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PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Football legend joins pupils of Pentyrch Primary School for a kick about and a selfie

We all thought it was going to be just an ordinary Monday morning in January at Pentyrch Primary School – how wrong we were!

Out of the blue we received a telephone call asking if we would like the world famous footballer David Ginola to visit.



Following the initial surprise we excitedly sent texts to parents to inform them. Some parents actually telephoned to check that it wasn't a joke! On visiting the classes to tell everyone about the incredible news it was hard to decide who was the most excited – the children or the adults! When he arrived you could feel the excitement in the air – it was tangible. Mr Ginola appeared to 'have all the time in the world' to spend with the children having a kick about in the yard, answer questions group photographs, and autograph signing sessions. He was completely at ease and natural with the children who delighted in the experience.

One of our parents Mr Mark Grant, chairman of Pentyrch Rangers said "For a small village school like ours to meet a superstar like this is phenomenal."

It was thrilling to be involved in a live television broadcast when Sky News Sport interviewed Mr Ginola in our school hall. We also appeared on Wales Online and in the South Wales Echo.

We will all remember fondly the day a world class footballer turned up at Pentyrch Primary School. After all it is not every day you get to take part in a kick around with a football legend but pupils at Pentyrch Primary School had just that chance.

Pentyrch RFC - Defibrillator

In conjunction with the charity, Welsh Hearts, and the Welsh Rugby Union, the Rugby Club is now the proud owner of a defibrillator (heart support machine). Several members of the club have been trained to use the machine which, when opened, provides a recorded message as to how it should be used.

The club is anxious to share this facility with anyone in the community who may need to use it in an emergency situation and until qualified medical assistance is available.

The machine is available through either calling at, or telephoning, the clubhouse - 20890483.

If the club is closed please contact Michaela Farnham (07734 845493) or Bob Gilchrist (20891712 / 07866 758382).

The clubhouse is open :-
Monday to Friday 15:30 - 23:00,
Saturday 12:00 - 23:00,
Sunday 11:00 - 22:00).

Welcome Back

Guides are reopening in Pentyrch starting on Tuesday 10th March. Guides are for girls aged 10 to 14 who will be given the chance to explore their individual skills and abilities, try out new challenges all as part of a team. Girls will get involved in lots of different activities from adventure sports to performing arts, travel and taking part in community action projects.

We will be meeting in Pentyrch Village Hall every Tuesday during school term time from 5:30 – 7 pm.

To register your interest, or for more information, please contact Sharon O'Leary on 20890740 or olearysharonc@gmail.com

Sad Farewell



Cantorion Creigiau bade a sad farewell over Christmas to Helen Watkinson their accompanist for the last twelve years. Helen, who had been working with The Welsh National Opera Company is taking up a post with the Brisbane Ballet Company. Originally from Lancashire Helen fitted in with ease to a Welsh Choir, and her musicianship has been a great help to Conductor Mair Roberts. Mostly she will be missed for her gentle patience and the choir feels it is losing a family member. All good wishes go to Helen and husband Cedric on their adventure to Australia.

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A New Christian Aid coordinator

After many years acting as coordinator of Christian Aid collections in our area Gordon Longmore has stepped down from this role.

Gordon has worked tirelessly and incredibly efficiently for the work of the charity, so we salute you Gordon and on behalf of the people whose lives have been changed through Christian Aid, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

However we now have a new volunteer coordinator to step into Gordon's shoes, Kaori Onada has kindly agreed to be 'the new Gordon'. Originally from Japan, Kaori has picked up the mantle with enthusiasm and energy. The week set aside to focus on Christian Aid collections is May 10th to May 16th.

This year Christian Aid week is focussing on discrimination against women especially in developing countries. Women often find themselves as the sole providers for their children, but it is hard to look after a family as a lone woman in some cultures. Christian Aid is seeking to provide the means by which women may be given a cow. It will provide milk and a source of income for them, but just as significant, it gives a woman status within her village to speak out and be heard. So women are now able to protect their children from poverty and child marriage and can support others in their community who face the same issues. Christian Aid is also seeking to empower women through education and learning new skills.

Please help if you are able
Michael John

Penttyrch Neighbourhood Watch – Winter 2015 Update

Readers in Penttyrch may recall our reminder in the last Community Link to check out the Penttyrch Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page. The Facebook Site remains one of the speediest vehicles for getting important reminders out to the widest number of people across the Village. We are growing usage slowly, and currently have 70 users – this is still much less than 10% of villagers.

Since the last Community Link, as well as Crime Figure reports, we've also posted articles on the following subjects:

- Preventing house burglaries
- Preventing garden shed burglaries
- Rogue Traders
- A reminder of the Doorstep Code
- Penttyrch burglary (Troed-y-Garth)

Some of these Posts contain a lot of good self-help information - so please do check out our Facebook site – it can be found by searching for 'Penttyrch Neighbourhood Watch' on the Facebook front page.

We continue to be a small community of neighbours that make up the Penttyrch Neighbourhood Watch. We'd love to grow our numbers, but there are large 'gaps' in membership across the Village - the estates off Mountain Road and Troed-y-Garth (where there was a recent burglary) are particularly sparse.

We have also been made aware that we are to lose one of the regular PCSOs supporting Community Policing in the village. Once we have the exact details, we will put a post on Facebook, but the really disappointing issue is that the PCSO is unlikely to be replaced, despite lobbying by the Watch.

Fly-tipping continues to be a recurring issue in many parts and approaches to the Village. If you witness anything, please contact the Community Council. The Watch is hoping to organise a Community Clean-up Event in the coming months. We also hope to have a General Village Meeting with a guest Speaker, probably in June. So do look out for a Newsletter, posters in the shops and on Village Notice Boards, and of course FACEBOOK!!

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Community Council Highlights

CCC ~ LDP & the Precept

The Cardiff County Council Local Development Plan has moved on to the public hearings stage where a Welsh Government Inspector examines the LDP submitted by CCC for 'soundness'. The North West Cardiff Group, of which the Pentyrch Community Council is a member, was heavily involved in this process which tended to be dominated by the 'official side', namely, the CCC ~ LDP team, the developers, their advisors and agents. The presence of vocal local community groups is vital to keeping the process democratic and relevant, rather than the rubber-stamping exercise that the 'official side' would have preferred. Transportation issues have and will continue to play a large part in the debate with the CCC transport plan being heavy on rhetoric and light on substance. The North West Cardiff Group; which also includes Radyr & Morganstown Community Council, St Fagans Community Council, The Llandaff Society, Cardiff Civic Society and the Danescourt Association; have proved to be a vocal and skilled pressure group. As I mentioned in the last Link the secretarial costs of this enterprise are being met by Radyr & Morganstown CC with financial contributions being made by all the funded members. This Council initially agreed to raise £10,000 towards the future funding of opposition to the LDP which, if left unchallenged, will change the whole of the area to the north-west of Cardiff forever and not for the better. However a review of future costings brought this figure down to £5,000 and this will be raised in a one off precept for this coming financial year. Consequently the precept for 2015/16 has been raised to £85,000 from £80,000 and will reduce back to the budgeted expenditure for 2016/17.

The cost for a Band D property will be an extra £1.52 which represents a 5.95% increase. All these issues and more are reported in the Council Minutes, which are on the Council web-site www.pentyrch.cc and hard copies are distributed throughout the Council area into public places.

Cardiff Council budget cuts

Cardiff County Council has made no secret of the fact that they have to make budget cuts and trim services to meet the savings required. I wonder at the wisdom at some of the 'savings' they are making. By way of an example a couple of years ago CCC (Parks department) installed an irrigation system for the hanging baskets they were supplying for the High Corner shops in Pentyrch. The cuts to the Parks Department must be really bad as they advised that they wouldn't replace the hanging baskets. Councillor Jeanette Troughton and colleagues from Pentyrch Open Gardens, especially Helen Edwards, came to the rescue and bought flowers for the Hanging Basket with Helen even buying a timer to replace the broken one on the irrigation system. Thus in 2014 the majesty of the hanging baskets at High Corner Shops was maintained. However, CCC were not done with the savings they needed to make and for 2015 they decided the cost of supplying water for the irrigation system was too expensive. They were however prepared to let some other Community Organisation take over this onerous cost. Cllr Troughton took this to a Council meeting in January and the PCC have agreed to fund the cost of the water to the irrigation system. The cost to Cardiff CC in 2014 for water was £35 for a standing charge and £1.41 for the water supplied. CCC are clearly aficionados of the old proverb *'Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves'*!

Community Council Library

The Community Council Library raised £48.80 in its first year of operation, which is a paltry sum bearing in mind the tremendous asset it could be to the Community and what is available, if only residents will use it. This money has been added to the budget for Grants awarded to the Community. So what goes around comes around.

