

# COMMUNITY LINK

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PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

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### Community Link 100

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of the Community Link since it was started way back in 1977. The principle of the Community Link was very well expressed by the first editor, Ken Gill, in his editorial in the first Community Link. *"This publication is to give you an insight into our local past, a knowledge of your locality and its present events, what is due to happen and what is being considered"*.

Those principles are still apply. The magazine is produced by the Community Council to keep you informed and in keeping with it's title to provide a Link for everyone with all those clubs and societies that help make our villages into Communities.

On behalf of the Pentyrch Community Council I wish to thank all those past and present who contribute to the link, the businesses for their adverts and the dedicated volunteers who distribute the magazine.

May I also pay a personal thanks to our Clerk Helena and particularly her assistant Deb Hunt who works tirelessly to gather in all the articles and adverts.

Stuart Thomas Chair Pentyrch CC

### Here's to the next 100 issues!

Just about everyone in Gwaelod y Garth will know Doug Castle. He is always out walking with his dog, chatting to those he meets along the way. He has lived in the village for his entire life. His father was a miner, a man instrumental in saving Tym Crydd's iron disc on the Garth, known locally as the Ding Dong - a mechanism used to draw coal to the surface, operated by a horse that walked round and round. This may explain Doug's interest in local history and the Lan History Project in particular. He is not a man for centre stage, but whatever the group does, be it an industrial history walk, an interaction with the local school, or the Christmas Memorial, he is always there working in the background.

When the Lan Memorial Project started in 2012, he was appointed our local 'chief ranger'. Along with another resident, he worked endlessly, both men winning national recognition for their work at the Lan Memorial. Although he has retired his position, he always turns up for village volunteer work days. Doug really cares about his village. He has provided news cuttings and photographs of many local events for the history project. Perhaps he alone has collected every issue of the Community Link since its inception - a credit to him and to those who continually give their time to produce a link for the community



### BRITISH OUTDOOR SLALOM CHAMPION

In September, Ffion Lewis, Class 6, Creigiau Primary School travelled to Edinburgh to compete in the British Outdoor Slalom Championships. Ffion fought off some tough competition and after three runs on a very long and steep slope Ffion was announced as the Under 12 female champion. What an achievement - we are very proud of you Ffion!

### Pentyrch Fireworks Display 2017



Another memorable Firework display at Parc y Dwrllyn Thank You

### Simple Goodness

I was recently given a handful of local parish magazines from 1912 to 1916 and had a thoroughly delightful time reading articles which reflected on some of the topical issues of the time. It was fascinating, but I was particularly struck by the wording of an advertisement for a local drapery and dressmaking business which ended with the line: "Your kind patronage is respectfully solicited". The delicacy of that language seemed so poignant in the light of the horror that was being faced in the trenches of Flanders at the same time.

Some commentators suggest the Great War was the moment when our nation lost its innocence. A hundred years later we use much grittier and direct ways of getting our message across but it doesn't necessarily follow that we have lost or forgotten those fundamental positive principles which have long characterised our society. In recent months I have witnessed tremendous acts of hospitality and generosity within our Community from individuals and groups alike as well as a genuine desire to serve others and 'put something back'. As we reflect on the anniversary of the Link this seems as good a time as any to encourage one another to avoid cynicism and instead rejoice in the simple goodness that continues to be evident in our villages.

As we approach the Christmas season which speaks of joy, peace and love, I pray that God would continue to bless our communities that they may be places of welcome and flourishing into the future. Rev. Michael John





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**Council Meetings**

The Council meets on the 3rd Monday Monthly  
 Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards, online at [www.pentyrch.cc](http://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.

**Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor.**

Mae'r Cyngor yn cwrdd ar y 3ydd dydd Llun bob mis.  
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**Pentyrch Community Council**

**Library and Museum**

1 Penuel Road, Pentyrch

**We are open Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm**

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.

**Please come and enjoy!**



Dewch i ymweld â'n llyfrgell stoc dda, mae croeso i fynd i ffwrdd llyfrau am gyfraniad bach neu ddod â llyfrau diangen i ni.

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

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**Community Link**

Last date for items in the next issue is  
**5 March 18. 9:00am**

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

e-mail: [office@pentyrch.cc](mailto:office@pentyrch.cc)

*The Council is unable to give any guarantee of a delivery date. When placing articles or adverts please take into account the time it takes to prepare print and distribute the magazine*

*The views expressed in the Community Link are not necessarily those of the Community Council.*

**Cwlwm Bro**

Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

**5 Mawrth 18 9:00am**

Dylir cyfyngu erthyglau i 250 gair os yn bosib a dylid ei danfon i Glerc y Cyngor neu unrhyw Gynghorydd .

e-bost: [office@pentyrch.cc](mailto:office@pentyrch.cc)

*Wrth gyflwyno erthygl neu hysbyseb ar gyfer y cylchgrawn, byddwch yn ymwybodol o'r amser sydd eisiau i'w baratoi, ei argraffu a'i ddosbarthu. Ni fedr y Cyngor roi unrhyw sicrwydd y bydd yn cael ei ddosbarthu cyn rhyw ddyddiad arbennig.*

*Nid yw safbwynt y Cyngor bob amser yn cyd-fynd a'r hyn a fynegir yn 'Cwlwm Bro'.*

**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*



## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Link

We are proud to say that this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Link. It started back in 1977 and there have been many changes in the area since then.

Back in 1977 there were worries about sewerage problems in Creigiau, heavy lorries from Steetley Quarry on Bronllwyn; there was high demand for allotments and the council had decided to reintroduce the ancient practice of 'walking the bounds' – perhaps we should consider that again?

A previous Clerk, W J George who worked for PCC from 1952-1976, wrote a long and thoughtful piece in the first edition on change and the role of the council and local residents in helping to preserve our local heritage.

There are also interesting history articles on St Catwg's Church by the Vicar, A W Rees; on the Caeryrfa Farm in Creigiau by Barry Davies and on the demise of the Gwaelod y Garth Canal and its natural history by Dr Mary E Gillham.

You can find a copy of Edition 1 on our website: [www.pentyrch.cc](http://www.pentyrch.cc).

## General Concerns

In the council office, Deb and I, receive all sort of concerns and questions from residents. We act on these complaints as soon as we can, If it is something that the PCC has control over resolve it. If it is a County Council matter over which we have no control. We report these to Cardiff Council and to our County Councillors.

You too can report them by calling 20872087 or you can send an email to [c2c@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:c2c@cardiff.gov.uk). The more a matter is reported, the more likely it is to be dealt with and quickly. We are always happy to make the report for you if you prefer.

Examples of items that we regularly report to Cardiff on your behalf are:

- Over-hanging trees
- Footpaths blocked by vegetation
- Uneven footpath surfaces /steps
- Potholes
- Dog mess.
- Fly-tipping
- Broken stiles and gates
- Blocked road drains
- Japanese Knot Weed

## Appointments

We are delighted that our Chairman, Cllr Stuart Thomas, has been appointed to represent all six local community councils on Cardiff Council's Standards & Ethics Committee. His term of office will be for the five years of the current council term.

We are also delighted that Cllr Christine Priday has been appointed as an employer representative to the Local Government Pension Board. Her term runs from November 1 2017 to June 30 2018.

Appointments like this show that PCC is a respected and active council.

## VACANCY

Pentyrch Community Council has a vacancy in the Creigiau Ward that can be filled by Co-option.

A copy of our Co-Option Policy is on the Elections page of our website ([www.pentyrch.cc](http://www.pentyrch.cc)). We will be advertising this vacancy shortly so please keep a look out for that..

If you would like to register your interest you can telephone the clerk Helena Fox (029 20891417) or email at [clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc). She will send you a copy of the advertisement and application form when they are issued.

## Mobile Telecom Mast

Cardiff County Council have approved the planning application for a telecom mast on the grounds of the Pentyrch Sports Association. Some residents in houses around the site were very disappointed regarding the lack of consultation . They have expressed concerns about the safety of such a mast. A meeting with the developer is planned where residents can raise all their concerns. No decisions by the PSA have as yet been made.

## Pentyrch Post Office

The Post Office in the Spar at Pentyrch has been closed for many months. PCC asked our AM, Mark Drakeford, and MP, Kevin Brennan, whether they could help resolve things. They met with Post Office representatives in October who said that they are working to re-open the service as soon as possible. PCC will keep an eye on things and will go back to Mark and Kevin if things do not improve.

## Civic Reception

PCC held its first Civic Reception in October at Pentyrch Rugby Club. We were delighted to welcome over 60 community representatives from our local groups and organisations. The idea of the event was to bring people together and thank you for all the hard work you do to keep our villages active and vibrant places to live.

We plan to make this an annual event from now on. It's also an opportunity for groups to meet with each other and their elected representatives. We hope new projects and connections will be made.

## Remembrance Day Service

The council held it's annual service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November. A large crowd attended the service at the war memorial with many wreaths laid.

The council would like to express it's sincere thanks to all that participated in the service. Grateful thanks also to all who contributed the wreaths and remembrance crosses.

Thanks also to the PCSO and volunteers that marshalled the road closure ensuring the safety of those attending the service.

Particular thanks to Rev. Michael John who conducted the service and also to Pentyrch Guide Miss Holly Simmonds who read at the service - a very daunting task before a large congregation excellently executed.

## Grants

Grant applications from within the Community Council area were considered at the September 2017 meeting and awards were made to:-

- Pentyrch Cricket Club: £200.00 for coaching equipment
- Pentyrch Tennis Club: £100.00 for member training
- Pentyrch Open Gardens: £390.00 towards a WW1 commemorative bench

Applications for grants should be made to me, ideally by email, [clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc), and should include the last set of accounts or financial statement. Don't delay, do it today. Grants will next be considered at the December 2017 meeting.

## Off-road motorbikes

Local police have told us that off road motorbikes are a continuing problem. They ask that you call 101 to report any of these vehicles that you see on the highway.

## Creigiau Ward Surgeries



*Cllr Mike Sherwood in discussion with local residents.*

Ward Surgeries are now well established in Creigiau and are being held in the Church Hall during the regular Church Hall Coffee Mornings. Our thanks to the Church Hall team for generously hosting the sessions.

The Coffee Morning and Surgery are generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 10am until midday. The dates for the surgeries are advertised on the PCC website on notices in the PCC notice boards, the PCC Facebook page as well as in Tesco and the Creigiau Inn.

We are also holding some evening surgeries in conjunction with the Creigiau PACT meetings for those who can't make the Saturday morning slot.

The reports from each surgery are also online available to be seen on the PCC website.

We are already seeing some action in the village resulting from concerns residents have raised.

### Robin Hill

Residents have been concerned about the road conditions near the development on Robin Hill. It is a condition of the planning consent that the road be repaired and the pavement installed. This condition has to be fulfilled towards the end of the project and we have been asking County Councillor Graham Thomas for regular updates. At the time of going to press much of the work has now been completed. We know it has been frustrating that this has taken so long. In the event of other developments the PCC will always monitor to ensure planning conditions are compiled with.

### PARC : a new community group

PARC have formed to help raise money for the Memorial Park in Pentyrch. This is managed by PCC on a 99 year lease from the Royal British Legion. PCC installed a new slide in 2016 and we are aware that more upgrades would be welcome. The cost of play equipment is high so if it is possible for PCC and PARC to collaborate on a grant application, we see that as a real benefit to the community.

# County Council Notes

**Cllr Graham Thomas,  
Creigiau and St Fagans**

My congratulations to the PCC on this their 100<sup>th</sup> edition of the Community Link. What a credit to the work done on behalf of the community by our local Community Councillors and Staff.

### ROADS

Recently we have seen some good work resurfacing areas on Cardiff Road, Tynant Road and Tregarth Court. This was much needed but we must remain ever vigilant to stay on top of these issues. Please report any pot holes to me or Cardiff Council. As well as the resurfacing there has been some re-painting of some of the white line road markings. I am glad to see this as I have been pressing for some time for this to be included in the works programme. There have been some delays in getting the new footpath built at the new development near Robin Hill towards Llantrissant Road. Although at the time of writing this is due to be completed week of 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### CREIGIAU QUARRY

There is little progress to update residents on Creigiau Quarry. With the planning permission for the extension granted, there is no sign of anything starting yet. The legal agreement with the Council is still not signed. This was supposed to have happened before now but is still anticipated shortly. The timeline from when the legal agreement is signed is that they have 3 months to submit a design for the new passing bays, another 3 months to acquire the necessary land, and 12 months to complete. So, 18 months in total once the agreement is signed to build the passing bays on Heol Pant y Gored. When the quarry will open is still unclear although thought to be some time off yet.

### TRAFFIC

An increasing number of residents have expressed concern about traffic issues through the village. I have been in contact with the Director of City Operations to discuss the ever increasing volume of traffic coming through Creigiau and speed problems at dangerous points. The Council are rolling out 20mph zones in the city which I would like to see here, but at the moment it's just city centre locations. However, I feel the need to make the case here. I would also welcome feedback from residents on speed ramps / speed tables at key areas where many have seen poor driving habits.

### COUNCIL TAX

At a Council Level, we are into the annual budget strategy consultation which I always encourage residents to get involved in. Closing date 14<sup>th</sup> December. It can impact everyone and is our opportunity to tell the Council Cabinet members our thoughts on the budget. The budget has to be balanced but where would residents like to see savings made and additional income be generated, such as Council Tax. The provisional settlement from Welsh Government is slightly better than budgeted for. However, the Council is facing a budget gap of £23m next year (2018/19). Much more detail is available at [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk).

### MOBILE LIBRARY

I was pleased recently to visit and use our local mobile library during its visit. An excellent resource which visits us every 3 weeks on Friday. Most of the latest book releases are available but you may need to reserve ahead. The next visits are on 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December. They go all around the village on a scheduled rota between 9.30am and 3.50pm finishing outside the school. More details at [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk) search for mobile library.

As usual, if you need assistance with any local councils issues, please contact me via email to [graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk) or phone me on 07805 850812. You can also use the Council email [c2c@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:c2c@cardiff.gov.uk) or Tel : 029 2087 2087.

## ADVERTISE IN COMMUNITY LINK

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

### Adverts

6 cm x 9 cm	£15
9 cm x 13 cm	£30
Colour	£60

Tel: 029 2089 1417

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# County Council Notes

Cllr Gavin Hill-John

Pentyrch & Gwaelod y Garth

It has now been about 6 months since the new Cabinet in Cardiff Council took office and launched their Capital Ambition programme. To date not a lot has changed for our Ward so the fight goes on to ensure we get the services we pay for.

## Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling

Due to the nature of our ward we are forever blighted with fly tipping. Cardiff Council have made promises to find a permanent solution for this but so far nothing has changed. With the closure of the Waungron Road refuse site and the pending closure of Wedal Road action is needed urgently to support residents in the North of the City. Along with my colleagues in other wards across Cardiff North and West we continue to challenge the Council on a monthly basis. We will get a solution, hopefully quickly!

As well as fly tipping both of our villages suffer from dog fouling. I have secured additional bins for the ward which will hopefully make a difference but education is also needed. There are still a few individuals who don't appreciate the health hazards of dog fouling!

## Bus services

The bus service in Gwaelod Y Garth continues to be a problem. I'm in touch with the relevant department and am hopeful the service can be improved in the new year. Unfortunately a number of the issues with the bus stem from the parking problems in the village. There is no simple solution to the parking problems but I continue to work with the Council to explore all options.

## Commuter Parking in River Glade

Over the past 12 months more and more commuters are using River Glade as a park and ride facility for the Train station in Taff's Well. To fix this a change in the relevant Traffic Regulation Order for River Glade is needed. This is not a simple process and requires a solid case to be put forward. The more evidence I can gather highlighting the problems this parking causes the stronger the case I can present to the Council. If anyone has any photographs or other evidence please contact me.

## School parking

In both villages parking at school drop off times continues to cause issues and concerns. I have arranged for the Council surveillance camera car to visit and I will be working with the Council to see what can be done to alleviate the

## Memorial Park

Local residents in Pentyrch are working hard to raise funds to improve the play facilities within the Memorial Park. This is a great project and one I am pleased to support. The group would welcome any support residents can give.

## Council Tax rises

The recent budget proposals released by Cardiff Council have indicated that Council Tax will rise by 3.7% again next year. I will be fighting against this rise as I did last year and continue to campaign for a fair Council Tax and to ensure that Cardiff gets its fair share from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Gavin Hill-John tel 07974 260986

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## Creigiau PACT

PACT meetings allow local residents to identify the issues that they would like the police and partners to address. Regular PACT meetings generate up to three priorities that will be dealt with by the police and the County and Community Councillors.

The Creigiau PACT meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Creigiau Golf Club and combined a Councillor Surgery within the meeting.

The pressing issue addressed was the significantly increased traffic through the village particularly during rush hour. Most concern related to the traffic coming from the lanes from Efail Isaf, at the junction of Cardiff Road and Tynant Road and along Tynant road. Separately concerns have been made regarding the traffic between Brummel Drive and Robin Hill. The police advised that they have recently monitored traffic along Cardiff Road for one day from mid-morning to early afternoon. Disappointingly half the drivers that exceeded the 30mph limit were from Creigiau!

County Councillor Graham Thomas is in discussions at County level to find a solution to this issue. In time this might involve 20 mph zones or speed ramps or speed humps. You can read in his report how he would welcome your comments on these matters.

Graham also gave his report regarding the pavement between Brummel Drive and Robin Hill and the repairs at the junction of Tynant Road and Heol Creigiau.

The next PACT meeting will be in February but at present no fixed date has been set. The details of the meeting will be available in Community Council notice boards, website and Facebook pages. Everyone is welcome to the Pact meetings. The more that make use of these meetings the more benefit they will become for the whole of our community.

As well as the PACT meeting why not have an informal chat with the Local officers at their "Cuppa with a Copper" meetings the details of which alongside.

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## CUPPA WITH A COPPER



### Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall 2-3pm

Thursday 21st December

Tuesday 16th January

Tuesday 20th February

Tuesday 20th March

### Pentyrch

#### Bethan Kate's Tea Room 10-11am

Wednesday 6th December

Wednesday 10th January

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 7th March

### Creigiau

#### Creigiau Inn - 12-1pm

Monday 11th December

Monday 8th January

Monday 12th February

Monday 12th March



## Planning Applications

15/02612/MNR Rowley Land Adjacent To Brynawel, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, Discharge Of Conditions 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 21 Of 14/01096/Dco 27/07/17 Full Discharge Of Conditions.

17/00075/MNR CTIL & VODAFONE LTD BLAEN BUELLAU FARM, MOUNTAIN ROAD, PENTYRCH, The Proposal Is For A Telecommunication S Base Station Consisting Of A 15.0m Lattice Mast. Supporting 3 No Antenna, 2 No 300 Dishes C/F 12.50m & 16.0m Together With Associated With Associated Ground Based Equipment Cabinets & Ancillary Developments There To. Withdrawn By Applicant. 15/06/17

17/00091/MNR BRICKNELL LLANFAIR FACH FARM, HEOL ST Y NYLL, CAPEL LLANILLTERN, Proposed Extension And Alterations To Convert Existing Barn Structure To Form A Two Bedroom Dwelling Permission Granted 09/08/17.

17/00280/DCH MAYO GARTH UCHAF FARM COTTAGE, EFAIL ISAF ROAD, PENTYRCH, Proposed Loft Conversion With A Raised Ridge To Create Two Bedrooms And Bathroom At First Floor Level Permission Granted 29/06/17.

17/00777/MNR DECOURCEYS MANOR FUL DE COURCEY'S MANOR, CHURCH ROAD, CREIGIAU, Accommodation Block Annexed To Existing Facility Permission Granted 15/06/17.

17/00994/DCH DOOLAN 1 MAES-Y-GOLLEN, CREIGIAU, Change Of Use From A Garage To A Habitable Room, To The Front Elevation Permission Granted 13/06/17

17/00994/DCH DOOLAN 1 MAES-Y-GOLLEN, CREIGIAU, Change Of Use From A Garage To A Habitable Room, To The Front Elevation Permission Granted 13/06/17.

17/01113/MNR FLOWERS 33 HEOL-Y-PENTRE, PENTYRCH, Change Of Use From Private Residence To Residential Care Home Permission Granted 21/07/17

17/01263/DCH ABRAHAM 132 PARC-Y-FRO, CREIGIAU, New Rear Extension Single Storey With Flat Roof & New Side Extension Two Storey With Pitched Roof Permission Granted 26/07/17.

17/01307/DCH HALL 2 HEOL DANYRODYN, PENTYRCH, Retention Of A Detached Domestic Garage. Permission Refused 25/08/17.

17/01317/DCH TREMLETT HSE HENDRE CEFN COLSTYN, CAERAU LANE, PENTYRCH, Replace Existing Conservatory With Two Storey Extension Permission Granted 10/07/17.

17/01368/MNR TYLER OUT THE GLADE, SCHOOL LANE, GWAELOD Y GARTH, Single Storey Bungalow And Associated Works Permission Granted . 05/10/17

17/01520/MNR CANADA LAKE LODGE HEOL PANT-Y-GORED, CREIGIAU. To Construct A New Log Cabin For Use As Guest Dining/Anglers Facility All Ancillary To The Use Of The Existing Premises And Business Permission Granted 24/08/17

17/01742/DCH BLAKE 65 PARC-Y-COED, CREIGIAU, Single Storey. Extension To Rear Of Property. Removal Of Conservatory. Permission Granted 24/08/17.

17/01790/DCH JONES GARNET HOUSE, PEN-Y-WAUN, PENTYRCH, Single Storey Rear Extension Providing Balcony And Decking Area Permission Granted 08/09/17.

17/01807/DCH GIGG 107 MAES-Y-SARN, PENTYRCH, Proposed Wood Cladding To The Existing Elevation To Rear Of Property. This Is To Cover Damage To The Wall Caused By The Removal Of A Porch. This Will Tie In With Wood Cladding On Garage Conversion To The Side Of The Property Permission Granted 18/09/17

17/01956/MNR HART LAND ADJACENT TO 1 PENMAES, PENTYRCH Proposed 2 Bedroom Single Storey Dwelling (Revised – Previously Approved Under 15/01692/Mnr) Permission Granted 05/10/17.

17/01961/MNR HERBERT 1-4 THE GROVE, CARDIFF ROAD, CREIGIAU, Change Of Use From Open Land To A Garden Permission Granted 09/10/17

17/01998/DCH JONES 87 PARC CASTELL-Y-MYNACH, CREIGIAU, Proposed Single Storey Side & Rear Extension. Permission Granted 15/09/17

You can view pending planning applications on the County Council website [www.cardiff.gov.uk/planning](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/planning) and follow the appropriate links Use the 'View Planning Applications' to lodge comments on current applications

## Pentyrch Open Gardens General Knowledge Quiz Friday 26th January 2018.

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### Help us put the brakes on crime!

Bike security is a serious concern for cyclists with thousands of bikes stolen in England and Wales every year. According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales there were an estimated 297,000 incidents of bicycle theft in 2016. Not every bike theft is reported to the police as in 2016 police recorded 90,910 bicycle theft crimes (source [www.cyclinguk.org](http://www.cyclinguk.org)).

### **What can cyclists do?**

There are several things you can do to prevent your bike being stolen. Currently many cyclist use cycling or exercise apps on their phones and then share this on social media. Criminals are now using these to identify homes with bikes. It is important that these apps are set to private and when sharing on social media they are also set to private or friends only. It is also important to hide the start and finish of the journey if it likely to identify your home or workplace.

### **Other top tips to protect your bike:**

Always lock your bike even if left for just a few minutes or kept in the garage or shed. Invest in a lock that has been tested against attack. Check out [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) for certified locks

South Wales Police recommend:-

- Spend at least 10% of the value of the bike on a lock
- Always lock the bike to something secure and lock both frame and wheels
- Remove any accessories or parts that can be easily removed such as lights, cycle computers and quick release saddles
- Property mark your bike by engraving it or register it on the free national property register [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Remove bike rack from vehicles when not in use
- Take good quality photographs of your bike and any unique features and parts.
- Keep the frame number and any serial numbers safe
- Please report any information on bike crime to the police on 101
- If a bike crime is in progress call police on 999.

South Wales Police

### **DAYLIGHT ROBBERY'**

We have previously warned villagers not to have anything to do with rogue traders and in particular, emails/texts from seemingly genuine organisations e.g. HMRC, AMAZON and BT, trying to send money owed to you but to do so they need your bank details. Unfortunately the last few weeks have seen a significant increase in these types of activity. A newer variation is to receive an email confirming that 'your order for 'x' costing £xx's has been processed when you have made no such purchase. The scam here is to engage with you so that you divulge bank details for the 'error' to be corrected. Your bank account is then emptied. Those that originate these scams are becoming cleverer in their approach so extra vigilance is required. Those less savvy with I.T. are especially vulnerable particularly the older ones amongst us. The genuine companies who these despicable people purport to represent are keen to be copied in on these emails so they can act so please don't just delete them. Instead send them to the legitimate company.

When rogue traders knock on your door seeking to sell you something such as so called 'surplus stock' do not engage with them, instead take details (preferably a photo of their vehicle's reg. no) and quickly report the incident to either 101 or 999 so prompt action can be taken. Well done to the villager that did this recently. The Police have acted on the information.

We are also receiving reports of apparent legitimate traders offering to do jobs e.g. cleaning gutters, but then telling the home owner that other work is necessary. The 'trader' then asks for money up front to fund the required parts only for the 'trader' to disappear with your money or, suddenly become bankrupt. We strongly advise villagers to choose their trader very carefully and never part with money up front. Some hard lessons are being learned!

### **PNW Monthly Meeting**

Change of date from 13th to 6<sup>th</sup> December. Usual place – Lewis Arms at 6.45pm. Why not come along. The minute villagers stop coming is when PNW collapses. The first edition of Community Link in 1984 publicised the formation of what is now PNW. The article reminded everyone that they are the eyes and ears for each other and as a consequence a person had been arrested for burglary. The same principle applies today

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

More and more people like to use social media e.g. Facebook, to share photo's of wherever they are on holiday or a day out. The problem is that they are posted there and then rather than upon the person's return. This means anyone and everyone who can gain access to these photo's then know you are away and can help themselves to whatever you may have in your house. Please consider saving your photos and posts until you return home.

### **ON YER BIKE**

South Wales Police have asked us to publicise the new dangers of bike apps. We are told there is one called Strava which is proving to be very popular amongst cyclists. Apparently the cyclist uses the App and social media to map their route and invite others to join them on the ride. The concern is that anyone can see the start and finish point of the ride. If this is a long ride then firstly, it is an indicator that if the start point was home then it may be empty whilst the rider is out. Secondly, a long ride is often an indicator that the bike is of good quality and therefore 'worth a few bob'. The bike can be tracked usually to its home so advertising where it is worth trying to steal a bike.

### **YOUTH ANNOYANCE**

Over the last few weeks/months there has been a marked increase in the number of youth annoyance incidents. It seems the lead offenders are young girls who live locally. The Police weren't initially aware of the problem but following them eventually being told prompt action was taken. Hopefully this will mean the end of the problem but it illustrates the importance of reporting things to the Police as they happen. If you see an incident occurring, report it by calling 999. If after the event, call 101. Please don't just do nothing.

### **CUPPA WITH A COPPER**

Cuppa with a copper' is proving to be a success. The next one IN Pentyrch will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time of 10 till 11a.m. in Bethan Kate's tea rooms in Pentyrch. This is a chance to speak directly to the Police about matters of concern to you or to make them aware of issues they need to tackle or keep an eye on. As long as villagers make use of this service it will continue.

### **NOW YOU SEE THEM NOW YOU DON'T**

Christmas is a busy time for thieves as well as Father Christmas. Many of us choose to spend the festive period in sunnier climates. We also tend to be out much more often perhaps enjoying a glass of mulled wine with family and friends. The surge of new purchases planted around the Christmas tree or, after opening, left lying around means burglars are assured of a lucrative reward for their efforts. The use of timer switches in various rooms in the house operating lights or the radio are a very good deterrent. One inexpensive version operates a series of changing colours which gives the impression of a TV being on. Spending just a few £'s on these now can save you many more £'s on replacing what's been stolen and on your insurance premium.

### **HUGE THANKS TO CEMEX**

Villagers will be familiar with the years we have spent trying to stop the large volumes of flytipping just off the quarry entrance road on Pentyrch hill. We are very pleased to advise that CEMEX have agreed to install a barrier part way up the road (to allow for early lorries to pull off the hill road). Half will be a permanent barrier with the other half capable of being opened but more importantly closed and locked at the end of each day. This should also deter off road bikers trespassing on quarry land. Ramblers are encouraged to take photos on their mobiles of any flytipping or bikers they see taking place and to notify the Police asap.

### **SPEEDING FINES**

Reports suggest that many people are being caught out by emails telling the reader that they have been caught on camera breaking the speed limit. The email looks authentic and advises the driver/owner they need to pay the standard newly increased fine and by clicking on a link which then requires inputting your bank details. Not only does this mean you have given out important personal information but the link allows the originator to get into your computer. You are then told that you must pay to have your computer unlocked. The principle is same as the NHS recently encountered. The Police do NOT USE emails to notify people of speeding offences. Ignore such emails and delete them without opening any attachments or links.

### LLangrannog

Ar ddechrau'r tymor aeth Blwyddyn 6 i Llangrannog. Pan gyrhaeddodd ni roedd pawb yn gyffrous iawn i wybod pa ystafell oeddem am gysgu ynddi. Y weithgaredd gyntaf oedd darllen map, ac ar ôl y darllen map roedden ni yn gallu mynd i'r siop. Fe gymron ni ran mewn gweithgareddau gwylltgrefft a chreu tân, sgio, merlota, saethyddiaeth, gwibgartio, rhaffau, nofio. Roedd hi'n wythnos brysur dros ben. Ein hoff gweithgareddau yn Llangrannog oedd gwibgartio, cwrs mwd a'r cwrs rhaffau. Cwrddwn ni a llawer o ffrindiau newydd o ysgolion eraill. Roedd Llangrannog yn wych! Morgan a Celyn Blwyddyn 6

### Maes y Fron

Aeth 5 i Maes y Fron. Roedd yn lle bendigedig i ni gael hwyl tra'n gwella'n sgiliau tim. Naethon ni weithio fel tim i roi cratiau ar ben ei gilydd. Roeddwn ni'n ofnus achos roeddwn yn teimlo bydden ni'n cwmpo ond roedd rhaff yn ein dal ni! Cerddon ni lan mynydd yn y tywyllwch yn gwisgo torts ar ein penau. Gwnaethon ni lawer o weithgareddau mewn camlas—creu rafft fel tim, rhwyfo canŵs ond yr hwyl fwyaf gafon ni oedd neidio i mewn i'r dŵr. Roedd yn wych - ond yn oer a gwlyb!

### Children's Commissioner

Tom, Jacob, Jemeima and Neve had the opportunity to meet Dr Sally Holland, The Children's Commissioner in Wales. They will be leading the United Nations Rights of the Child in the school this year. Congratulations to them.



### Comisiynydd Plant

Cafodd Tom, Jacob, Jemeima a Neve y cyfle i gwrdd â Dr Sally Holland, Comisiynydd Plant Cymru. Fe fyddan nhw'n arwain Hawliau Plant yn yr ysgol yn ystod y flwyddyn yma. Llnogyfarchiadau mawr iddynt.

### LLangrannog

At the beginning of the term Year 6 went to Llangrannog. It was great! When we arrived everyone was excited to know what rooms we would be sleeping in. The first activity was map reading after we finished the map reading we could go to the shop. There were lots of different activities including horse riding, swimming, archery, high ropes, climbing, skiing, go-carting. The best activities in Llangrannog were tobogganing, mud course and high ropes. We also met lots of new friends. Morgan a Celyn Blwyddyn 6



### Call of the Wild

Before half term Year 5 went to Call of the Wild, which is a place for us to have fun whilst improving our team skills. We worked as a team to stack crates on top of each other. We were scared that we would fall off, but we had a rope holding us. We walked up a mountain in the dark wearing head torches. We then had lots of activities on the canal—creating a raft as a team, kayaking and canoeing. The best part was jumping—or being pushed—in the canal! It was a fantastic experience

### Our Local Area

This term our Theme is Our Local Area. Classes throughout the school have been doing activities based on our lovely area, including creating maps and studying the village's geography, researching into the Lan disaster and observing the trees and nature around the school. Classes have been on walks around the village, have visited Castell Coch and Casteel Henllys and had a very interesting visit to Garth Motors

### Ein Hardal Leol /

Ein thema y tymor yw Ein Hardal Leol. Mae pob dosbarth wedi bod yn cynnal gweithgareddau di-ri ar ein hardal hyfryd gan gynnwys creu mapiau ac astudio daearyddiaeth y pentref, ymchwilio i hanes trychineb y Lan ac arsylwi ar y coed a'r byd natur o gwmpas yr ysgol. Mae'r dosbarthiadau wedi mynd ar deithiau o gwmpas y pentref, wedi ymweld â Castell Coch a Chastell Henllys ac wedi cael taith diddorol iawn lawr i Garth Motors.



### Thank You

Here she is again, volunteering her time. On behalf of the locals I would like to thank Linda Coombes for entertaining folk with her many talents, all be it a good old sing song around the piano or her interesting/amusing presentation: There's no business-like show business (putting on an amateur production) Well done Linda, you are very much appreciated.

### Welsh Charter

We are the Dreigiau Doeth and we will be leading the Charter in our school. Before the summer holidays children from Years 2—6 filled in a questionnaire about their use of Welsh in school and in the community. We have analysed these and we have decided to work on 3 points over the next half term to improve our use of Welsh in the community.

Our 3 challenges are:

- Watch Welsh television programmes
- Play Welsh apps
- Listen to Welsh music



### Siarter Iaith /

Ni yw'r Dreigiau Doeth—sef y grŵp sydd yn mynd i arwain y Siarter Iaith yn ein hysgol. Cyn y gwyliau haf fe wnaeth pob plentyn o Flwyddyn 2 i 6 lenwi holiadur y Siarter Iaith. Edrychon ni ar yr holiadur a penderfynon ni ein bod am weithio ar 3 pwynt yn ystod yr hanner tymor yma er mwyn gwella ein defnydd o Gymraeg tu allan i'r ysgol. Y 3 her yw

- Gwyllo mwy o raglenni teledu Cymraeg
- Chwarae mwy o apiau Cymraeg
- Gwranddo ar gerddoriaeth Cymraeg



### SCHOOL CHOIR



In October our School Choir performed in a concert in the school hall to raise money for the Cardiff National Eisteddfod. The local choir, Cantorion Creigiau, and local talents also took part. It was a very successful evening. Many thanks for supporting and a big thank you to eleven of our past pupils for joining the choir for the evening.

### LEAD CREATIVE SCHOOL

Pupils from Class 5 and Dosbarth 5 had an opportunity to interview two 'Beat Boxing' groups in our school hall on Thursday before the half term holiday. We have been successful in gaining a £10,000 grant by the Arts Council of Wales to undertake a Numeracy project within school. The key defining characteristic of the project is the collaborative partnership between creative professionals, school staff and pupils and the ways in which this partnership helps to bring the curriculum to life, providing new ways for learners to engage with subjects and to develop increased motivation for learning. The successful group will work with the pupils to develop the numeracy project during the year.

### SUPER SKIERS



The school's Skiing Team performed brilliantly at the Welsh Schools Skiing Competition at Llangrannog in October. Individually, Ffion Lewis, Class 6, won the under 12 girl's race and Lily Jones, Dosbarth 3, came 3rd in the under 10 girl's race. The team came a very respectable 6th out of 20 Primary Schools that were competing. Quite an achievement! Congratulations to you all!

### NATIONAL EYE HEALTH WEEK

We had a very special Key Stage 2 assembly on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, to celebrate National Eye Health Week. We were joined in our assembly by Rebecca Evans, Minister for Social Services and Public Health, four employees of the RNIB, an optometrist in Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, 'Bazz' a guide dog and a television crew from the Welsh medium daytime programme "Prynhawn Da". On Friday of that week pupils are welcome to dress in 'spotty' clothing if they wish and bring a contribution for the charity RNIB.

### VISITORS FROM FRANCE BIENVENUE!



Last month, Maxime and Marie from Aunac School in Charente, France came to visit the school. The school is keen to develop links with Creigiau Primary School. A visit to Cardiff for some of their pupils has been arranged in the near future. Pupils from Creigiau have been emailing and writing letters to the French pupils in order that they get to know more about each other and their countries. "Merci beaucoup" for visiting us. We are looking forward to meeting our new friends.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Liz Chamberlain from Radyr Library attended one of our whole school assemblies to reward the pupils who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge. 70 pupils received a certificate and a medal for reading 6 or more books over the summer period - an excellent achievement, well done.

### CLOG DANCING WORKSHOP

Years 3 and 5 took part in a Clog Dancing Workshop led by Tudur Phillips this term. They were given an opportunity to wear a pair of traditional Welsh dancing clogs and were able to learn some steps and a short routine. Many thanks to Tudur!

### PARTY MATHS

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils participated in a 'Party Maths' workshop with staff from Techniquet. They all thoroughly enjoyed the numeracy activities.

### ECO COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL COUNCIL



This term four members of the Eco Committee and three members of the School Council attended a Governing Body meeting. They delivered two excellent presentations informing the Governors of all the good work that both committees have done during 2016 - 2017 and what they intend doing this year. The Governors congratulated the seven Year 6 pupils on the very high standard of their presentations and thanked them for all their hard work last year. Many thanks to Katherine, Millie, Will, Cerys, Ffion, Mali and Seren. The staff members present were very proud of you all!

### CYCLING FOR YEAR 6

During last term Year 6 pupils received cycling proficiency lessons from two road safety officers. They've learned how to ride safely on main roads and how to care for their bikes. They all enjoyed the lessons and now feel more confident riding their bikes.

### LLANGRANNOG TRIP



Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic week last term at Llangrannog Urdd camp. They thoroughly enjoyed the adventure and displayed impeccable behaviour and manners throughout the week. Well done! Many thanks to all the staff and five Year 13 students in Radyr Comprehensive for accompanying the pupils.



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### CLWB GWYLLBWYLL PENTYRCH CHESS CLUB

Having received the 2017-18 season's fixtures and decided on team captains and composition, tragedy struck when our top player from the previous season, Dave Rhys Lewis, didn't arrive for the first match on 4 September at the Kings Arms. We discovered next day that he had died from a heart attack aged only 51. He had been a key member of the club in recent times whose competitive and gregarious nature made him an inspiration to all. Dave's death was a terrible blow to his family and all who knew him.

Following our double promotion at the end of the 2015-16 season, the best efforts of all our players couldn't prevent both our teams being relegated (from Divisions 1 and 2 respectively of the East Glamorgan Chess League) in April 2017.

Nevertheless, we were confident of augmenting the number of club members and, in consequence, our playing strength. So in June 2017 we entered a third team in the League for 2017-18. Additionally, we thought that would provide an opportunity for our first female player to engage in, and gain experience from, competitive league chess.

No-one could have predicted Dave being struck down so young. We miss his presence and his

### The Garth Satellite Rotary Club

We are a newly formed Rotary Club based in Pentyrch and serving the Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth area. Our main ethos is to have fun whilst helping others and we aim to support local community projects.

We have a few interesting activities already arranged with other exciting plans in the pipeline and would really appreciate any involvement or ideas from members of the community.

### Ty Hafod Care Home Pond Restoration Project Every Monday 10am

We are currently restoring a wildlife pond and woodland path for the enjoyment of the Care Home residents and to help the environment. We meet at the Care Home car park on Llantrisant Road at 10am on Monday mornings (weather permitting). If you would like to help us

motivational chats. Another of our regular first team players who broke his ankle in August will probably miss the first half of the season. Despite this, all 3 teams are securing quite good results and have remained in the top half of their Divisions. This achievement is thanks to the organisational skills of our captains (Will Harwood, Mike Maguire and Matthew Lunnon) and

trim, prune, dig, plant, offer valuable gardening advice or just have a cup of coffee either turn up or email [richard.porch@btconnect.com](mailto:richard.porch@btconnect.com) beforehand to make arrangements. No regular commitment is required.

### Christmas Cake and Coffee Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2 - 4pm Norman Follis Room, Pentyrch Village Hall

The proceeds of this event will go towards the Ty Hafod Pond Restoration Project. Please come and meet your neighbours, enjoy some cake, coffee and chatter whilst supporting a worthwhile cause. If there are any budding Bake Off contestants in the community, donations of cakes would be most welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Garth Satellite Rotary Club and our planned activities email [charles@fairwoodtrust.com](mailto:charles@fairwoodtrust.com)

the commitment and effort of all our available players.

We are most grateful to Helena and Owen at the Kings Arms for the use of the restaurant room on Monday evenings, where we meet at 7.30pm. Information about the club and our fixture list is at [www.pentyrchchess.co.uk](http://www.pentyrchchess.co.uk). New members are always welcome.



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### Pentyrch Memorial Park needs you!



A group of local residents have come together in partnership with Pentyrch Community Council to raise funds for improvements to Pentyrch's Memorial Park. Known as the Pentyrch Active Recreation Committee (PARC), the group has already started fundraising efforts and applied to the Aviva Community Fund for a donation to purchase new play equipment for the park.

"The Memorial Park is a fantastic space in the village. With additional funding, we hope to be able to update its play equipment to provide more inspiring and modern facilities for children of all ages in Pentyrch and its neighbouring villages.

"An improved play area will encourage more children and young people to head outdoors, stay active and enjoy more time with friends and family. We hope that everyone will get behind the cause and help us to make a real difference to the park," said PARC's Emma Phillips.

You can keep up to date with PARC's fundraising efforts on the 'Pentyrch Memorial Park Fundraising' page on Facebook or by following @PentyrchPark on Twitter. PARC welcomes new fundraising ideas and supporters so please get in touch via social media or by emailing [pentyrchmemorialpark@gmail.com](mailto:pentyrchmemorialpark@gmail.com).

### FOPSA

(Friends of Pentyrch Primary School) were very pleased to see so many children having fun at our Autumn Disco recently. There were some amazing costumes and awesome dance moves on show!



FOPSA work hard to host a range of events open to children from the school and also to members of the community in order to raise much needed funds to provide resources and experiences for the children of Pentyrch Primary. In the summer term we helped the year six children mark their move to Comprehensive School with a gift of a 'leavers' hoodie, and an activity day out to celebrate. We are also very pleased to have just purchased £500 worth of science equipment, now winging it's way into classrooms to be used to promote the science curriculum in our school. We continually work together with the school to ensure that funds are spent to their best advantage.

Looking forward to 2018... Lots of fun events and fundraisers in the pipeline...we hope to see you at one soon.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!  
Kylie Sheppard, on behalf of FOPSA



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## PENRHYS PILGRIMAGE

What are your memories of the Penrhys Pilgrimage? Did you walk part of it as a small child? Did your parents or your grandparents tell you about it? Are there legends and stories you know about the pilgrims that made their way from Llandaff to Penrhys, travelling through Pentyrch and Creigiau?

We know that this was one of the most important pilgrimages in Britain, so much so, that at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, