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PLANS FOR NEW 1500 HOME VILLAGE NEAR CREIGIAU APPROVED

By Cllr Graham Thomas

In February, Cardiff Council approved outline plans from Persimmon homes to build 1500 homes on land North of Junction 33 (South of Creigiau). The plans are only one of a number of large scale planning applications in Cardiff as it attempts to meet its targeted 41,000 homes in the already adopted LDP.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

As well as the 1500 homes (a mix of houses, flats and sheltered accommodation), there will be a new primary school, and crucially for the scheme, a park and ride for 1,000 cars. Two new development access junctions would be created from Llanstrisant Road (one opposite Cardiff Road). In the park and ride, 750 of the places will be accessible from the M4 only, the remaining 250 from the development itself. There is

no access from the M4 to the housing development other than for buses. A "bus gate" – allowing access to buses only – will be built between Llanstrisant Road and Junction 33.

The developer will also have to provide £1.9m for additional English school places and £853,000 for Welsh pupils. New play facilities will be built in the form of two sports pitches, changing rooms, a multi-use games area and numerous equipped areas of play.

WHEN WILL WORK COMMENCE?

Whilst the work will be done in phases, with trigger points for building the park and ride, schools, etc, it's too early to say when it will start. This is only the initial outline application, with much more detail to emerge in future.

LOCAL CONCERNS

At the planning committee, Cllr Graham Thomas, and Cllr Gavin Hill -John expressed concerns over local roads and the lack of any new alternatives, primarily Llanstrisant Road which is already over congested. Also of concern was the idea that Park and Ride, which although welcome, would suffer similar issues and bus traffic would still get caught up on existing busy routes into the city. We also spoke of concerns over medical facilities and other existing facilities in nearby communities.

If you would like to discuss this application further, please email Graham on graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk or Gavin on gavin.hill-john@cardiff.co.uk.



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Community Link

Last date for items in the next issue is

21 June 17. 9:00am

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Come and visit our well-stocked library, feel free to take away books for a small donation or bring unwanted books to us.

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

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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, online at www.pentyrch.cc, in local Post Offices and on our Facebook page under Pentyrchcc Wales

Meetings usually start at 7pm but the locations vary. Please check our website and noticeboards to confirm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings Council Offices are open to the public 9.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

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Fel arfer bydd y cyfarfodydd yn cychwyn am 7y.h., ond mewn tri lleoliad gwahanol: ewch i'n gwefan neu gweler ein hysbysfyrdau am y manylion diweddaraf.

Mae bob amser groeso i aelodau'r cyhoedd i ddod i gyfarfodydd y Cyngor.

Oriau agor Swyddfa'r Cyngor: 9.00 y.b. hyd 1.00 y.p., Llun i Gwener.

Submitting Articles For Inclusion In The Community Link

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

- Articles should not exceed more than 250 words. If your submission is longer than this it may well be summarised or have to be omitted.
- Articles should not be submitted as pdf files. Although these may be smaller to email they cannot easily be adjusted to suit the column sizes.
- Photographs should be submitted as photographs (jpg files) and attached to the emailed article. This is to try to ensure that we can provide our printers with the best available images to print from.
- The photographs should not be reduced in size or definition.
- They should never be submitted as part of a word file nor as a pdf.

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



Community Council Highlights



I would like to introduce myself, Helena Fox, as the new Clerk to Pentyrch Community Council. I started work in the office on December 1st and had an excellent hand-over with Alec Davies. Alec had been Clerk here for eleven years and has now retired having provided an excellent service to our community. The number of people who called into the office to thank him and wish him well was an impressive testament to the good standing in which he is held here.

Previous to starting in Pentyrch I was the Clerk for Radyr & Morganstown Community Council for ten years so I'm delighted to be able to move up the hill and get to know another community. I have lived in Radyr for twenty years and both my children went to school there. Before then, I lived in the USA for several years and have a background in environmental education. I got to know the wider PCC area while we were all working hard on the Local Development Plan and now it's a pleasure to get to know it and its residents in detail and person.

In addition to my role as Clerk I also work for One Voice Wales as an Associate Trainer for town and community councillors so bring a breadth of knowledge about the work of community councils. I'm also one of the small but growing number of Clerks to be qualified, holding the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary

WELCOME

On behalf of the Community Council and indeed on behalf of the Pentyrch Community I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Community Council Clerk Mrs Helena Fox. Helena has taken over from Alec Davies following his retirement. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role with us.

The council have been extremely fortunate to have been able to have Helena come on board. Her broad wealth of experience will no doubt be of immense benefit to the Council and the Community as we move into the challenging times we face following the adoption of the Cardiff County Council Local development plan

Stuart Thomas Chairman
Pentyrch Community Council

Council Precept

The Council have agreed a precept for the year 2017 /2018 of £91,000. This is an increase over last year to enable the Council to undertake essential repairs to the Council offices to cure an ingress of damp. This increase will result in an increase of £1.23 per year per band D property.

for Finance and Local Government, as well as our own AM, has just announced a White Paper, Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed. This includes a look at how community councils can better work with their local communities and become more professional. This will be increasingly important as we are asked to do more to fill some of the gaps caused by big cuts at Cardiff Council. I am looking forward to being part of the PCC team that meets the new demands our community faces.

I am in the office Monday through Thursday and the office is open from 9am – 1pm Monday through Friday. You can contact me on 20891417 or contact me by email to clerk@pentyrch.cc.

As well as our new Clerk many do not know who else works at the PCC offices Please let me introduce you to Mrs Deborah Hunt Our hardworking Council Clerks assistant



For those of you who don't know me, my name is Deb Hunt I live in Pentyrch with my husband and son. I worked at the BBC as an admin assistant to the payroll department and have now been working at PCC for just over a year. I have lived in Pentyrch most of my life and feel very passionately about the village and the surrounding areas. I love to see people coming into the office for a chat, letting us know about a pot hole, a light not working, trees/hedges that need cutting, paths that need weeding, collecting their supply of refuse bags or a book from the library and hearing them shout 'just dropping one off, Deb and will get another'. You all keep us up to date with local information.

I worked very hard with a liaison team to oppose Creigiau Quarry and I am still involved with the liaison group that meets every few months so I can keep on top of up-dates in order to keep residents informed.

I also really enjoy collating news, events and local advertisers for the Community Link. This newsletter is such a great source of information for our lovely community. I have recently set up Pentyrch Community Council Facebook page and would ask residents to like the page if you want to be kept up to-date with our news. I also look forward to working on our up-graded website too.

Community Council Highlights Continued

Creigiau Quarry

Consent has now been granted for the quarry. As members of the liaison group we will be keeping an eye on what's happening. The proposed opening date is some time in 2019 and PCC will be sent a fully copy of the planning consent conditions. Cllr Graham Thomas has written about this elsewhere.

Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link, the following grants were given by PCC:

- Pentyrch Bowling Club: £300 towards the cost of preparing the internal surrounds of the new clubhouse.
- Coed y Bedw SSSI Nature Reserve: £482.41 for tools for local volunteers to manage the Reserve which is owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.
- Creigiau Football Club: £200 towards the cost of new Crossbars to ensure a safe playing environment.

Should any community group or organisation wish to apply for a grant, applications should be made to me, preferably by email, (clerk@pentyrch.cc), and should include the last set of accounts or financial statement.

Elections

May 4th brings to an end the five year term of all PCC councillors and the start of a new one. This term will bring some of the changes from Welsh Government mentioned above. There are 13 members of PCC and if you are interested in standing do contact me and I can send you information provided by Cardiff for the election and other information on being a community councillor. Cardiff's Electoral Office are responsible for running the election and you can also contact them on 02920 872032 and ask for Ann Philpott. We need dynamic proactive people who can help PCC represent the community and deliver its services and amenities.

Cardiff Local Development Plan

You will probably know by now that Cardiff's Local Development Plan (LDP) has been adopted. The first development on the huge sites in NW Cardiff is about to start on the edge of Radyr. The planning application for the site between Creigiau and J33 of the M4 has now been approved. This includes 1,500 houses, a large development of businesses and a park and ride site. The NW Cardiff Group (Pentyrch CC, Radyr & Morganstown CC, St Fagans CC, Llandaff Society and Danescourt Community Association) worked extremely hard for several years to persuade Cardiff and the developers that much better transport and other infrastructure was needed. We were not able to make much difference to the LDP but we made some. We will be paying close attention to the development around J33, which will take years to build, and we will keep you informed.

Cardiff had wanted a Green Belt to run between along the green ridge between our community and Lisvane. Despite huge support from Cardiff residents, this was over-ruled by Welsh Government and the land has some but lesser protection as a Green Wedge, instead.

The NWCG, which represents over 24,000 people, responded to Cardiff's recent Draft Transport Strategy consultation. We raised our serious concerns about the future of Cardiff's transport, particularly congestion and air pollution. We said that lack of investment in new radial highways and lack of improvement of public transport routes into and around the city centre from the LDP strategic sites will lead to future problems. The Strategy should acknowledge the realistic constraints of Cardiff and plan how to work around them. It should plan for an interconnected system using different modes across the city, eg very few people will ever cycle from Creigiau into the City Centre but a frequent bus service that also interconnects with the train could significantly reduce car traffic.

Mobile Phone Mast

There was a planning application submitted to Cardiff Council for a Vodafone mast on Mountain Road, Pentyrch. It caused a strong reaction amongst residents who felt it was inappropriate to place a 15m mast so close to the Garth and houses. Some 160 people signed a petition that was submitted to Cardiff's planners and PCC objected to the application. There is general acceptance that Pentyrch has poor mobile phone coverage and this mast would solve that problem. The strength of opposition to this site and the possibility of others in the Pentyrch area means that a decision is not likely until June.

Library and Recycling Bags

The library in the PCC office is well-used and you are very welcome to drop off any books you no longer need and/or borrow books too. If we have any doubles they are donated. We have a big stock of recycling and food bags too!

Another Retirement

The Community Link is delivered by volunteers from various groups with a payment made to that group. After many years faithful service Mrs Caroline Morgan who has made the deliveries in Gwaelod. Has had to retire. We thank her for all her hard work.

VACANCY

This does mean that the Council are seeking an organisation to deliver the Link in Gwaelod. If any group are interested please contact the Clerk on 20891417 or email clerk@pentyrch.cc

Thank You

I think I speak on behalf of residents of Pentyrch by saying a big thank you to Pentyrch Open Gardens, Pentyrch Knit and Knatter and the help from the lads at PCC for helping create such amazing illuminations within the village at Christmas. A brilliant effort. Also thanks to Cwch Therapy, Carolina, her elves, and helpers: Kate, Hywel, Carol, Jeanette, Helen, Roma for organising a lovely gathering in the square, snow, carols, mistletoe, mince pies, mulled wine, gifts, brass band, we had it all. I'm sure it will be bigger and better next year. Deb Hunt

County Council Notes

By Cllr Graham Thomas, Creigiau and St Fagans

It's been a very busy period at Council, from the Full Council Budget meeting, which saw alternative budgets and walkouts, to planning committee site visits and the meeting over Persimmon Homes development at Junction 33.

However, local ward work is also busier than ever and I am grateful to many residents for bringing different issues to my attention. I have been working with the school to address traffic and parking issues around the school, making this a priority with the Police at our local PACT meeting. Pot holes are always on the agenda and whilst we had many of them filled on Tynant Road and Cardiff Road, there are always more to report. I rely on residents to keep me informed on developing problems.

Another issue the Council has been asked to address are the road markings around the village. Some of the white lines in the centre of the highways are fading, and the markings around the road

narrowings are in a particularly poor state. It's not clear enough where to stop and the 'SLOW' markings need refreshing. Many of the road signs around the village are also due for renewal, with many needing replacing and some even missing.

There is little to report on Creigiau Quarry. We had a Liaison meeting with Tarmac the operators where they confirmed the legal agreement had not been signed yet. This will happen soon The passing bays will be constructed as part of that agreement. They don't expect to resume quarrying until perhaps 2019 but before then there will be preparatory works to be done. The planning permission has a total 52 conditions applied to it. I shall be meeting with them regularly and confirming every single one of these is fully complied with.

As ever, if you need to contact me about anything, my number is 07805 850812, or email me on graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk.

County Council Notes

By Cllr Gavin Hill John Pentyrch & Gwaelod-y-Garth

Challenging the LDP

The Local Development Plan approved by Cardiff's Labour Administration will cause severe problems for Pentyrch, Gwaelod Y Garth and the other nearby communities, by packing in too many new houses on the green open space alongside Llantrisant Road; putting further pressure on traffic and transport arrangements in north and west Cardiff which are already severely stretched; placing additional stress on local services; and threatening the enjoyable community feel of the villages.

I will continue to fight hard to ensure everything is done to protect our villages. Along with my colleague Cllr Graham Thomas, Creigiau, I am challenging every planning application for development on Llantrisant Road. I have been representing the ward at recent planning committee meeting, raising robust arguments against these plans. I will be continuing the fight to protect our green spaces and ensure that the traffic impact is minimal.

