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Nadolig Christmas 2005

Rhif No. 65

Skateboard Park opens in Creigiau

After campaigning for more facilities for young people Pentyrch Community Council persuaded Cardiff County Council to build a skateboard park on the Creigiau Recreation field. The skateboard ramp was opened by County Councillor Delme Bowen on the 27 July in time for the summer holidays and it has proved to be a great success.

Parc Sglefrfyrdio yn Creigiau

Yn dilyn ymgyrch am gyfleusterau i bobl ifanc mae Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch wedi perswadio Cyngor Sir Caerdydd i adeiladu parc sglefrfyrdio ar faes chwarae Creigiau. Agorwyd y parc sglefrfyrdio gan y Cynghorydd Sirol Delme Bowen ar 27 Gorffennaf mewn pryd i'r gwyliau haf ac mae wedi profi i fod yn llwyddiannus iawn.



County Councillors Delme Bowen and Christine Priday and members of the Community Council.

Quarry Tunnel

At the October meeting of the Taff's Well Quarry Liaison Meeting the quarry management informed Pentyrch and Radyr Councillors that work on the tunnel to allow access to the quarry from Tynant Road had started. The quarry has now been taken over by Cemex, one of the largest building materials companies in the world.

Following completion of the tunnel the processing plant will be installed in the bottom of the quarry in 2007 and by 2009 all the existing plant and stock will be removed from the top of the quarry.

Twne! Chwarel

Yng nghyfarfod cydlynu Chwarel Ffynnon Taf ym mis Hydref rhoddwyd gwybodaeth gan reolwyr y chwarel i gynghorwyr Radyr a Phentyrch fod gwaith ar y twne! i alluogi mynediad i'r chwarel o Heol Tynant wedi cychwyn. Mae'r chwarel nawr yn eiddo i gwmmi Cemex, un o'r cwmnïau defnydd adeiladu mwyaf yn y byd.

Yn dilyn cwblhau y twne! gosodir y gwaith prosesu yng ngwaelod y chwarel yn 2007 ac erbyn 2009 bydd yr holl weithfeydd a stoc wedi eu symud o ben y chwarel.



The first happy users of the new skateboard park.

Big Thank You

The Community Council wishes to thank Mrs Yvonne Krip who has been clerk to the council since 1997 and was assistant clerk for the previous year.

The council and residents have benefitted from her vast knowledge of the area and her financial expertise. She has guided the council to provide a more professional and effective service to the community. Best wishes for the future Yvonne.



*Nadolig Llawen
a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda*

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

Cyngor Cymuned

Pentyrch

Community Council

FAREWELL TO CREIGIAU COOKS!

On Thursday 20th October 2005, members of staff both past and present gathered to celebrate the retirement of Dee Grocott (Cook) and Jean Phelps (Assistant Cook) at a function held in their honour at Creigiau Primary School hall. They each worked for nearly twenty-five years in the school canteen and during this time they must have served up well over a million meals for all the pupils and staff! We are very grateful for their hard work and commitment over so many years and we wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Peter Evans
Headteacher



Dee Grocott and Jean Phelps

OVER-60's CLUB

As the last meeting of our Summer session was to coincide with the 60th anniversary of VE Day, members were asked to bring along sweet and/or savoury edibles, with a view to assimilating a 1945 street party.

It turned out to be a super party, with plenty of goodies to eat (even including the strawberries and cream) and whilst we didn't quite manage to work up the euphoria of those earlier days; we at least experienced some of its nostalgia as various members undertook to recount their more memorable war-time experiences. (Even a touch of romance introduced by the ex-war-time hospital nurse who finished up marrying one of her patients!)

A coach trip to Saundersfoot on August 7th was blessed by perfect weather and a great time was had by all

The same, unfortunately, cannot be said for our trip to Weston-Super-Mare on the 28th September, when it simply poured with rain all day. Few of us could even have seen the sea at all, as we seemed to keep bumping into one another in M&S; W.H.Smith's; or various of the local fish & chip shops and cafes! Still, everyone seems to have enjoyed it!

Patricia Peakman.

PENTYRCH W.I.

On the 6th July, the Pentyrch W.I. held an educational theme evening celebrating VE Day. The Village Hall was decorated to replicate a 1945 'Street Party' with bunting and Flags and Members came dressed in appropriate costume. Many Members brought along memorabilia such as Medals awarded to family Members in the 1st and 2nd world wars. Some very interesting items were provided by one of our Members, Mrs. Joy Poulson, who was a Member of the FANNY's (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) and had worked as a cryptographer deciphering messages from Members of the resistance in France. Six long time Members who, unfortunately, are unable to attend on a regular basis due to ill-health were invited to the party. After a supper of fish and chips followed by jelly and blancmange, Members were entertained by 'The Andrew Sisters', 'Flanagan & Allen', 'Shirley Temple', 'Judy Garland', 'Marlene Dietrich', 'Vera Lynn', and 'Gracie Fields' with all Members joining in the sing-along at the end of the concert.

In June we organised a day trip to Evesham and in July enjoyed an evening meal at the Oxwich Hotel on the Gower Coast. We also have a very successful Book Club which meets once a month and have recently organised a Bridge Evening every fortnight which is going from strength to strength. Creative Card Making Workshops organised by 2

of our Members were also a great success and another one is scheduled for November in time for Members to make their own Christmas Cards.

In addition to our evening meetings, we also meet every month in the afternoon. To date, we have toured the Sherman Theatre, the Welsh Assembly and the new Millennium Centre and in June we attended a matinee performance of 'High Society' in the New Theatre. In May we visited Cardiff Bay and lunched at the El Puerto Restaurant in the Penarth Marina and in July met for lunch at the Caesars Arms, Creigiau. Our Membership now stands at 74 and new Members are always welcome

Jean Bryant, Secretary

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CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

We continue to meet on alternate Thursdays at 2.15 p.m. in the Church Hall in Creigiau. Membership has increased and we have enjoyed several interesting talks recently. We started our September meetings with an account by an archaeologist on the Romans in Wales. The next meeting concerned the Italians in Wales and, complete with accordion and song, we learned how coffee shops and ice cream parlours brought colour and a little difference into Welsh living. On another occasion an "Army Aunt" told us about her postings and gave us an insight into her work with the Army. The Christmas season brings a Carol afternoon, Christmas lunch and a sherry party. A new programme is at present being drawn up for the New Year.

Several of our members support the coffee mornings in aid of the Church Hall Restoration Fund and the Companions host a stall at the annual Christmas Bazaar.

Our aim is to foster friendship among the retired people in

Dave Jenkins Heritage Prize



Class 4 pupils showing their work to the judges

Two entries were received this year for the Dave Jenkins Heritage Prize organised by the Community Council. Both entries were from Creigiau Primary School and the judges, Don Llewellyn and Councillors Delme Bowen and Penri

Creigiau, particularly those who are new to the district and who perhaps have moved here to be nearer to their families. Please join us. More information can be obtained by ringing Marjorie Richards on 029 20890685. She would love to hear from you!