We urge people to regularly use the service in order that any donations (suggested as 20p per book or 50p for three) can exceed 2014's total.

The Library is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm. If

Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link, grant applications from within the Community Council area were considered at the December 2014 meeting. £200 was awarded to the St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch and £80 to the Lan Memorial Project, Gwaelod y Garth. In addition, Council advertised for applications for the remaining tranche of the residual Rest Centre Monies, over Christmas and the New Year on the web-site and in the Noticeboards. Readers may remember, when this was originally done in 2012, Council set up an Applications Committee to examine the merits of the applications. In the event there were only three applicants this time round, namely, Pentyrch Rugby Club, who were seeking financial assistance to help stop their leaking Clubhouse Roof; Pentyrch Bowls Club, who are hoping to replace their existing clubhouse and Pentyrch Village Hall who intend replacing a failing flat roof with a pitched roof. Council decided to consider all the applications at the full Council meeting and noted that Pentyrch Rugby Club were the only one of the three applicants who had not applied in the first round of applications in 2012. It was decided that £4,000 would be awarded to the Rugby Club, £2,000 to the Bowls Club and £4,000 to the Pentyrch Village Hall. The grant applications for 2015/16 will be considered in the June, September, December and March meetings. Should any community group or organisation wish to apply for a grant, applications should be made to me, preferably by email, (clerk@pentyrch.cc), and should include the last set of accounts or financial statement.

PACT Meetings

Creigiau

12/5/2015 & 14/7/2015

Pentyrch

13/5/2015 & 8/7/2015

travelling from Creigiau, Capel Llanilltern or Gwaelod y Garth please ring 2089 1417 first to ensure somebody is here, as there is nobody to cover for our absence on holiday or illness, and we wouldn't want you to have a wasted journey.

Commemorative Trees and a Community Lowlight by a lowlife

Back in the summer of 2014 Council agreed to a request by a resident of Gwaelod to allow him to plant three commemorative trees on the Garth in memory of his late father who loved the Garth and its myriad of walks. It was agreed that the Council would buy the trees (two Whitebeams and a Rowan) from Pugh's, as well as stakes, posts and netting to protect the saplings from sheep and cattle roaming the common ground. The costs expended were reimbursed by the resident. A site was selected, cleared and the trees were planted. We took photographs and were looking forward to Spring when the trees would burst into life. It was extremely disappointing, therefore, to return from our Christmas break to discover that all three trees had been vandalised at some time over the Christmas period. Try as I might I cannot understand why some misguided person was motivated to act in this way. I obviously reported this to Council, and the Police, and it was suggested that it be put into the Link, albeit under 'Community Highlights' but in this instance to rename this section a 'Community Lowlight by a lowlife'

Funny Money



During the course of the last year the money raised in the Library also included a foreign bank note. Coincidentally the CMO (Community Maintenance Officer) subsequently found four other foreign bank notes when clearing rubbish on the Garth Mountain. Of the five foreign bank notes, one is from Barbados, one from Czechoslovakia, one from Belgium and one from Malawi. The fifth is unidentifiable but from the picture of the man on the note it is likely to originate in the Far East.

I will award a prize to the first person who emails me (clerk@pentyrch.cc) identifying which note was the one left in the donations tin in the library

County Council Notes

By Cllr Graham Thomas,
Creigiau and St Fagans

Cardiff Council Budget 2015–2016

Cardiff Council were required to cut £45million from their budget for 2015 / 2016. The budget proposals included funding cuts to many important front line service and provoked a lot of objection. We both objected strongly on many of the proposed cuts and co-ordinated an alternative budget with other opposition Councillors.

However, the budget was finally passed in February following amendments to save local services. It contained a number of key changes in respect of continuing to fund existing services until alternative arrangements can become operational.

Libraries - Continuing to fund branch libraries services until the end of the council term unless and until alternative delivery arrangements are operational.

Youth - Providing more time for the transition of the youth services, allowing the Council to keep current facilities running, together with supporting street-based and outreach working until new services are in place.

Day Services - Maintaining day services for older people until transitional arrangements and alternative services are developed and put in place.

Cllr Craig Williams
Pentyrch & Gwaelod y Garth

Individual Electoral Registration

The way we all register to vote changed in June 2014. The new system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration' (IER) and is the biggest change to the voter registration system in 100 years. Now, each individual will be responsible for registering themselves.

Most people who are already registered will be transferred automatically to the new register. However some people will need to re-register in the City of Cardiff Council. There are also people in the area who are not registered to vote at all and so need to register to have their say in elections.

If you weren't registered previously, you can register under the new system at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. If you don't receive a letter contact Cardiff Electoral Services on 029 2087 2087 (Option 5).

Cardiff Alcohol and Drug Team Counselling Service

- Removing the saving from this area to allow more time for capacity building and to develop the volunteer counsellor base which includes the supervision and support mechanisms for the volunteers.

Cllr Graham Thomas said, "The 7 hour budget meeting was one of the most extra extra-ordinary nights since I became a Councillor. With

the Cabinet set to lose the budget vote to the opposition alternative budget due to lack of support from within their own ranks, they proposed last minute amendments to bring rebel Councillors back on board. Following several adjournments and break away meetings, the budget was finally agreed and reflected many of the proposals from our alternative budgets, although not all. For example we wanted to cap the 5% Council Tax increase to a lower level.



Cllr Graham Thomas meets with the Andrew RT Davies AM, Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Assembly. And Cllr Rod McKerlich (Radyr) There has been Lots of talk about a Metro in South Wales, but the Assembly needs to take action

**Cardiff LDP – A Big Thank YOU
To The North West Group
By Cllr Graham Thomas**

You will know from my previous updates that Cardiff approved their Local Development Plan (LDP) in 2014 which allows for up to 11,000 houses in North West Cardiff. This has now gone to an Independent Examiner who will make a final binding report in August 2015.

These proposals will have a huge impact on many communities in North West Cardiff, and have led to a collaborative group called the North West Cardiff Group to be formed. I am proud to be a member of this group on behalf of Save Creigiau and the Pentyrch Community Council which meets regularly and offers a sanity check to the LDP proposals. Pentyrch Community Council, together with other Communities in St Fagans, Creigiau, Radyr, Llandaff, and Danescourt will all be affected in different ways by the lack of transport provision, loss of green spaces and effects on local communities.

During January and February 2015 the Independent Examiner (Rebecca

Phillips) held a series of daily LDP hearings at Cardiff City Hall which involved Developers, Welsh Government, Cardiff Council and members of the North West Cardiff Group. I found the meetings to be detailed and involved with comprehensive contributions on many aspects of the LDP including transport and local sites. As members of the North West Group we made the Examiner fully aware of the problems the LDP will cause our local communities and argued for changes to the LDP that will protect us from uncontrolled urban sprawl. And thanks to members of the Save Creigiau Team for ensuring that we were represented at every important session together with the NW Group and others. Details of these meetings are available on the Council Website www.cardiff.gov.uk/LDP under 'Examination' but to pick out some key actions points that Cardiff Council will now have to address see below :-

HS 14 (Action Point4)

Council to consider a separate policy for metro/rapid transit, and identify routes (where known) and route options to be safeguarded on

the Proposals Map in accordance with paragraph 8.5.1 of PPW. The Plan should be more positively worded to show a firm commitment to it.

HS 7 (Action Point 5)

In relation to the Welsh Language, the Council should specifically consider the impact on Creigiau including clarification in relation to the percentage of Welsh Speakers in Creigiau.

HS 7 (Action Point 6)

Council to provide information in respect of on-going discussions with RCT and other bodies in relation to transport infrastructure requirements associated with the allocations in North West Cardiff.

HS 8 (Action Point)

Council to consider the need for the Rapid Transit corridor to be embedded and safeguarded within the schematic framework and Plan.

We are now in the final leg of the LDP decision which has been a long and difficult journey but it's important to thank and acknowledge those that have not let the fight slip for one moment. By the end of 2015 we will finally know what the impacts we be for all us.

ymrwymiad cadarn i'r Cynllun, dylai'r geirio fod yn fwy positif.

HS7 (Pwynt Gweithredu 5)

Yng nghyswllt yr Iaith Gymraeg, dylai'r Cyngor ystyried yn benodol gyflwyno esboniad o'r effaith a gai'r CDLI ar bobl Creigiau, ac ar y ganran o siaradwyr Cymraeg yn y pentref.

