no Carol singing due to adverse weather!!

Our Revue was rescheduled for January and a most enjoyable evening was spent in the Church Hall with some items of past years resurrected and rehearsed. As we had been unable to collect money, by Carol singing, for a nominated child related charity, a raffle was held and the money donated equally to Juvenile Diabetes Research and Ty Hafan.

The Choirs' 40th Anniversary concert was held in the BBC Hoddinott Hall, at the Wales Millennium Centre. It was a complete sell-out and was a resounding success. Treorchy Male Choir, directed by Janice Ball, shared the stage with Cantorion Creigiau, directed by Mair Roberts. Soloists were Iona Jones and our Musical Director Mair Roberts. Following the concert both choirs celebrated in Pentyrch Rugby Club. A gift was presented to Mair Roberts, on behalf of Cantorion Creigiau, by Treorchy Male Choir in recognition of its 40th Anniversary.

Cantorion Creigiau's concerts schedule, from September 2010 to July 2011 will also have included performances in Dinas Powys; Glanfa Stage in Wales Millennium Centre; St Johns Church Canton, Cardiff; Holland House Hotel, Cardiff; Sully; Bonvilston in Vale of Glamorgan and will end the season in Temple Balsall in the Midlands.

The Choir this year has again performed in different types of venues and to various sized audiences.

The Choir has raised money for various causes throughout the year continuing the original purpose for which they were formed 40 years ago.

The Choir would probably not have reached this milestone or achieved so much without the dedication of its Musical Director since its formation, Mair Roberts. The Choir members are all very grateful to her and give her our thanks.

Bookings are in place for next season. Rehearsals restart in Creigiau School at 7.30p.m. Sunday September 4th if anyone is interested in joining your local choir. Mair Coles P.R Cantorion Creigiau Website:- cantorion-creigiau.org

Creigiau 23's recent donations.

In the last couple of months, Creigiau 23 has continued its support to various local organisations with donations totalling over £1300. These include

£350 to the Dynevor Gardening Association (Creigiau Allotments) for a new mower,

£310 to the Cylch Meithrin towards the cost of painting equipment,

£300 to Creigiau Primary School to cover publishing costs on a new school publication.

£350 to Pentyrch Mini and juniors for their tournament in Rodez, France.

With the Carnival fast approaching we are currently very busy with preparations for this year's event. Since the carnival is our main fund raiser, please come and support this great village event.

More information can be found on our website at www.creigiau23.org.uk

Welsh Assembly Member



Cardiff West has a new Assembly Member, Mark Drakeford, elected on 5th May. Mark has taken over from Rhodri Morgan, and will be working closely with Cardiff West's Labour MP, Kevin Brennan, to provide an effective service to all parts of the constituency, including Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod-y-Garth.

Mark said, 'I've been able to spend time in Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod before, during and since the election campaign. It's allowed me to make a start on getting to know the issues which matter most to people who live in this part of the constituency – something on which I will be building over the coming weeks'.

If you want to contact Mark or Kevin, surgeries are held every Saturday between 10.00 and 12.30 at Ely Library, Grand Avenue, Ely, Cardiff. No appointment is necessary, so just come along on the day.

Mark and Kevin can also be contacted at the constituency office: Cardiff West Constituency Office Transport House, 1 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9SD Tel: 02920 223207

Bake for Bobath Coffee Morning

When I heard that Bobath (the therapy centre for children in Wales with cerebral palsy) were having a fundraising event from 1st to 8th March, I thought it would be a good idea to have a coffee morning to help this very worthy cause.

Of course I knew I would not be able to do this on my own, but sure enough as soon as my friends heard about it they all volunteered to help in any way they could.

Our coffee morning was held in Creigiau Church Hall. We had a cake stall loaded down with super home made cakes, a guess the weight of the cake competition, a gift stall, a guess the name of the octopus competition and another stall selling Bobath merchandise. We also had a good raffle.

We were pleased that the morning was very well attended and were all very happy that at the end of the day, the grand total made was £426.00.

Bobath were highly delighted that we managed to raise such a large sum and I would personally like to thank everyone who supported us in any way, but most especially I would like to thank all my enthusiastic friends who did such a lot of work before and on the day and made it such a success.

Thank you all very much. I could not have done it without you.

Margery Richards

Helpers needed for Pentyrch Guide Unit

1st Pentyrch Guide Unit is going from strength to strength as more and more girls from the local area join us.

Last year as Girl Guiding celebrated its 100th Birthday our Unit celebrated its 60th. The unit has been providing opportunities for entire generations of local girls to explore, try something new and meet new friends in a safe environment. We currently offer a wide range of activities including, craft, cooking, theatre trips, cook-outs, hikes and camping.

We are looking for volunteers who are able to give some time on a regular basis to help out at meetings and on trips. This could be every week, or just once a term. If you are able and willing to join us please contact Alison Powell (Guide Leader) on 01443 226331 / PowellAJ3@cf.ac.uk

Creigiau Companions: the Retired Persons' Club

The second quarter of the year has been a varied, full and enjoyable one. St Patrick's Day was an opportunity not to be missed with a glass of Bailey's, singing of Irish Songs and a limerick competition. The Easter Lunch at the Creigiau Golf Club was very well received by members, and it served as a good introduction to new members. Bryan Davies from the Heritage Centre in Pontypridd delivered an interesting, illustrative, and interactive talk on Rhondda's first horse drawn tramways, while members marvelled at Beryl Thorpe's collection of Bonsai Trees. The in-house "Call my Bluff" created considerable laughter and enjoyment.

We are looking forward to having lunch on the harbour-side in Minehead followed by a train journey from Minehead to Bishop's Lydeard, pulled by steam – an hour and twenty minutes of pure nostalgia.

A full programme will take us through the summer months with Bill Lee's Gardeners' Question Time- always a popular event, - a cream tea when we shall bid the Vicar a happy retirement, and lunch in Porthcawl in the middle of August.

The club is open to all retired people irrespective of age, and irrespective of place of residence. Although most of our members are from Creigiau, we have some from Pentyrch, Miskin and Llandaff, so come along and enjoy a Thursday afternoon in pleasant company and be entertained or be part of the entertainment. Membership fee there is not, but attendance fee is £1.50 which gives you a raffle ticket and tea and biscuits – good value in anyone's money.

Further information can be on 02920891721 and 02920890685

Pentyrch's Open Gardens Weekend 2011



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www.PentyrchOpenGardens.co.uk
ctvet@talktalk.net

PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS 2011

The Plant Sale at the Village Hall on the 21st May was a great success and raised £1200 thanks to the efforts of Martin and Sue Cragg and all the donations from other local gardeners.

The Open Gardens weekend will be held this year on 9th/10th July. The gardeners of Pentyrch, with many varied gardens, will welcome visitors from near and far. Delicious homemade teas, cakes and lunches will be served at the Village Hall, and refreshments will also be available at St. Catwg's Church. A free shuttle bus service will be provided with stops at various points around the village. Programmes cost £6 for either or both days and will be available at the Village Hall. They can also be purchased from Chris & Jeanette Troughton beforehand. Telephone 029 20899331 for more information, or look on our website:

PentyrchOpenGardens.co.uk.

On Sunday 3rd July, there will be a Songs of Praise for Open Gardens service at St. Catwg's Church at 6pm to which everyone is invited.

Pentyrch Open Gardens needs to find a new Event Coordinator to organise the committee and lead the organisation. You don't need to have green fingers or be knowledgeable about gardening - organisation and leadership skills are more important. There's a great supportive team on the committee, who do most of the work, so this is not a time-consuming role - we have about 6 or 7 committee meetings a year, and there's a little 'homework' to be done between them. So if anyone out there would like to get involved in a worthwhile local group, this is a great opportunity. If you'd like more information, call Chris Troughton on 02920899331 or email ctvet@talktalk.net.

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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.

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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

7 November 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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Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

7 Tachwedd 2011.

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2.35 - 2.55 Parc Castell-y-Mynach

3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

Thursdays 30/6, 21/7, 11/8, 1/9,

22/9, 13/10, 3/11, 24/11, 15/12

Gwaelod y Garth

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Pentyrch

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Crime in Creigiau

At a recent PACT meeting, it became evident that although Creigiau is a relatively peaceful place to live, there is still a significant crime problem here, with two types of crime being particularly common.

There have been a number of distraction burglaries, whereby people purporting to be from a utility company have gained access to properties with a view to theft. Of course, they prey on the elderly and the vulnerable. Here are some reminders:

- If you haven't requested a visit from a representative of the utility company, and the company hasn't previously written to you, then it would be highly unusual for a member of their staff just to turn up on your doorstep.
- ALWAYS ask to see official ID of any callers. If necessary, make them wait outside while you ring the company to check that the visit is bona fide. NEVER allow someone without ID, or whose ID is dubious, into your property.
- If you see suspicious callers or vehicles in the village, note all details (when, where, personal descriptions, vehicle description and registration number), and ring the police.

