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### Coed Y Bedw

Coed Y Bedw, to the north of Heol Goch Road, is one of The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales' (WTSWW) finest nature reserves and designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is an ancient broadleaved woodland, spread across both acidic and calcareous soils. It consists of various woodland types ranging from dry beech woodland to wet alder carr. Beneath the canopy, there is a diverse assemblage of shrubs and flowers, many of which are ancient woodland indicators such as spindle, ramsons (or wild garlic) and bluebells.

This diversity of habitats supports a wide array of invertebrates (including the uncommon giant lacewing) and woodland birds. Resident woodland specialists such as tree-creepers, nuthatches, great spotted woodpeckers



### Web Designer Wanted

CRAMC is looking for a volunteer website designer to put together a simple website for the organisation. We represent the sporting clubs who use the Recreation Field in Creigiau. It is an ideal opportunity for an enthusiastic University or 6<sup>th</sup> Form student which could also form part of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. However age is no barrier and we are looking for anyone with a knowledge of IT who could help us out.

Please contact Colin Belward on 20891631 [colin.belward@outlook.com](mailto:colin.belward@outlook.com)

and tawny owls are joined in the summer by visiting migrants including willow warblers and blackcaps.

WTSWW runs volunteer workparties at the reserve; bridges are repaired and small amounts of coppicing carried out to allow more light to reach the woodland floor. Species monitoring, including bird and dormouse nest box schemes and

giant lacewing surveys, is also undertaken. Moth trapping and bat walk events are also held during the spring and summer. The next step is to try to raise funds for improving the network of paths which have become waterlogged in recent years. If you would like to help in any way please contact WTSWW's Conservation Officer Vaughan Matthews at [v.matthews@welshwildlife.org](mailto:v.matthews@welshwildlife.org).

### SCHOOL LANE, GWAELOD Y GARTH

The recent issues relating to School Lane seem to have deteriorated into bitterness and disharmony and the Pentyrch Community Council is being portrayed as the pantomime villain to the extent that the real casualty is the truth. This is the Pentyrch Community Council's (PCC) opportunity to explain its position categorically and honestly so that there are no further misunderstandings regarding where the PCC stands.

In 2014 there was a lot of work done by residents of Gwaelod y Garth to try and resolve what was described as **'the problems of School Lane'**. The WI, the School, Community Action the then County Councillor and Cardiff County Council (CCC) were all involved in the 'consultation' that took place. The Community Council were not consulted.

In 2015 the Community Council were advised of the consultation and that the ownership of the land issues had been resolved, as CCC owned the

land. All in all it appeared that CCC had capitulated and agreed to upgrade the lane. The Clerk brought this to the attention of the Council at the June 2015 meeting, with a view to the PCC agreeing, in principle, to head up the application to obtaining match-funding from the Aggregates Levy Fund (ALF). However at the last minute correspondence was received from two residents of School Lane who stated that they had not been consulted and did not agree with the proposals being put forward. Council discussed the issue at length and it was decided that, whilst it wanted to see a resolution to the problems of School Lane, it would defer a decision until the proposal had been subject to full consultation and was supported by the majority of all those directly involved.

At the full Council meeting held on 20th July 2015 at Creigiau there were some 25 members of the public

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### Pentyrch WI Centenary Tea



This is a photograph of the President and Vice President of Pentyrch WI in Lady Jane's Coffee Shop enjoying the most delicious Afternoon Tea.

WI in the UK was celebrating their 100th birthday and Pentyrch WI celebrated in style.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month in Pentyrch Village Hall and welcome new members.



### On Your Bike

I would like to reply to the article in Community Link 93 about the perceived dangers of cyclists on our roads. Your correspondents refer to "the current dangerous practice of cyclists using the local roads... as downhill cycle tracks". We are in fact using them as roads. We are perfectly entitled to do so, and we shall continue to do so.

They refer to cyclists "hurtling" down these roads. I estimate that these cyclists are travelling at thirty miles per hour at most. The vast majority of vehicles hurtle down and up - those roads at around twice that speed.

They refer to us assuming the "tuck" position. This is the most aerodynamic way to travel on a bike. Do they believe that all motorized vehicles should be designed to be as aerodynamically inefficient as possible in order to slow them down?

They refer to the several potholes on the roads. We do not cause those potholes, but our lives are put at risk by them.

They refer to the fact that we cycle "at all times of the day" and at weekends. I don't understand the point. Do they believe that bicycles should only be allowed on the roads at certain times of the day, and on certain days? Do they think that the same should apply to motorized vehicles?

They refer to cyclists who have "no lights... or high-vis [ibility] clothing". Do they believe that all motorized vehicles should be forced to have their lights on all the time, and be painted in high-visibility colours?

Around one hundred cyclists are killed by motorized vehicles in the UK every year. Can your correspondents tell me how many drivers of a motorized vehicle have ever been killed by a bicycle?

Cycling is a healthy and non-polluting activity, which reduces the strain on the NHS and the environment. I suggest that your anonymous correspondents use their time to campaign for more cycling, not less.

Huw Roberts, Saith Erw Fach, Creigiau.  
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Carwn ymateb i'r erthygl ynglyn â beiciwr 'perylus' a ymddangosodd yn Cwlwm Bro 93.

Mae eich gohebwyrr yn cyfeirio at "the current dangerous practice of cyclists using the local roads... as downhill cycle tracks". Rydym ni'n defnyddio'r ffordd fel ffordd. Mae gennym ni berffaith hawl i wneud hynny, ac mi fyddwn yn parhau i wneud hynny.

Maen nhw'n cyfeirio at feicwyr "hurtling" i lawr y ffordd. Rydym ni'n teithio ar dri deg milltir yr awr ar y mwyaf. Mae cerbydau'n rhuthro i lawr, ac i fyny, o leiaf ddwywaith mor gyflym â hynny.

Maen nhw'n cyfeirio at feicwyr yn gosod eu hunain yn "the tuck position". Dyma'r ffordd fwyaf effeithlon i deithio. A ydi'ch gohebwyrr yn credu y dylai cerbydau cael eu dylunio yn y ffordd leiaf aneffeithlon er mwyn eu harafu?

Maen nhw'n cyfeirio at y tyllau yn y ffordd. Nid beiciau sy'n creu'r tyllau yna. Ond ni sy'n cael ein peryglu ganddynt.