Williams had a busy morning at the end of the summer term selecting the winner - Class 4.

Class 4 have been learning about their local area. They have produced a variety of work based on the history of Creigiau and looked closely at what is situated in their local area. They have produced excellent leaflets to advertise Creigiau and looked closely at the old railway station and the Cromlech. They have done a pond dipping exercise at Creigiau pond and produced some independent researched projects based on their chosen pond animal. They have also thought of their own fantasy symmetrical . bug and made it out of clay. They have thought about where it would live at the pond and, most importantly, the name of their bug. They have looked closely at Creigiau Park and thought of ways to improve it. They have made their own park rides out of a range of materials .

Class 5 have been conducting a historical enquiry of Cardiff Castle. They have examined the development of the castle over time through use of documents and other sources. They are especially pleased with their work concerning the Bute Dowry Fund. Following examination of previously unpublished source material, they were able to conduct role play, placing them as characters who applied for and trustees who awarded the Dowry.

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The Welsh Islands Can Change Your Life

'If once you have slept on an island / You'll never be quite the same' wrote American poet Rachael Field. Mary Gilham, having slept on many an island, recognises her as a like spirit. 'There is a certain magic about islands', says Mary Gilham, a resident of Gwaelod y Garth, in her new book, 'Memories of the Welsh Islands'.

Most of us have only looked at the Welsh Islands from the mainland coast. With this book, we can explore vicariously. Off St David's Head is Ramsey, with its craggy heath, pools, choughs and seals. From the great empty stretches of Newgale sands, we can view Skomer - 'just asking to be visited' - and imagine Skokholm with the magnificence of its great sward of seapink, or Grassholm with its galaxy of gannets. Off Tenby is Caldey with its famous Cistercian monastery. Off Anglesey is Puffin Island or Ynys Seiriol with its known history stretching back to the sixth century. Now, in the new millennium, it houses the largest cormorant community in Britain.

Dr Gilham reminds us that once Barry island had a colourful natural diversity, now found only in the archives. East of Barry Pier and the Life-boat mooring, immediately behind the rubble-filled dock and across the walled course of the Cadoxton river, are the Bendricks with their dinosaur footprints and Triassic ripplemats. Parallel to the mainland shore at Swanage, is Sully island, where longshore fishermen maroon themselves at highwater for peaceful casting of their nets. From Cardiff Bay, we see Steephholm and Flatholm - 'the island of lost causes', scarred by rabbits, with its non economic farming attempts and its isolation hospital, but home to the Marconi memorial and the gulls which fly along the Taff Valley from Merthyr.

Mary Gilham studied at the University of Wales (Aberystwyth and Bangor), starting her research



Islets off the South of Ramsey Island



First Mohair Kids born on Flatholm

on the islands as part of her thesis. Browsing through her book, looking at the botanical drawings, photographs and sketches is an enticement to visit the islands which offer so much from the rare sight of merlins and peregrines, soaring kestrels and a cornucopia of wild flowers against the sea and the natural landscape and history of the

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

Did you realise that farm animals can catch worms from your dog's faeces!

Owners that let their dog's foul farmland grazed by animals, without cleaning it up, contribute unknowingly to the farm animals developing a case of worms. Apparently the worm is capable of infecting not just dogs and cats, but farm livestock as well. It is therefore good practice to clean up after your dog wherever it fouls and dispose of it safely. This will lead to happy healthy farm animals and happy farmers. We all need to act responsibly in the countryside and fostering good relations with landowners and farmers should be part of that responsibility.

Simon John Roberts.

Welsh Islands.

Norma Procter
Memories of Welsh Islands by Mary E. Gilham is published by Dinefwr Press @ £14.50

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Creigiau Carnival 25th June



Carnival events started with the annual Fun Run on the Recreation Field the previous Saturday where 90 children and parents ran in various events raising money for the Church Hall Fund and the School. Chris Wilson the Chairman of Creigiau 23 presented the medals.

On Monday the 20th June the Children's Disco was held in the Church Hall where the Carnival Queen, King and attendants were chosen.

On Carnival day the Procession was led by the Band & Corps of Drums of the South Wales Police from Parc Y Fro around the village to the Recreation Field in bright sunshine where the Band gave a short recital. Councillor Delme Bowen and Pamela judged the floats and fancy dress and opened the fete.

There were more side shows, entertainments and stalls than ever before and the bar and barbecue tent sold out.. 1100 programmes were sold and an estimated 700 persons plus children attended. The preliminary accounts estimate the profit on the afternoon at £4,500 which will be shared between Creigiau 23 and CRAMC.

Events closed with the Summer Ball held in Creigiau Golf Club on the 23rd July which was a great success

Drummond Chorlton.



Medal winners and Chris Wilson the Chairman of Creigiau 23.

Merched yn swyno'r Dwrllyn

Cyflwynwyd noson gerddorol gan deulu'r Coombes o Bentyrch a'u ffrindiau i gychwyn blwyddyn o weithgarwch Clwb y Dwrllyn. Mae Faye o Borthcawl yn hyfforddi i fod yn bianydd clasurol. Mae Linda yn athrawes ym Mhorthcawl ac yn cymryd rhan mewn sioeau cerddorol. Mae Amy, merch Linda, yn astudio Drama ac Addysg yn UWIC a daw Sioned sy'n astudio yn y Coleg Cerdd a Drama o Gastell Nedd.

Eleni mae Clwb y Dwrllyn, o dan ofal y Cadeirydd, Judith Evans a'i phwyllgor prysur, wedi trefnu llu o weithgareddau amrywiol ac ysgafn. Mae croeso i bawb ymuno. Ffoniwch 029 20890571 am wybodaeth

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Cynhaliwyd parti Calan Gaeaf Cylch Meithrin Creigiau ar ddydd Sul, Hydref 30ain yn Neuadd yr Eglwys. Roedd yno adloniant i'r plant gyda 'Kariad', llawer o wrachod, dewiniaid ac ysbrydion, gwisg ffansi a digon o fwyd. Y cyfan dan olau pwmpen!



Faye, Linda, Amy a Sioned

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IN REMEMBRANCE

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing away of Molly Patmore peacefully at home on Saturday Sept 10th, after a long illness. Molly of Nant-Y-Garth Gwaelod-Y-Garth was mother to Michael and Lindsey to whom we extend our greatest sympathy. A former clerk to Pentyrch Community Council and a Councillor, she contributed greatly to village life, and will be sadly missed by all.

Simon John Roberts

Eileen Mary Patmore. 1917-2005

Mollie was born in Manchester and attended 'The Hollies' Convent school and, after being the first student from that school to win a State Scholarship, went to Manchester University where she obtained a degree in the classics. She went into the teaching profession, but it was not to her liking, and she left to enter the Civil Service. During the war she worked on code-breaking at Bletchley Park, near Bedford.

After the war, Mollie met Roy and moved to Manchester where both Michael and Lindsey were born. Roy's work took him to South Wales where they established their new home at Gwaelodygarth which has been the family home ever since.