Improving the roads

As many people will be aware, the some of the roads in the ward are in urgent need of attention. During the

past few months, with the help of local residents, I have been able to submit detailed reports to Cardiff Council regarding Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth and Church Road, Pentyrch. Already we have seen action with drainage work on both roads. I am hopeful that further work will be undertaken in the near future. The next road I will be looking at is Heol Goch. If you have any comments please do get in touch. Full details of the submitted reports are available on my website gavinhilljohn.org.uk

Dog fouling

Over the past 12 months one of the most common issues raised with me is dog fouling. This is a serious issue and not only is it unsightly, it is a dangerous health hazard. Dog owners have a legal duty to clean up after their dog. In an effort to make this as easy as possible I have, with the support of local residents, been able to get additional bins installed in both villages. I'd like to encourage every dog owner to make use of the facilities. I'm now encouraging Cardiff Council to expand their "love where you live" scheme to our ward as well as the city centre.

Pentyrch Bowling Club Dates for the diary

Sun. April 23rd: 4 pm
Cheese and wine, in the Rugby Club

Satur. April 29th: .12 noon to 4 pm
Open

Fri. May 12th: 7.30 pm
Spring Quiz in the Rugby Club

Fri. May 26th: 10.30 am
Coffee morning, in new bowls clubhouse

Fri. July 14th: 7.30 pm
Race Night, in the Rugby Club

Further information and tickets can be obtained from Brian Ilbery (20 891814), Jan Berry (20 891135), Liz Cugley (20 891496) and Eileen Boddington (20 899361).

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

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What next

With the Council Elections coming up in May, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the residents that have supported me to deliver improvements in the ward over the past 2 years. I will be standing for election again and will be sharing my plans to improve our ward during the coming months. If there is anything you feel I need to be focussing on please do get in touch.

PENTYRCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER SPRING '17

CRIME REPORT

Since the introduction of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) in Pentyrch and the visibility they offer, together with villagers now being much more vigilant, crime has steadily declined however, we are not crime free and just one burglary, just one Anti - Social Behaviour Offence (ASBO) is too many so just that little more effort by us all will move us closer to reaching our goal of zero crime in Pentyrch. Useful reminders include using several timer lights in different rooms, helpful neighbours removing any post etc showing in a letter box, securely locking all doors and windows especially if you are in your back garden, preventing free access to the back of your house by installing and using a locked gate, putting all tools and garden equipment away in a securely locked shed and not leaving spare keys under plant pots etc. Bikes, especially children's and expensive ones, are a prime target and net thieves' good money. You then have to spend more of your own hard earned money to replace them. Get and use a decent bike lock and put it away in a secure place when not being used. You can register your bike and other valuables on www.immobilise.com in just a few minutes. Not bothering to secure your own belongings also puts your neighbour's property at risk.

CHURCH ROAD

Whilst some occasional work is being done by way of filling potholes progress is becoming painfully slow in getting this road to a level whereby it is not only in a decent state of repair but also safe for motorists, cyclists, horse riders and walkers. The narrowness of the road together with blind bends means people use the middle of the road to avoid potholes and troughs along the verges. When this occurs on one of the blind bends the risk of a head-on collision is high. The appearance of heavy lorries visiting the two building sites increases the dangers still further along with breaking up the road edges causing even more damage to verges. One of our active PNW members and her partner have produced an excellent in depth report on this road and forwarded it to our County Councillor who in turn has used this as the basis of a submission to the County Council seeking urgent action to improve matters. Watch this space.

PENTYRCH INFORMATION DAY

On the 22nd February, the County Council's Telecare Department hosted an event in the Village Hall designed to provide information to villagers on the various services available to older people, those with a disability and those who need care either in the short or longer term. Organisations represented included Carers Wales – 02920 811370, who support people who care for others and access to lots of useful fact sheets on a range of allowances etc; Care and Repair – 02920 473337, which provides advice on home repairs, engaging contractors (including inspecting their work) and help in getting grants; Cardiff Institute for the Blind – 02920 828517, who help people live independently and how to get on line; Home Instead - which is a private company that provides a regular carer for companionship and help with meal preparation (this is a private company which charges £20 per hour); South Wales Fire and Rescue – 0800 1691234, who will provide free help and advice on safety in the home; Telecare Cardiff – 02920 537080, which amongst other things offers an excellent heavily discounted personal alarm and security system which immediately connects you to one of their trained Wardens 24/7; and finally, Neighbourhood Watch which seeks to help make Pentyrch a better and safer place to live. Sadly, the weather did nothing to promote a good response from villagers but I am sure that those who did attend felt their visit was well worthwhile. Future PNW newsletters will provide fuller details on the services these organisations offer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A subject heading which invariably means people quickly move on to the next item but if we still have your attention, please do come along. Not only will you hear about what we have been up to over the last 12 months but you can raise any issue of concern to you which is within our remit. Anyone can attend and stand for election as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. We welcome your input and hopefully your participation in our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.45 in the Lewis Arms. Please come.

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WOT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

Regular readers will know of our efforts to rid the village of those who dump rubbish especially fly tippers. The latter eat away at Council tax income and take money away from much needed services such as education and social services. We meet with CEMEX Quarry representatives twice a year in the hope of them stopping the fly tipping at the quarry entrance off Pentyrch hill but the problem is wider than this. The M4 flyover by DeCourceys is a prime (but just one) example. PNW has decided to try and take the lead on this and organise a litter picking session. Whilst any date or time will be inconvenient for someone, we have plumped for an hour-long event on Sunday 30 April meeting up at 3.0pm (allows time for a pint and Sunday lunch) in the village hall car park. We understand that the Community Council purchased litter picking aides a few months ago, so we hope to borrow these but please bring with you some decent gloves and suitable attire. We will provide black bags. We can't do all this ourselves so please join us and help clean up the village.

Mike Colley – Chairperson PNW



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APPLAUSE PRODUCTIONS
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Lan Disaster Service

On the 12th of December, Year 6 took part in a special memorial service to remember the men and boys who lost their lives in the Lan disaster in 1875. We received information about miners, read our poems and sang 'Huna Blentyn'. Many members of the local community, including Cllr Gavin Hill-John, took part also in the service. We then went up to the village hall to have tea and cake. It was a very moving service and we were very proud to take part.
Manon ac Elia, Blwyddyn 6 & 4



Chess Tournament

Before Christmas 16 of us had the opportunity to go to London to take part in a Chess tournament with schools from across Britain. We saw the best chess players in the world play and we learnt many new tips and strategies. We all were given a goodie bag of chess presents.
Lewis a Rhodri Blwyddyn

Ymweliad Mark Dorey

Ym mis Ionawr fe ddaeth awdur o'r enw Mark Dorey i'r ysgol i ddarllen ei lyfr newydd 'The Mystery of the Un-snowy Mountain and the Great Deep Sleep Miscalculation'. Roedden ni wrth ein bodd gyda'r antur. Mr Dorey yw'r storiwr cyntaf i eistedd ar ein cadair adrodd stori arbennig sydd ar iard yr ysgol!