Maen nhw'n cyfeirio at feicwyr sy'n

teithio "at all times of the day" ac ar benwythnosau. Rwy'n methu â deall bwriad y datganiad yma. A ydynt o'r farn y dylid gwahardd beiciau ar adegau penodol o'r dydd, ac ar ddyddiau penodol? A ydynt o'r un farn ynglyn â cherbydau?

Maen nhw'n cyfeirio at feicwyr sydd heb "lights or high-vis[ibility] clothing". A ydynt o'r farn y dylai cerbydau orfod ddefnyddio eu goleuadau'n barhaol, a chael eu paentio mewn lliwiau llachar?

Mae tua chant o feicwyr yn cael eu lladd gan gerbydau bob blwyddyn yng ngwledydd Prydain. A ydy eich gohebwyrr yn gwybod faint o yrrwyr cerbydau sy'n cael eu lladd gan feiciau pob blwyddyn?

Mae beicio'n weithgaredd iachus a glân, sy'n lleihau'r pwysau ar y Gwasanaeth Iechyd a'r amgylchedd. Rwy'n awgrymu y dylai eich gohebwyrr dienw dreulio eu hamser yn ymgyrchu am fwy o feicio, nid llai. Yr eiddoch yn gywir, Huw Roberts, Saith Erw Fach, Creigiau.

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I am writing in response to the article entitled 'Dangerous Cyclists' in the last edition of Community Link and hope that my letter will also be published in order to present a properly balanced view of the situation.

First of all let me say that I share the author's view that sooner or later there will be a serious incident between a car and a cyclist on one of the entry roads into Pentyrch. However to focus blame solely on cyclists is wholly unfair.

The writer says cyclists should only use designated cycle lanes yet there are none in Pentyrch or any of the surrounding areas. I suspect that if those who prefer to be environmentally friendly by cycling to work or simply to stay healthy and help ease the burden on the NHS were to seek more cycle lanes there would be uproar from those choosing to travel by car.

The solution to everyone's worries for safety is for all concerned to be more considerate towards each other. Cars take up more of the road and travel much faster. They also have far more effective brakes so there is really no need for a motorist to hit a cyclist or horse riders who also use our village roads.

Mike Colley Motorist and Cyclist

# Community Council Highlights

## Hello - Goodbye

The vacancy for the post of Administrative Assistant was filled by the very large shoes of Bob Hannah, who took up the post on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. Within days he had revolutionised the filing system, mainly by introducing some very old papers to the file marked "bin", and had tidied up a desk which had not been touched by its incumbents in the previous 15 years. He then looked after the locum Clerk, whilst I was on Jury Service at the beginning of October and then was head-hunted by his ex-boss to take on a role for a 6 month contract. It was nice knowing you Bob and thanks for all you did in the short-time you were here. A replacement will soon be appointed

## Creigiau Quarry

Since the last edition the application to amend the planning permission for Creigiau Quarry to re-open has created been a vigorous opposition to the proposals by Tarmac. The Community Council has opposed the application in its submission to CCC (Planning) joining hundreds of other objections by both individuals and organisations. In fact it would seem, from the CCC Planning website, that the 'club' in favour of the re-opening is very small indeed! The Community is indebted to certain individuals who have fought hard to raise awareness, create petitions, public meetings and deliver leaflets; as well as others who have brought their expertise in planning issues, civil engineering, etc., to the table to assist everybody in being able to formulate and articulate their objections. The whole process is still under consideration and I am now told that it is unlikely to go before the Planning Committee before 2016, so please do not rest on your laurels and continue to object and support those that are leading the charge.

## Dog fouling

Finally I make yet another plea to dog owners to pick up after their animals. I get regular complaints about this unpleasant, selfish and illegal behaviour and I am at a loss to understand the mentality of these miscreants. This isn't rocket science, just pick up after your dog and don't leave it to others to do your dirty work.

## School Lane Gwaelod y Garth Continued from page 1

present to complain to the Council both for and against the plans to tarmac School Lane. The council resolved ***'that the PCC support an application to the Aggregates Levy Fund for a scheme allowing the opportunity to develop that scheme in full consultation with residents'***. In proposing this motion great care was taken that the Council would support an application not the application, so as to allow the Council the opportunity to view and discuss the outcome of the public consultation before committing itself to a preferred option.

At the full Council meeting held in Gwaelod y Garth on 21st September 2015, there were again a number of members of the public present and representations were made to the Council to object to option 3, the full tarmacking of School Lane. However this meeting was in the middle of the consultation period and the Community Council were ***not*** consultees. The Council resolved to maintain its neutral position, until the conclusion of the consultation period. Subsequent to that meeting the Chairman received a copy of the draft report on the consultation on the 30th September with a request to sign the application to the ALF the following day, i.e. 1st October 2015. At this point the Chairman did not have a mandate from the PCC to sign the application and declined to do so until after the matter had been debated at the council meeting on the 19th October. It was subsequently learned that the CCC signed and submitted the application on their volition, thus side-lining and ignoring any views that the PCC may have had.

At the full Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015, there were again a number of members of the public present. Councillors expressed their disquiet at the action taken by CCC to side-line and not consult with the PCC. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Ramesh Patel, the CCC Cabinet Member responsible for the ALF application and the CCC Member for Penttyrch & Gwaelod y Garth, Cllr Gavin Hill-John, asking that CCC withdraws the application to ALF and consult with the PCC.

Cllr Ramesh Patel wrote to the Chairman of the PCC in a letter dated

## Community Council Library

In every Link I continue to bang on about the Community Council Library which is, potentially, a tremendous asset to the Community and I make the plea, yet again, to residents to make more use of it. It is disheartening when people come into the Council offices, see the library and say ***'Gosh, I didn't know this existed'***. This is despite that use of the Library is regularly encouraged in the Community Highlights and 2,600 copies of the Link are distributed at every publication. I will once again repeat that the books are sorted into Fiction (alphabetical order), around the walls and two of the central four bookcase with non-fiction in the remaining two central bookcases. The Library is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm although, it is advisable to ring first, as there is nobody to cover for absence on holiday or illness, and we wouldn't want you to have a wasted journey.

30<sup>th</sup> October but not received until 11<sup>th</sup> November. In the letter Cllr Patel advises that the Aggregates Levy Board would not support the CCC application because of ***'the remaining level of local opposition to such a scheme'*** and, as a consequence, CCC decided to withdraw the application. He also stated that he would ***'reinstate the original course of action proposed earlier in the summer'***

## To summarise therefore;

Community Councillors did not vote for or against Option 3. The Council itself has had no vote and has not stopped any improvements to School Lane.