Mollie - and Roy - immediately became actively involved in the community life of the village. They were very much the force behind the team which conceived, planned, financed and ultimately constructed our Village Hall, which was opened in 1971. The years leading up to this were an amalgam of fund-raising activities. Remember the legendary carnivals which held up traffic on the main road through Taff's Well? The Mile of Pennies stretching from one end of the Gwaelod to the other?

Mollie continued her involvement in community life by taking on the office of Clerk to the Pentyrch Parish Council - an appointment which she held from 1976 to 1988, having previously served for two years as a community councillor. Again during this period, she became actively involved in the Gwaelodygarth W.I., serving at various times as President and as Secretary. She was also the Secretary of the Youth Club, and also served as Vice President of the Village Hall. Later she became

On August 17 the South Wales Institute of Groundsmanship presented Pentyrch Bowls Club with a clock in memory of the late Harold Evans, Groundsman at Pentyrch for many years. Members of Harold's family attended the ceremony on the sunny Monday evening.



involved in the Community Enterprise Unit - a project designed to help the unemployed youngsters of the area in acquiring skills and abilities to help them in their future careers. Mollie later became Chairperson of the Gwaelodygarth Senior Citizens - a post she held with great enthusiasm. However, some have argued that the summit of her community life was her contribution to the Gwaelodygarth Ladies Concert party. Who can ever forget her rendering of 'Nobody Loves a Fairy when she's Forty'?

In between all of this frantic activity, Mollie worked as a market researcher, helping to influence government policy. It is indeed entirely appropriate that the local council saw fit to name a road in the then new housing development at Riverglade after Mollie and Roy. This was of course Patmore Close.

Not everyone agreed with her viewpoints, but Mollie had a beautiful smile to defuse any potential areas of

conflict. Mollie was always seeking to improve her knowledge of the world around her. She attended afternoon and evening classes at local education centres and right up to the end, she was an avid reader. She was a lover of music, theatre and opera, and regularly attended concerts in the city. She was a member of the Pentyrch local history society.

Animals too were a part of the Patmore family. The sight of Mollie taking Trixie the dog for a morning stroll across the playing field was a part of the village scene.

The forty or so years, during which I have known Mollie and her family have been both a privilege and a pleasure. I am sure that I echo the sentiments of everyone in Gwaelodygarth, past and present, old and new, when I say 'Thank you Mollie for your major contribution to our community. We shall all miss you.'

Derek Thomas



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John Weston Thomas Harpmaker. 1921 - 1992

The village of Gwaelod-y-Garth has produced many notable characters and residents, many of whom have now sadly passed away.

One such resident to make an impression was John Weston Thomas the harp maker born in Cardiff in 1921 and moving to Pear Tree Cottage Gwaelod-y-Garth with his wife Joan in 1952. A true character, I remember him standing outside his workshop in his woodcraft apron and with his trademark pipe in his mouth. No visit to the shop that used to stand next-door to his cottage would be complete without the sight of John lovingly practicing his craft.

He set about restoring the cottage and when finished went to work in the National Museum of Wales where for ten years he spent his time repairing, renovating, and making models. A later commission led to his first miniature harp which started him on the path to resurrecting harp making in Wales.

Wales had not seen harp making for sixty years but now John was producing Celtic or folk harps, the Chromatic and Triple, as well as making repairs and modifications. This work was carried out across the road from his cottage in his workshop until it became too small. Together with his son Alun and two apprentices the family moved in 1974 to Sealyham farm near Wolfs Castle Pembrokeshire which had the necessary outbuildings for conversion to workshops. John produced the "Welsh Triple", the tallest harp in the world standing 6ft 6ins with 95 strings, which produced a "echoed" or "chorus" effect. However a design fault led to strain and the eventual breakage of the harp. This problem was overcome by John by inventing "The Perpendicular Triple," displayed at the 1986 Eisteddfod in Fishguard, this design proving its worth over the years and now being used in today's "Triples" made by Alan and apprentice Brian.

In 1983 John was awarded the BEM for services to craft in Wales

and to harp making in particular. His love for harps is illustrated by his quote: "I won't make a harp for just anyone. I

must be sure that it will go to a good home and I cross-examine any prospective buyers. After all it's an instrument that must be loved. You rest your cheek against it, put your arms around it, and then caress its strings".

The village today still has links to the harp albeit in the form of performing rather than manufacture, Catrin Finch (former harpist to Prince Charles), and Gill Green providing the music.

Simon John Roberts

References: Rod Thomas, Alun Thomas, (photos and Drawings) The Garth Domain No. 25, Miscellany 7, Compiled by Don Llewellyn, September 2004



Thanks to Helper

It has been reported to me by Mrs. Sandra Phillips, Flat 1, Berthlwyd, that she experienced a very nasty fall when going down the steps just inside the park from the Lewis' Arms car park on the 13th June at about 4.15/4.30pm. She brought it to my attention in support of traffic calming measures along Heol Goch at that point as she is forced to walk through the park as she has Rheumatoid Arthritis and has had both knees replaced and is not able to dodge speeding traffic easily. She finds the gate very stiff to open and she fell down the second step. She was badly cut about the hands, face and knees, but fortunately no permanent damage was done to her knees.

Mrs. Phillips was helped at the time of her accident by a very kind mature lady as she was bleeding quite badly. She only remembers that the lady described herself as a "child minder" and she did not get her name. She would like to thank this lady for her help and her assistance was much appreciated.

County Councillor Christine Priday

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Christmas Message from Rev J W Binny Vicar of Pentyrch

Dear Friends

Nearly every nation has some Christmas stories and I should like to share with you one from Sweden – very simple but very meaningful.

A man went out in mid-winter on a dark night to borrow some live coals to kindle a fire. He went from house to house and knocked on each door. “Please help me” he said. “My wife has just given birth to a child and we have no fuel for a fire. I must make fire to warm her and the little one.” But it was too late, all the people were asleep.

The man walked on and on. Soon he left the village and came into open country. At last, a long way off, he saw the gleam of a fire. He walked towards it, and saw the fire was burning in an open field. Several sheep were sleeping around the fire and an old shepherd sat on a rock watching over the sheep. As the young man came nearer, he saw three big dogs asleep at the shepherd’s feet. All three woke up when they heard him coming, they opened their mouths as if they were going to bark but there was no sound. The dog looked angry and dashed at the man but did no harm. The shepherd seemed to be almost asleep, wrapped in his thick cloak. Gently the man made his way through the sleeping sheep. As he did the old shepherd woke up. He was an ill-tempered old man, unfriendly and not too fond of other people. He picked up a heavy stick and threw it at the approaching stranger. But the stick flew past him without touching him. The young man went up to the shepherd and asked for coals from the fire to warm his wife and the new baby.

At first the shepherd only stared. He wanted to say “No”. But when he saw the dogs did not bite the man, and the sheep did not wake, and that the stick would not strike him, he felt afraid. He said in a gruff voice. “Take what you need!” But

he thought to himself, “he can’t pick up burning coals.”