HS7 (Pwynt Gweithredu6)

Dylai'r Cyngor roi gwybodaeth ar y sefyllfa ynglyn a'r trafodaethau gyda Chyngor RCT (Rhondda Cynon Taf) a chydau cyrff eraill ar yr hyn sydd ei angen cyn belled ac y mae rhwydwaith trafnidiaeth yn y cwestiwn yng Ngogledd-Orllewin Caerdydd.

HS8 (Pwynt Gweithredu?)

Dylai'r Cyngor sicrhau bod yr angen am Lwybr Cludo Cyflym yn rhan allweddol o fframwaith y Cynllun o'r cychwyn.

Mae wedi bod yn daith hir ac anodd i lywio'r CDLI ar ei daith, ond dyma ni 'nawr o fewn golwg y pen draw ac mae'n bwysig ein bod yn diolch ac yn cydnabod gwaith caled a di-ildio pawb a fu'n rhan o'r broses o'r cychwyn. Erbyn diwedd 2015 byddwn yn gwybod beth fydd yn ein disgwyl ar ddiwedd y daith a'r effaith a gaiff hyn oll ar bawb ohonom.

**CDLI Cyngor Caerdydd –
gyda mawr ddiolch i Grwp y
Gogledd-Orllewin Oddi wrth y
Cyng. Graham Thomas**

Fe wyddoch erbyn hyn bod Cyngor Caerdydd yn 2014 wedi cymeradwyo ei Gynllun Datblygu Lleol (CDLI), cynllun sy'n caniatáu adeiladu hyd at 11,000 o dai yng Ngogledd-Orllewin Caerdydd. Mae'r Cynllun ar hyn o bryd yn cael ei asesu gan Arolygwr annibynnol a disgwylir ei hadroddiad terfynol ym mis Awst 2015.

Bydd cynigion y Cynllun yn effeithio'n ddirfawr ar sawl cymuned yng Ngogledd-Orllewin Caerdydd, ac i wyntyllu effaith y cynigion ar y cymunedau hyn fe ffurfiwyd Grwp y Gogledd-Orllewin. 'Rwy'n falch i gynrychioli Achub Creigiau a Chyngor Cymuned Pentyrch ar y Grwp, ac i drafod gyda'r aelodau eraill o gymunedau Sain Ffagan, Creigiau, Radur, Llandaf a Danescourt, oll yn gymunedau yr effeithir arnynt yn drwm mewn gwahanol ffyrdd gan y diffyg cynllun pwrpasol ar gyfer trafnidiaeth a'r lleihau ar arwynebedd y lleiniau glas yn yr ardal.

Yn ystod misoedd lonawr a Chwefror 2015 bu'r Arolygwr

Annibynnol (Rebecca Phillips) yn gwrandao'n ddyddiol yn Neuadd y Ddinas, Caerdydd ar gynrychiolwyr y Datblygwyr, Llywodraeth Cymru, Cyngor Caerdydd ac aelodau o Grwp Gogledd-Orllewin Caerdydd yn datgan yn drylwyr eu barn a'u pryderon ynglyn a sawl agwedd o'r CDLI. Bu aelodau'r Grwp yn datgan yn glir ac yn groyw wrth yr Arolygwr y problemau a fyddai'n deillio o fabwysiadu'r CDLI fel ag y mae, a'r newididau y dymunent eu gweld yn y Cynllun i sicrhau na fyddai ein cymunedau yn cael eu llyncu a'u boddi drwy adeiladu maestrefi yn ddireolaeth. A diolch i aelodau tim Achub_Creigiau ac aelodau'r Grwp am fod yn bresennol ymhob sesiwn o bwys.

Mae manylion y cyfarfodydd i'w gweld ar wefan Cyngor Caerdydd www.cardiff.gov.uk/LDP o dan 'Examination', on fe nodir isod rai pwyntiau allweddol y bydd yn rhaid i Gyngor Caerdydd eu trafod a'u gwyntyllu a'u harchwilio ymhellach:-

HS14(Pwynt Gweithredu 4)

Y Cyngor i ystyried cyflwyno polisi ar wahan ar gyfer metro/cludo cyflym a nodi llwybrau penodol ac opsiynol i'w diogelu ar y Map Cynigion yn unol a pharagraff 8.5.1 yn y PPW. Er mwyn dangos bod

Planning Applications to 4 March 2015

14/02512/MNR Mr Board, Canada Lake & Lodge Ltd, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau, applied for the installation of Five Prefabricated Log Cabins and an Additional Log Cabin to accommodate the Reception & Anglers Club Facility at Canada Lake Lodge. Permission granted 9/1/2015.

14/02562/MNR Applicant: Mr & Mrs H James, Springfield House, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for the construction of a detached dwelling & associated external works at Springfield House, Church Road. This is still under consideration.

14/02600/MNR Mr Tremlett, The Gables, Station Rd, Creigiau, applied for the new build of a single storey dwelling at The Gables, Station Rd. This is still under consideration.

14/02641/DCH Mr S Walrond, Glas Fryn, Pen y Waun, Pentyrch, applied for a Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of the construction of a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 16/1/2015

14/02653/DCH Mr & Mrs Crooker, 1 Bryn Yr Eglwys, Pentyrch, applied for a two storey side extension & change of roof to a front single storey extension. Permission was granted on 26/1/2015.

14/02663/MNR Mr J Phillips, 7 Bryn-yr- Eglwys, Pentyrch, applied for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of a split-level house on land at The Graig, Cefn Bychan, Pentyrch. Planning permission was refused on 8/1/2015.

14/02693/MNR Mr G Griffiths, 1 Nant-y-Garth, Gwaelod-y Garth, applied for the erection of a single detached dwelling (on existing residential garden and paved hard-standing with existing pavement crossover access) onto Main Road frontage at land adjacent to 1 Nant y Garth, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Planning permission refused on 12/2/2015

14/02748/DCH Mr J Fry, 73 Maes y Sarn, Pentyrch, applied for a first floor extension over existing garage & alteration of one garage to a playroom. Permission was granted on 16/1/2015.

14/02786/DCH Mr Gavin Hill-John, 3 Field Terrace, Pentyrch, applied for the non-material amendment to planning application 14/01546/DCH to alter the roof pitch. This is still under consideration.

14/02838/DCH Mr & Mrs Wordley, 6 The Terrace, Creigiau, for a rear extension (single storey) & rear dormer. Permission granted 2/2/2015.

14/02841/MNR Mr & Mrs O'Leary, Pinecroft Cattery, Mountain Road, Pentyrch, applied for the non-material amendment to planning application 12/00817/DCO – to adjust the ridge line to ensure a suitable entrance door height at rear of the property. Permission was granted on 19/12/2014.

14/02913/DCH Mr Holmes, Glas Fryn, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for the demolition of the existing timber roof structure over the driveway to allow for the construction of a proposed single storey side extension and re-roofing an existing lean-to extension. This is still under consideration.

15/00079/MNR Mr Waters, 6 Glan-yr-Afon, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for the erection of a two bedroom detached dwelling on a plot at 6 Glan-yr-Afon, to include, new integral single storey garages, partial removal of existing landscaped bank, relocation of existing access steps, retaining walls, provision of rear private amenity space and new landscaped frontage. This is still under consideration.

15/00222/DCH Ms Joanne Bilham, 9 The Terrace, Creigiau, applied for the replacement of pitched roof rear extension with flat roofed extension as an amendment to Planning Permission 14/01439/DCH. This is still under consideration.

15/00234/DCH Mr & Mrs Knight, 27 Parc-Y-Coed, Creigiau, applied for the extension and refurbishment of existing property including the front garden and parking bays. This is still under consideration.

15/00250/DCH Mr & Mrs S Coxall, Aubrey Villa, 52 Cardiff Road, Creigiau applied for a ground floor rear extension incorporating a kitchen and dining room. This is still under consideration.

15/00275/MNR Mr Herbert D Herbert (Builders) Limited, 378 Cyncoed Road, Cyncoed, applied for a residential development comprising four detached house & garages at land east of Cardiff Road, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

15/00301/MNR Bovis Homes Ltd, Cleeve Hall, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham applied for a reserved matters application for 47 dwellings at land north of Heol Goch following outline application 13/00836/DCO. This is still under consideration.

Decided Applications from previous Link

14/02198/DCH Mr Devonish, Salem Chapel, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the discharge of Condition 7 (Materials) of 13/01910/DCH and 13/01911/DCH. A partial discharge of condition(s) was granted on 15/10/2014.

14/02183/MJR Rhondda Cynon Taff Council requested observations in respect of the screening opinion regarding the installation of a 500 Kw Wind Turbine off Heol Ffrwdd Phillip, Efail Isaf. It was decided on 16/10/2014 to raise no objection.