Gwasanaeth Cofio Trychineb y Llan 1875

Ar y 12fed o Ragfyr, cymerodd blwyddyn 6 ran mewn gwasanaeth i gofio am y dynion a'r bechgyn a laddwyd yn nhrychinedeb Pwll Glo'r Llan yng Ngwaelod y Garth yn 1875. Rhannon ni wybodaeth am y dynion a'r bechgyn a weithiodd yn y pwll glo, darllenon ni ddarnau o farddoniaeth roedden wedi ysgrifennu a canodd aelodau o'r côr 'Huna Bentyn'. Cymrodd aelodau o gymunedau y pentref ran yn y gwasanaeth hefyd yna cafon ni de a chacennau yn y Neuadd. Roedd hi'n fore bythgofiadwy!



Visit from the author Mark Dorey

The author Mark Dorey has visited the school to read his new book called "The Mystery of the Un-snowy Mountain and the Great Deep Sleep Miscalculation". We really enjoyed the adventures! Mr Dorey is the first story teller to sit in our new story-telling chair!



Pentyrch Cricket Club

PENTYRCH CRICKET CLUB ARE SEEKING NEW PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
Everyone welcome including those who would only like the occasional game

Please come along and enjoy all the great facilities
Authentic Pavilion ~ Cream Tea's in the Tyrch's Bar
Boundary Talk & Pleasant Views

Juniors: We are running league teams in 3 age groups next year- under 9, under 11 & under 15.
All in the Cardiff & Vale Junior Cricket League.

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06 May	Creigiau I	v Machen I
13 May	Creigiau II	v Vale II
14 May	Sunday XI	v Malpas CC, Wales - Sunday XI
20 May	Creigiau I	v Barry Wanderers
27 May	Creigiau II	v Monkwood II
03 June	Creigiau I	v Dinas Powys I
04 June	Sunday XI	v Cardiff CC - Sunday XI
10 June	Creigiau II	v Monmouth II
17 June	Creigiau I	v Pontymister & Crosskeys I
18 June	Sunday XI	v Radyr CC - Sunday XI
25 June	Creigiau II	v Crumlin II
01 July	Creigiau I	v Sully Centurions I
08 July	Creigiau II	v Machen II
09 July	Sunday XI	v Croesyceiliog CC - Sunday XI
15 July	Creigiau I	v Vale I
16 July	Sunday XI	v Miskin Manor CC - Sunday XI
22 July	Creigiau II	v Barry Wanderers II
29 July	Creigiau I	v Monkwood I
30 July	Sunday XI	v Capel Inn CC - 1st XI
05 Aug.	Creigiau II	v Ebbw Vale II
12 Aug.	Creigiau I	v Monmouth I
13 Aug.	Sunday XI	v Barry Athletic CC - Sunday XI
19 Aug.	Creigiau II	v Pontymister & Crosskeys II
20 Aug.	Sunday XI	v Panteg CC - Sunday XI
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New members are very welcome of both male and female, we would especially encourage male members to

join us, as we are keen to enter a Men's Team in the Leagues.

Dean the club coach runs Spring/Summer/Autumn tennis camps in the school holidays, for children of all ages. He also organises individual and group sessions for adults.

To book your place please contact Dean Devilliers directly on 07796 437993

Starting in late March on Thursday evenings from 5:30pm we are going to run a social night for all our members, but also welcome non-members to come and see if you would like to join our club. Non-members would pay a fee of £5.00, with a maximum of 4 visits before being asked if they would like to join. Please contact the Membership Secretary for all information/booking floodlights/or general enquiries.

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Creigiau Pétanque Club

The Creigiau Pétanque Cub Jaques team collecting the trophy for winning the National league division 3 for the 2016 season. Well done to all players for a fantastic achievement. If anyone is interested in playing boule please contact me on 20892184 Sian Lord Chairman

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POO BAGS MAKE PUTRID FRUIT

Clearing dog poo that gets picked up and then thrown in trees and bushes, left to hang like putrid fruit, is not my calling! I try I really do. 18 bags of the stuff in the lane by the river! Put it in your pocket and take it home. The other day I went to the cinema wearing my dog walking jacket. Omg, I thought as traces of something deadly entered my nose. Was it my shoes? Does my husband know? Is it him? I sat down to watch the film! My husband commented, and by now, I was feeling sick. In my pocket was a black, though not too full, poo bag!! I had slipped it there and forgotten it!! I made a sharp exit! In Penarth, I knew a consultant who lived there. He was so incensed by dogs pooing in his garden that he put it in an envelope and posted it through letterbox of the dog owner!! I haven't done that yet, but I did ask a man outside the Coop to pick up his thrown cola can! He was in a huge 4 by 4, dressed-up smart! Up I go and say, 'Here is your can - you forgot it!' His wife was in the car so I winked at her!! I take a carrier bag on my walks these days, but had a virus lately. Main Rd is looking rough by the garage. Can anyone help out till I'm better - give me a helping hand? Thankyou Gail Stewart

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Creigiau Carnival 2017

Creigiau Carnival will be held on Saturday 24th June and the theme for this year is "FILMS".

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Previews from 1pm and the main feature starts at 1:30pm.

The dates for Carnival week 2017 are:-

Fun Run / Sports Event: Sat. 17th June
King and Queen Disco: Mon. 19th June
Carnival Quiz: Tues. 20th June
Carnival: Sat. 24th June

Our fun run last year included more novelty events such as sack races, egg and spoon races and a three legged race. We are hoping to add more events this year and look forward to welcoming you at the Recreation Field for a morning of good natured competition on Saturday 17th June. Last year's Space themed Carnival saw a great turn out including the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Georgina Phillips and our local AM, Mark Drakeford. Thank you very much to all who came along and helped to raise £4,700; this money will be distributed by CRAMC and Creigiau 23 to help with the upkeep and development of the Recreation Field and to help local clubs, associations and other village groups.

The children of Creigiau Primary School have been asked to design the front cover of our Carnival Programme using the theme of "Films" – we are looking forward to seeing their designs in the next month or so. The programmes will go on sale during June and act as your entry ticket on the day. If you would like to advertise your services or promote your group or organisation in the programme then please contact us using the details below.

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If you would like to join our small organising committee or just volunteer on the day then please contact us on 07740 123110 or at creigiau-carnival@outlook.com. For regular updates see our website at www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter @creigiaucarnvl and on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

Pentyrch Tennis Club

After a successful winter of tennis at the club, the club is pleased to announce that all courts will be getting resurfaced in readiness for the start of the summer season. As well as having two men's and one ladies team competing in the South Wales Leagues, the club run internal mixed doubles and singles box leagues and host tournament days throughout the year to which all members are able to enter.

Social tennis: Ladies, Tuesdays from 5pm; Men's, Thursdays from 5pm; Mixed, Sundays from 11am. All welcome to come along and try before joining. We are always keen for new members and welcome all ages and abilities.