To his amazement the young man bent down and picked up the burning coals with his bare hands, and he was not burnt. He wrapped them in his cloak and it wasn’t even scorched. As he was moving away, the shepherd called out “What kind of night is this, when dogs won’t bite, and sheep are not frightened, and the stick did not strike you, and the fire does not burn?” The young man said “I can’t tell you. You must see it for yourself. Good night and many thanks.”

The shepherd followed the man to see if he could learn the secret. He saw that the young mother and her baby were lying in a cave among the hills. As he saw the baby, something stirred in his heart. He opened his leather knapsack and gave a soft white sheepskin to the father. “take it”, he said, “and wrap up the child or he will freeze to death.” And the moment his heart melted his eyes were opened. A great light shone round the three figures in the cave. As he heard angels singing that this night the Saviour of the world was born. He fell on his knees and thanked God.

At Christmas time we draw near in our word and in our hearts to the infant Jesus. And in Jesus we see God, who has become Man and entered all the joys but also the strife, turmoil, pain and grief of our lives. Jesus the Son of God, caged in a helpless babe in sordid surroundings of utmost poverty, caged in the village carpenter, caged by the cruel nails on the cross, and above all, caged in you and me in whom He still seeks to dwell if we will open our hearts to Him.

With every good wish for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

John W. Binny
Vicar of Pentyrch
with Capel Llanilltern.



Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern

St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

Tuesday, 13 December. 7.00pm.
Village Carol Service
Sunday 18 December
3.30pm Parish Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve
1.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas
Christmas Day
9.00am Sung Eucharist and Carols

St David's Church, Groesfaen

Christmas Eve
3.30pm Blessing of the Crib and
Children's Carol Service
Christmas Day
8.00am Holy Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist and Carols
Capel Llanilltern Church
Sunday 18 December
10.30am Service of Lessons and
Carols with Holy Communion
Christmas Day
10.30am Holy Eucharist and Carols

Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

Sunday 4 December
10.30am Parish Family Eucharist
and Sunday School Nativity Play
Sunday 18 December
6.30pm Readings and Carols with
Cantorian Creigiau
Sunday 5 February 2006
10.30am Parish Christingle Service
A very warm welcome to everyone.

Church Hall Creigiau

Further to the article in the previous Community Link, good progress is being made in renovating the Parish Church Hall, Creigiau, which is badly in need of refurbishment.

The building has been made wind and weather-tight. Repairs have been carried out to the roof to prevent the ingress of water and the outside of the hall has been rendered and painted. A total renewal of the roof will be required in perhaps five to ten years as funds become available for this and other work.

Internally wet rot and woodworm have been identified and the woodwork of the stage and floor treated. Work has been done to provide toilet facilities for the disabled.

Future work includes internal plastering and painting and an access ramp.

All this eats into funds and applications for grants are made and events held to raise money.

The support of the community is appreciated, so that the hall may continue to be used by several groups and individuals in the community as for a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30 am and for other activities.

Al help to raise funds and restore the Hall would be most welcome. Please contact Rev. John Binny (Tel: 02920890318) or Mrs Alison Woodley (Tel: 02920 891800)

The Good News Coffee Morning is held in the Hall on the third Saturday of each month from 10.00am to 12 noon. All are very welcome.

St Catwg's Sunday School, Pentyrch

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30am in St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch, except for school holidays and the first Sunday of the month when the Parish Family Service is held in the Parish Church Hall, Creigiau at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome. For further details please contact the Rev. John Binny (Tel: 02920 890318).



New Kids on The Block

We have benefitted from reading Community Link since moving into the area six years ago. We have found it informative and helpful. Thank you to everyone who takes the time and effort to put this newspaper together.

When I received the last one I wondered if there was anything I could contribute for information for the community. So I am submitting this for your consideration.

We live in Georgetown in Gwaelod-y-Garth and have been laying the foundations for a project over the past two and a half years. A project which we believe will impact this community and beyond. This is not because of our involvement but because of the involvement of a much superior power.

Having served for 30 years in a local Baptist Church we were to say the least surprised to find ourselves in the position of starting from scratch at the ripe old age of 59. Fortunately all of the others involved are younger!!!

The name of this project is "Connections" – a registered charity set up to advance the knowledge of God and demonstrate the effect He can have on society in the neighbourhoods in which we live. We are linked in with a worldwide body of churches – to which we are accountable for our practice.

We enjoy meeting throughout the week in one another's homes in our

localities – where the real "stuff" of life and family and community engages in the reality of God's presence. This we call the "cake" of church.

We celebrate together three times a month – usually on a Sunday – this is the cherry on the cake!

We run Alpha - the course which gives everyone the opportunity to explore and ask the questions they've always wanted to about God, Christianity etc. – in a relaxed environment.

We offer help to equip people to work through issues and to live life to the full.

Want to know more? – contact Tony and Diana on 029 20813034.

HOREB

Horeb Chapel on the square in Pentyrch has been boarded up since it closed in July but there is good news on the way. Although the chapel was not sold at the auction in October it is hoped that it will be taken over and developed as an Arts Centre. The chapel will be maintained to stage live concerts with top level artists and the vestry will be adapted to provide a musical recording studio.

THE MAGIC OF MYRRH

Myrrh was one of the gifts brought by Balthazar the King of Ethiopia to the baby Jesus on the first Christmas. In ancient times it was valued more highly than gold. Myrrh and Frankincense a similar plant had spiritual and medical significance.

Myrrh is a plant resin derived from the thorny desert shrub *Commiphora molmol* which grows wild in the Horn of Africa. Local Somali tribesmen cut the bark of the tree which then exudes a protective resin like a tear drop of amber. These harden and are periodically harvested as granules by the natives. Not all the trees are harvested at the same time and some are periodically allowed to rest in a cyclical manner following strict traditional tribal rules.

There are other kinds of myrrh, indeed there are over twenty different species. True Myrrh comes only from the tree *Commiphora molmol* (sometimes named *Commiphora myrrha*). To add to the confusion there is one other significant type of myrrh called Scented Myrrh or Haddi (sometimes referred to as Opoponax). This has a powerful and attractive perfume and is widely used as incense. True Myrrh also has an interesting musky smell and is currently still widely used in the perfume industry to provide what is called the “base notes” of perfumes.

Myrrh is renowned as an ancient medicine. The Greeks used to carry Myrrh with them into battle and if injured would smear the wounds with Myrrh. We now know it has strong antibiotic properties. It was used by natives as an incense to repel, flies insect pests and ticks and is used to this day as a rub for horses. In medieval times Arab ship builders would seal their boats with Myrrh which appeared to prevent wood boring molluscs from making holes in the wooden hull. Even in Victorian times the resin formed part of a recipe used by the Navy to paint and preserve wooden decks.

From a biological point of view the Myrrh tree has evolved the resin over millions of years as a sap or exudate to protect itself if injured. It is not surprising therefore that the mixture contains many chemicals of a defensive nature. We now know that the mixture in fact contains hundreds of different compounds, some are volatile and some in the form of oils and gums. The plant uses these to seal or plug any wounds made in the bark. Many of the natural chemicals in the resin will repel insect



Harvested Granules of Myrrh

pests and attract others to eat the pests in a subtle chemical warfare. Some of the chemicals defend the tree from bacterial and fungal attack and modern chemical analysis shows the mixture to contain antibiotic and antifungal compounds many of which are new to science.