- Keep an eye out for your neighbours. If you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbour and you notice a caller at their property, you might just happen to pop over for a chat!

The other type of crime which is all too frequent in Creigiau concerns illegal drugs. Drug dealing is at times blatant in the centre of our village. If you see suspicious activity of this kind, ring the police immediately. The more of us who ring, the better, as previously callers have been told that no police are available to attend such an incident. What could be more important than preventing the corruption and manipulation of our youngsters by those who work in this vile and insidious trade? And of course, the youngsters, fuelled by drugs and alcohol, go on to behave in an anti-social, abusive, and even threatening way to those who have the misfortune to live in the vicinity.

If you are the parent of a teenager who is out in the evening, do you really know what he or she is doing? These young people, who are consuming drugs and alcohol and behaving anti-socially in our village are not aliens parachuted in from another planet but are the children of our own community.

Together we can fight crime and its unpleasant consequences.

Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch
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Pentyrch Hill Race Tuesday 26th April 2011

**Conditions: bright, dry, firm
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Thanks to all the athletes who competed at this 25th staging of the Pentyrch Hill Race, and to everyone who helped with the organisation, especially organiser John Gough. The 133 entries was slightly down on the previous highest of 141 in 2010.

Given the recent dry weather, fast times were expected but there was disappointment for local lad Peter Ryder, a former Radyr Comprehensive pupil, who was the first to finish for the third year, but in a time slower than in either of the two previous victories.

Nicky Dukes (Les Croupiers) produced his best-ever performance at the event to claim second spot while Matthew Symes impressed on his debut at the event. Taffs Well resident Peter Coles (Pontypridd Roadents, M45), the leading Master at this event for the past seven years, was finally beaten by another master athlete - Stefan Simms (Griffithstown, M40), improving by nearly a minute on his 2010 time to claim fourth place - while Daniel Bodman hacked nearly five minutes off last year's clocking to just beat his Pontypridd team-mate to finish fifth, and retain his u20 top spot.

Brackla Harriers provided the winner of the senior women's race, Charlotte Wells finishing in place, almost 80 seconds ahead of Angela Jones (Mynydd Du, W40), with Cheryl Hugdell (Les Croupiers, W35) completing the top three. A record number of 29 women competed.

Athletes from Les Croupiers formed the biggest club contingent competing - there were 27 of the club's member in action, an increase of five on 2010- but there were 35 unattached athletes taking part, many of whom have the talent to be quality club runners.

For the third consecutive year, the event included the South Wales Regional Hill Running championships.

South Wales Regional Results

Senior Men: 1 Peter Ryder (Cardiff AAC); 2 Daniel Bodman (Pontypridd); 3 Matthew Wells (Brackla)

Master Men (M36+): 1 Nicky Dukes (Les Croupiers); 2 Peter Coles (Pontypridd); 3 Jason Scanlon (Pontypridd).

Team: 1 Les Croupiers A (1,4,5) 10; 2 Pontypridd (2, 3,7) 12; 3 Les Croupiers B (6, 9,10)25; 4San Domenico (8,11,14) 33; 5 Les Croupiers C (12,13,19)

Senior Women: 1 Charlotte Wells

CLWB GWYDDBWYLL PENTYRCH CHESS CLUB

To commemorate the contribution made to Welsh chess by Geoff Tyrrell, the founder and captain of our club until his death in April 2010, his modest library of chess books has been auctioned by the Welsh Chess Union (WCU) to fund an annual "Best Game Prize" in his name. This will be awarded for a 'giantkilling' performance by a Welsh player in a representative international match. A donation of £40 from our club has taken the total fund to just over £300. We expect the WCU to make a formal announcement about the prize at their AGM on 29 June and to invite nominations for the 2010 prize from players who achieved a good result when representing Wales internationally last year.

Although no-one currently in the Pentyrch club has represented Wales, Geof would have been heartened by the end of season news that Pentyrch's first team has been promoted to Division 2 of the East Glamorgan Chess League. He would also have been very pleased with the efforts made by the second team, including Ray Angle, Nadi Grewal, Matthew Lunnon, Mike McLoughlin and Richard Morgan, even though, in the final analysis, those were not enough to secure a promotion to Division 3. They finished a creditable fourth in Division 4 and look forward to pushing for promotion next season.

The club meets on Monday evenings from 7.30pm at the Kings Arms. League matches start at the beginning of September and continue to the end of April. New members are welcome and anyone interested should contact Viv Martin (2089 1402) or turn up on the night. The club website is www.pentyrchchess.co.uk

(Brackla); 2 Clare Dallimore (Les Croupiers); 3 Anne Follan (Pontypridd)
Master Women: 1 Cheryl Hugdell (Les Croupiers); 2 Libby O'Duffy (Les Croupiers); 3 Maria Zubizarreta (Les Croupiers);
Team: 1 Les Croupiers (1,2, 3)

The provisional date for the 2012 Pentyrch Hill Race is Tuesday, April 24th.

Many thanks once again to all the 35 or so marshals around the course. The athletes appreciated your presence and your cheerful encouragement.

PENTRYCH SURGERY LATEST

Readers will recall from previous Link articles that, following Dr Benedict's resignation at the beginning of November, the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board made arrangements for patients who were still registered at the practice to be seen by Radyr Medical Centre if they wished, installed a salaried locum at the Pentyrch premises and, having secured a two year lease on Dr Benedict's building, also employed the practice staff. This gave the Health Board an opportunity to explore whether GP services for local residents could be delivered in Pentyrch for the long term.

The Health Board have advertised the practice and the interview process will be completed by the end of June 2011. The Health Board have sought participation on the interview panel from the Community Health Council and County Councillor Craig Williams to represent patient views. Four experienced candidates have been shortlisted.

However, the successful re-launch of an independent General Practice at Pentyrch will be dependent on the list size increasing significantly to make the practice financially viable. If there are no successful candidates, the Health Board will need to re-examine all possible alternative options.

In the meantime, whilst the Pentyrch-based practice continues, the majority of Dr Benedict's patients – many of whom came from some distance away – have registered elsewhere (mainly Taffs Well and Parc Canol / Creigiau) . The list of patients remaining at Pentyrch surgery would appear to have stabilised at approximately 1,094 patients, approximately half the original number and significantly less than the 1800 that would normally be considered appropriate to be handled by one full-time GP.

What is clear is that, whatever the longer term option, more people from the Community of Pentyrch will need to register with the practice to enable it to work effectively. The Practice staff look forward to continuing to provide general medical services to its patients and hope that the public make good use of the service to enable it to continue.

Any patients with any other queries should contact the Primary Care Directorate at the University Health Board on 029 2055 2212.



Community Council Highlights

Grants

Since the last publication the March meeting provided the final opportunity to apply for grants in the last financial year, and as is customary applications were also considered from outside the Community area. Councillors decided against giving any grants to applicants from outside the Community Council area and decided that Pentyrch Open Gardens would be awarded a total of £100, £50 for Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme, £125 for Gwaelod Pensioners and £170 for Creigiau Cricket Club. The next grant meeting will be at the meeting on 19th September at Pentyrch Village Hall. Applications should be made to me, preferably by email, (clerk@pentyrch.cc), should be accompanied by the last set of accounts or financial statement and should reach me by 11am on that date at the very latest.

Councillor Sheila Dafis

Sadly, Cllr Sheila Dafis decided to stand down from her post in March of this year and she and her husband, Rhys, have moved back to their native North Wales. Sheila was elected to the Council in 2008 and proved herself to be hard-working and conscientious on behalf of the Community. She achieved many things as a Community Councillor but she will probably be best remembered for re-instituting the senior youth club in Creigiau.

Her parting has created a vacancy which has been advertised by Cardiff County Council Electoral Services. If no candidates put their names forward, then the vacancy will be filled by way of co-option.

Footpaths ~ Circular Walks

The hard work carried out on the footpaths by Paul and Julian, who I referred to in the previous edition of the Link, reached its peak on 3rd June when the circular walk from Creigiau to Pentyrch was officially opened by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Delme Bowen. It was a lovely sunny day and the good weather obviously made a big difference to the 63 people, including a few families, who turned up. Members of CRAMC opened the Pavilion at Creigiau Recreation Ground for comfort breaks to be taken and Don Llewellyn and Barry Davies from the Pentyrch

History Society gave information along the walk, which people found fascinating. In addition the Cardiff Council Park Ranger, Kevin, was able to inform the walkers about the wild plants seen along the walk. Overall the whole day was considered a success and it was nice that some of the urban dwelling County Councillors present were able to enjoy this special part of Cardiff. Finally thanks should also go to Jennifer Nelson, a colonial import to Cardiff CC from Virginia, USA whose contribution to the project was not inconsiderable. Well done Jen!