14/01264/DCO Cardiff Archaeological Trust Unit applied for the discharge of Condition 8 (Archaeological Investigation) of 12/02094/DCO and Condition 20 (Archaeological Investigation) of 14/00123/DCO in respect of Forgeside, Church Road, Pentyrch. A full discharge of conditions was granted on 21/10/2014.

14/01684/DCO Mr O'Keeffe, applied for the discharge of Condition 15 (Samples Of The External Finishing Materials) of Planning Application 14/00123/DCO in respect of Forgeside, Church Road, Pentyrch. A full discharge of conditions was granted on 21/10/2014.

14/02136/DCO Mr Paul, applied for the discharge of Condition 4 (Gas Monitoring) in respect of 13/00955/DCO at The Surgery, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch. A partial discharge of conditions was granted on 28/10/2014.

14/02351/DCH Mr Gilchrist, 8 Lon-y-Fro, Pentyrch, applied for the renewal of consent 09/01627/W for the construction of a two storey extension. Permission was granted on 4/12/2014

You can view any pending planning application on the County Council website www.cardiff.gov.uk/planning and follow the appropriate links Use the 'View Planning Applications' to lodge comments on current applications



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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 9.00am to 1.00pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings

Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

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Dangosir manylion y cyfarfodydd yn Hysbysfyrddau'r Cyngor ac yn y Swyddfeydd Post Lleol. Mae Swyddfeydd y Cyngor ar agor i'r cyhoedd o 9.00am i 1.00pm, dydd Mawrth i ddydd Gwener.

Planning Applications continued

14/01649/DCO Castell Y Mynach Estate of Castell Y Mynach West, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied for outline planning permission for an extension to the existing community of Creigiau at Castell y Mynach West, Creigiau. This was withdrawn on 7/11/14.

14/02383/MNR Mr O'Keeffe applied for the discharge of Condition 12, (Scheme of Street Lighting) of 14/00123/DCO in relation to Forgeside, Pentyrch. On 27/11/2014 the condition was fully discharged.

14/02459/MNR Mr O'Keeffe applied for the discharge of Conditions 13 (Pavement), 14 (Boundary) & 18 (Landscaping) of 14/00123/DCO in relation to Forgeside, Pentyrch. On 28/11/2014 the conditions were fully discharged.

14/02248/MNR The Trustees of Eglwys Bethlehem Chapel, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth applied for internal access works to include provision of new stair-lift and associated vestibule. Permission was granted on 18/12/2014.

14/02220/DCH Mr Brown, 4 Ael-y-Bryn, Pentyrch, applied for a ground & first floor side extension with ground floor rear extension. Permission granted on 17/11/2014

14/01933/DCH Mr Roberts, Bryn Gwyn, 8 The Terrace, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 20/11/2014.

13/00836/DCO Bovis Homes (South West) Ltd applied in respect of land to the North of Heol Goch, Pentyrch, for the development of the site for residential purposes, with vehicular access from Heol Goch. Permission granted on 15/12/2014.

14/02462/DCH Mr Faulkner, 48 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, for a single storey orangery extension to the rear. Permission granted 4/12/2014

14/00696/DCO Mr Rowley, Plot 1 & Annexe, Brynawel, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for a discharge of Conditions 5 (Code For Sustainable Homes), 6 (Interim Certificate), 9 (Scheme Of Construction Management), 10 (Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan), 11 (Hard And Soft Landscaping), 13 (Means Of Site Enclosure), 14 (External Finishing Materials), 15 (Drainage Scheme), 16 (Ground Permeability Tests) 1 (Gas Monitoring) of planning application 14/00106/DCO. On 7/1/2015 he was given a full discharge of conditions.

14/02472/DCH Mr Blair, Batcombe House, 39 Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension to enlarge the kitchen, dining room & utility room. Permission granted on 16/1/2015

Submitting Articles For Inclusion In The Community Link

When submitting an entry for inclusion in the Community link contributors are requested to take note of the following:-

- Articles should not exceed more than 250 words. If your submission is longer than this it may well be summarised or have to be omitted.
- The text of articles should be submitted either as a Microsoft Word document i.e. doc files or in rich text format i.e. rtf files or even as the main body of an email. Articles in other formats may well not be compatible and therefore lost.
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Your co-operation in submitting articles in this way will be much appreciated. *Stuart Thomas Editor*

CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2015

Creigiau Carnival theme for the 2015 is "THE OCEAN"

So from sharks to ships, prawns to pirates, surfing to sailors, lobsters to lazing by it and anything else that you can find in, on or by it we hope that you can come up with some colourful and imaginative floats and fancy dress to make the procession a fantastic start to our Carnival.

The Carnival week dates for 2015 are:

Fun Run: Saturday 20th June

Creigiau Open Gardens: Sunday 21st June

King and Queen Disco: Monday 22nd June

Carnival Quiz: Tuesday 23rd June

Carnival: Saturday 27th June

2015 will see the welcome return of Creigiau Open Gardens. If you would like to participate in this event then please contact Lesley Sherwood on 20890055.

Last year's Carnival saw the people of Creigiau turn out in great numbers with some excellent floats and fancy dress for all to enjoy. The recreation field provided stalls, a fun fair, live music and sporting activities as well as the ever popular BBQ and beer tent.

Thank you to everyone who supports this annual event. The 2014 Carnival week raised some £4,900, all of which will be distributed by Creigiau 23 and CRAMC within the village for the upkeep and development of sports and recreation facilities, and to help our clubs, associations and other village groups. Recipients of recent donations include Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch, Creigiau AFC and Cylch Meithrin.

This year we are holding a competition for the pupils of

Creigiau Primary School to design the picture for the front cover of the Carnival Programme using the theme of The Ocean. The programme acts as your ticket to the Recreational Field on the day and is packed with information on local services and contacts. If you would like to advertise your services or promote your group or organisation then please contact us.

If you would like to join the organising committee or help out on the day then please contact us on 07740 123110 or at creigiau-carnival@outlook.com.

For regular updates see our website at www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk or follow us on Twitter @creigiaucarnvl. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Pentyrch Open Gardens (POG) SNOWDROP PLANTING

On a recent Garth Gardeners trip to Welford Park, Newbury, members of POG purchased 1000 snowdrop bulbs, which with kind permission from the Community Council, have now been planted on the newly designated Village Green between Ael y Bryn and the end of Penmaes. There are also plans to plant primroses in the same location.



FOPSA (Friends of Pentyrch School Association) are a group of parents who work with the school to help meet the additional

needs of the children and school and make the overall learning experience more enjoyable. We do this by organising fundraising and social events for children, parents and the wider community throughout the year and utilising funds raised for various purchases.

2014 was a very successful fundraising year for FOPSA with over £3,000 raised from events such as discos, Summer/Christmas fairs, bake sales and a generous donation from Pentyrch Cricket Club, to name but a few. 2014 also saw the

Pentyrch Open Gardens (POG)

Pentyrch Open Gardens takes place on the weekend of: 4 – 5 July 2015

If anyone would like to get involved, either by opening their garden, or helping with the running or catering arrangements, please get in touch with Helen or Chris Edwards on Phone: 20891337 / 07787890284 Email garden.dreams@totalise.co.uk

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previous Chair, Clare Clancy, step down after 5 years at the helm, with new joint chair, Emma Phillips and Nicola Crocker, stepping into the role. We would like to thank Clare for her hard work and dedication to FOPSA over the years.

Our first fundraiser of 2015, the village Easter Egg Hunt on 28th March, will be followed by a number of events during the Spring / Summer term.

Further details of forthcoming events will be available via village notice boards, school newsletters or the dedicated FOPSA page on the school site: <http://pentyrchprm.cardiff.sch.uk>.

FOPSA are working closely with the school, parents and children to identify suitable items to purchase with the funds raised to date and hope to be in a position to start buying very soon!

We have a great team of parents and staff working together for the benefit of our children but always need additional help with organising, setting up and running events. If you are interested in joining FOPSA, or if you have any fundraising ideas that you would like us to consider, please contact Em and Nic via email fopsachair@gmail.com.

Craig y Parc School

First of all we would like to welcome Paula Williams as our new Principal, very exciting times ahead.

At Christmas we put on a fantastic performance of 'The Grinch'. Everyone took part either on the stage or behind the scenes and it was fantastic fun. Families of the young people came to watch and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Coming up this year we have a number of exciting events. The main one is our Summer Garden Party on the 11th July 2015 which will celebrate 60 years of Craig y Parc School. Everyone is welcome and please come and join us.

One of our Post 16 classes is planning a fashion show next term where they will exhibit the scarves and jewellery they have created. They are very busy making them alongside their studies.

Another class are working towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and this year's leavers are planning their trip to the Calvert Trust on Exmoor for a week of activities and challenges.