It was this rich potential which led us as scientist working at Cardiff University to initially investigate the potential of Myrrh as a slug or mollusc repellent. Dr Ahmed Ali a fellow Welshman from Newport whose father came originally from Somalia joined our team. We were sponsored by the WDA and a business company from Swansea. After three years work, we announced our results at the National Eisteddfod in Newport and of course on the internet. Myrrh indeed proved itself to be a very potent slug and snail repellent and this use was duly patented. The product is now commercially available and details of the invention may be perused at www.slugs.biz

It takes the form of a non poisonous organic mix of ground Myrrh and special wood chip which can be poured out to surround and protect your favourite vegetables or flowers. Slugs.biz does not kill slug pests it simply sends them away to the garden next door, or to be eaten by some lucky hedgehogs or birds. It is therefore harmless to humans, pets and wildlife and a very suitable product for organic gardeners.



Dr Ahmed Ali and Prof Delme Bowen with their African Snails at Cardiff University

Pentyrch Guides

1st Pentyrch guides are still going strong with 24 girls, aged 10 – 14 meeting every Tuesday in the Village Hall. Activities are varied and include dance, drama, art and craft, yoga, cookery and games. Last year the guides planted trees donated by the Woodland Trust around the local community.

We are always on the look out for local people with skills or interesting hobbies they can share with the Guides in a one-off session. If you think that you could offer such help or are interested in becoming a regular guide helper then please contact Guide Leaders; Kate Crabtree or Pauline James on telephone numbers 20892352 or 20892336.



Myrrh Tree *Commiphora molmol*

The story does not end here, Myrrh has proven itself to be a source of gold to the University. Further research work has shown the resin and some of its extracted chemicals can be used in an antifouling paint to protect ships and marine installations and international collaboration is producing significant new formulations. These formulations prevent the settlement and growth of barnacles, limpets and other molluscs and hopefully may eventually replace the current toxic products that are based on organo-tin.

Myrrh also has a golden future in the field of medicine. It is already widely used in herbal prescriptions in Arab, Chinese and Indian medicine. In the future its individual chemical components will be isolated and analysed in the fight against disease. It may well prove to hold particular secrets for controlling cancer and cell death, but that is a different story.

Professor Delme Bowen
Creigiau

1990 to 2010. The History of a Village Campaign

Local people must be extremely disappointed at the request of the Quarry Company to defer the new access until 2010. The Pentyrch Hill is highly unsuitable for its heavy quarry traffic for all the reasons rehearsed in the many letters sent to Cardiff County Council over the years. It is hard to understand that a Legal Agreement is allowed to be so open to deferment.

The quarry company say that they will soon make a start on driving through a tunnel, but point out that the tunnel and the plant removal are linked to productivity. The Cemex Operations Manager said that when Redland signed the Legal Agreement in 1997 it was based on previous production. It was now not realistic to put forward dates that could not be met. It was likely to be 2008 before the plant could be moved and longer before traffic could be expected to stop using the hill.

The Legal Agreement signed in 1997 had all the terms that had been agreed and established in 1990 when the Public Inquiry was halted. We had assembled in Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall to hear the Inquiry officially opened and closed on the same day. On March 7th, 1991, the compromise plan was reported in the Western Mail. One of the points agreed was that a new access would be created to the site through a tunnel. People were told that heavy quarry traffic would be off the hill in three years. It seemed to good to be true – and history has shown that it was.

Since that time, the quarry has been the subject of take-over and has repeatedly changed hands. However, Redland/ Lafarge, RMC and Cemex, have all had to agree to the same set of Legal Agreements. Local people, who had campaigned for a fair deal since 1987/8 onwards, were reassured by CCC that the planning clauses were immutable. Few of us understood that Legal Agreements



Garth Hill Protest 1989



Yvonne Davies and Diane Price and families in 1997 (South Wales Echo)

could be deferred.

The removal of stone from the quarry near the access tunnel area is critical to the plan. Cemex explain that not enough has been removed yet. But quarrying has gone on elsewhere in the quarry over the years of waiting. Councillor Priday tells us the Assembly has awarded the quarry the contract for widening the M4. She hopes that their business plan for achieving the planning time table will be stronger after this £4 million pound contract. No longer can the quarry blame deferment on a drop in demand for stone.

Local people hope that CCC will ensure that there are no more delays in the provision of the new access to Taffs Well quarry by enforcing a time scale more in line with the need of our villages. Some who marched in the original campaigns are now dead – and more of this generation may be before the promised outcome of heavy traffic from the hill is achieved. The long delay becomes increasingly unacceptable. When we celebrated the new access plan in 1991 not one of us dreamed we would be asked to wait until 2010 for the completion of the Legal Agreements.

On the 28th September the Cardiff

Tîm Golff ieuenctid Creigiau



**Jacob, Tomos, Morgan, Gareth,
Mark, Kyle, Mathew, Adam,
James, Rhys**

Dan gapteiniaeth Gethin Davies mae tîm ieuenctid Clwb Golff y Creigiau wedi cael tymor llwyddiannus dros ben.

Enillwyd eu cynghrair, sef De-Ddwyrain Cymru, er mai tîm ifanc o blant 14-16 mlwydd oed sydd gan y clwb. Gareth Phillips yw seren y tîm ac y mae e a'i frawd Mathew, Tomos Rees a Mark Baird wedi cael eu dewis i chwarae i dîm Morgannwg dan 16. Cafodd Rhys Jones lwyddiant arbennig yng nghystadlaethau rhyngwladol Weetabix ar gwrs Forest-in-Arden, Swydd Rhydychen, wrth ddod yn bumed allan o blant dan 15 mlwydd oed Prydain.

Ym mhencampwriaeth flynyddol ieuenctid y clwb, ddiwedd mis Awst, Gareth Phillips oedd yn fuddugol, Morgan Williams yn ail a Tomos Rees yn drydydd. Chwarae o'r safon uchaf oedd yn nodweddu'r gystadlaethau.

Dymunwn bob llwyddiant i'r tîm yng ngemau olaf y tymor yn erbyn timoedd gorau Cymru. G.T.

County Council Planning Committee agreed to the variation to consent which requires the tunnel to be completed by May 2009.

The Council have stated that they will monitor progress closely as they were persuaded that the local people are all well fed up with the delays that have been experienced over the last 10 years.

I spoke to representatives from the company and they have agreed that they will hold further "events" for the public at landmark dates during the coming months as they intend to start the internal tunnel breakthrough works on the 17th October 2005.

Community Council Highlights

PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

Skateboard Park Success

Community Council and Cardiff County Council have been working together to provide a skateboard park within the Creigiau Recreation ground. The skateboard park officially opened on the 27th July 2005 and has proved to be a huge success with users of all ages. Unfortunately as usual there are those who would rather abuse than use the facilities provided for them. Problems have been relatively few and mainly relate to the amount of rubbish now accumulating on the Recreation ground. Please ask your children to either use the bins provided or take their rubbish home.