Cardiff Local Development Plan

As mentioned in the previous Community Link the Cardiff CC, Local Development Plan, was at the stage when interested parties had submitted their hopes to develop land over the next 20 years or so and all major landowners had contributed to this process. You will recall that this Community Council submitted part of the fields it owns at Fairmeadow, Pentyrch for consideration as allotments at some time in the future, because CCC have singularly failed to provide allotments, as they are required to do under the Allotments Act 1908. There were six other submission sites within the Community Council area, namely:

1. Taffs Well Quarry; 64.80 Ha; for continued use as limestone quarry. (Site Ref. 54)
2. Land at Tynewydd, Gwaelod y Garth; 0.5 Ha; 10 residential dwellings. (Site Ref. 69)
3. Land at Dan y Garth (a), Pentyrch; 2.49 Ha; 87 residential dwellings. (Site Ref. 99)
4. Land at Dan y Garth (b), Pentyrch; 1.19 Ha; 42 residential dwellings. (Site Ref. 100)
5. Land to the north of junction 33, M4, Creigiau; 80 Ha; mixed used of premier business park, science park, residential (1680 – 2016 dwellings) and retailing. (Site Ref. 46)
6. Land south of Creigiau; 37.7 Ha; 400 – 460 residential dwellings. (Site Ref. 102)

With the exception of the quarry this Council decided to object to the inclusion of the five sites, numbered 2 – 6 above. We also consulted with our neighbouring Community Councils as they had even larger submission sites in

their area. Whilst each Community Council made specific objections to sites in their own area, we also shared objections to the process, the reliance on one set of figures produced by the Welsh Assembly which were not relevant to the current financial climate and the failure to take an overall view of the impact on neighbouring communities. This last issue is especially important as, by way of an example, the proposals for Creigiau, if accepted, would see Creigiau and Capel Llanilltern conjoined and more than double in size. It would become the size of a town and lose its identity and village status. However the impact on the existing infrastructure, especially the A4119 Llantrisant Road, would have far reaching consequences for neighbouring communities. As my colleague in Radyr CC pointed out, it was all very well claiming that the developments would be serviced by '21st century transport solutions' if vehicular traffic still had to go through '19th century Llandaff'. This Council has submitted its views on the submission sites and the process will now lumber on to the next objective. For those of you who want to know more about what is going on, visit the Cardiff CC web-site and follow the links to the Local Development Plan.

Rest Centre, Mountain Road

The Rest Centre Mountain Road was sold at auction on 9th May 2011 reaching its reserve of £90,000. This means that once the costs are subtracted from this sum in terms of legal fees, estate agents fees and costs associated with planning permission and the asbestos survey, the Council will have just over £80,000 for investing in Community projects. The council has previously made a decision that this money would be ear-marked for projects in Pentyrch and one of the first that may benefit will be to kick-start the long awaited allotments in Pentyrch. I will keep everybody advised of the progress in this direction.

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Pentyrch Open Gardens £100, Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme £50, Pensiynwyr Gwaelod y Garth £125 a £170 i Glwb Criced Creigiau. Bydd y dosrannu grantiau nesaf yn ystod y cyfarfod ar 19eg Medi yn Neuadd Pentyrch. Yn ôl y drefn arferol dylid danfon ceisiadau i mi, drwy e-bost os yn bosib clerk@pentyrch.cc, gyda chyfrifon neu adroddiad ariannol y mudiad a dylai unrhyw gais gyrraedd erbyn 11 y bore ar y dyddiad hwnnw.

Cynghorydd Sheila Dafis

Yn drist penderfynodd y Cynghorydd Sheila Dafis ymddiswyddo o'i gwaith fel cynghorydd ym mis Mawrth oherwydd ei bod hi a'i gŵr, Rhys, wedi symud yn ôl i Ogledd Cymru. Etholwyd Sheila i'r Cyngor yn 2008 a bu'n gynghorydd diwyd a chydwybodol ar ran y gymuned. Fe lwyddodd i gyflawni llawer o bethau yn ystod ei chyfnod ac fe'i cofir yn arbennig am lwyddo i ail-sefydlu'r clwb ieuenctid hŷn yng Nghreigiau.

Nawr mae sedd wag yn Ward Creigiau sydd wedi cael ei hysbysebu gan Adran Etholiadau y Cyngor Sir. Os na fydd etholiad llenwir y sedd wag drwy benderfyniad y Cyngor.

Llwybrau - Taith Gylchol

Yn dilyn y gwaith caled gan Paul a Julian ar y llwybrau y soniais amdano yn rhifyn diwethaf Cwllwm Bro, ar Fehefin 3ydd agorwyd y daith gylchol o Greigiau i Bentyrch yn swyddogol gan Arglwydd Faer Caerdydd, y Cynghorydd Delme Bowen. Roedd yn ddiwrnod heulog cynnes ac oherwydd y tywydd braf daeth 63 o bobl yn cynnwys nifer o deuluoedd i'r achlysur. Roedd aelodau CRAMAC wedi agor y Pafiliwn ar Faes Hamdden Creigiau er mwyn rhoi cyfleusterau yn ystod y dydd a rhoddodd Don Llewellyn a Barry Davies o Gymdeithas Hanes Pentyrch wybodaeth yn ystod y daith gerdded a fu o gryn ddiddordeb i'r cerddwyr.

Hefyd roedd Kevin, Gofalwr Parciau Cyngor Caerdydd, yn gallu rhoi gwybodaeth am y planhigion gwyllt ar hyd y daith. Roedd y diwrnod yn llwyddiant arbennig ac roedd yn braf gweld Cynghorwyr o'r ddinas yn mwynhau'r rhan arbennig yma o Gaerdydd. Yn olaf diolchwn Jennifer Nelson, a ddaeth i Gyngor Sir Caerdydd o Virginia, UDA am ei chyfrannid sylweddol i'r cynllun. Gellir cael taflen am y daith o swyddfa'r Cyngor Cymuned.

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Caerdydd

Fel y crybwyllwyd yn rhifynnau blaenorol Cwllwm Bro mae llawer o gyrff a pherchnogion tir sydd â diddordeb wedi cyflwyno eu syniadau i ddatblygu safleoedd dros yr ugain mlynedd nesaf i Gynllun Datblygu Lleol Cyngor Sir Caerdydd. Fe gofiwch i'r Cyngor Cymuned hwn gynnwys rhan o gae yn ei berchnogaeth ger Fairmeadow, Pentyrch, i'w ystyried fel rhandiroedd rhyw amser yn y dyfodol oherwydd bod Cyngor Caerdydd wedi methu yn llwyr i ddarparu rhandiroedd yn ôl eu dyletswydd o dan Ddeddf Rhandiroedd 1908. Roedd chwe chyflwyniad safle arall yn nalgylch y Cyngor Cymuned sef:

1. Chwarel Ffynnon Taf; 64.80 Ha; i barhau ei ddefnyddio fel chwarel carreg galch. (Rhif Safle: 54)
2. Tir yn Tynewydd, Gwaelod y Garth; 0.5 Ha; ar gyfer 10 o dai. (Rhif Safle: 69)
3. Tir yn Dan y Garth (a), Pentyrch; 2.49 Ha; ar gyfer 87 tŷ. (Rhif Safle: 99)
4. Tir yn Dan y Garth (b), Pentyrch; 1.19 Ha; ar gyfer 42 tŷ. (Rhif Safle: 100)
5. Tir i'r gogledd o Gyffordd 33 M4, Creigiau; 80 Ha; defnydd cymysg parc busnes, parc gwyddoniaeth, tai (1680 – 2016) a siopau. (Rhif Safle: 46)
6. Tir i'r de o Creigiau; 37.7 Ha; tai 400 – 460. (Rhif Safle: 102)

Heblaw am y chwarel mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi penderfynu gwrthwynebu cynnwys y pum safle arall a restrir uchod. Rydym wedi cyd-drafod gyda Chynghorau Bro cyfagos oedd a hyd yn oed safleoedd mwy yn eu hardaloedd. Tra bod pob Cyngor Cymuned wedi gwneud

gwrthwynebiadau penodol am safleoedd yn eu hardaloedd rydym yn rhannu ein gwrthwynebiad i'r broses, a'r ddibyniaeth ar un set o ffigyrau a baratowyd gan Lywodraeth y Cynulliad nad oedd yn berthnasol i'r hinsawdd economaidd bresennol a'r diffyg ystyriaeth o'r effaith ar gymunedau cyfagos. Mae'r pŵnc olaf yn bwysig iawn. Fel enghraifft byddai'r cynlluniau ar gyfer Creigiau, os derbynnir, yn achosi i Creigiau a Chapel Llanilltern ymuno â'i gilydd a mwy na dyblu mewn maint. Byddai'n mynd yn fwy na llawer i dref a byddai'n colli ei hunaniaeth a'i statws fel pentref. Hefyd byddai'r effaith ar isadeiledd yr ardal yn arbennig yr A4119, ffordd Llantrisant, yn cael effaith andwyl ar gymunedau cyfagos. Fel y dangosodd fy nghydweithiwr yng Nghyngor Cymuned Radyr roedd yn iawn i honni y byddai'r datblygiadau yn cael eu gwasanaethu gan sustem trafniadaeth yr 21ain ganrif ond byddai rhaid i'r drafniadaeth fynd drwy Landaf y 19eg ganrif!