With the sun out the whole school will be attending to the gardens to ensure they are ready to welcome you to the Garden Party so please come along and bring your friends.

**Amgueddfa a'r Llyfrgell
yn Swyddfa'r Cyngor
1 Heol Penuel, Pentyrch
ar agor
Dydd Llun - Dydd Gwener
9.00am — 1.00pm**

Paratowyd yr amgueddfa i ddod â sawl agwedd o hanes a thraddodiadau'r ardal at ei gilydd. Mae'r amgueddfa yn cynnwys llawer o hen luniau a mapiau a gwefan yn cynnwys rhagor o wybodaeth am hanes yr ardal.

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

Mae cofnodion cyfarfodydd Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn ogystal ag ôl-rifynnau o Cwlwm Bro ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor.

Community Noticeboard

**Hillside Theatre
12th to 14th March 2015
39 STEPS
Pentyrch Village Hall
7:30pm.**

**Pentyrch Arts Group
20th Annual exhibition
Pentyrch Village Hall
Sunday, May 17th.
10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Admission free**

**25 April 2015 -
Village Hall Race Night
7.30 p.m.
(ticket only)
Contact Andrew Smith**

**Pentyrch Open Gardens
4 – 5 July 2015
Helen or Chris Edwards
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**CREIGIAU OPEN GARDENS
Sun. 21st June, 11.00am – 5.00pm
Plant Sales and Refreshments
In aid Creigiau Carnival**

**INDUSTRIAL HISTORY WALK
MARCH 22nd 11.00am
Meet at the bottom of the
Georgetown Lane,
Gwaelod y Garth**

**Open Gardens
The Old Post Office,
Gwaelod y Garth
June 6th & 7th
11:00a.m. TO 5:00p.m**

**Creigiau Carnival Events
Fun Run: 20th June
Carnival Quiz: 23rd June
King & Queen Disco: 22nd June**

**CREIGIAU CARNIVAL:
Saturday 27th June
Theme - The Ocean**

**CREIGIAU OPEN GARDENS
Sun 19th July,
11.00am – 5.00pm
National Garden Scheme**

**Museum and Library
Council Office,
1 Penuel Road, Pentyrch
is open
Monday - Friday
9.00am — 1.00pm**

The museum has been prepared to bring together various aspects of the history and traditions of the area. It includes many old photographs and maps and a website with further information about the history of the area.

Please telephone 20891417

The **Community Noticeboard** is to promote and advertise non commercial events that are being planned.

Ideally notices should answer basic questions

Who Name of the Club/Society

When Will the event be held

What The event is

Where Is the event to be held

How Can readers find out more

Notices to be included should be sent to Clerk@Pentyrch.cc.

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The Parish Church of St Catwg, Pentyrch

St Catwg's Church nestles in the valley that houses "Old" Pentyrch on the road from Pentyrch to Rhydlafar. Within the Parish, which extends from Groesfaen to just above Gwaelod y Garth, there must be many people who do not know of the church's existence, probably because the through road in the village bypasses old Pentyrch.

The Parish of Pentyrch is one of the oldest in the Diocese of Llandaff dating back to the Norman period when dioceses were established. At that time, St Catwg's allegiance to the monasteries at Llanancarfan and Llanilltyd Fawr lessened as those monasteries declined and the influence of the monastery at Llandaff grew. The earliest authentic records of Pentyrch church are to be found in



two Papal Bulls of 1128 and 1129. In these, Pope Honourius 2nd. confirmed to Urban, Bishop of Llandaff, who built the first Norman Cathedral, the Church of Llandaff and its possessions, the list of which includes "Ecclesia Pentirch". It is probable that this list is a copy of an even earlier record. There are many recorded references to the parish in the 12th, 13th, 16th and 17th centuries.

However, the history of Christianity within Pentyrch dates to the time of Catwg often called Cadoc or Cadog in the early years of the 6th century, when Catwg, then Abbot of the monastery at Llanancarfan, or one of his followers, set up a cell in Pentyrch. In the Celtic Church, the name given to the church, normally built of wood or daub and wattle, was that of the monk who settled there. The fact that the spring just below the church is named "*Ffynnon Catwg*" and that this runs into a little stream called "*Nant Gwladys*" (Gwladys was the name of Catwg's mother) strongly suggests that it was Catwg himself who sojourned there. Holy wells figure frequently in the lives of Welsh Saints and it is, perhaps, significant that the well adjacent to the church environs is named after Catwg.

We do not have an image of the Church previous to our present church, and considerable research has failed to find one. (If anyone has a sketch or painting of the church prior to 1857, please let the Vicar have sight of it). However, we have been able to glean some information from a study of old church documents and newspapers.

"The Ordinary Visitation" by the Bishop (Edward) or his representative in 1845, showed the Church Wardens to be quite optimistic over the state of the church, although after the clerk had been paid (£2.10d), there was no money left to carry out repairs. But the body, roof, steeple and

buttresses were in a good state of repair, as were the pews. There was a "Reading Pew" for the minister, a "comely and decent" pulpit, a large Bible and a Book of Common prayer for his use, but not one for the clerk. Bells were rung for the services, the church was cleaned regularly, but there were no feasts, juries, temporal courts, leets or musters in the church, or church yard. Action was taken to keep "idle persons from abiding in the church porch and church yard," and action was taken to prevent tipping in the public houses on the Lord's day, "especially during the hours of divine service".

But from the early years of the nineteenth century, the upkeep of the church was proving increasingly expensive, until: "The church at Pentyrch is in an extremely dilapidated state, and must be rebuilt upon an enlarged scale, as the population of the parish has greatly increased of late years." (*The Morning Chronicle Wednesday 18 May 1853*)

We have very few artefacts from the previous building. There is a mediaeval font and a stoup of a similar age. (The font was found being used as a planter in a neighbour's garden and the stoup in a neighbour's wall.) Within the bell turret are two ancient bells, one of which is pre-Reformation, and engraved with the name: "Sancta Catrina" and the other is engraved: "Willia(m) Howard 1700". On the grass bank to the right as you walk through the Lych gate is a Monolithic Socketed Base-block for a Cross, which dates to the 13th or 14th century. Presumably, for many years, the cross would have been a major feature in front of the church. Attached to the wall at the west end of the church, is a stone slab, with an incised floriated cross and Latin inscription, which was discovered by workmen in 1882, embedded in the

earth beneath the chancel pavement. Dr Nash Williams described it as a 15th century slab, similar to some seen at Tintern Abbey. It is supposedly to commemorate Matthew Drew of Castell y Mynach a member of an ancient Glamorgan family, who, so the story relates, was foully done to death by his blacksmith, who, owing him a grudge, placed a poisoned awl in the seat of his chair.

The present Church of St Catwg

The present church was consecrated on Thursday 26th November 1857, supplanting a "plain old edifice, which had for some years fallen into a state of dilapidation" (*Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 28th November 1857*). One of the main benefactors was Mr Booker Blakemore M.P. (there is a plaque commemorating his life on the wall at the entrance to the chancel) who gave £200 towards the cost. Many people, however, including many villagers contributed to the £1770-4-0d cost of the new church.

St Catwg's Church is a grade 2 listed church as a fine example of a Victorian Village Church. The architect was John Pritchard from the Diocesan architects Messrs Pritchard and Siddon. Soon after the completion of St Catwg's Church, they worked together on Llandaff Cathedral and similarities can be seen in their work in both churches. They also worked together on a number of churches in South Wales and in the London area.

A contemporary view of the architecture of St Catwg's.

"At St Catwg's John Pritchard seems to have embraced the Decorated period rather more enthusiastically than usual, particularly in the light west window with its rich, flowing tracery, where he placed his personal stamp on the ornamentation. Pritchard's design of the windows of the church

demonstrate his desire to deviate from the strict Geometrical style. It was in this spirit of restrained freedom that the design of the south-west corner of the church was conceived. The turret with its spire rising to a height of 80 feet from the ground is the outstanding feature of the church and contributed to Pritchard's growing reputation as the leading architect in South Wales."