This ***'local opposition'*** was not from the PCC but from people who live on School Lane.

It is understood that CCC are still committed to providing a safe route to school along School Lane, but it is likely now that this will be a footpath, paid for wholly by CCC. The PCC has been promised full consultation by CCC on that issue.

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# County Council Notes

By Cllr Graham Thomas,

The issues surrounding the LDP have not gone away, with the Independent Examiner now making final deliberations before an overarching decision. In November they carried out yet another consultation on issues surrounding the green belt proposed in the LDP. This time most parties are in agreement that it is a good idea but the Welsh Assembly are looking to change the wording to Green Wedge, which essentially offers the areas concerned less protection from development. A date for the Examiners final decision is due shortly.

With planning applications currently already in for houses South of Creigiau (North of Junction 34) and also North and South of Llantrisant Road around Radyr, we are fighting hard on all fronts against the issues that the applications raise. The Community Council and I are working closely with the NW Cardiff Group to put together strong responses to these applications based on planning technicalities. These applications are

## Creigiau and St Fagans

set to continue over the coming years particularly if the LDP is accepted by the Examiner.

Creigiau Quarry is obviously the other hot topic in the village. See my separate summary below

As winter approaches, the Council once again revert to monthly green bin collections. This controversial policy has been the subject of an open review due to problems of it being brought in too early in recent years. Our final fortnightly collection for green bins was 9th November. Remember collection details are outlined on an online calendar which is on the council website. For those gardeners, a compost bin can also be bought for just £7 from the reception of the Lamby Way depot in Rumney.

If you have any issues with Cardiff Council that you feel I can assist with then please contact me

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## CREIGIAU QUARRY UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2015

By Cllr Graham Thomas

Most residents will be well aware of the application by Tarmac to extend Creigiau Quarry. I am opposed to this application which extends the life of the quarry for many years and has caused much debate on the potential for the quarry to re-open and raising the proposition of approx. 146 lorry movements per day along Heol Pant Y Gored. There are of course other issues involved here including blasting, air quality and road safety.

In October, I held a Public Meeting in Creigiau Church Hall, which was incredibly well supported by residents. A big thank you to all and to local Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies who spoke at the meeting and has since written to the Cabinet Member in Cardiff Council supporting our cause. Andrew has also requested the Welsh Assembly 'Call-In the planning decision, which means it is taken out of the Councils hands. This may or may not happen. All those in attendance were encouraged to respond to the planning application as every voice counts. There is still time to do this with a decision due possibly at the January Planning Committee Meeting. Please



*A full Church Hall receive an update on the quarry*

contact me I can be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Also in October, Cllr Hill-John and I presented a petition to Full Council with over 1000 signatures against the quarry proposals. Following this will be a public protest outside at Cardiff City Hall before the next Full Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. I have planned these events to keep the issue high on Councillors agendas and would encourage anyone to support us.

A local resident with planning expertise stepped forward offering excellent advice on tackling the issue. So a big thank you to him and all that have helped. We have also resumed meetings of the Quarry Liaison Committee, which I chair and meets regularly with the Quarry owners and Council officials as a conduit for residents.

## Thank you



I would like to thank the people of Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Gareth personally for electing me to serve them as their County Councillor on the 30th June. I continue to enjoy the regular dialogue via face to face meetings, events and correspondence. Living in the ward, I can see first hand issues which residents raise with me. I am happy to undertake home and site visits.

I am always at the end of a phone line or an email, and can be contacted on 029 2009 8460 or [gavin.hill-john@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:gavin.hill-john@cardiff.gov.uk). I hold regular surgeries, with all the details on my website which is updated on a regular basis - <http://www.gavinhilljohn.org.uk/>. Please get in touch about any local issues or feedback on additions would like to see on my website.

I was thrilled to be chosen to sit on the Environmental Scrutiny Committee, and you can find out more details about how to attend and view the papers by visiting [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)

My other interests include being a member of the Business Network International (BNI) Group, cycling and photography.

Christmas is soon approaching and I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Successful 2016.

Gavin Hill-John



*Cllrs Graham Thomas & Gavin Hill John on a visit to Creigiau Quarry*

# Planning Applications to 29th October 2015

**15/01343/MNR** Mrs Griffiths, Pili Pala Day Nurseries, Castle View, Ty Nant Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the removal of Condition 4 (A maximum of 26 children shall be in attendance at the nursery at any one time) of planning application 14/00024/DCO. This is still under consideration.

**15/01397/DCH** Mr Bouadana, Trevanion, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau applied to convert a hip to gable end roof extension and rear dormer. Permission granted 22/7/2015.

**15/01429/MNR** Mr H James, Springfield, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for the construction of a detached dwelling & associated external works further to outline permission 14/02562/MNR. Permission granted on 3/8/2015.

**15/01545/DCH** Mr & Mrs. B. Tucker, 13 Maes Yr Sarn, Pentyrch applied for a two storey rear extension to include single storey side extension. Permission granted 30/7/2015.

**15/01547/MNR** Mr Smith, Creigiau Developments Limited, 16 Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd, applied for the construction of 6 new detached dwellings with garages and associated works at the former Pantycaerau Nurseries, Pentyrch, at land off, Church Road, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**15/01574/MNR** JRS Homes Ltd, applied for the discharge of Condition 2 (Finished Levels) of 14/02360/MNR relating to land at Cardiff Road, Creigiau. Full discharge granted on 31/7/2015

## GRANTS

Since the last edition of the Community Link, grant applications from within the Community Council area were considered at the September 2015 meetings. At that meeting Gwaelod y Garth WI were awarded £100 and Pentyrch Tennis Club was awarded £300. The remaining grant applications for 2015/16 will be considered in the 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](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc)), and should include the last set of accounts or financial statement.

**15/01627/MNR** Mr. Griffiths, 7A Nant y Garth, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a small 2 bedroom bungalow on an existing plot and hardstanding on part of land at 1 Nant y Garth, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Permission refused on 28/8/2015.

**15/01664/MNR** Mr Richard Angell, Gwaelod y Garth Inn, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a 2-storey side extension (single storey to west/two storey to east) to provide additional residential accommodation at upper ground floor and additional cellar/storage at lower ground level. This is still under consideration.