Mae Cyngor Pentyrch wedi cyflwyno ei farn ar y safleoedd a bydd y broses yn symud ymlaen dros y misoedd nesaf. Gellir cael rhagor o wybodaeth o wefan Cyngor Caerdydd dilynwch y cysylltiadau i'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol.

Y Rest Centre, Heol y Mynydd

Gwerthwyd y Rest Centre, Heol y Mynydd mewn ocsiwn ar 9fed Mai 2011 gan gyrraedd yr isaf-bris o £90,000. Ar ôl tynnu costau cyfreithiol, yr arwerthwyr, a'r costau cais cynllunio ac archwiliad Asbestos golyga hyn y bydd gan y Cyngor dros £80,000 i fuddsoddi mewn prosiectau cymunedol. Mae'r Cyngor wedi gwneud penderfyniad blaenorol fod yr arian hwn yn cael ei glustnodi ar gyfer prosiectau ym Mhentyrch ac mae'n bosib mai un o'r rhai cyntaf i elwa bydd cychwyn ar y cynllun rhandiroedd ym Mhentyrch. Byddaf yn cadw i roi gwybodaeth i chi am unrhyw ddatblygiadau.

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Pentyrch Parish

As many people will be aware our Vicar, Revd. John Binny, is retiring from the Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern and the Ministry on 31st August. To mark the occasion there will be a farewell party in the Parish Church Hall, Creigiau, at 7pm on Saturday, 3rd September.

Everybody who would like to wish John well in his retirement is very welcome to come along. The Parish intends to make a presentation to John that evening and if anybody would like to make a contribution would they please send it to the Parish Secretary, David Pendlebury, at 42 Maes-y-Sarn, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9QQ (telephone 029 20892077, email: davidpendlebury@btinternet.com).

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 on 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 02920890087.

The Hall may be booked for functions by contacting Mrs Jean Wood, telephone 02920892865 or Mrs Alison Woodley, telephone 02920891800.

A Christmas Fayre will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 12th November 2011 at 2.00pm.

John W Binny
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Hilltop Theatre Company

Hilltop Theatre Company perform the Frank Vickery comedy 'Trivial Pursuits' from Thursday 30th June to Saturday 2nd July 2011 at 7.30pm, Pentyrch Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £7 adults and £5.50 concessions, and are available from Sue Gambarini on 029 20899600.

Trivial Pursuits 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 insights 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, we will be putting on one of our very popular end of year summer fundraising evenings on Saturday 23 July 2011 at 7.30pm. This consists of a one act comedy play 'A Day in the Life' which is a hilarious farce about the reading of a family Will, with bizarre revelations, shock announcements and hilarious characters along the way. The second half will be a musical showcase featuring the whole company. Tickets are available at £6, including a buffet, from Sue Gambarini on 029 20899600.

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.

Friends of Creigiau Spring Report

Friends Fun Book Day

On 14th March, 'The Friends' organised a 'Fun Book Day'. The normal school day was put on hold as local writers and illustrators came to school and talked to the children. The children had a chance to put some of their tips into action during the workshops that followed. All the children were given a book to take home with them as a memento of the day.

Logo Competition

We had lots of fabulous entries to the competition to help us design a new logo for 'The Friends of Creigiau' and choosing a winner was a hard decision for local illustrator, Peter Lawson. He did, however, manage to come to a decision and the overall winner was Rhys Evans from Dosbarth 3. The runners up were Iestyn Edwards, Iestyn Jones and Milly Cole. Peter Lawson is coming to school to help Rhys draw out the final logo ready for printing and it will then be used on 'The Friends' letters and posters.

Summer Family Party

Friday the 20th May was the date of the 'Summer Family Party', organised to celebrate thirty years of 'The Friends of Creigiau School'. Live entertainment was provided by the local band 'R & B Brothers Band' and a barbecue selling delicious crepes were provided by La Creperie de Sophie. The children played on the school field as the weather was superb and all 350 guests had a great time. A great thanks goes out to all the parents and staff who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

Anyone for Tennis?

Pentyrch Tennis Club welcomes new members - of all ages and abilities. Coaching available, if required.

Why not give it a try and turn up at Mens Club Night (Thursdays 6 - 8.30 pm) or Ladies Club Night (Tuesdays 6 - 8.30 pm). The courts are located on the Pentyrch Recreation Grounds, next to the Rugby Club.

Otherwise, for more information please telephone Helen on 20890980, Graham on 20891593 or Eric on 20892253.

Eric Thomas
Secretary, Pentyrch Tennis Club

Pentyrch Horticultural Show

This year's show is on Saturday September 3rd. We have our usual classes for fruit and vegetables, flower arranging, cookery, crafts and not forgetting exciting things for the children to make during summer holidays. We change the content each year so make sure you buy a programme to check what you can do.

We have also added a helpful list of how to present your fruit and vegetable entries to comply with the Royal Horticultural Society guidelines that our judges follow. Please ensure that we have only one entry per person in each class as we would hate to disappoint anyone and turn their entries away.

Programmes will be available at Pugh's Garden Centre in Radyr, at 20 Lony Fro, Pentyrch and also from door to door selling.

For more information contact 02920891255

Pentyrch Traffic Management Group

I am writing to update residents on our work over the past months. Since the public meeting some months ago we have been meeting regularly to discuss the options available to our village in terms of speed calming measures.

The group is made up of representatives from village organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, Women's Institute, Community Council, Pentyrch Primary School and the original signatories of the referendum call.

During the year we have met to discuss the current scheme, the positive aspects and the limitations, as well as reports such as the traffic speed surveys carried out both before and after the current measures.

After our recent meeting with officers from Cardiff Council they agreed to investigate alternatives to be put forward to the village. This will take form in an exhibition in the village hall in the coming months. The meeting will be well advertised and I urge everyone to make an effort to attend.

The speed bumps that have been removed as part of the resurfacing programme within the village have been suspended until we decide as a village what we want. The normal practise would be to reinstate the speed bumps to the same configuration – thankfully this has managed to be stopped, while we consult.

Can I also thank everyone who took the time to fill in a recent Neighbourhood Watch survey on this issue. Over a third of the village responded and this will help to put forward some alternative schemes for your consideration.

If anyone would like to discuss any issue in relation to the article please feel free to contact me on the following:

Direct Line – 07843 233 083

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Write to:

15, Heol Gam, Pentyrch, CF15 9QA

Craig Williams, County Councillor for
Pentyrch and Gwaelod Y Garth
Chairman, Pentyrch Traffic Management
Group

1st Creigiau Brownies

We had three great sessions here at the Village Hall before the Easter holidays when our three Brownie Sixes took it in turns to run the evening. They showed lots of great teamwork in preparing their activities and made sure that we all had a great time!

After a lovely long Easter holiday we had a very short half term. Two new Brownies started at our unit – hello and welcome to you both Lucy and Cerys. As an introduction for our new girls and a refresher to our other Brownies we thought about what it means to be a Brownie, focusing for these three sessions on 'Helping Others' and 'Friendship'.

We're now back and ready for our final Term before the summer holidays, starting with an action packed session when the girls completed their Agility Badge. It was great to be able to use the lovely new outdoor area at the Church Hall for some of the challenges.

Fathers Day and the Carnival will be followed hopefully by a chance to get out and about around the village for some of our sessions – weather permitting as always of course!

Garth Villas Woodland

Located in Gwaelod-y-Garth these woodlands are in the ownership of the Pentyrch Community Council. They can be found just behind Main Road Gwaelod-y-Garth in the middle of the village by the School.

Much work has recently been done to improve the access and appearance of this area. Footpaths have been improved with new bridges put in place over streams and boggy ground. Access from Garth Hill via the lane between the old cottages has been greatly enhanced enabling people of limited fitness level access to the wood. A safety survey of the trees carried out by the council and initiated by me has recently been completed and hopefully will result in a safer environment for users.

The woods are home to a great diversity of plant and animal species and are at their best in spring when the area is enhanced by bluebells. A picnic table has been provided by the Community Council and a log circle created for the School Eco Club. More observant users will spot the bird boxes in the trees. It is a great place for quiet reflection or to introduce the family to the wonders of Nature.

Go explore this area, but please leave it as you found it, taking any litter home with you.