(Church Buildings in Victorian Glamorgan. Geoffrey R Orrin)

So, if you visit the church what else will you see? (The church is open most days during the hours of daylight and you are very welcome to visit and spend time in the church or in the churchyard.) You will enter a place of peace and tranquillity and see the beautiful stained glass east window dedicated to the Morgan family; the fine oak altar given by Thomas Llewellyn in memory of his wife, Joan; the carved pulpit; the fine very large west window described above by Geoffrey Orrin; the mediaeval font and stoup; the wedding canon from Pentyrch Iron works; and much more. I must not forget the yew tree, that my measurements indicate could be close to 1,000 years old. (More of that in the booklet indicated below)

The Parish is currently reordering the church to meet the demands of present day worship and use, just as would have happened over the many centuries of the church in Pentyrch. This will entail removing the mediaeval font from the steeple housing to the front of the church to be used for Baptism, and moving the Victorian Font to the wall on the east side of the door; replacing the inner wooden door with a glass door using the iron hinges from the wooden door; replacing most of the Victorian pews with faith chairs (these hook together to form a row rather like a pew); and building a wooden cupboard in the north west corner of the church to house a small kitchen. The

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church will be redecorated and the lighting improved. These changes will enable us to extend fellowship in the form of a social gathering after services; to hold meetings and study groups in the Nave of the church which is difficult now with the heavy pews; to use the church as an educational resource for visiting groups and for school children. Replacing the pews with chairs will make the church safer, and will address the problem that a number of the pews are not stable and unsafe: we are also attempting to address the issue of accessibility for those with limited mobility.

I should add, that I cannot do justice to the history of the church in this short article. If you want to pursue that further, copies of the History of St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch, are available in the church at £2. The booklet contains a bibliography of my research from which the above article is taken.

John Gough



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Pentyrch Art Group

The Art Group continues to flourish. We recently welcomed Creigiau artist, Brian Davies to the group- he gave an interesting and amusing talk about his work and showed us slides of many of his portraits of famous personalities- a very enjoyable afternoon. Many members attended an acrylic workshop in Abergavenny recently, we enjoyed this so much that we are going up again in May. The group still have an exhibition at the King's Arms in Pentyrch. This is changed every couple of months, and has been very successful, resulting in quite a few sales and commissions. Our recent exhibiton at Garth Olwg, which was just before Christmas, was also very successful. So much so, that we shall be having another exhibition there from March 23rd to April 24th. The Group will be holding their 20th annual exhibition in Pentyrch Village Hall on Sunday, May 17th. As usual, admission to the exhibition is free and free refreshments will be served. The doors open at 10.00 a.m. and we close at 6.00 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you to what we hope will be our best exhibition ever!

HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Hilltop Theatre Company's spring production was Graham Linehan's play 'The Ladykillers', from 12-14 March, at Pentyrch Village Hall. 'The Ladykillers' is an award winning black comedy based on the classic 1950s film of the same name starring Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers, whereby a sweet, eccentric, strict little old lady, alone in her house, is pitted against a gang of criminal misfits who rent a room in her house and involve her unwittingly in their plot.

Our final production for our year is on 18 – 20 June 2015, and at the time of going to print is still being confirmed, so please see our website www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk for further information, or if you wish to be added to our mailing list to be notified of future productions, e-mail us at info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk

Hilltop would welcome new members. Anybody wishing to become involved with the group should come along to our rehearsal evenings on Thursdays or Sundays, 7.30pm, Pentyrch Village Hall throughout the year (except August).
Richard Jones.

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY WALK.

Cardiff County Council has been deeply involved in the Lan Memorial Project. They asked us to create an Industrial History Walk to show how much the area was affected by Victorian Industry in the late 19th. century and how it has changed.

It is hard to look out over the Taff Valley now and imagine just what Gwaelod y Garth looked like in the days of the Lan Colliery and Booker's Iron Works. What is now the village sports field was a holding pool for the iron smelters. Young children scraped out the ash while chimneys around them belched toxic fumes. Eleven year olds worked underground at the Lan. The area was deep in coal dust, iron oxide, mud and poverty. Welsh, the natural language of the village, was being infiltrated with the Master's English.

Do you know where the furnaces were? The slag heaps? Have you seen the entrance to the Lan Colliery? Did you know that Thomas Booker founded a school in what is now Bethlehem Cottages? Do you know where Pentyrch bricks were made? Have you seen Tym Crydd's iron disc on the Garth - that circle around which ponies walked to operate the mechanism to bring up the coal from the Gwcw (cuckoo)? Have you seen the witches stone?

It was all here for the Masters - coal, iron, stone, trees for charcoal ... and families desperate to earn the meagre wage to keep their families. This area is a focal point of Victorian Industry. Join the walk to learn your heritage.

MARCH 22nd Meet at 11.00am at the bottom of the Georgetown Lane. Richie Roberts, CCC Ranger will lead the walk with Sara Thorne and Doug Castle. (Leaflets with notes and photographs are available at the Gwaelod Inn)
Norma Procter



In the last issue of the Community Link was an article by Norma Procter about the Gwcw Iron Disc on the Garth. It is also mentioned in her article above about the Industrial History Walk. This is a photo of Fay Jones, aged 7, from Pentyrch, pictured on the disc. So to answer Norma - the disc is still there and in good condition although it took some finding.

Play Bowls In Pentyrch

I joined Pentyrch Bowling Club in 2011 and have really enjoyed it. The social elements of club membership are great. Friendly bowls among men and women members on Monday evenings (5.45 pm, April to September), various functions - such as cheese and wine afternoons, race night and club dinner - and a fantastic bowls tour to different places. For those seeking more competition, there are fixtures against other local men's and ladies' teams in different leagues. Whether an experienced bowler or total newcomer, you will be made most welcome. You don't need to purchase any equipment, so come along and give it a go on a Monday evening. Located next to the tennis courts, the bowling club has a lovely setting and there is nothing better than playing bowls on a nice sunny afternoon.

It doesn't matter whether you are motivated by competition or social relaxation - you are guaranteed to make new friends. There are experienced bowlers to show you the basic principles of Green bowls and so it does not matter if, like me, you have never played before. However, also like me, you just might get hooked! So, why not come along for some fun? If you want to find out more first, then contact Brian (02920 891814). Hope to see you there!

Clwb y Dwrllyn

Daeth criw bach talog ynghyd ar noson oer, ond sych, i ganu carolau o gwmpas Creigiau wythnos cyn y Nadolig - a diolch i haelioni pobol y pentre - a seiniau soniarus y 'côr' - fe godwyd dros £180 at achos da lleol, sef Ysgol Craig y Parc. Diolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth!

Roedd Eglwys Sant Catwg yn llawn ar gyfer y Canu Plygain ddechrau mis Ionawr. Braf oedd croesawu côr disgyblion Ysgol Pentyrch atom yn ogystal â chôr bach Ysgol Creigiau. Roedd yno naws arbennig wrth i'r gwahanol bartion a'r unigolion ganu yn eu tro.

Llên gwerin y glowr oedd testun sgwrs Lynn Davies yng nghyfarfod mis Ionawr. Cyflwynodd or-olwg o

lên lafar y glowr gan ddefnyddio'r cofnodion lleisiol 'roedd wedi eu casglu fel rhan o'i ymchwil yn y maes.

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Ein gwestai fis Tachwedd oedd James Jones neu Jim Parc Nest yn ôl teitl ei hunangofiant. Ac yntau newydd gyhoeddi ei addasiad newydd o Under Milk Wood gan Dylan Thomas daeth i godi cwr y llen ar y broses o fynd i'r afael â'r dasg.

Daeth criw da yngyd i brofi danteithion Nadoligaidd/ Cymreig yng nghwmni yr arbenigwraig Siân Bassett ychydig cyn y Nadolig. Cawsom ein cyflwyno i ddiodydd a bwydydd lleol a chawsom brofi cawsie arbennig - a hynny i 'gyfeiliant' bisgedi ceirch hyfryd a wnaed gan Siân ar gyfer y noson. Tynnodd Siân ein sylw at y Siop Fwyd sy wedi agor yn ddiweddar ar ochr Tafarn y Kings.

Cawsom ein difyrru gan straeon hollol unigryw Wil Davies o'i fagwraeth ym Mhonrhydyfen ym mis Ionawr. Daethom i'w adnabod drwy ei anecdodau gwyb a'i hanes yn blentyn direidus - unig blentyn - ond cyfaill i lawer! Ymhlith ei gyfeillion bore oes - tad a chwaer Richard Burton.

A hithau newydd ddod yn syth o'i gwaith wedi shift deuddeg awr, oedd yn cynnwys ymladd tân mewn adeilad ar stryd fawr Trecelyn agorodd y parafeddyg Sarah Vivian ein llygaid i realiti bywyd yn y wisg werdd, drom, amddiffynnol sy gymaint rhan o'i gwaith bob dydd yng nghyfarfod mis Chwefror.

Patellofemoral pain syndrome (PFPS)

The knee is made of 2 joints - a hinged knee joint comprising of the long thigh bone (femur) which sits on top of the shin bone (tibia) and the **patellofemoral joint** – a triangular kneecap (patella) which slides in the groove at the end of the femur and enveloped by the quadriceps tendon.