**15/01692/MNR** Mr H Roberts, 1 Penmaes, Pentyrch, applied for a reserved matters application for a single storey dwelling with double garage on part of land at 1 Penmaes, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**15/01675/MNR** Mr. H. Wigley Dan y Coed, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for listed building consent for the following work at The Acapella Centre, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, (1) Building of four toilets including a disabled toilet on ground floor (2) To move the recording studio to 1st floor (3) To make two new openings from the existing boiler room to the proposed bar area (4) To form a new fire escape from the 1st level leading to external concrete steps (5) To form a new opening from the proposed recording studio to the existing recording area. (1st floor) (6) Two new velux roof lights (dimensions are 780 mm x 1400 mm) (7) To install a pizza oven (8) To form a new opening from the existing recording studio onto the meeting area. This is still under consideration.

**15/01683/DCH** Mrs Flowers, 33, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, applied for a first floor front and side extensions, two-storey rear extension, raise the existing ridge height, a loft conversion, including rear dormer roof extension to the rear. This is still under consideration.

**15/01720/DCH** Mr Devenish, Hunters Gate, Pen-y-Waun, Pentyrch, applied to demolish a garage, conservatory and utility and erect a new single storey extension, to the front and side, with integral garage and two storey extension & raised patio and balcony to the rear. Permission granted on 3/9/2015.

**15/01726/MNR** Mr J Poole, Redrow Homes South Wales, Cardiff Gate Business Park applied for the discharge of Conditions 1, 4, 6, 8 & 13 of outline planning application 13/00836/DCO relating to land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**15/01749/DCH** Mr Tremlett, The Gables, Station Road, Creigiau, applied for a rear first floor extension. Permission 3/9/2015

**15/01759/MNR** Bovis Homes (South West) Ltd, applied for the discharge of Condition 18 of 13/00836/DCO relating to land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**15/01844/DCH** Mr M Jones, 1 Penffordd, Parc Saint Catwg, Pentyrch, applied for a roof joining two walls to provide garden tools storage area. repair and maintenance of inner wall. Permission granted on 27/8/2015.

**15/01790/DCH** Dr N Williams, Bedwellty, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for the demolition of a conservatory and a proposed ground floor extension to form a kitchen and family room; proposed terrace to first floor and roof dormers to rear to form additional bedroom and ensuite. Permission was granted on 2/9/2015

**15/01908/MNR** JRS Homes Ltd, applied for the discharge of Condition 12 (Drainage) of planning application 14/02360/MNR relating to land at, Cardiff Road, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

**15/01953/MJR** Tarmac Trading Ltd, applied for a south east extension of Creigiau Quarry and extraction of a proportion of remaining reserves within the existing quarry as a phased development programme involving the extraction of some 12.78m tones of limestone; the construction of a landscape screen bund around the eastern and south eastern margins of the extension area; use of mobile crushing and screening plant to process limestone from the existing quarry and extension site; use of existing quarry access road and entrance onto Heol Pant y Gored; and implementation of a comprehensive restoration scheme for the application site to establish amenity grassland, woodland and nature conservation uses at Creigiau Quarry, Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.



## Planning Applications continued

**15/02126/MJR** Redrow Homes applied for the development of 51 residential dwellings and associated works pursuant of outline planning approval reference 13/00836/DCO on land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch. Still under consideration.

**15/02167/MNR** Mr Board, Canada Lake and Lodge, Heol Pant y Gored, Creigiau, applied to construct six subterranean rooms ancillary to the existing use of the site and business at Canada Lake Lodge. This is still under consideration.

**15/02254/DCH** Mr Bouadana, Trevanion, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau, applied for the discharge of Condition 3 of 15/1397/DCH. This is still under consideration.

**15/02243/MNR** Redrow Homes, applied for the discharge of Conditions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 of 13/00836/DCO at land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**15/02252/MNR** Mr S Axe, 13 Penuel Road, Pentyrch, applied for the discharge of Conditions 3 (Finishes), 11 (Drainage) and 12 (Means of Enclosure) of 15/00351/MNR at land adjoining 13 Penuel Road, Pentyrch. A full discharge of these conditions was granted on 9/10/2015.

**15/02264/MNR & 15/02265/MNR** Mr H James, Springfield, Church Road, Pentyrch applied for the discharge of Condition 2 (Landscape Works), 3 (Levels) and 4 (Roof Slate) of 15/01429/MNR. The Conditions were discharged in full on 14 & 15/10/15.

**15/02402/DCH** Mr & Mrs Cooksey, 1 Pantglas, Pentyrch, applied for a two storey rear extension. This is still under consideration.

**15/02439/DCH** Mr J Thorne, 3 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for a front porch/garage extension at the front of property and to extend the driveway. This is still under consideration.

**15/02508/DCH** Mr Davies, Ty Wennol, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied for the extension and refurbishment of the existing detached 2-storey residential dwelling. This is still under consideration.

**15/02545/DCH** Ms Walters, 19 Llys Dewi, Creigiau, for a two storey side extension. This is still under consideration.

## Decided Applications from previous Link

**15/01060/DCH** Mr Bulmer, 16 Llys Dewi, Creigiau, applied for a single storey extension to rear of property. Permission was granted on 9/6/2015

**15/01167/MNR** JRS Homes Ltd, applied for the discharge of Condition 17 (Materials) of 14/02360/MNR in respect of land at Cardiff Road, Creigiau.. A full discharge of conditions was granted on 10/6/2015.

**15/00864/DCH** Mr Williams, 71 Parc-y-Coed, Creigiau, applied for a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling with some alteration and refurbishment work. Permission granted on 11/6/2015

**15/00079/MNR** Mr Waters, 6 Glan-yr-Afon, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the proposed erection of a two bedroom detached dwelling on a plot at 6 Glan-yr-Afon, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth 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. Permission was granted on 19/6/2015.

**15/00301/MNR** Bovis Homes Ltd applied in respect of land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch, for 47 dwellings following outline application 13/00836/DCO. Permission was granted on 19/6/2015.

**15/00482/MNR** Pentyrch Bowling Club, applied to replace worn and deteriorating porta-cabins at Pentyrch Bowling Club with a single storey, permanent and timber-frame clubhouse. Permission was granted on 2/7/2015.

**15/01208/MNR** Mr Taylor, Ampleforth, 10a Penuel Road, Pentyrch applied for a change of use from garage to 2 bed dwelling. Planning Permission was refused on 10/7/2015.