Details of the summer 2017 junior coaching programme will be announced on our website soon. Head coach Graham North also offers one to one and group coaching for juniors and adults.

The club organises social events all year round, our next Quiz Night Fundraiser is on 12th May.

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Pentyrch Art Group

Members are busy preparing for their 22nd Annual Exhibition to be held on Sunday, May 21st at Pentyrch Village Hall. Admission is free and the exhibition is open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. Free refreshments will be served. We shall be exhibiting over 150 new paintings. These are all painted by members in various mediums- many are of local scenes. Definitely worth a visit! Members also sell cards which they have made- some hand painted, some prints- but all good value for money.

The group has had several other successful exhibitions recently. We exhibited at the Village Hall Christmas Fair- this was very well received. We also exhibit regularly at Garth Olwg Centre for Lifelong Learning. Our next exhibition there is from the 27th of March to the 7th of April. The new landlord at the King's has indicated that once the refurbishment is complete, he would like to continue the 'rolling' exhibition which Andy introduced when he was the landlord there. We are looking forward to that.

This term we have had a variety of demonstrations and lessons from various local artists, all of which have been well attended. We have also had two workshops- one in the Village Hall and one in Abergavenny. Both of these workshops were fully subscribed - and very enjoyable.' Ann Peebles

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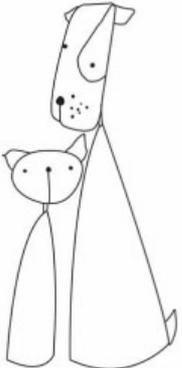
ANOTHER ENJOYABLE YEAR FOR 'Y DWRLYN'.

'Clwb y Dwrllyn,' the Society for the Welsh speaking inhabitants of the Garth area, had another successful season. We have around 70 - 80 members and we meet in the Rugby Club once a month on average with the specific aim of enjoying ourselves. This we do through a variety of organised events which includes distinguished guest speakers and entertainers, Christmas and St David's Day Dinner and day and weekend excursions. We always have room for new members and those of you learning Welsh are especially welcomed. For further information contact our Secretary : Judith Evans - 20890961.

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Pentyrch Open Gardens

Another annual cycle of the organisation that goes into the Pentyrch Open Gardens Weekend has begun. You may not be aware though that Pentyrch Open Gardens works throughout the year on various events and projects which are mainly associated with improving the village environment. The Christmas tree and the planters and tubs around the shops and the entrance to the village are all planted, watered and maintained by Open Gardens volunteers. Snowdrops which were planted on the land at the end of Penmaes and Ael y Bryn are beginning to establish. Pentyrch Open Gardens also funded the cleaning of the Millennium Circle by the shops. Besides raising money on the Open Gardens Weekend, other fund raising takes place during the year, such as from quizzes.

Applications are being invited this year from local community groups in Pentyrch for funds for specific purposes. See the website for further details.

If you would like to get involved, either by opening your garden or helping on the weekend, please get in touch. You can contact us by email Chris.edwards@totalise.co.uk or telephone 029 2089 1337

Hilltop Theatre

Our spring production, on 9-11 March 2017, was 'The Graduate', a play adapted by Terry Johnson and based on the Novel by Charles Webb, this is the play adaptation of the classic novel and cult film, about the story of a recent college graduate with no well-defined aim in life, who is seduced by an older woman, Mrs. Robinson, and then proceeds to fall in love with her daughter.

Our summer production takes place on 15-17 June 2017, and is 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change', an insightful and hilarious musical revue that tackles modern love in all its forms, from the perils and pitfalls of the first date to marriage, children, and the twilight years of life. Our winter production in November 2017 is 'Spamalot', a musical comedy adapted from the 1975 film 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail', an uproariously witty spoof of King Arthur and his knights' quest for the Holy Grail.

Tickets for our productions are available from the box office on 07943 183169 or online from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hilltoptheatrecompany>. Further information about the group and all our productions can be found at www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk

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We now have two roof projects. The foyer flat roof has planning consent but will have to be put on hold. The main roof is now leaking! The hall, kitchen and Follis room are affected. Each project costs approximately £30,000. The main roof is our priority and work begins in the last week of July. The following are ways of helping to raise much needed funds.

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Creigiau Companions Winter Celebration Event



For the first time, Creigiau Companions, the retired persons' club, received an Age Concern grant of £150 to cover "An event or events to combat loneliness during the cold winter months."

Rather than stage one event, Companions decided to support members and anyone else who wanted to come, at three events, by using the money to offset some of the cost of them all.

At the beginning of December the club was entertained by a Barbers' Shop Quartet from Cowbridge followed by a seasonal tea. Linked into all our activities is a period of socialising over tea and biscuits: this time the refreshments were rather better and the socialising somewhat longer: there were about 35 present for the two hour session.

Our Christmas lunch was held at the Creigiau Golf Club, Some of the grant was used to offset the cost of the meal.

The third event was a concert by the Treacles, who sang selections of songs mainly from the '60s and the '70s. This

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was greeted with much enthusiasm by members who joined in the singing. It was good to see members who had been unwell in recent times able to join in the fun of the occasion. New members are always welcome to hear and discuss matters with a variety of fine speakers covering a multiplicity of topics. The group meets on alternate Thursday afternoons in the Church Hall, Creigiau at 2 p.m. and finish just before 4 p.m. So why not give us a try?

For more information contact:-John Gough on 20891721 or Pam Ayres on 20891652

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDS THE MARY GILLHAM PROJECT

Snowdrops struggle through at the Lan, with wild daffodils appearing. When Dr Gillham, made her botanical survey there, she spoke of holly, hazel and dogwood pushing through but noted only ferns were really flourishing in the low light. When she died in 2013, she left a vast archive of work. The HLF has provided money to digitalise her research - slides, notes and diaries will be on line.

A tireless campaigner, Dr Gillham was a pioneering naturalist. Adventurous, she was part of the first contingent of four women in the Antarctic division. When at home, she knitted extensively for Oxfam, also making tiny dresses on her ancient machine.

Referencing the 1875 Lan explosion when intense flames swept Brass Vein, she noted that in 1970 she found chunks of limestone from kilns extracting iron in the coal from Brass Vein. 'The intense heat', she wrote, 'had produced bubbles and contortions and a splitting into layers a centimetre thick ... following the original lines of the bedding'. 'These have long since been swallowed up by the woodland flora'.

A Memorial bench at the Lan, dedicated to Mary Gillham, was initiated by her publisher and friend, Clive Thomas. His donation and others from the Old Drift, Gwaelod Open Gardens, Village Hall, Palmer and Gunn and the PCC have bought the bench, paid for daffodils, snowdrops and the school's history project.

Dr Gillham was awarded an MBE for her services to nature conservation. 'The Mary Gillham Project' can be followed at <https://marygillhamarchiveproject.com/>; and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/marygillhamarchiveproject/> albums

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A PET PROBLEM

Some of you may have noticed a few more bins dotted around Pentyrch. and I'm pleased to say they're being used.

Six months ago I made a little film with my kids about dog mess on the streets of Pentyrch. The aim was to raise awareness of the problem; chiefly to show Cardiff council that we won't tolerate it. I also made a Freedom of Information request to the council which showed not one person had been fined for dog fouling in the village in the past 5 years. The video is still on the Pentyrch Community Group Facebook page.

Luckily, someone was listening. Cllr Gavin showed the video to the council - and now we've got more bins. I'm not claiming any victory. I know people had been calling for more bins for years - but it convinced me that we can improve our village with a bit of action - not just angry words.

Unfortunately, six new bins won't stop the most irresponsible dog owners. The other weekend a group of residents got together to clean the alleyway at the back of our gardens of leaves, litter and dog mess. We found five bags of the stuff discarded in the hedge. We filled six green wheelie bins.

BUT IT IS NOT ON THE ROSES

A lot is often said and written about owners leaving their dogs foul the pavement not taking responsibility and cleaning up after them. This is quite right too.

However little is ever said about the frequent mounds of horse mess on our roads, pavements and footpaths. On the roads it poses a hazard particularly to cyclists and motor cyclists. When wet pedestrians can become covered by cars splashing through it. That says nothing at all when children step in it on the pavements and footpaths.

Often when you raise this subject some clever so and so always comes up with "its good for the roses". The problem is it is not on the roses it is on the road.

So horse riders if your beast makes a mess please be go back and clear it up and be as responsible as we ask dog owners to be!

Then last week a fresh dog mess appeared in our pristine alley. so there I was scooping up after someone's dog to stop my children stepping in it and walking it around the house.

If you walk your dog in the village please pack some poo bags with you and take home whatever your dog does on the pavement.

A dad of two

Same Garden Different Date



It's started that sudden rush to fill up dates in your diary after the cold wet weather of winter.

So if you're a fan of, or new to, the art of visiting other peoples' gardens for ideas, inspiration or just relaxation then Sunday May 28th and Monday May 29th is a date for your diary.

The garden at The Old Post Office in Gwaelod y Garth will be throwing open its doors again for the delight and interest of many. Now a regular feature in the early summer calendar, this year's slightly earlier date hopes to entice those out and about on the bank holiday weekend. Whether it's the plants, a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends or the wonderful homemade cakes it's an hour or two to be enjoyed.

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Friends of Pentyrch School Association

We're very pleased that FOPSA has been able to get 2017 off to a good start with some new resources bought for the school. A selection of IT equipment, including laptops and special keyboards for younger children, has been ordered and will be put to good use throughout the school in many areas of the curriculum. A large selection of fiction books for older children has also been purchased and added to the school library. We hope to fund some new science education resources later this term.



We have a great programme of events planned for 2017, many of which are open to the wider community. Our first event, our annual Easter Egg Hunt, will take place on Saturday 1st April. This will be followed by the 2017 Pentyrch Village Bake Off, being held on Sunday 28th May at Pentyrch Rugby Club. This event has been great fun and very successful over the last two years. We hope that this year will be even bigger and better! All are welcome, so come and show off your baking skills and fight for the crown of Pentyrch Village Baker 2017! Our

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French Without Tears!



Bonjour Pentyrch!

I've been teaching lunchtime French classes at Pentyrch Primary since Sept. 2015 and the enthusiasm of our Pentyrch linguists is fantastic! I started running 3 classes each week and I now run a 4th class for those children who have just started learning the language this year.

We cover many different topics – starting with basic greetings, family, numbers animals, transport etc., and moving on to hobbies, the weather, seasons, holidays, school life and much more!

My aim is for the children to learn as much as possible in a fun environment. I use lots of lively songs and games and most recently I created an enormous board game to help revise this term's topics! This is a very effective way of consolidating the learning and the element of competition adds to the fun!

For the older children, I also incorporate 'secret grammar' into the work without them realising it! This works really well. We learn about French life and traditions, for example at Christmas and Easter! We've also been known to sample some French treats!

The children take home a laminated card each week so that they can practise at home, and we also have a 'star' pupil who takes home a small prize.

It's an absolute pleasure teaching the classes, and I love to hear that they have been using their French on holiday or practising at home. Some of our former pupils have even received commendations from their High School for their French work - très bien!!

Sally Morgan (French Without Tears).

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school summer fête is planned for Saturday 17th June in the school grounds and should be lots of fun, and of course we will be holding an end of term disco for the children (and perhaps another for the grown-ups...Watch this space!)

Do keep an eye out on the village notice boards for more information about all of our community based events, we'd love to see you there!

FOPSA's 2017 has also started off with some changes to the team. Nic Crocker has stood down as chair after two years, to focus on other commitments. Nic has worked very hard coordinating many successful fundraising events and schemes during her time as Chair and we'd like to thank her for all of her efforts. Kylie Sheppard has taken over as Chair, supported by Denise Probert and Emma Phillips as vice-chair and treasurer, and of course the tireless team of volunteers, without whom, much of what we do would not be possible. Thank you all.

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Spring with Garth Gardeners

As I write this it is snowing, but if you are brave enough to venture outside, you will notice that spring is on the way. Crocus, snowdrops and flower buds just peeping up from the daffodils and tulips that will soon be flowering to cheer us up with the promise of better weather.

In February we visited Painswick Rococo Gardens to learn about this unique garden and see acres of snowdrops. It was a very cold day, but the café with its wood-burning stove served warming food.

The February talk headlined another spring flower, the wonderful hellebore, a dash of winter/spring colour. The March meeting (17th) by Adele Nozedar is about foraging - food and medicines for free!

Anthony and Terry Walton visit in April (21st) for a light-hearted look at "The Birds and the Beans". We finish the season (May 19th) with a social and quiz and a review of the year.

Don't forget our challenges, it's borage this spring to be judged at the social in May. The summer challenge will be launched in April and judged at the Horticultural Show in September (2nd).

So even in the snow and cold you can be planning for a wonderful spring and summer in your garden, and part of that could be joining us at Garth Gardeners where you will receive a warm welcome.

To keep up with our activities visit our web site at garthgardeners.wordpress.com Denise James



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The Friends of Creigiau school had a busy time in the run-up to Christmas with lots of events to raise money for all-weather shelters which will enable the children to participate in more outdoor work, and provide much needed shelter from the rain (and hopefully the sun!) during break times.

Two of the shelters, one for Dosbarth Derbyn and Dosbarth 1 have now been erected, which means that all classes in the Foundation Phase, apart from Dosbarth 2, now have usable outdoor space.

The shelter on the main yard will be erected in the coming months, and the school will also be looking at ways to provide a similar facility for Dosbarth 2.

We would like to thank all pupils and parents for their support with our fundraising efforts.

Our forthcoming events include running the Café at the Urdd Regional Eisteddfod, the Easter Film Night on the 6th of April (showing Trolls) and a date for your diaries - the Summer Barbeque on 16th June.

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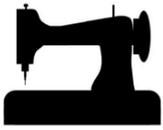
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Who are these people, I wonder, as I clean their rubbish. Someone emptied the compartment of the car - empty Panadol sachets, bills, lipstick, old pens. Did she take a load of Paracetamol? And what about the one who drank that bottle of vodka? The other day I was determined to get one big can which waved at me menacingly by the zigzag! I could no longer bear it! I tied two dog leads together to the rail, held onto the lead, litter picker in one hand, and headed down the slope!! Yes!! Got you!! Today three more have landed. I saw one trainer!! One trainer! What happened that he could go on with one foot bare? Later I saw a hat! On the way back a glove on the bushes! Litter pickers are not detectives!
Gail Stewart.



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Our volunteers give their time to help develop the children's skills through the WRU pathway and to hopefully gain a lifelong love of the game that we are so passionate about. The children have the opportunity to train at Cardiff Arms Park and also to come along on the annual organized rugby tours, these start with the U9s in West Wales and can go far afield, with the U16s this year in Seville. The age group sections raise money for these tours selling refreshments at our Sunday games and we also fundraise for a nominated charity - this year we have raised £500 for The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Our end of season event is the Summer Ball followed by Presentation Day, both held in a marquee at the club, when all the players are given a shield to celebrate their achievements throughout the year both on and off the pitch. We are very proud of all our players and volunteers and if you would like to get involved please contact: m&jchairperson@pentyrchrugby.co.uk
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**'Shaping the Future' World Congress
Orlando, Florida October 25th-29th 2016.**

As part of my work with Mencap Cymru, I currently serve as the elected self-advocate representative for Europe on an organisation called Inclusion International. In the past year I have attended conferences in Rome and Madrid and last October provided the highlight of my role so far when I attended the World Congress of Inclusion International, in Orlando, Florida held in partnership with The Arc, an American organisation which supports people with a learning disability.

The conference was attended by over 1000 delegates from 46 countries. As an Inclusion International Council member, within a few hours of arriving, I found myself in the first of several days of meetings which involved developing the finer details of the working of the organisation.

One of the main themes of the 'Shaping the Future' Conference was the importance of people with learning (or intellectual) disabilities developing their self-advocacy skills which they can use to promote positive attitudes in others. To aid this, we launched the 'Self-Advocacy for Inclusion Global Report' which was the result of over two years research work, and consultation with self-advocacy groups across the globe. The 'message' from the introduction to the report included:

"We are people. We have rights. We want the same opportunities as everyone. We want to have the opportunity to share what we think. We want to live in a world where we are accepted for who we are and what we can do. We want to help others get the support they need to become strong self-advocates".

I was fortunate to be a co-presenter of one of the main

sessions in the Conference on 'Challenging Stigma Associated with Intellectual Disability', alongside Dr Katrina Scior from UCL in London, Oonagh Smyth, Director of Strategy and Influence at Royal Mencap Society and Dr Olayinka Akindayomi, a Psychologist and parent of a child with a learning disability, from Nigeria. Our presentation was well-received and produced a lively debate afterwards. There was also a very interesting 'Global Self-Advocacy Leadership Summit' at which I was one of the facilitators. It provided the opportunity for around 150 self-advocates and their supporters from all around the world to contribute their ideas on how to connect and build networks to empower those with learning disabilities to bring about change.

Other conference sessions focused on hot topics like supported decision-making, assisted death, access to justice, employment, living in the community and families.

The next World Congress will be held in partnership with Mencap and take place in Birmingham, UK in May/June 2018 but my work on promoting self-advocacy for those with learning disabilities, and the work of Inclusion International, goes on in the meantime.

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If you are interested, please contact Bill on 07971 321683 or the Club Secretary Brian on 029 20 891814.

The 31st Annual Pentyrch Hill Race

This year the race will be held on Tuesday 25th April, with registration at the Pentyrch Rugby Club from 5.15 to 6.30 p.m.

This is a Fell (Mountain) Race registered with the Fell Running Association and Welsh Athletics, although it is open to unregistered athletes.

Being a mountain race it is physically very demanding with two climbs of about 800 feet in about a mile. Full distance is 7 miles and total climb is about 1600 feet, so it is not a race for the inexperienced runner.

This year there will be a change of start venue which will be outside

Dear Editor

For three decades - thirty long years ... we and the residents of lower Gwaelod y Garth have campaigned to upgrade School Lane. We have sent petitions signed by the village dating back to when Brynmor John was our MP in the 1980s. We kept asking for help. The messy lane was getting worse by the year, eventually rendering it almost impossible to use despite constant hole filling by Cardiff County Council.

Gavin Hill John took up our quest and pursued it despite setbacks and unpleasantness from a small minority who did their utmost to disrupt the upgrade.

Thanks to Gavin Hill John, strong local support and funding by CCC, the professional team finished the work to a very high standard, with speed bumps to slow residents. A big thank you to all, especially Gavin Hill John. He is a bastion to our community.

Paul and Margaret Tyler.

Bakery Court, opposite the shops. There will be about 34 marshalling points around the course manned mainly by members of St Catwg's Parish Church. The start is at 7 p.m.

Further details from John Gough 029 20891721

Creigiau Recreation Field
(Creigiau Rec)

Over the past 30 or so years CRAMC (Creigiau Recreation Management Committee) has overseen the development of this great facility for the use of the village.

There have been some great strides forward thanks to the huge efforts of the individual clubs and the very hard working members. Many villagers make use of the facilities including the cricket, tennis, archery, petanque and football clubs plus the allotmenters not to mention the dog walkers and skateboarders and other members of the public. It is the focus of the Creigiau Carnival each year and an undeniable asset to the village.

Going forward we are working on plans to include –

Perimeter path for easy access to all parts of the ground for wheelchairs and prams which could also be used as a training track perhaps to include exercise stations as in other parks in the city of Cardiff

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which would be an all-weather play area for children (and adults) of all ages with improved play area for smaller children.

Pavilion Extension, to include disabled access, more toilet / changing facilities and a larger function room. Whilst this is a long term plan it is essential that we begin the process of producing plans and gaining funding commitment as soon as possible.

The field belongs to Pentyrch Community Council and the maintenance is shared between CRAMC and the PCC. But as a group of residents we are taking the lead with the above improvements. We are intent on raising further funds but do

need the support of the whole village to improve and enhance this terrific village amenity.

Dog Walkers

While using the field to exercise your dog is an excellent way of meeting people and enjoying the environment, a few inconsiderate Dog Owners are spoiling the experience for everyone.

It is very important to remember that this is a Sports Field shared by Football, Archery and Cricket, and dogs fouling the area causes enormous problems. There are also young children to consider, they could be infected by a particular nasty disease that causes breathing difficulties and blindness.

So please pick up all mess and dispose of in the bins and be a considerate neighbour to all the users. If you wish to help or have any suggestions regarding any of the above including the new developments or raising funds, please contact me at the e-mail address below.

Colin Belward Chairman CRAMC
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Carrying On A Local Tradition

William Bilingsley at Nantgarw Pottery was a renowned porcelain manufacturer. In 1833, William Pardoe took over, making stoneware bottles and brown glazed earthenware. When Nantgarw closed in 1920, cigarettes had replaced the clay pipes they had made by the thousands.

After WW11, Reginald Southcliffe opened Creigiau pottery in a small studio on Llanwit Road, making decorative earthenware until the 1970s. His traditional Copper lustre pottery sold across the world. When Jonathan Griffiths approached him in 1976, they were looking for an apprentice. After a few weeks he had made 'something like a pot'. His small vases, jugs and bowls were finished and displayed as apprentice pieces in the shop. In time, he made the lustre jugs with Welsh girls names - Bronwen, Myfanwy and Betti Jones. Despite disliking 'pugging' and



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Master Potters: Reg Southcliffe, Mervyn John Howe and inset, Jon Griffiths.

blunging', he soon had his own wheel. Creigiau Pottery was a cold, bleak place in winter - hard to make pottery when your hands are numb! It had no water supply, no sanitary system - just small sheds in the wood with 'thunder boxes'. Electricity failed and mosquitoes bred in summer water-butts. But Creigiau pottery was a happy place to work. In 2014 Johnathan established Gwaelod Pottery, continuing the tradition with an extensive range. As in 1813 Bilingsley transformed 'Nantgarw House' house into a pottery, on a more modest scale, Jonathan transformed his shed in Heol Berry to studio. His work sells well and he plans a move to a purpose built studio. He is currently producing a model of Creigiau Pottery. Norma Procter

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New Kit for Pentyrch Rangers Under-7's

The Pentyrch Rangers U7's football team recently received brand new kit thanks to very generous sponsorship from Affinity Education and Creigiau23. The Under-7's squad has grown to almost 40 players this year which meant that some players were left without kit to play in at those all-important league games.

Coach Andy Nunn said "We are so grateful for the sponsorship from Affinity Education and Creigiau23; with such a popular uptake in the Under-7's this season we have been struggling to find kit. Thanks to the sponsorship all boys now have kit, they are playing with an added spring in their step and really look the part".

And what do our players think of their new kits:

"The new kits are AWESOME!" – Josh

"Fantastic football kit for the best players" – Calum

"The shirt is great but I don't like the number" – Gruff E

Some of the boys even got to wear their new kit to a recent ice hockey match where they were invited as special guests of the Cardiff Fire ice hockey team. The boys were so lucky to see Cardiff Fire win the game and become league champions - they got to meet the players and spend some time joining in the celebrations on the ice afterwards.

CANTORION CREIGIAU

Cantorion Creigiau continue to enjoy rehearsing in Creigiau Golf Club every Sunday 7.30pm-9pm. New members of any age or voice are always welcome to join us. You do not have to be able to read music, simply enjoy learning to sing a variety of songs in English or Welsh. We meet in the upstairs room and socialise in the lounge-bar after rehearsals. At present we are rehearsing for a variety of concerts including:-

March 24th Llanishen Golf Club,

April 4th Llanerch Vineyard and

July 7th St. Mary's Church Marshfield.

Future plans also include a concert to raise money for the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff.

As well as enjoying singing, the choir supports many fund raising events. On Friday 5th May 7.30pm we will be giving a concert at St. David's Church Groesfaen to raise money for the "Ty Bach Dewi Project."

The Church have plans to create a toilet and washbasin facility at the back of the Church, also tea making facilities. This will enable the Church to be used more within the Community. Do come along and

Pentyrch Art Group
22nd Annual Exhibition,
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enjoy a "local" fund raising concert. See Pentyrch Parish notices for further information.

The choir would like to thank all those who joined us at our Christmas Carol Concert. The collection raised £323.16 for Bobath Cymru, a children's charity who work positively with children with cerebral palsy. If you would like us to give a concert for charity please email variongapper@gmail.com tel.01443 207923. Jane Williams

Pentyrch and Distric Local History Society, Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol, Pentyrch A'r Clych

Meetings at Pentyrch Village Hall, Commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Friday March 31st

Our spring season continues with a talk by society member Denise James about policing in eighteenth century Newport entitled "Hello, Hello, what have we here?"

Friday April 28th

This short gathering is to be followed by a visit to the Lewis Arms for a light buffet, picture quiz etc.

Friday May 26th

The Bayeux Tapestry – a talk by Sally Mabey.

Friday June 30th

The Historical Mills of Wales – by Gerald Nash.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Pentyrch Horticultural, Cookery and Craft Show Pentyrch Village Hall Saturday 2nd September

This is the date for the show this year. Programmes will be available from late May onwards, right up to the day of the show, from most of the shops in Pentyrch and from Caesar's Farm Shop and the allotments in Creigiau.

Once again, a number of changes to the Entry classes have been made to accommodate changing trends. There will be more art and craft classes, together with a class for Pentyrch's answer to the 'Bake Off' - a class to enter your very own Showstopper Cake!

ALL EXHIBIT ENTRIES ON THE DAY WILL BE FREE.

As usual, exhibits will need to be brought on the day between 10.00 and 11.30am. The show will open to the public at 2.30pm.

ENTRANCE TO THE SHOW ON THE DAY WILL BE £1.00.

Creigiau Cricket Club 30 Years

2017 is Creigiau Cricket Club's 30th season since re-forming when a permanent home at Creigiau Recreation Ground became available. As well as continuing to play Friendly matches the Club joined a Saturday League in 1999, since when the 1st XI have had 9 promotions. The Junior section and qualified coaches has always been a priority and there are now teams at all ages from Under 9s to Under 19s.

Alongside progress on the pitch the Club has been self-financing steady improvements in its ground equipment, and its playing facilities with items such as the scoreboard (built by members), nets, covers and sightscreens. Join us to raise funds on our Spring Walk from Storey Arms up Pen-y-Fan, in cricket gear, at 10:00 on 25/03/2017; and our Bike Ride to Monmouth CC and back followed by a BBQ at the Rec on 08/04/2017.

The Club has a strong social connection with the "village", supporting the Carnival and, working with Creigiau 23, the Village 6-a-side competition which is on 27/08/2017.

If you would like to play, or volunteer to contribute in any way (have you ever wondered how to maintain a cricket square? We can teach you), please contact us through our website or call the Secretary, Arthur Cook, on 07958-577312.