Grants

The following grants have been allocated by the Community Council:-

Hilltop Theatre Group £150
Tuesday Luncheon Club £50
Creigiau Netball Club £120

The Council allocates grant aid to applications from organisations within the Community Council area at Council meetings in March, June, September and December. All applications must be supported by recent audited accounts, as appropriate and should give an indication of the purpose for which the grant is required and an indication of the amount of the grant requested.

New Clerk

The new Clerk to the Community Council is Mr Alec Davies who took up his position on the 1st November. Mr Davies is a retired Police officer who lives in St Brides Super Ely. Mr Davies is a keen gardener and enjoys walking. He is enthusiastic about his new role and eager to familiarise himself with the Community area, local organisations and contacts.

Llwyddiant Parc Sglefrfyrdio

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi bod yn cydweithio gyda Chyngor Sir Caerdydd i ddarparu parc sglefrfyrdio ar faes chwarae Creigiau. Agorwyd y trac sglefrfyrdio yn swyddogol ar 27 Gorffennaf ac mae wedi bod yn llwyddiant mawr gyda defnyddwyr o bob oed. Yn anffodus fel arfer mae'n well gan rai cam-ddefnyddio yn hytrach na defnyddio'r cyfleusterau a ddarperir. Heblaw am y sbwriel sy'n ymhel does dim llawer o broblemau wedi bod. A wnewch chi ofyn i'ch plant ddefnyddio'r biniau neu mynd a'u sbwriel gartref.

Grantiau

Dosrannwyd y grantiau canlynol gan y Cyngor Cymuned:-

Grŵp Theatr Hilltop £150
Clwb Cinio Dydd Mawrth £50
Clwb Pêl-rwyd Creigiau £120

Dave Jenkins Heritage Initiative

For the second year running Mrs Hussey's class at Creigiau Primary School has won the Dave Jenkins Heritage Initiative competition. The class were presented with plaque and a cheque for £100. The class produced a variety of work based on the history of Creigiau. They looked closely at the old railway station and the Cromlech and produced leaflets to advertise Creigiau. Well done to all in Class 4.

PC Lisa Bishop

At the October Community Council meeting PC Bishop informed the council that she was moving to a new position in the city centre.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked her for her support and work in the area and said that we were disappointed to lose her.

It was agreed to write to Inspector Roberts to press for a continued police presence in the area in order to maintain the good work that had been done.

Mae'r Cyngor yn dosrannu grantiau i geisiadau o fudiadau o fewn ardal y Cyngor Cymuned yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor ym mis Mawrth, Mehefin, Medi a Rhagfyr. Rhaid cyflwyno cyfrifon wedi eu harchwilio gyda'r cais, a dylid rhoi'r pwrpas a maint y grant a ofynnir amdano.

Clerc Newydd

Dechreuodd cleric newydd y cyngor, Mr Alec Davies, ar 1 Tachwedd. Mae Mr Davies wedi ymddeol o'r Heddlu ac mae'n byw yn Llansanffraid-ar-Elái. Mae'n arddwr brwd ac mae'n mwynhau cerdded. Mae'n frwdfrydig am ei rôl newydd ac yn barod i ddod yn gyfarwydd â'r ardal, mudiadau lleol a chysylltiadau'r gymuned.

Cystadleuaeth Treftadaeth

Dave Jenkins

Am yr ail flwyddyn yn olynol enillwyd cystadleuaeth treftadaeth y cyngor gan ddsbarth Mrs Hussey o Ysgol Gynradd Creigiau. Cyflwynwyd plac i'r dosbarth a siec am £100. Roedd y dosbarth wedi cynhyrchu amrywiaeth o waith yn seiliedig ar hanes Creigiau. Edrychwyd yn graff ar yr hen orsaf rheilffordd a'r Gromlech a chynhyrchwyd taflenni i hysbysebu Creigiau. Llongyfarchiadau i Class 4.

PC Lisa Bishop

Yng nghyfarfod mis Hydref o'r Cyngor Cymuned dywedodd PC Bishop ei bod yn symud o'r swydd bresennol i swydd newydd yng nghanol y ddinas.

Ar ran y Cyngor diolchwyd PC Bishop gan y Cadeirydd am ei gwaith a'i chefnogaeth tra'n heddwas cymunedol yr ardal ac roedd y Cyngor yn siomedig i golli ei gwasanaeth.

Penderfynwyd ysgrifennu at yr Arolygydd Roberts i bwysu i barhau â'r presenoldeb heddlu i gynnal y gwaith da sydd wedi ei wneud.

Planning Applications to November 2005

05/01355/W Mr B Prichard, Yr Odyn, Penuel Road - 2 No. 3 Bed Dwellings with Integral Car Parking

05/01351/W Mr & Mrs Roberts, Plot adjacent to, 1 River Glade - Proposed Detached Dwelling

05/01423/W D J Castle, 42 Heol Berry - Renewal Of Planning Permission 01/27 - Detached house and garage

05/01437/W Mr & Mrs M Esau, 17 Maes y Sarn - New Two Storey Extension And Erect Single Storey Extension To Rear Of Property To Provide Study, Extended Kitchen And Dining Area

05/01443/W Mr & Mrs M Simmons, 'Delfryn', Pen Y Waun - Single Storey Extension

05/01485/W Mr & Mrs M R Davies, 10 Dol Y Felin - Proposed Side And Rear Two Storey Domestic Extensions To Form And Provide New Ground Floor Lounge And Rear Breakfast Room; First Floor Master Bedroom, Bedroom 2, And Study Together With The Carrying Out Of The Associated Internal Improvement And Modification Works To Form Enlarged Kitchen And Additional First Floor Bathroom Ensuite Facilities.

05/01523/W Mr & Mrs R Pride, 22 Troed Y Garth, Single Storey Extension to Rear, Two Storey Extension to Side

05/01525/W Mr & Mrs Dunn, 1 Brummell Drive - Single Storey Rear Extension

05/01533/W Kurt Evans, The Smithy, Llwynmilwas - Change of Use of Redundant Smithy and Stables into Residence

05/01558/W Lynam Grubb, Pod's Place, 1 Parc-Y-Fro - Erection of Wooden Fence to Side and Rear of Property for Security and Privacy.

05/01589/W David Prichard, Ty'r Ardd, Creigiau - Marginal Re-Positioning Of Existing Drive Entrance On To Cardiff Road, Creigiau: About 1.5m Adjustment To Kerb

05/01592/W Mr. Ralph Watkins, Cefn Bychan Farmhouse, Cefn Bychan - To Build 2 New Four Bed Houses.