**15/01322/MNR** JRS Homes Ltd, applied for the discharge of Condition 20 (Tree Report) of planning application 14/02360/MNR relating to land at Cardiff Road, Creigiau. A full discharge of the Condition was granted on 28/7/2015

**15/00240/DCH** Craidd Architects applied for a part single/two storey extension on the north side of the existing house, including parking area within lower garden at Tyddyn, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Permission was granted on 30/7/2015

**15/01187/MNR** The Acapela Centre, Capel Horeb, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, applied to alter downstairs seating area of Acapela Studio (Horeb) Chapel from current pews to free standing comfortable chairs. Permission was granted on 3/8/2015

**15/01749/DCH** Mr Tremlett, The Gables, Station Road, Creigiau, applied for a rear first floor extension. Permission was granted on 3/9/2015

**15/01787/MNR** Redrow Homes (South Wales) Ltd applied in respect of land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch, for the discharge of Conditions 2 & 3 (Highways), 6 & 9 (Construction Management Plan), 10, 14 & 15 (Site Assessment), 18 (Japanese Knotweed), 19 (Arboricultural Assessment), 21 (Tree Removal Method Statement), 22 (Lighting Scheme), 23 (Ecological Management Plan), 24 (Reptile Mitigation Strategy), 25 (Ecological Construction Method), 26 (Ecological Management Plan), 28 (Archaeological Watching Brief) of 13/00836/DCO. On 16/10/2015 a full discharge of these Conditions was granted.

## Withdrawn Applications

**15/01149/MNR** Mr Amodeo, Robin Hill, Cardiff Road, Creigiau

Agents: CW Architects, Grosvenor House, 8 Park Grove, Cardiff.

The proposal is for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of a new 7-bed house with adjoining garage, courtyard and associated garden landscaping at Robin Hill, Cardiff Road, Creigiau. Application was withdrawn by the applicant on 21/09/2015.

**15/01920/MNR** Redrow Homes (South Wales) Ltd applied for the discharge of Conditions 4 (Roads And Footpaths), 8 (Cycle Parking) and 13 (Surface Water Drainage) of 13/00836/DCO in relation to land north of Heol Goch, Pentyrch. The application was withdrawn returned to the Applicant/Agent.

**15/02021/MNR** Mr Jones, Plot 1, Holdings Lane, Capel Llanilltern.

The proposal is for the construction of a new dwelling on Plot 1, Holdings Lane, Capel Llanilltern. The application was withdrawn/returned to applicant on 24/09/2015



# PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

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Last date for items in the next issue is

**4 March 16. 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](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc)

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**4 Mawrth 16 9:00am**

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Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards and in local Post Offices. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings

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3.00	- 3.50	Ysgol Creigiau School

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Thursdays 3 Weekly

### Gwaelod y Garth

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Your co-operation in submitting articles in this way will be much appreciated. *Stuart Thomas Editor*

# Community Noticeboard

**Christmas Fair -**  
5 December 2015  
at 2.30 p.m.  
Visit by Disney's Elsa

**Cantorian Creigiau**  
Concert  
Saturday 12th December  
Sully Church Hall.

**Cantorian Creigiau**  
Carol Concert I  
Creigiau Church Hall  
Sunday 20th December  
6.30pm.

**Cantorian Creigiau**  
Concert  
Thursday 21st January 2016  
Penarth Bowls Club.

**Hilltop Theatre**  
10-12 March 2016,  
Key For Two  
a hilarious English farce

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

Ideally notices should answer basic questions

**Hilltop Theatre**  
Hi de Hi'  
16-18 June 2016  
adapted from the  
Original Television Series

**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

**Pentyrch Art Group**  
21st Annual Exhibition  
Pentyrch Village Hall  
Sunday, May 15th 2016

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

When submitting notices please allow for the final dates for publication and

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We have about 45 members with average attendance at a meeting of 34. Members come mainly from Creigiau and Pentyrch with a small number from further afield.

Why not give us a try?

Further information from:

John Gough 02920891721;

or Pam Ayres 02920891652

## 'THANK YOU'



What can I say, £400.00 was raised at this years MACMILLAN coffee morning, amazing! Who knew that raising money for a great cause could be so delicious. £400.00 will make a real difference to the lives of people facing cancer, offering them vital support at one of the toughest times in their lives.

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### HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Hilltop Theatre Company's autumn production was the 'The Addams Family – The Musical' on 11-14 November, a comedy musical by Marshall Brickman, Rick Elice and Andrew Lippa. The weird and wonderful family came to devilishly delightful life in this magnificently macabre new musical comedy, based upon The Addams Family characters created by Charles Addams

Our spring production is 'Key For Two', on 10-12 March 2016, a hilarious English farce by John Chapman and Dave Freeman, concerning Harriet, who simultaneously 'entertains' two men at her elegant flat in Brighton on different days of the week, before her careful plan unravels by the arrival of her friend, friend's husband and the wives of her two lovers. The indescribable confusion that ensues builds to a rich complexity of mistaken identity, splendidly farcical situations and a climax of comic wizardry! This is comic magic you won't want to miss!

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Our summer production is 'Hi de Hi' on 16-18 June 2016, by Paul Carpenter and Ian Gower, adapted from the Original Television Series by Jimmy Perry and David Croft. This is the stage adaptation of the hugely popular TV series set at a fictional Maplins Holiday Camp.

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).

Further information about the group and all our productions can be found at [www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk](http://www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk), or join our e-mailing list by e-mailing us at [info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk).

Richard Jones.

### Pentyrch Horticultural, Cookery and Craft Show



Saturday September 5th was a beautiful sunny day and the show attracted a good number of entries in most classes. The judges were impressed! There was the usual friendly rivalry mainly between the Creigiau allotmenters in the fruit and vegetable classes and it was particularly pleasing to see a big increase in the number and diversity of the craft entries. In fact, changes to the classes for the crafts will be made next year to accommodate the range more appropriately.

We would like to express a special thank you to Heather Major, who has stepped down as chairperson of the committee after an unfailing and dedicated commitment to the show for over 30 years.

Please plan ahead! It would be good to see more entries next year and the show will be held as usual on the first Saturday in September (Sep 3rd).

If you would like any information in advance or feel motivated to help in the organising process (we always need more committee members!) then please contact Sue Cragg either by email - [sue.cragg@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.cragg@btinternet.com) - or phone 029 2089 0738.



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### **St. Louis Blues? Absolutely Not!**

What was meant to be a routine appointment led to one of our pupils making the trip to St. Louis Children's Hospital for an operation. Tal has had a number of operations and this one was to help him walk with greater freedom. It was lovely to see him back in school and enthusiastic about the operation.