Simon Roberts



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Côr Y Mochyn Du a Phlant Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod-y-garth oedd yr artistiaid yng nghyngerdd blynyddol elusennol eglwys Bethlehem eleni. Daeth cynulleidfa niferus ynghyd nos Wener, Mai 20, i glywed côr buddugol Prifwyl Glyn Ebwy yn eu cyngerdd llawn cyntaf. Y tro hwn, Marian Ifans, Radur, oedd yn eu harwain, yn absenoldeb Sioned James - a chafodd gryn hwyl arni. Bu disgyblion ysgol y pentref, yn cyflwyno eitemau fel côr hŷn, llefarwyr a chantorion unigol, y parti llefaru, a'r côr llawn - i gyd wedi cystadlu yn yr Urdd eleni. Tania Wilson Price oedd yn eu harwain a Phennaeth yr Ysgol, Iwan Ellis, yn cyfeilio. Llywiwr medrus y noson oedd y Parch R Alun Evans, gweinidog Bethlehem.

Roedd yr elw eleni'n mynd at "Yr Ystafell Fyw" a chafwyd gair o ddiolch gan arweinydd y fenter honno, Wynford Ellis Owen, Creigiau.

Merched y Wawr, Cangen y Garth.



Nos Fercher, 11eg Mai aeth criw o'r gangen i ymweld ag un o'r 100 Lle y sonnir amdano yng nghyffwrdd odidog yr Athro John Davies a'r ffotograffydd Marian Delyth. Un o drysorau cudd y fro yw Castell Bewpyr (Beaupré) ger y Pontfaen. Er taw adfeilion sydd yno bellach, mae hanes hynod o ddiddorol i'r safle sydd erbyn hyn o dan ofal CADW. Ar ôl crwydro ychydig a mwynhau'r golygfeydd o furiau'r castell, cawsom swper hyfryd gyda'n gilydd yn nhafarn y Bush yn St Hilary. Diolch i Nia am drefnu'r noson a'r tywydd!

Clwb y Dwrllyn - Nabod y Fro

Brynhawn Sul, Mai 15, ymgasglodd aelodau'r Clwb ar gyfer y daith gerdded flynyddol o gwmpas yr ardal dan arweiniad Don Llewellyn. Y tro yma anelwyd am yr ysgol gan groesi'r caeau tuag at Heol Pantygored, yna draw at Lynnoedd Canada, drwy'r goedwig i Lôn y Seren cyn troi'n ôl am Bentyrch. Fel arfer 'roedd gan Don stôr o straeon a sylwadau gydol y daith. Diolch yn fawr i Don am brynhawn dymunol tra'n ystwytho'r cyhyrau a chael cyfle arall i fanteisio ar gyfoeth ei wybodaeth am yr ardal.

Bydd rhaglen ddiddorol am Don yn cael ei darlledu ar S4C yn yr Hydref gan fod Dai Jones wedi bod yma yn ei ffilmio o gwmpas y

South Wales Quarries Support Stay Safe Campaign

South Wales quarries will be at the forefront of a national safety campaign to raise awareness of the potential hazards members of the public expose themselves to when they trespass in a quarry. In Wales, 47% of the quarry managers who responded to a new nationwide survey reported problems with trespass.

With 24 active quarries producing over 4.5 million tonnes of aggregates per year, South Wales is a key focus of the Mineral Products Association's (MPA) Stay Safe campaign launched this week in Wales.

Teenagers are the age group that cause the industry most concern and the campaign particularly focuses on helping young people to better understand the risks - dangers such as ice-cold water, steep cliffs, falling rocks and quicksand pools - associated with trespassing and the tragic consequences it may have for their friends and family.

The Stay Safe campaign also hits out at irresponsible adults who fail to recognise that their own trespass leaves holes in fences for children to gain access and at those who post material encouraging trespass on the web. It was particularly disappointing that at sites experiencing trespass problems, two thirds of the managers reported that this included people over the age of 25.

"Adults who enter quarries whilst walking, dog walking or out of general curiosity may not appreciate that they are not simply putting themselves at risk," said Elizabeth Clements of the MPA. "They are also setting a bad example to younger people and leaving holes in fences which put them at serious risk. Our message is unless you are invited on an organised visit by a quarry operator, "Stay Safe... Stay Out of Quarries".

Over the last two years, six teenage boys lost their lives in the UK in active or disused quarries. This year's survey has highlighted the growing nationwide problem of teenagers taking quad bikes and trials bikes into quarries.

MPA Chief Executive Nigel Jackson says: "Our members are doing all they can in terms of fencing and raising awareness. We appeal to parents, teachers and anyone else who influences young people is to help us ensure that the message gets across."

MPA is also critical of websites and other social media sites that encourage young people to enter quarries or other similarly dangerous sites. For example, Youtube carries numerous clips of teenagers "tombstoning" at a Somerset quarry where a 19 year-old boy drowned doing just that in 2010.

It hopes that its own use of social media - the campaign's Facebook page "Stay Safe ... Stay Out of quarries" will encourage greater teenage awareness of the risks and consequences of entering a quarry uninvited.

Those who have joined the MPA's Facebook page "Stay Safe... Stay Out of Quarries" group, by 31 July will be entered into a prize draw to win an iPad.

Creigiau W.I.

Creigiau W.I. continues to thrive. We meet every second Tuesday of the month in Creigiau Parish Hall at 7.30 pm throughout the year. We have thirty members and welcome anyone who would like to come along. Most months we have a guest speaker, otherwise we entertain ourselves - a party at Christmas - a garden party in the Summer.

Our programme this year has included a speaker talking about his experiences, and his many adventures as a young scientist based in Antarctica. He accompanied his talk with stunning slides. Another speaker was from the local Fire Brigade, who had plenty of life-saving information and help for us.

Apart from our meetings we have many other activities such as gentle walks in the countryside or more demanding efforts, for the energetic, requiring hiking boots and Nordic walking sticks. We occasionally go to a free lunch time concert in St. David's Hall followed by lunch in town. We usually have an annual outing. Last year it was to the arboretum in the Cotswolds near Stowe in the Wold. Of course the weather cannot be planned for and it decided to rain very hard all day. But the outing we had to Blenheim Christmas Fair in late November brought lovely crisp weather.

In other words the W.I. in Creigiau is flourishing and active. We hope that it is welcoming to anyone looking for a place to meet new, or maybe old friends, and find a comfortable niche.

Pentyrch Art Group



We held our 16th annual exhibition on Sunday, May 15th and would like to thank all those who attended. Once again, it was very successful and we had more than 320 visitors during the course of the day. There was a lovely atmosphere and several people commented that they'd met up with people they hadn't seen for years!

We try and make it a pleasant social event and the convivial atmosphere is very important to us. If you missed it this year, our 17th exhibition will be on May 20th 2012. In the meantime, we shall be staging a small exhibition at the Village Hall during the Open Gardens weekend (July 9th and 10th) and have also arranged to exhibit at Garth Olwg Centre for Lifelong Learning during the first two weeks of December.

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Planning Applications to 13th June 2011

11/00152/DCO Mr Griff Griffiths, 1 Nant-Y-Garth, Gwaelod y Garth, applied to build a detached four bedroom house with garage on land adjacent to 1 Nant y Garth. Permission was refused on 21/4/2011.

11/00240/DCH Mr B Burchill, 9 Maes Cadwgan, Creigiau, applied to remove the garage and create a single storey side extension at 44 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

11/00260/DCH Mr P Vincent, 83 Maes y Sarn, Pentyrch, applied to build a first floor side extension with the garage converted to a habitable room and the conversion of a porch roof to a pitched roof. Permission was granted on 31/3/2011.

11/00327/DCO Mr & Mrs Bennett, applied for the retention of a garden extension at: Foxlea, Lon y Goch, Pentyrch. Permission was granted on 27/4/2011.

11/00351/DCH Mr Lynn Thomas, 35 Parc Castell Y Mynach, Creigiau applied to build a conservatory. Permission was granted on 8/4/2011.

11/00410/DCH Mr Lee Williams, 7 Parc y Bryn, Creigiau, applied to raise part of roof of the existing bungalow to form additional bedrooms, with balcony, and a single storey extension. Permission was granted on 4/5/2011.

11/00435/DCO Mr Courtney and Ms Wilson, Elm Cottage, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch applied for the conversion of a barn to residential and the upgrading of another barn to form a stable/store at The Barns, south of Elm Cottage. This is still under consideration.

11/00426/DCO Scope, c/o Agents, applied for the construction of a link and extension, plus internal and external changes to the annexe (post-16 building); external and internal alterations to northern section of the east wing of the main school building; existing annexe classrooms to be converted to residential dormitories and an existing bedroom (the blue room) within the east wing to be converted to kitchen and dining facilities at Craig Y Parc School, Heol-Y-Parc, Pentyrch. Still under consideration.

11/00427/DCO *Listed Building Consent* in respect of application 11/00426/DCO above, is also still under consideration.

11/00663/DCH Mr P Walker, Penylan House, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern applied for garages and a studio with covered walkway. This is still under consideration.