05/01649/W Griff Davies & Sons, Land at Griff Davies and Sons, Garth Industrial Estate, Main Rd - Proposed 4 no. Industrial/warehousing/office

units space. Units have the potential to be split into half units creating 8 no. Units

05/01698/W Mr & Mrs Bellward, 3 The Terrace - Erection of sun lounge

05/01682/W Mr & Mrs James, 3 Parc Castell Y Mynach - Construction of four bed detached dwelling with detached garage

05/01710/W Mr & Mrs D Joyce, 2 1 Parc Y Felin - Two storey side extension, single storey front porch and rear study (single storey)

05/01867/W Dr S Logan & Dr J Hall, Is Y Coed, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern - Ground and first floor extensions and alterations

05/01908/W Bethlehem Chapel, Main Road, New wheelchair accessible ramp plus new chapel signage

A/05/00135/W Travelodge, Junction 33 M4 Motorway - New hotel signage

05/01682/W Mr & Mrs James, 3 Parc Castell Y Mynach - Construction of four bed detached dwelling with detached garage

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05/01994/W Variation of conditions, Stephen Short, Land adjacent to Fairfield Avenue Industrial Estate, off, Main Road - Variation of condition 7 of permission 05/229w to allow retention and repositioning of palisade fence adjoining main road

05/02150/W Parish of Pentyrch, St. Catwg's Church, Church Road - Reconstruction of stone boundary wall

05/02151/W Listed Building Consent, Parish of Pentyrch, St. Catwg's Church, Church Road - Reconstruction of stone boundary wall using existing stonework and lime coarse sand and cement mortar

05/02184/W Mr & Mrs T Sexton, 30 Parc Y Coed - Single storey side and new extension plus garage conversion

05/02186/W Mr & Mrs Treharne, 34 Parc Castell Y Mynach - Single storey conservatory

05/02258/W Agricultural determination, Barrie Williams Development Ltd, Land at Tyn y Coed Road and, Heol Creigiau - Storage/plant and machinery

05/02421/W Mr K P Crean, Y Gocyd, Heol Y Parc - Retention of existing

Charities to End

Two very old charities with small sums of money left over from the Almshouses in Pentyrch are to be wound up. The Almshouse Charity and Mackworth & Matthews Charity are administered by the Community Council with three trustees including the Vicar, Rev Binny.

The total funds in the two charities is £260 and this will be transferred to the Pentyrch Luncheon Club for the benefit of the residents of the area. Further information is available on the Council noticeboards.

ground levels.

05/02390/W Mr R Dunstun & Ms S Greenway, Wildwood, 1 Clos Darren Las - Detached garage, store and office ancillary to dwelling

05/02445/W Gwaelod Y Garth Primary School, Main Road - New external steps and associated hand railing. Refer to accompanying drawings number schc5259 al(0) 01, 03, 05a, 6a, 8a

05/02446/W Gwaelod Y Garth Primary School, Main Road - New external steps and associated hand railing.

05/02460/W John Davies, Hazelhurst, Pen y Waun - Proposed first floor extension above existing garage

05/02468/W Mr & Mrs D Spragg, Vacant plot fronting Main Road - Detached house and garages.

ADVERTISE IN COMMUNITY LINK

Community Link is delivered to 2800 homes in the area and is a valuable source of information.

Adverts

£15 6cm x 10cm

£30 12 cm x 10 cm

Tel: 029 2089 1417

HYSBYSEBWCH YN CWLWM BRO

Dosberthir Cwlwm Bro i 2800 o dai yn yr ardal ac mae'n gyfrwng ardderchog i rannu gwybodaeth

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£15 6cm x 10 cm

£30 12cm x 10 cm

PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

December 2nd will be the official opening of the car park but if you've already used it I'm sure you will appreciate the difference. Dry feet, safe access for all, good visibility all round, safe entrance, designated car parking spaces with disabled- specific spaces, fantastic level access for pedestrians and vehicles—to name but a few of the advantages of the work done over the summer.

It was not without its hiccups - the day the workmen went through the gas main, the wait for men to appear on site, the rain in the last few weeks holding up the finishing touches but - we got there in the end.

All this was made possible because of the dedication and hard work of the committee (past and present), of individuals who gave personal cheques for the fund, of the huge amounts of time spent by many in organising fundraising events- an average of one a month for the last 18 months - and of the many, many villagers who have bought tickets, gone on walks, quizzed, danced, helped fill an enormous whisky bottle with cash, rattled buckets and given their support to the project. I know of many whose social life has been based around the Hall for the past two years –enjoyable but tiring!

Two people efforts stand out. Cynthia Charnley volunteered her professional knowledge to complete forms for institutions and grant applications resulting in the fast completion of the project. Also, Richard Porch who has provided consultancy and project management throughout, often free of charge.

At the time of writing we are waiting for the lights to be fitted on to the Squash Court, some slight alterations to be made to the kerbing on Maes y Sarn and small changes to be made in the paved areas. But in essence the carpark is finished.

Pentyrch Open Gardens is managing the design and planting of the landscaped areas and this work will be completed in the New Year. Please try and keep children off these areas- the mud is being taken into the Hall and planting will be more difficult than it needs to be.

A Christmas tree will be erected and lights put on it - let's make sure they are enjoyed by everyone. If you see anyone in the area up to no good please contact



the police- it is a village amenity we should all be proud of- certainly the village should be proud of the fantastic achievement first in the building of the Hall and now, 30 years later, in the completion of the project.

Everyone will be very welcome to our 'Carols in the Carpark' evening on 2nd December at 6pm. The lights will be switched on, Radyr School Brass Band, and members of the St Catwg's Church and Pentyrch School choirs will help swell the sound but the most important people will be **yourself**s.

Please ensure that anyone who has helped in any way is told of the event. If you have donated money and not received a personal invitation please let me know.

PS There will be no carparking on the carpark that evening but there will be on 3rd December when the Christmas Fayre is being held with crafts, games, cakes and bottle stalls opening at 10:30 am.

THANK YOU ALL
BARBARA RODD
029 2089 1584
Chair Pentyrch Village Hall
Management Trustees

Information about Premises Licence

Pentyrch Village Hall is now a licensed premises. Strict rules governing the sale of alcohol, consumption of alcohol, tombolas, dramas, dance, music (live and recorded) have been imposed on the premises as a result of new laws. Information available from the Booking Secretary: Irene Dow 029 20890987.

FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION

Last July our Pentyrch School was presented with an accreditation certificate in recognition of achieving the quality standards set for the Football Association of Wales Accreditation Scheme. Robert Page, the Coventry City and Welsh international footballer presented Lauren Cleaver and Marc Davies with our certificate.

Pentyrch Primary School

LEPRA WORKOUT

In September our pupils took part in a sponsored workout in aid of Lepra, the charity that works to cure people with leprosy. *The children raised over £870 – a magnificent effort!!*



GREG PLAYS FOR WALES!

Greg Holmes has enjoyed a successful cricket season. He has been selected to play for the Cardiff and Vale Under 11 side and scored his maiden century for them. He has also been selected to play for the Wales Under 11 side. To mark his achievement Pentyrch Cricket Club presented Greg with a hand-made bat. Greg is pictured trying out his new bat.

WELL PLAYED, BOYS!

Two of our players were successful in the recent Cardiff Schools' rugby trials. William Hayward and Jordan Williams were selected for under 11s squad.

Our Year 5 boys and girls did very well at a recent tag-rugby tournament at the Cathedral School, winning the competition. In addition, our rugby team has had a very successful start to their season.

OUR HARVEST HELPS AMETH!

Our Harvest Sale of Produce raised over £130, which will be used to support our 'foster child', Ameth, and his family in Senegal. We support the family through the work of the charity PLAN.

READING CHALLENGE 2005

This summer 57 of our pupils successfully completed Radyr Library's Reading Challenge. This means that they read 6 books during the summer holidays. The librarian, Caroline Noall, came to school to present them with a medal and a certificate.

OUR FRIENDS FROM BARCELONA!

On October 31st we are expecting a visit by ten staff from Orlandai School in Barcelona. They have participated in the European Science Centre Schools Project, which we have been involved in for the past three years. We look forward to welcoming them to Pentyrch and to Wales.

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS!



The children enjoyed a visit by the Welsh Bird of Prey Centre. The appropriately named Mr. Bob Bird brought seven birds of prey with him, including a barn owl, a kestrel, and a buzzard. Bob told us all about the birds and several lucky children got a chance to hold one of the birds.

Pentyrch School Workout for Lepra



Year 5 experienced a Victorian school day at the Museum of Welsh Life.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

At the end of the last academic year pupils from this school participated in a variety of outdoor pursuits at residential education centres.

Year 4 visited the Ogmere Centre, accompanied by Ms. Mellings, Ms. Ni Liathain and Mr. Jones. They took part in environmental studies, art, craft and sporting activities.

In June Year 6 visited the Manor Adventure Residential Education Centre in Shropshire. The supervising staff were Mrs. John, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Maynard and Mr. Renshaw. The children enjoyed climbing, abseiling, hiking, swimming, fencing and the dreaded assault course!

Mr. Jones took Year 5 to the Urdd Education Centre at Llangrannog in July. Whilst at the centre the pupils are supervised by qualified instructors and student helpers. The children had the opportunity to improve their Welsh, whilst at the same time participating in exciting activities such as skiing, quad biking and horse riding.

New Creigiau Bus Service

County Cllr Delme Bowen has received notice of a replacement bus service for Creigiau following the withdrawal of some Shamrock services. The new **City Ride** sponsored **124 service** introduced on Sept 26th is run by **Stagecoach** and financially supported by **Cardiff County Council**. Combined with the 136, 122 and x49 it will ensure an hourly service to and from Cardiff, except for the 1200 midday slot. The 124 service will follow the time table and route indicated below, introducing a service along Ffordd Dinefwr for the first time.

Cardiff Mega Rider

The Cardiff Mega Rider Ticket can be used on the 124, 136 and 122 Creigiau Buses. The Special Unlimited Travel Ticket is £8 per week.

ASDA Free Bus

The Asda bus runs every Friday leaving Creigiau at 11.30 and calls at the stops in Pentyrch. Return from ASDA is about 1pm. The bus is a great help to people with no personal transport.

Bronwen Vizard

Bus Services to Cardiff

Gwasanaeth Bysiau i Gaerdydd

Stagecoach 136 Monday - Friday

Creigiau *7.00 7.38

Pentyrch *7.05 7.45

Gwaelod *7.10 7.50

* not Saturday

Stagecoach 136 Dydd Llun - Dydd Gwener

18.00 19.00 20.00 21.00

9.00 10.00 11.00 12.00 13.00 14.00 15.00 16.00 18.04 19.04 20.04 21.04

10.10 11.10 12.10 13.10 14.10 15.10 16.10 18.08 19.08 20.08 21.08

* dim Dydd Sadwrn

Cardiff Buses 33 Monday - Friday

Gwaelod y Garth 7.32 8.26 9.40

Saturdays 8.20 9.40

Bysiau Caerdydd 33 Dydd Llun - Dydd Gwener

10.40 11.40 12.40 13.40 14.40 16.50

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122, 124, 136 x49 Monday - Saturday

Creigiau 7.00 *7.15 7.38 8.20 9.30 10.30 11.30 13.30 14.30 15.30 16.30 18.00 19.00 19.53 20.00 21.00 22.53

* not Saturday (information 01443 407000 gwybodaeth) * dim Dydd Sadwrn

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Shamrock 138 - Sunday

Creigiau 9.50 11.00 12.00 13.40 16.10 18.40 20.40

Pentyrch 9.55 11.05 12.05 13.45 16.15 18.45 20.45

Shamrock 138 Dydd Sul

Information / Gwybodaeth - Traveline - 0870 6082608 www.traveline.org.uk

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Council Meetings

The Council meets on the 3rd Monday Monthly (except August). Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards and in local Post Offices. Council Offices are open to the public 9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday to Friday.

Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

Mae'r Cyngor yn cwrdd ar drydydd dydd Llun bob mis (heblaw Awst). Dangosir manylion y cyfarfodydd yn Hysbysfyrddau'r Cyngor ac yn y Swyddfeydd Post lleol. Mae Swyddfeydd y Cyngor ar agor i'r cyhoedd o 9.30am i 11.30am, dydd

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

e-mail:

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Mobile Library

The area is served by Cardiff County Council Mobile Library every three weeks.

Creigiau

18th Nov, 9th Dec, 30th Dec
9.30 - 10.30 Ffordd Dinefwr
10.35 - 10.55 Parc-y-coed
11.00 - 12.30 Post Office
1.40 - 2.30 Parc-y-Bryn
2.35 - 2.55 Parc Castell-y-Mynach
3.00 - 3.50 Ysgol Creigiau School

Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec

Gwaelod y Garth

9.40 - 10.15 Post Office
10.20 - 10.50 Heol Berry.

Pentyrch

11.00 - 12.15 Lewis Arms
12.25 - 12.50 Maes y Sarn
2.00 - 2.30 Bron Haul, Pentyrch
2.40 - 3.50 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch

If you need any further information with regards to the Mobile Service you can contact the Mobile Library Staff on 029 2076 3849

(answerphone), or by emailing outreachlibraryservice@cardiff.gov.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers

Age Concern	24521052
Age Concern Advocacy Service	2056 7883
Cardiff Bus	0870 608 2608
Cardiff Council- All departments	2087 2087
Consumer Advice Centre	2039 7781
Community Council - Pentyrch	2089 1417
Community Health Council	2037 7407
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Help the Aged Information Line	0808 800 6565
Housebound Library Service	2022 9935
Mobile Library	2076 3849
Radyr Library	2084 2234
Lunch Club Bookings	2084 2404
Meals on Wheels	2056 6533
Police (General)	2022 2111
Police - Pentyrch (Not Emergency)	2089 0753
Radyr & Dist Good Neighbour Sch.	2084 2404
Recycling	2077 5322
Shop Mobility	2039 9355
Street Lighting	2078 5200
SWALEC	0800 0525252
Trading Standards	2087 2054
Train Information	08457 484950
VEST Community Transport	2048 5036
VEST Dial-A-Bus	2048 0505
Welsh Water	0800 052 0130
Reduce unwanted phone calls	0845 070 0707
Reduce junk mail	0845 703 4599

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