Fe ddaeth cyfraniadau di-ri o fwydydd i'r ysgol ar ddiwrnod ein Gwasanaeth Cynhaeaf. Llwyddwyd i lenwi 20 cawell o fwyd ar gyfer Banc Bwyd Caerdydd. Yn ogystal â hyn, casglwyd £135 tuag at ein helusen dewisol eleni sef, Diabetes U.K. Diolch i bawb am eu cyfraniadau hael.

From the countless contributions of food brought to school on the day of our Harvest Service we successfully filled 20 crates of food for Cardiff Foodbank. In addition, we collected £135 towards our charity this year which is Diabetes UK. Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions.

### **Assembly**

A recent change means that parents from the class taking the assembly are invited to watch the assembly on a Friday morning.

This has proved extremely popular and it is to the pupils' credit that the standard of enthusiasm and delivery has been wonderful to observe.

The classes who have taken assemblies this term are:

Dosbarth 6 gave us a wonderful Harvest celebration.

The pupils brought in a wide variety of food, which was collected and taken to Cardiff's Food Bank.

Dosbarth 5 gave an assembly on 'Space'.

Class 5 took 'Reading' as the theme. Dosbarth 4 looked at the negative impact of 'Greed'.

Class 4 'Remembrance Assembly' was humbling and reminded us of the sacrifices so many people made during the various wars.

Dosbarth 2 used 'Celebrations' as their focus.

It is always a delight to see the various assemblies and the confidence shown by the pupils is a joy!



### **Muddy Marvellous**

Dosbarth 6 and Year 6 recently undertook their annual visit to the Urdd site in Llangrannog.

The highlight of the week, for the pupils (and members of staff!), was the adventure course. As can be seen from the photographs a great deal of water and mud was involved. The weather was superb (no rain) and the various staff members, as always, were great with the pupils and many of them undertook challenges they were initially scared of. A special thanks to Geraint, the 'Urdd Leader', who was always willing to adapt and accommodate any requests, to ensure the pupils gained as much as possible from our stay.

As well as the sporting activities the pupils were able to use equipment to 'listen' and identify a variety of bats and also develop their bush craft skills.

Two pupils from Radyr High, Bethanie and Courtney, were with us all week and their contribution to a very successful week was of tremendous help. They, their parents and school should be especially proud. The pupils and staff enjoyed their company and teachers from other schools spoke very highly of them in a recent transition meeting in Radyr. The staff and pupils returned tired but having gained wonderful memories.



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## Sport's News



The school is very proud of three boys in school as they have achieved notable sporting success: Sion Davies (Dosbarth 5) and Joe Webb (Class 6) have been chosen to play for Cardiff School's Under 11 rugby team this year.

Daniel Watts has been selected to play for Swansea's Football Academy.

Siôn Davies a Joe Webb sydd wedi cael eu dewis i ymuno â charfan Rygbi Ysgolion Caerdydd a Daniel Watts sydd yn rhan o Academi Pêl-droed Abertawe.

## Pentyrch Guides

It was with great sadness that 1st Pentyrch Guides learnt of the passing of Myra Thomas of Pentyrch, once the Guide Leader of 1st Pentyrch herself as well as the District's Guiding Commissioner. Indeed, Myra had been my Guider and had remained a good friend since then. When I run Guides, I always remember Myra's example. She brought so much fun to Guides and taught me things that have been useful throughout my life. Myra had come along to one of our very first meetings last year to talk about the history of Guiding in Pentyrch and had made a big impact on the girls. Our unit was so touched that the family asked for donations to our unit in lieu of flowers and we are very grateful to all those who donated. With the monies, we have decided to invest in cups and shields for an annual presentation evening with the 'Myra Thomas' shield being



## School Council News

Creigiau Primary's School Council have been active this term and their focus has been on making the school a harmonious environment. On 20<sup>th</sup> of October Tracey Maton, 'Cardiff Against Bullying' officer, visited the school. A one hour meeting was held and a variety of issues discussed. At the end of the meeting it was agreed that everyone can make a difference to promote positive relations within the school. The theme of Cardiff's 'Anti-Bullying' week, this year is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. The School Council will take an assembly where the various themes, discussed with Tracey Maton, will be highlighted.

## New Staff Appointments

Congratulations to Mrs. Lynette Timothy on her appointment as Deputy Head of the school. She begins her new job in January. Congratulations also to Mr. Michael Coles on his appointment as school caretaker. Mr Coles takes up his new post before Christmas.

## Bike to the Future

Norman Tebbit asked people to, 'Get on their bike', and Year 6 and Dosbarth 6 did exactly that during a week of intense skill development. The course was run by members of Cardiff Council's cycling awareness training team.

The primary aim of the course is to impart and practice the skills needed to ensure safety in, and around, traffic. The instructors were very patient and all of the pupils were able to demonstrate the required skills to gain a certificate.

Cycling is a great activity and with various off road routes available e.g. 'Taff Trail' hopefully the pupils continue to improve their skills.

Llongyfarchiadau i Mrs Lynette Timothy ar gael ei phenodi'n Ddirprwy Bennaeth yr ysgol. Bydd Mrs Timothy yn dechrau ar ei swydd newydd ym mis Ionawr.

Llongyfarchiadau hefyd i Mr Michael Coles ar gael ei benodi'n Rheolwr Ystâd yr ysgol. Bydd Mr Coles yn dechrau ar ei swydd newydd cyn y Nadolig.

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awarded to the best all round Guide. We continue to be busy in Guides from becoming involved with a local food bank to singing around a camp fire at a local residential home for the elderly. An ardent Welsh rugby fan, Myra would have loved to have heard about our part in a 'Bring it Home' challenge at the start of the rugby world cup. We formed part of a chain to help transport a rugby ball (signed by the Welsh squad) around the 14 guiding counties within Girl

guiding Cymru in 7 days. The girls felt they helped make a little bit of Welsh history that day and were put through their rugby paces by members of the women's Welsh squad to boot! No pun intended!! I am thoroughly enjoying being the leader of 1st Pentyrch Guides. To quote a stanza from a poem that Myra's family asked me to read at the celebration of her life:

'The room is full of laughter,  
And suddenly I see.  
That I really cannot think  
Of a better place to be'.  
Sharon O'Leary

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## PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

The plans for the replacement roof for the foyer have now been submitted to the Local Authority for approval. Copies have been supplied to the Community Council and they are also available for you to look at in the hall.