11/00692/DCO Mr Probert Webb Property Partnership, 30 Duxford Close, Cardiff, applied for a new build three-bedroom detached dwelling on part of land at 2 Heol Berry, Gwaelod-y-Garth. This is still under consideration.

11/00741/DCH Mr Chim, 7 Ffordd yr Afon, Gwaelod -y-Garth, applied for a three-pitch rear dormer. This is still under consideration.

11/00645/DCH Mr & Mrs Jones, 30 Parc Y Felin, Creigiau, applied for a single storey ground floor extension to provide a new living area. This is still under consideration.

11/00860/DCH Mr L Williams, 7 Parc y Bryn, Creigiau, applied to raise the roof height to form a two storey dwelling with Juliet balcony to the side and two rear dormer extensions. This is still under consideration.

11/00765/DCO Mr Williams, 6 Glan-yr-Afon, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth applied to build a detached, 3 bedroom dwelling house at 6 Glan-yr-Afon. This is still under consideration.

11/00900/DCH Mr Merlini, 57 Parc y Bryn, Creigiau, applied to erect a boundary fence to the rear and side. This is still under consideration.

11/00923/DCO Cardiff Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff applied to replace one demountable unit with a new one at Creigiau Primary School, Tregarth Court, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

11/00896/DCO MOTO Hospitality Ltd, PO BOX 218, Toddington, Bedfordshire applied for the installation of 3 x 3,400 litre Calor LPG tanks in a compound with 1.8m high palisade fence, ancillary external works and one new off-loading floodlight at Moto Service Area, Cardiff West Services, M4 Junction 33, Creigiau, This is still under consideration.

11/00933/DCH Mr Brian Tucker, 94 Parc Y Fro, Creigiau, applied for a rear single storey extension and front porch. This is still under consideration.

11/00973/DCH Mr Davies, 19 Parc-Y-Coed, Creigiau, applied to demolish the existing garage and construct a 2-storey, side extension and single-storey rear extension. This is still under consideration.

11/00935/DCH Mr James King, 10 Tyn-y-Coed, Pentyrch, applied for the removal of condition 2 of planning permission 10/01966/DCH [construction of upvc conservatory]. This is still under consideration.

Decided Applications from Previous Community Links

10/02356/DCH Mr Eifion Kemp, Myrtle House, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the replacement of 2 windows and a door to the front elevation of the property. Permission was granted on 1/3/2011.

10/02370/DCH Mr Barton, 6 Tregarth Court, Creigiau applied to demolish the existing garage & single storey extension and build a new garage, kitchen & porch extension. Permission was granted on 2/3/2011.

11/00035/DCH Phelim O'Hare & Annette Daly, 25 Maes-y-Nant, Creigiau, applied for a two storey extension to side and rear of property. Permission was granted on 9/3/2011.

10/00581/W Mr Brooks, Graig Bungalows, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied for extensions and alterations, including the raising of the ridge height of the existing bungalows and a new detached garage. Permission was granted on 14/3/2011.

11/00091/DCH Mrs Charles, 15 Dol-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for the retention of a retaining wall to create a level area and the erection of a boundary fence. Permission was granted on 17/3/2011.

11/00092/DCH Mr Fraser Lawrence, Honeysuckle Cottage, Post Office Row, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the replacement of existing single glazed hardwood door with a hardwood mortice and tenon door. Permission was granted on 17/3/2011.

10/02209/DCO Mr Anthony Smith, applied for outline planning permission for 3 detached cottages on land adjacent to Maesgwyn Cattery, Georgetown, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Permission was refused on 14/3/2011.

09/01341/W Mrs SE, Mr ER and Mr WR Thomas of Pant-y-Gored Farm, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau, applied for the conversion of (1) barn (listed) and (2) milking parlour into two residential dwellings. Permission was granted on 25/3/2011.

09/01342/W Mrs SE, Mr ER & Mr WR Thomas of Pant-y-Gored Farm, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau, applied for listed building consent in respect of alterations to enable the conversion of (1) a Barn (listed) and (2) milking parlour into two residential dwellings. Permission was granted on 24/3/2011.

11/00186/DCH Mr Grocott, 59 Parc Castell-y-Mynach, Creigiau, applied for a conservatory to rear elevation. Permission was granted on 31/3/2011.

10/01841/DCO Mr Lee, Hill Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied to demolish the existing dwelling and build a replacement dwelling on the same site. Permission was granted on 1/4/2011

11/00004/DCH Mr Craig Merlini, 57 Parc-Y-Bryn, Creigiau, applied to build a two storey side extension, single storey extension to rear with alterations to boundary fence. Permission was granted on 30/3/2011

11/00197/DCH Mr Thorne, 3 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied to demolish a single garage and construct a two-storey side/rear extension. Permission was granted on 4/4/2011

11/00609/DCO Mr Hennius, applied for the renewal of 08/01873/W relating to the proposed two-storey detached 4 bedroom house on part of the land at Primrose Cottage, Field Terrace, Pentyrch. The application was withdrawn on 6/4/2011 as being unlikely to be determined.

10/02054/DCO Mr Kevin Hart, Windyridge, 22 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, applied to demolish the existing bungalow and replace it with a 4-bed house with garage and build an office/shed in the rear garden. Permission was granted on 20/4/2011

Garden for Charity



Gill and Derek Thomas must have sighed when the day of their Open Garden at Frosty Bottom brought with it really mucky weather. The morning was chilly, the sky overcast; rain drizzled down. A grey, grey day. But friends and residents of the village, turned out regardless to enjoy this spectacular garden, many visiting for the first time. In spite of the weather – which did brighten a bit by afternoon – colour was everywhere. The azaleas in particular, were spectacular, but it was the little winding paths that lead to one surprise after another that gave special pleasure. As usual, there were cakes a-plenty, provided by the Church, the WI and OAPs of the village. The well supported raffle had an array of prizes donated by, among others, The Gwaelod, the Lewis Arms, Pughs Garden Centre, Pentych Open Gardens, Green Thumb and the Nantgarw Garage. This annual event, which is one of the main meeting places in the village, raised £1,286, which will be donated to a charity for Children with Learning Difficulties, with donations also to the Taffs Well Church and Gwaelod OAPs.

LOCAL CHAMPIONS!

Results from the LONDON 2011 UK National Indoor Junior Rowing Championships

1st place Joe Miles (Creigiau)
2nd place Dylan Palmer (Gwaelod y Garth)
17th place Ben Fry (Rhydlafar)

A fantastic achievement by all three boys.

An Evening with Terry Walton

A good time was had by all in March when Terry Walton, author of 'My Life on a Hillside Allotment' and a regular voice on the Jeremy Vine show on Radio 2, came to Creigiau to tell a full house about his gardening and media experiences.

His talk was peppered with anecdotes and humour and welcome advice on topics such as germinating one's beans (in a polybag in the airing cupboard) and parsnip seeds (on damp kitchen paper prior to transfer to toilet roll insides).

The evening was arranged by Lesley Sherwood aided by the Dynevor Gardening Association social committee (aka Creigiau Allotments). Tea and cakes were served and over £500 was raised to buy a new lawnmower.



Terry Walton and Lesley Sherwood

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Gwaelod Wood Carver wins a place on People's Door

The Welsh Flag doesn't fly over Arthur Welsby's work shop for nothing! Under it, the workshop hides a cornucopia of wood carvings, which the owner is quiet about. But Arthur Welsby has now had a carving accepted for the 'People's Door' in Bute Park. Part of the Park Restoration Project, the door will be installed in an extended garden wall, around the Southern Boundary of the Park's plant nursery. It will lead into the new Education and Training Centre.

The square door, designed by Cardiff-born architect, Michael Davies, will be made in oak, with 16 panels, 8 of them carved, supported by huge iron straps. It aims to create a visual history of the Park, told in the carvings. Arthur Welsby submitted two panels, one of which, a depiction of the old Swiss Bridge, has been accepted.

All submitted panels have been displayed in the Old Library in Cardiff, and voted on by the public. The competition was huge, so it especially noteworthy that Georgetown's wood carver has created one of the eight carved panels selected for this historic project. His work will now be on display for as long as the 'People's Door' lasts. Another example of Arthur Welsby's work can be seen locally, at the Gwaelod pub.

Norma Procter



Photo: Tom Procter

Swiss Bridge, which provided access to the gardens from the house, was designed and constructed by William Burgess, around 1875, based on a mediaeval bridge over Lake Lucern.

Pentyrch Primary School

Pentyrch Primary School's 'Royal Wedding'!

On Tuesday 12th April Dosbarth Un and Dosbarth Dau had their own 'Royal Wedding' at St. Catwg's Church. The church was beautifully decorated with pink ribbons and flowers. The service was attended by children, teachers, parents and our friends from Finland.