Pain is vague, felt in the front of the knee and 25% of the population will endure it. Its common! and very treatable with physiotherapy.

Pain is often felt:-

On stairs / getting up and down from sitting
Sitting for prolonged periods with your knee bent

Why's there pain?

People with PFPS have poor gluteal (buttock muscle) function on climbing stairs. The hip is then less stable and the femur swings inwards stressing the knee. The outer half of the patellofemoral joint surface becomes overloaded producing pain.

In sitting the quadriceps are taut invoking a compression force at the patellofemoral joint- over time produces pain.

Possible contributing factors?

Old running shoes with little support.

Tight muscles

Weak muscles creating imbalances

Training programme suddenly intensified

Swelling inhibits the quadriceps causing the patella to maltrack and induce pain.

Quick wins

Avoid pain provoking exercise.

Ice can assist swelling - wrapped in a protective covering over the front of the knee - 10 minutes 4 times a day.

Avoid sitting with the knee bent for prolonged periods.

Via your GP /pharmacist non-steroidal anti-inflammatories may offer benefits.

Review aging foot wear/insoles.

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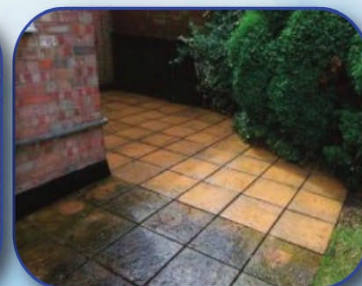
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Gwaelod Village Craft Fair

A roaring success would be a good description for this annual event. Gwaelod y Garth's village hall played host in November to a weekend of artistic talent.

Twenty-four local individuals brought their creations to show and sell at the two day event.

Well over 500 people visited the hall looking for that unique personal object or present that only handmade items can offer.

A wide range of work covering paintings, jewellery, local honey, wood work, textiles, quilting, glass work, homemade chocolates, home preserves, felt work, ceramics and many more.

There was a buzz of excitement, support and community spirit in the hall, with the Charity Café putting the 'icing on the cake'. Neighbours, friends and visitors were able to spend time to catch up and natter whilst sipping on tea and coffee, enjoying the homemade cakes and comparing their purchases.

A grand total of £850, with the Village Hall Committee donating £100, for this year's charity Medicine Frontier in their fight against the devastating disease of Ebola.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, volunteered to work in the café, donated prizes for the raffle, the crafters and the hundreds of people who came and supported the event.

PENTYRCH TENNIS CLUB

The Pentyrch Tennis Club Men's Team has gained promotion to Division 1 of the South Wales 2015 Summer Leagues.

The only time the team reached Division 1 in the past it was immediately relegated but with the younger team members having gained more experience and the floodlights enabling all year practice the aim is to stay up this year. The summer fixtures are against Penarth, Penarth Windsor, Radyr, Rhiwbina and Newport.

After narrowly missing out on promotion last year the Ladies Team are looking forward to competing in Division East 7 of the South Wales 2015 Summer Leagues. The ladies are always keen for new members. If you are interested in joining them for social tennis and/or joining the team then please head along to the ladies social night which is played every Tuesday from 6 pm. The tennis courts are located behind the Pentyrch Rugby Clubhouse on the Recreation Fields.

Improvements being carried out to Pentyrch Tennis Club facilities in March will include the erection of partitioning for changing rooms inside the clubhouse, installation of security lighting, a storage shed for

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New Website

The school has a new website and the pupils and staff are thrilled with the new look. The website is easy for the staff to update and the immediacy enables parents, relatives and the general public to get a real 'feel' as to what's going on in school.

Please take a look at the site at www.creigiauprm.cardiff.sch.uk

Newyddion Ysgol Creigiau

Mae'r tymor newydd wedi dechrau gyda bwrlwm! Mae thema newydd gan pob dosbarth a nifer o ddosbarthiadau eisioes wedi bod yn rhan o weithdai diddorol. Fe ddaeth Wil y Celt i siarad am fywyd yn Oes y Celtiaid gyda dosbarthiadau 3 a 6. Fe ddysgwyd nifer o ffeithiau hynod ddiddorol yn ystod y dydd gan gynnwys sut i gynnau tân!! Cafodd pob un hefyd gyfle i bobi bara Celtaidd! Roedd yna le!

Fe ddaeth Harri Tudur ei hun i ymweld â Dosbarth 4! Yna, rhai dyddiau'n ddiweddarach, fe ddaeth y rhyfelwraig Buddug i ymweld â Dosbarthiadau 3 a 6! Cafwyd amser da yn eu cwmni

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JUNIOR CRICKET

CLWB CRICED CREIGIAU CRICKET CLUB

The Club is looking for new junior members this year:- boys and girls at all ages from 7 years up, but especially at under 11 and under 13.

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Like Super Enterprise Troopers

On 26th February a group of Year 6 children went to 'Coleg y Cymoedd', 'Nantgarw' Campus, for the regional finals of the Enterprise Troopers Competition.

The pupils were one of four schools through to the 'National Finals' that will take place in a few weeks time at the 'Senedd', Cardiff Bay. The children have been taking part in this enterprise all year.



They have designed, created and sold a range of interesting festive items for Mothering Sunday, Easter and Christmas. The children have looked at all aspects of running their own business such as costing, buying materials and making good quality products. They have learned valuable skills that they will be able to use in the future



St. David's Day



Creigiau Primary's Eisteddfod celebrations began with the 'School Orchestra' playing the National Anthem. The orchestra (see photograph) are a delight to listen to and the school staff are very proud of them (look out for concert listings).

A number of individual and group competitions were then held, involving the four houses, and the running score kept.

The Nursery and Infants contributed with songs and the wide variety of musical instruments played created a wonderful atmosphere.

Congratulations to all who took part. There has to be a winner and this year it proved to be Collwyn House by one point!

Making a Difference

This term, the various clubs within the school have been very busy and successful:

The 'Eco-Committee' gave a presentation, at the 'Pier Head Building' to a range of adults from around Europe. The pupils gave an excellent account of themselves and links are being forged with schools in Switzerland and Iceland as a result. The delegates were effusive in their praise and the school is very proud of them.

The Gregory Brothers, and a number of their 'Furry Friends', gave a great performance exhorting the pupils to 'Reduce, Reuse and recycle'. The performance was funny but also informative.

The week starting 2nd March heralds the start of Fair Trade fortnight and a number of activities have been planned e.g. the Eco-Committee will be making 'Banana Smoothies' and the Year 6 representatives have planned and will take a lesson.

The 'School Council' has also been busy and are at present organising activities for 'World Book Day' and Comic Relief.

It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm the pupils show towards the various committees and hopefully it will encourage them to join similar groups in high school and beyond.

Charity Work

The sum of £1250 raised from the Christmas Concerts was this year donated to a charity committed to finding a cure for Muscular Dystrophy. The school staff has also given to a number of charities e.g. holding a 'Macmillan Coffee' morning.

Dial M for Magistrates

Year 6 enjoyed an informative and enjoyable experience when two magistrates visited the class to explain the workings of the court system in Britain.

The pupils then performed a play which was a court scene acted out by the pupils. The case related to the possible criminal damage to an aerial mast.

The magistrates found the defendant guilty and the magistrates then explained the possible sentences that could then be imposed.

The actual magistrates and the pupil magistrates came to very similar sentences (no Judge Jefferies' style of punishment in Creigiau) and the discussion after the trial highlighted how much the pupils had learnt about the judicial system in Britain.

The visit was extremely worthwhile and the class was very appreciative of the time given to them by the two magistrates.

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The School Choir sang in a concert at the Salvation Army Centre in early December successfully raising a sum of £ 900 for the charity "Action for Children". They also had the honour of singing in the BBC Carol Service at St. Davids Hall. An unforgettable experience for all.

Cantorion Creigiau

Dros y Nadolig bu Cantorion Creigiau yn dymuno hwyl fawr i Helen Watkinson, eu cyfeilydd am y deuddeg mlynedd diwethaf. Mae Helen, sydd wedi bod yn gweithio i Gwmni Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru, yn symud i swydd gyda Chwmni Ballet Brisbane. Daw Helen yn wreiddiol o Sir Gaerhirfryn ond mae wedi ym-doddi yn hawdd i weithio gyda Chôr Cymreig, ac mae ei dawn cerddorol wedi bod o fudd enfawr i'r Ar-weinydd, Mair Roberts. Dymuniadau gorau i Helen a'i gŵr Cedric ar eu hantur i Awstralia.

Community Link Cwlwm Bro

Last date for items in the next issue is

24 June 15. 9:00am

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

e-mail: clerk@pentyrch.cc

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Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

24 Mehefin 15. 9:00am

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PENTYRCH CRICKET CLUB – LATEST NEWS

THE NEW PREMIER 2 DIVISION – the club is delighted to be playing in the inaugural season of the new Division 2 of the South Wales Premier League in 2015 after finishing Runners-up in Division 1 of the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire League last season. The club can confirm that the ex-Glamorgan batsman Mike Powell will continue as Player Coach.

ANNUAL DINNER – will be held on Friday 17th April at the Swalec Stadium with a great double bill of broadcaster Phil Steele and ex-England bowler Simon Jones. The dinner will feature recollections from that great Ashes series victory in 2005 when Simon played such a pivotal role. Non-members are very welcome to come along. Please email for tickets.

JUNIORS– New recruits very welcome. Registration night will be Wednesday 22nd April at 6 pm with

training nights every Wednesday at 6pm from then on. Best to email for further information

WALES U17s – the club will once again host a couple of Wales u17 two day matches during the summer. The fun starts on 7th July with a match against Somerset followed by Devon on either 28th or 29th July. Please come along to support the team. Last year's matches were terrific when Wales made it to the Semi Final of the National Championship.

For further information, please email alansiddall@yahoo.co.uk

Open Gardens at The Old Post Office, Gwaelod y Garth



Why don't you make a date in your diary to come and visit the garden at The Old Post Office in Gwaelod y Garth.

Over the weekend of **June 6th & 7th** the garden will once again be open to the public.

This hillside terraced garden has different areas for people to look, relax and join friends and neighbours over a cup of tea and homemade cakes.

No matter the weather (as we found out last year) we can still cope whilst the garden continues to be worth a visit with refreshments served indoors.

As part of The National Garden Scheme all monies raised at the weekend goes to a number of their agreed charities which include The MacMillan Trust, Marie Curie, Hopice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, The Queen's Nursing Institute.

Last year we manage to raise the amount collected to £1,087. Helps us exceed this amount. Entrance is **£3**, children are free. Dogs on leads welcome.

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Creigiau Allotments – Forest Garden

If you walk from the old railway line to the recreation field by the tennis courts, you may have noticed a lot of clearing work being undertaken at the bottom of the allotment site. The area was originally cultivated as allotment plots, but became too overgrown for cultivation and was left to 'go wild'.

The allotment group decided that the area was a prime location for a forest garden – a low maintenance area incorporating native fruit trees and shrubs, such as blackthorn, crab apple and dog-rose, as well as encouraging wild flowers and become a haven for wildlife. During February and March the area has been cleared of rubbish and the brambles cut back; hazel trees have been coppiced to promote growth (and ultimately bean sticks!) and the pathway defined with hedging planted alongside.

There is still plenty of work to do – planting, making wildlife friendly environments such as log piles, and bird nesting boxes. The area is not enclosed and it is hoped that anyone walking through will take a look at what is going on, and enjoy the facility as it develops.

PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has been awarded a Grant by Pentyrch Community Council from the proceeds remaining from the sale of the Rest Centre. Our thanks go to the Council.

We want to use the grant towards the cost of replacing the flat roof in the foyer with a pitched tiled roof. Bearing in mind this will be the third roof in the last forty years it is felt that we should grasp the nettle and pay extra to have a tiled roof rather than replace the flat roof. We hope to have the plans prepared and go out to tender soon. We would like to have the work carried out between 20 July and 2 September 2015 as this will cause the least disruption to hall users. The hall will obviously be completely closed during all building work.

The Girl Guides are returning to the Hall after a several years' absence. A new troop will meet regularly at

Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank Creigiau 23 for their generous donation, recently made to enable us to renew the existing Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village, and to provide some extra ones.

This work is being planned at the time of writing, the appropriate planning form having been recently submitted to the Highways' Department of the Council. So keep your eyes open for the new signs coming soon! The signs are there to remind any would-be miscreants that carrying out crimes in our area

the Hall commencing in Spring. There have been many families expressing interest and that the waiting list is already full. We welcome the new troop and wish them success.

The white lining on the car park was repainted in February as the parking bays were difficult to identify. We have bought two wheeled table trolleys to make it easier for users to move tables around the hall safely and more quickly.

Anthony Smith Chair

29th Annual

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A MESSAGE FROM CREIGIAU NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

is not a good idea, as they are likely to be spotted, word will travel quickly, and they are likely to get reported.

This is the very basis of how Neighbourhood Watch works: we keep a discreet eye on what's going on locally, and act upon anything suspicious. This especially means looking after your neighbours' property when they're away and their doing the same for you; and looking out for the most vulnerable members of our community, such as the elderly or disabled. These latter groups are often targeted by distraction burglars and bogus traders, which constitute some of the more frequent criminal happenings here.

Other relatively frequent transgressions include breaking into sheds or garages where locks are inadequate, or entering vehicles or homes which have not been locked securely. It goes without saying that we can stamp out these opportunistic crimes by taking care with our home security at all times.

Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch
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CANTORION CREIGIAU

The choir started 2015 with a spring in its step after a busy winter schedule. In late November, we sang at Llandaff Cathedral in aid of Tenovus. Following that, we appeared in Sully where we entertained a packed audience with a varied musical programme including solos and comedy items which raised £700 for the 'Save Sully' campaign. Later in December, we took part in a community carol service in Aberdare where we sang to a full congregation to raise money for Save the Children.

At our own carol concert in Creigiau Church Hall, we said farewell to our pianist of eleven years, Helen Watkinson, who is starting a new life in Australia. We shall miss her wonderful musicality and cheerful personality. Popular carols were sung, interspersed with Christmas music and readings from choristers and people stayed on to socialise with wine and mince pies.

Penarth Bowls Club, where we raised £400 for club improvements, was our first venue of 2015. It was also the debut for our new pianist, Robert Lloyd. A graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Rob is obviously going to be a great asset for the choir.

At Creigiau Golf Club, the downstairs bar was crowded with members and friends keen to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society (we made £630.) The choir sang a varied programme with solo and comedy items to an enthusiastic audience.

Mair Roberts, our musical director, recently appeared on Radio Cymru talking about the choir's current activities. Our next concert at Creigiau Church Hall on Friday 6th March is in aid of Niceraguan children.

The choir welcomes new members, especially Bass, so why not join us at Creigiau Primary School on Sundays at 7.30pm. or e-mail julesajwe@aol.com . For concerts, contact variongapper@gmail.com
Julia Winkler (Chairman)

Garth Gardeners



The Snowdrops at Welford Park

With the days getting longer and spring on its way our fourth season continues apace. Our Christmas social was a great success with everyone enjoying the music of Annabelle Oliver and making light of a groaning buffet table. We also judged our autumn challenge with a record number of entries. Congratulations to Liz Wallek - our winner again.

In January we welcomed Anthony Walton who gave us a lively, professional talk on birds in our garden. Members were also given their next challenge - alliums, to be flowering in May!

Our February speaker was Mark Ashton, British Champion dahlia grower. His amusing talk gave us many tips on how to get the best from our dahlias as well as describing the sacrifices required to become British champion.

Pentyrch WI visit to Children's Hospital



Members of Pentyrch WI on a visit to the new unit of the Children's Hospital in Cardiff.

Members decided three years ago that they would not send Christmas Cards to each other and donate the monies to Noah's Ark Appeal. To date £700 has been donated.

Pentyrch WI meet on the first Wednesday of each month in Pentyrch Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. and all are welcome to join us! We have many interesting speakers throughout, the year. An afternoon 'Ladies that Lunch Club' meets on the third Wednesday. There are various other clubs including a Book Club, Bridge Club and a Singing Group.

If you interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Eileen Boddington on 20899361.

A Dinner to celebrate 100 years of WI in the UK will be held on Wednesday 24th April. If there any past members who would like to join us for this event, please contact Eileen or a member of the committee.

Creigiau Carniva
Open Gardens

Sun. 21st June, 11.00am – 5.00pm
Plant Sales and Refreshments
Admission to all gardens - £4.00
Proceeds to Creigiau Carnival funds

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Sun 19th July, 11.00am – 5.00pm
Plant Sales and Refreshments
Admission to all gardens - £5.00
National Gardens Scheme –
raising money for nursing and
caring charities

Thirty three of us completed our first trip of the year to see the snowdrops at Welford Park. What a fantastic display despite the poor morning weather. We now look forward to visiting Malvern Spring Festival, Hidcote and RHS Wisley in the summer.

If you would like to join us we would love to see you. We meet at Pentyrch Village Hall, usually on the third Friday of the month, doors open at 7.15 pm and we are always keen to welcome new members and visitors.

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Bill Rodd (Chairman)