Some long standing residents of Pentyrch may realise that the building will be forty years old next year. It was officially opened on 24 April 1976. (A Deed of Trust had been created the previous March and a Charity had been formed for the purpose of running the hall for the benefit of all residents. The hall was built on a plot of land on the site of the old Congregationalist Chapel - Capel yr Annibynwyr - which had been demolished).

It would be appropriate that we should celebrate this next year as the hall is still a thriving meeting place in the village and is used on a daily basis by many local organisations. If anyone has any suggestions as to what we should organise please do contact me.

Would you like to contribute to village life? Could you help us to manage the hall? We meet once a month for a hour or two. Please do help. The hall is a vital part of the community and does not run itself but relies on the goodwill of many helpers.

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## Pentyrch Art Group



Pentyrch Art Group continues to flourish. We have had a busy term with lessons and also had some excellent demonstrations by local artists. Several members attended a pastel workshop in the Creigiau Scout Hut recently. Our tutor for the day was well known pastel artist Carol Kibble. This was really successful and we hope to hold more workshops in the near future. We shall be holding another small exhibition at Garth Olwg Centre for Lifelong Learning from the 16th to the 27th of November. There will be about 40 paintings exhibited - well worth a visit. We also continue to hold our small exhibition at the King's Arms - thanks again to Andy for his support. The Group will have a stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair - on Saturday, 5th December at 2.30 pm, where we shall have cards for sale as well as paintings. A date for next year's diary - we shall be holding our 21st Annual Exhibition at the Village Hall on Sunday, May 15th 2016. Anne Peebles

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## CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2015



June saw a week of events for the Creigiau Carnival. The Fun Run was held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> followed by the Children's Disco on Monday where the Carnival King, Queen and attendants were chosen. The Creigiau Inn hosted the hotly contested Carnival Quiz on Tuesday. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> we welcomed back Creigiau Open Gardens – many thanks to all who participated, including Creigiau Primary School, and especially to Lesley Wheeler for organising a highly successful event.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> with the weather fine Creigiau turned out in great numbers for the Carnival itself. The procession theme was 'The Ocean' and we saw some very imaginative floats and fancy dress. Our thanks go to Catrin Finch who carried our judging duties; The Terrace and 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Rainbows picked up first places for driven and walking floats.

The Adamant New Orleans Jazz Brass Band headed the procession followed by the Carnival King and Queen.

The recreation field held activities and entertainments for all and included 5-a-side football, golf, archery, tennis, pétanque, a children's entertainer, dog show, a bouncy castle and fun fair and not forgetting the ever popular beer tent, BBQ and pizza oven. A variety of stalls provided cakes, plants, teas and coffees, toys and jewellery. For those feeling the stress even a massage was available!

This year we asked the children of Creigiau Primary School to design the front cover of the carnival programme to match the theme of 'The Ocean'. All of the entries were excellent and eventually we chose a drawing by Nia Lewis Harry. Well done to all those that took part and many thanks to the staff at Creigiau Primary School for organising the event. Our thanks go to Stuart Huley who once again designed and prepared a very colourful programme with the Ocean theme running through it.

The Carnival Committee would like

### CREIGIAU ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

Sunday 5th July saw our fourth Open Day at the allotments, and despite a thunderstorm around lunchtime in the middle of all the preparations, the day turned out to be a huge success. There was a steady flow of visitors all afternoon, including a few people from our waiting list and some friends from Rhydypenau Allotments, who were suitably impressed with the plots which were looking very tidy.

Earlier in the day Alec and Kim Davies visited to judge the 'Best Newcomer' for 2014/15 and it was not an easy task with nine contenders, but the final choice was Jim Martin who worked hard on a very poor plot over a short period of time – congratulations to Jim

to thank all who attended and all who helped out to make the Carnival week another success. £6,000 was raised; this will be donated to local organisations and groups including CRAMC for the upkeep and development of our village's recreation field.

Look out for details of next year's



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Finally, funds raised totalled over £150 so thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success – from organisers to visitors (and the weather-gods!)

This is now an annual event for Creigiau Allotments, so please come along next year – entrance is free and refreshments will be available. The date will be advertised locally and in the Community Link.

events early in 2016. If you would like to join our committee and help contribute to this annual event then please contact us on 07740 123110 or email us at [creigiau-carnival@outlook.com](mailto:creigiau-carnival@outlook.com).

Please visit our website at [www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk](http://www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk) and follow us on Twitter @creigiaucarnvl.

# **Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch**

## **New Faces**

Continual cuts to Police budgets by the Government in Westminster means there is a greater onus on us all to do more in looking after our own safety and possessions. Whilst PNW continually strives to work in partnership with the Police in alerting them to issues affecting the village and conversely, alerting villagers to crime we are advised upon by the Police, we have varying levels of success.

For some time PNW has struggled to engage villagers in achieving our goal of having every street in the village represented at meetings so we were heartened to see several new faces at our recent Annual General Meeting and, even more so to see them again at a subsequent meeting. It made the many hours spent delivering our last newsletter to every house in Pentyrch worthwhile. Like every voluntary organisation, success depends very much on people being prepared to give up a little of their time, in our case just a notional hour each month. We still have some way to go in achieving our objective but we have made a start.

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## **Bogus Callers**

We have also recently had reports of villagers receiving visits from people claiming to be 'Council Officials'. Claims of being a 'Social Worker' are made to then try and gain entry to discuss some fictitious complaint. These callers may often have what appears to be a genuine identity card. We would urge anyone who receives an unexpected knock on the door to not only have a security chain on their door but also to tell the caller to wait on the doorstep whilst you close the door and call the body they claim to represent to check out if they are indeed genuine. Where the caller is who they claim to be they will not mind waiting whilst you do this.

It is regrettable that we have to go to all the lengths referred to above but this is the way of the world these days. We are often too trusting, seeking a bargain or just plain tired after a day's work making us that bit more relaxed and open to being conned.

We can help each other by being a good neighbour and looking out for those who live alone or are at risk for other reasons.

## **Village Wide Meetings**

Those with long memories will recall that PNW used to organise village wide meetings twice a year covering a wide variety of topics. Guest speakers from various specialisms including drugs, security and how Magistrates deal with crime all proved to be very informative. We are now hoping to resurrect these meetings and are looking for topics which will be of interest to villagers. Our first meeting will hopefully be in relation to the internet and its dangers particularly for minors and the more vulnerable amongst us. As someone who had his computer hacked into I can tell you that it is so easy for this to happen without you knowing. The Police are powerless in these situations leaving offences to Action Fraud which is a national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre. You can find them on Facebook, Twitter and the internet. If you have any thoughts on topics which you think would be of interest please let us know. Better still if you can put us in touch with a potential knowledgeable speaker that would be wonderful.

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## **Winter Cometh**

And with it comes fewer daylight hours. A house in darkness with no vehicle on the drive or at the front of the house is a good indication that no one is at home. Whilst a good burglar alarm is a sound investment (not to mention helpful in negotiating a discount on house insurance premiums), timer lights set to come on at varying times are a very good deterrent. They are cheap to purchase and take just moments to set. You can now also buy lights which imitate the lighting and different colours which emanate from our TV's. All these devices are really worthwhile.

A strong, tall and padlocked gate preventing access to the back of your home is an excellent precaution. No burglar wants to spend time having to climb over walls or gates when they can gain easy access elsewhere. Coming home to find it has been ransacked and your prized, irreplaceable possessions stolen can be devastating and a feeling that you never forget yet it is amazing how complacent we become about security.

## **Door Traders**

Recently there has been an increase in traders knocking on our doors offering one service or another at a price designed to persuade us to part with our cash. Frequently the lure of what seems to be a real bargain detracts us from checking out the legitimacy of the trader. We are especially vulnerable when we do not have the knowledge to know what represents a good job or one that comes back to haunt us at a later date when the trader has disappeared off the radar. The latter leaves us with a lot of inconvenience not to mention extra cost to rectify the problem. Then the job is no longer the bargain we thought it was. Sometimes the cost can run into many hundreds or even thousands of pounds.

A little time spent on google can often give you an insight on the trader. The website for Companies House in Cardiff can tell you if they are a registered limited company, who are the real owners and how long they have been trading. Whilst this is no guarantee of anything the information can enable you to google the traders name to see if there are any bad reports about them. The media is often very good at producing clips on rogue traders and these reports/interviews are easily googled. One member of PNW did all this recently and avoided engaging someone who proved to be a very unsavoury person.

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## **Future PNW Meetings**

Hopefully the above has stimulated your interest in Neighbourhood Watch perhaps to the extent that you might want to come along to any of our meetings. If this is the case I can assure you of a warm welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month (except August) at 7.0pm in the Community Council Office in Pentyrch. The meetings are open to all villagers. We do not operate closed meetings so everyone is free to contribute at any time and your input would be appreciated. It is also a good excuse to nip into the local for a swift one before returning home after the meeting.

You can also always find us on Facebook.



## CANTORION CREIGIAU

Cantorion Creigiau finished last season with a flourish at Pontyclun Athletic Club where a large audience was entertained by the choir's usual mixture of choral singing, solos and comic items.

During the early Autumn, we have been practising new pieces ready for concerts in November and December. New members have been welcomed in all sections and are settling in well.

On December 3rd, we hold our 45th anniversary dinner at De Courcey's and in March, further celebrate this occasion with a tour to Amsterdam where we shall join in song with twelve other choirs from all over Europe.

By the time this is published, the choir will have performed at Creigiau Golf Club in aid of Pots and Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, but we welcome

you to our other local concerts including the annual Carol Concert in Creigiau Church Hall on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm. (No tickets; there will be a bucket collection in aid of a children's charity). If you are looking for a Christmas present with a local flavour, the choir CD can be purchased at concerts or from Barbara Rodd [barbara.rodd@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.rodd@btinternet.com).

Other concerts will be-

Saturday 12th December at Sully Church Hall.

Thursday 21st January 2016 at Penarth Bowls Club.

Tickets for all except The Mansion House are available from choir members.

If you would like to join the choir, just turn up on any Sunday evening at 7.30pm in Creigiau Primary School. We look forward to seeing you! Julia Winkler (Chairman)

## AVOIDING SCAMS

### ADVICE FROM CREIGIAU NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It is well known that those of us getting a bit long in the tooth are often seen as fair game by the scammers of this world. Here are a few pieces of advice to make sure you don't become one of their victims:

- Never arrange for work to be done by someone who happens to pass and 'notice' you need work doing; always make your own arrangements for work to be done at your home.
- Never pay fully for work 'up front'. At most, give an agreed deposit after you've had a written quotation, and don't pay in full until work is finished and you are happy with it.
- No one should ever ask you for your bank PIN number, not even the bank. If they do, it's a scam.
- Before you answer your door, make sure all other doors and easily accessible windows are locked; someone may keep you talking while an accomplice breaks into your home.
- Take your time to make any decision which involves spending a large amount of money. If someone tries to rush you, smell a rat!
- Beware of dealing with any company which doesn't give you a postal address and a landline phone number. Only having a mobile number, beginning '07', is a bad sign.
- Check out companies' credentials on the Internet, or get someone else to do it for you, before dealing with them.

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Booking essential as places limited.

## Flowers and Tea - A Winner!



Another successful open garden event at The Old Post Office in Gwaelod y Garth was held on the first full weekend of June. By the close of day on Sunday over 333 paying visitors had visited the garden.

Luckily the rain cleared and the sun shone allowing everyone time to enjoy and explore the various noms and crannies in this hillside garden. Visitors also spent time catching up with friends over a cup of tea served with various home made cakes, created and served by the band of volunteers.

At the final count we managed to raise £1335 for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme.

A big thank you to everyone who came but especially the hard working team who worked often behind the scenes making sure everyone had a lovely time.

The next event in the village will be the now annual craft fair.

This will be in the village hall on the weekend of the 14-15th November.

The event will host art and craft work made by local residents with the priority given first to Gwaelod artists. If you are interested in booking a table please contact Christine Myant ([Christine.Myant@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.Myant@gmail.com))

## Garth Gardeners



### RHS Wisley in September

As another summer comes to an end it's hard to believe we have now entered our fifth season with membership continuing to grow apace. Our meetings run from September to May and our varied programme includes guest speakers, socials and growing challenges.

Speakers so far this autumn have been Bob Brown, the renowned nurseryman and garden writer and Joseph Atkin, Aberglasney's head gardener. In November we welcome Richard Cain to talk about plant hunters followed by our Christmas social in December with Linda Coombes to entertain us.

We have also enjoyed numerous trips this year having visited Welford Park, Malvern, Hidcote and RHS Wisley. Planning for next year's programme is well under way including a three day tour of Dorset next June.

New members and visitors are always welcome. We meet at Pentyrch Village Hall, doors open at 7.15 pm. We would love to see you. For more information, please contact us. **Bill Rodd (Chairman)** Tel: 029 2089 1584

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