It was a lovely, sunny afternoon. The bride, Charlotte, looked stunning as she walked down the aisle with her father, Toby. Evan, the groom, was turning pink because he was nervous. All the guests said how beautiful the bride looked, her dress was very pretty. Father John, the vicar, was very kind. Miss Williams played the organ and Mr. Renshaw was the photographer. We sang the hymn 'Give Me Oil in my Lamp' and the song 'Friendship'. Evan gave his bride a dazzling ring and Charlotte gave Evan a ring too.

In the evening we had a disco. On Thursday afternoon we had a party to celebrate both royal weddings! Mrs. Paull had made a beautiful wedding cake and we had lots of fun.

**Taken from reports written by
Dosbarth Dau,**



Helsinki Visit, February 2011

Once again an exchange party from Pentyrch Primary School visited our friends at Suutarila School in Helsinki. This was the tenth time a party from Pentyrch had visited Helsinki and it was the coldest visit yet! The temperature on our first morning was minus 22 Celsius and it didn't get above minus 9 in the whole time we were there. In fact most days the warmest was around minus 15!

As always, our hosts made us very welcome. We visited Korkeasaari Zoo and saw the fantastic ice-sculpture competition which is held every year. The children enjoyed sledging in Kaivopuisto Park. At school the children attended lessons including science, woodwork, skating and skiing! As in previous years, we also visited the Heureka Science Centre, exploring the exhibits and viewing presentations in the science theatre and i-max cinema. The children also got the chance to try their hand at robotics, using software, construction kits, sensors and motors. When we visited the Kuusijärvi Outdoor Centre the children met a very famous resident of Finnish Lapland – father Christmas presented each child with a gift and we enjoyed a barbecue beside the frozen lake. The children were amazed to see people swimming in a pool cut through the ice after taking a sauna!

To coincide with our visit, representatives from our partner schools in France, Sicily and Turkey joined us in Helsinki. On our last day together we all enjoyed a concert prepared by the children at Suutarila School. One of the highlights of the trip was on the final evening, when the children visited the homes of their Finnish friends. We are now planning to welcome our Finnish friends to Wales in April.



The Breakfast Team

The Healthy School Awards

We have had many great experiences in year 6 but the best one for me is something that happened quite recently - we went to collect an award for our school. There were only eight of us going from the School Council, together with Mrs Phillips, our teacher, of course. We had to be in school by 8:30am because the mini bus came to collect us at 8:45am to take us to the County Hall.

When we first got to County Hall we were one of the first schools there, apart from a high school and the people giving us the award. We were all very excited to be at the award - even Mrs Phillips was excited! We walked into a big room with about 50 tables in it. We finally found our table. It was quite near the front which was good. There were two bowls of grapes, a bowl of blueberries and a bowl of apples and oranges on our table. The grapes and the blueberries were gone in a flash!

Finally, when all the other schools got there it started. Lots of schools won awards and then there was a break. After the break, we were called to collect an award which was for Road Safety and Internet Safety. Then in the afternoon we came back to school with a bag full of gifts for the school. What great day out!

Milly Harrison

Our Breakfast Bonanza Week!

In Dosbarth 2 this week we have been making breakfast for each other. Amy Grant thought this would be good to do because Mrs Turner's tummy had been rumbling and she said it was because she had forgotten to have breakfast. Poor Mrs Turner! We split ourselves into groups and decided which day we would make our breakfast. Each group gave themselves a name and then decided what they were going to make. On Monday we had cereal and fruit. On Tuesday we have crossiants with chocolate spread, jam or cheese. On Wednesday we had porridge with raisins, jam or chocolate drops (very yummy). Then on Thursday we had 'Tutti Fruity' fruit salad. On Friday we had toast with lots of different toppings. We enjoyed wearing our aprons and serving our friends in our café. We had a vote at the end of the week to see which breakfast we liked the best. The croissants won! They were delicious. We had so much fun making breakfast, we would like to do it every week.

Dosbarth Dau (Class Two)

Houston We Don't Have a Problem! Houston, Texas 19th - 26th February 2011

Julie Elliott, SENCo at Creigau Primary School had the opportunity recently to study the Texan education system and compare it to that in Wales.

The trip was organised by ISSET (International Space School Education Trust) and was part of a Senior Leadership course that Cardiff Advisory Service organise.

ISSET has been involved in teacher and student education programmes in Houston since 2000. Houston is a fascinating city within which to carry out the work. It is the fourth largest city in the USA, with a population that is approximately:

40% Hispanic Americans

30% black Americans

20% white Americans

10% drawn from a variety of races.

It has both inner city schools and suburban schools, including dual language schools.

Houston has many of the problems and concerns of a very large multi-cultural inner city, whilst also having great optimism that these concerns can and are being overcome by inclusive policies and programmes. Houston and Rice University have achieved national acclaim for their work in narrowing the achievement gap between majority and minority ethnic groups.

Houston also offers the opportunity to take advantage of the inspirational and highly motivating space programme that is based at NASA's 'Johnson Space Centre', the home of Mission Control and astronaut training.

"It was a great privilege to travel to Houston to carry out comparative research. It was an opportunity to meet with teachers from the UK and USA. The first school we visited was a middle school. The thing that struck us was the size, closely followed by the quality of the facilities! When we visited the gym we half expected Zac Efron to appear at any moment – it was just like a movie set!"

The opportunity to meet with NASA personnel and learn from their leadership experiences was also inspirational. I have always encouraged the pupils in my care to strive to be the best they can possibly be and not be influenced by gender stereotypes. I was fortunate to meet Emily Nelson, Mission Controller for space shuttle mission STS 132. What a great lady and so "down to Earth"- please excuse the pun! When asked what her job entailed she answered "Have you seen Apollo 13 with Tom Hanks, well I'm the guy in the vest!"

I hope to use what I learned in Houston to make a positive impact on both my teaching and leadership. The pupils of Odyssey Academy in Galveston will shortly be receiving letters from pupils in Creigau, strengthening the links between Wales and Texas. The teachers from some of the schools we visited are also very keen to make reciprocal visits, so hopefully we will soon hear the Texan drawl in Creigau!

Reigning Cats & Dogs.

Given the subject and nature of my comments, it would maybe not be appropriate for me to divulge my identity - suffice to say I have resided in the Parc-y-Fro area of Creigiau for about 29 years. My comments, for inclusion in the next issue of Community Link please, refers to the keeping of domestic pets and the responsibilities of their owners.

It seems a pity to me that the comparative peace and tranquility of this lovely village is being shattered on a daily basis by the almost constant barking and howling of pet dogs which are left 'home and alone' throughout the day whilst their owners are out at work. It is clear to me that these animals might not show signs of stress and anxiety etc., when their owners are leaving for work, but soon afterwards, the sudden silence and immediate sense of abandonment felt by these social and needy animals often leads to long periods of nervous barking and howling which can be heard in all parts of the village. Back in the nineteen seventies and eighties when I was working as far away as Cardiff Bay, I used to travel back to Creigiau every lunchtime to, albeit briefly, walk my dogs and check on their welfare. I appreciate that this is no longer practical these days owing to fuel costs and employment pressures, but some provision really needs to be made by dog owners especially to pacify their pet's anxieties during long daily periods of confinement, maybe leave a radio or tv on or, better still, arrange for a friend or neighbour to maybe look-in on the pet, not necessarily every day, but certainly a few times each week.

Domestic cats are another area of concern. It is astonishing how many half-feral cats can be seen to be cowering underneath cars at night in atrocious weather conditions, freezing cold and soaking wet. These poor felines seem to have been intentionally shut-out of their owner's houses at night like so much trash. In my opinion, cats are nothing more than domestic vermin! Being territorial, they defecate in neighbouring gardens, flower beds and even on drives ways and patios. Their faeces do not break-down in soil with the result that the neighbours of cat 'owners' regularly have to undergo the misery of having to clear up the mess in addition to maybe being put to the expense of purchasing expensive and largely ineffective pet repellent.

The Mammal Society recently reported that domestic cats are estimated to kill 275 million animals each year in Britain, of which 55 million are native birds.

If you cannot commit to proper and minimal domestic dog and cat care and

Pentyrch Village Hall

This year has seen quite a lot of fundraising at the hall. As always, we are indebted to the many groups and individuals in the village who join in these activities, not only to have fun, but also to help maintain PVH as an attractive venue for community and private functions. The Hall Management Committee expressed their appreciation of your generous and enthusiastic support for the hall over the years.

Purchase of the vertical blinds recently installed inside the Follis room, was made possible by the generous donation from Carol and Stewart Saint, who put on the popular Queen Tribute concert

April saw our Spring Quiz, which was attended by many supporters, old and new.

May saw a very successful Mamma Mia sing - a - long night held at the Hall. Thank you to everyone who participated in some way and also for your support.

June 18th will host a Barn Dance a traditional barn dance or ceilidh band.

Dates for your diary:

10th September Auction

2nd December Winter Fair

The bad news is that the Hall will be closed during August but the good news is that we will be getting the decorators in!

Don't forget to do your online shopping through

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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 the above or about any of the Hall's activities, please phone 029 20891493 or email pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com or visit www.pentyrch.org.uk and follow the link to Pentyrch Village Hall.

Eric Priday, Chairman

responsible husbandry it is simple, don't own them. If you are a pet owner and your pet is left alone all day, speak to your neighbours to check that it, whether it be a dog or cat, is not being a nuisance in terms of its noise or toilet trends.

Name and address withheld.



Multi-Lateral Comenius Project

Creigiau Primary School has been successful in their application to join a multi-lateral 'Comenius' project. Buddug Harries visited a school in Catania, Sicily, in January 2011 with a number of other teachers. During the visit links with European countries (Germany, Scotland, Spain, Italy, Romania, Northern Ireland and Lithuania) were established. The teachers spent four days learning about the countries culture and planning a 2 year project for the teachers and pupils to take part in. The aim of the project is to work together as Europeans.

The children will complete two projects.

1. How is water used in different countries? This will be a Literacy/Geography based project. The children will work together to write a story book to tell the story of a 'water drop' which travels to all of the countries involved.

2. Developing the school grounds. Each school taking part in the project will decide upon an area of their school grounds that could be developed to improve the environment. Pupils from the school will write Newspaper reports to show the progress of the project. The reports will be gathered together to produce a European Newspaper.

Following on from the preparatory visit Creigiau Primary, together with the other European schools, have applied to the British Council for a grant which will enable the project to take place. We hope to be successful in our application as this is a fantastic opportunity to broaden the children's European experience.

Creigiau Primary Supports Fair Trade

The pupils of Creigiau celebrated Fair Trade Fortnight with an assembly by Year 4 which flagged up the benefits of paying a fair price to the farmers who grow the products such as cocoa beans, bananas and tea.

The assembly was followed by a sale run by 'Crafty Creigiau' (the school's entrepreneurship club). The club had made a number of tasty treats using Fair Trade products and the other pupils paid fifty pence for an item of food.

The morning raised £250 which was split between the charity CAFOD (a charity actively supporting Fair Trade) and 'Crafty Creigiau'.

The staff also 'suffered' for charity by eating and drinking a selection of cakes and drinks made from Fair Trade products for which a contribution was given.

Well done to the staff, Miss Harries and Mrs Hussey, and pupils who organised the event!

NEWYDDION

Dydd Mawrth 10fed o Fai, aeth Elin Preest o Ddosbarth 5, i Ganolfan Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru i gael ei gwobrwyo am ennill cystadleuaeth lliwio llun. Mrs Kirkman aeth gydag Elin i'r ganolfan a chafodd y ddwy amser gwyh! Derbyniodd Elin dystysgrif hyfryd gyda photel ddŵr a phecyn o bensiliau lliw. Derbyniodd pawb yn yr ysgol fag ymarfer corff gyda logo Cymdeithas Gwaed Cymru arno. Da iawn ti Elin!

Aeth pedwar o fechgyn Blwyddyn 4, Gethin Rosser, Daniel Macdonald, Rhodri Ellis a Richard Evans i Aberystwyth yn ddiweddar i gynrychioli Sir Caerdydd yn ras Traws Gwlad yr Urdd. Roedd nifer helaeth o blant yn cystadlu. Rhedodd y pedwar yn arbennig o dda a daethant yn drydydd fel tim. Diolch i Mr. Balbini am eu hyfforddi a'u cefnogi! Ardderchog fechgyn!

Dydd Gwener Mai 13eg aeth wyth o blant Blwyddyn 4 ac wyth o blant Blwyddyn 6 i Ganolfan Howardian yng Nghaerdydd ar gyfer ail rownd Y Cwis Llyfrau. Roedd tîm Blwyddyn 4 yn cyflwyno'r llyfr cerddi 'Dan Deimlad, Dan Chwerthin' ac roedd tîm Blwyddyn 6 yn cyflwyno'r nofel dditectif "Green Skinned Gravy". Cafwyd perfformiad o safon uchel iawn ganddynt ac roedd Mrs Evans a Mrs Kirkman yn falch iawn ohonynt. Yn anffodus doedden nhw ddim yn fuddugol y tro yma!

Cafwyd gwasanaeth arbennig ar yr 20fed o Fai i ddathlu Dydd Ewyllys Da. Dosbarth 5 oedd yn gyfrifol am drosglwyddo'r neges bwysig a phwerus - 'Rhyfel a Heddwch yn Afghanistan.' Cafwyd perfformiad gwych gan bob un plentyn a chreuwyd awyrgylch hyfryd yn y neuadd y bore hwnnw. Roedd clywed yr ysgol gyfan yn canu 'Hedd, Perfffaith Hedd' yn deimladwy a gwfreiddiol.

Gwahoddwyd Côr yr Ysgol i ganu yn y maes awyr i groesawu awyren gyntaf cwmni Helvetic o'r Swistir i Gaerdydd. Mae'n amlwg iddynt greu argraff arbennig oherwydd estynwyd gwahoddiad i'r Côr i hedfan allan am ddwy noson i'r Swistir ym mis Gorffennaf. Yn ystod eu hymwelid, fe fyddant yn perfformio ac yn ymweld â'r ysgol sydd wedi ei gefeillio ag Ysgol Creigiau. Mae'r plant a'r athrawon yn gyffrous iawn!

"Y Fro" oedd thema cystadleuaeth Celf a Chrefft yr Urdd eleni. Llonyfarchiadau arbennig i'r canlynol am ddod yn fuddugol yn y Sir: Casi a Nel Thomas, Heath Barber a Dyfan Lloyd Owen.

Mae'r cyn chwaraewr pêl droed, Chris Pike a fu'n chwarae i Chelsea, Fulham a Chaerdydd, wedi bod yn gweithio gyda phlant Blynnyddoedd 4 a 6 yn ddiweddar. Nid gweithio ar eu sgiliau pêl droed yr oedd y tro hwn fodd bynnag, ond eu sgiliau criced! Mae'r plant wedi bod wrth eu boddau ac yn edrych ymlaen yn awr at gystadlu yng nghystadleuaeth criced Asda a'r Urdd yn hwyrach yn y tymor.

The Red Cross

At the end of April, Class 7 had a visit from Nigel, who works for the Red Cross. To begin with he showed us a video, explaining the history of the Red Cross. The Red Cross idea was first thought of in 1861 by a man called Henri Dunant after he saw a battle scene with innocent men being injured. He knew he had to help them, so when he returned to Switzerland, he helped the injured men in the war by opening a hospital.

The Red Cross is the most well known symbol, but it does have other symbols. The Red Crescent was invented when The Red Cross tried to help Turkey in a war, but the Turkish didn't like the symbol that The Red Cross used, as they thought it was the English flag. The newest symbol of 'The Red Cross' is The Red Crystal, which is a symbol of the Red Cross that is used around the World.

After the history section we learnt how to stop nosebleeds, put people in the recovery position and used dummies to practice giving C.P.R. it was really interesting and great fun.

We'd like to give a big thank you to Nigel for taking the time to come and visit us.

By: Bethan Downs, Megan Joyce and Ellie Hutchinson, Cl.7

St. David's Day

March 1st saw four Houses chasing the Eisteddfod Shield at Creigiau Primary. A variety of musical, artistic and literacy based competitions were held and the running score throughout the day kept everyone on tenterhooks.

The infants contributed with delightfully appropriate songs and the musical nature of the day; harps, piano, violin and choirs produced a wonderful atmosphere.

All of the pupils took part and the behaviour throughout the day was exemplary. Well done to all of the winners who were awarded certificates. The winner's entries were used to create a wonderful display in the foyer of the school.

As always there has to be a winner and this year it proved to be Iestyn House.

County Urdd Eisteddfod

The County Urdd Eisteddfod was held on March 26th at Barry Memorial Hall and a number of the school's pupils took part. The school was proud of all entrants and the results were as follows:

String Solo Years 5 and 6 - Gwyn Robins first. Group Recitation Second Language-first. Solo Recitation Second Language-Milli Gallo first. Solo Recitation Second Language- Maggie Webb second. Cerdd-dant Solo Years 5 and 6 - Gruffydd Roberts third. Solo Yr 5 and 6 - Gruffydd Roberts second. Duet - Gruffydd Roberts and Steffan Thompson third. Harp Solo - Elin Preest second. Ensemble - third

The winners attended the Urdd Eisteddfod Final held in Swansea.



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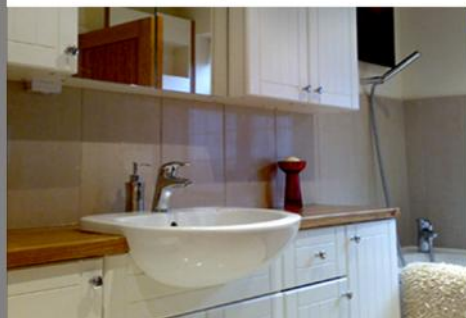


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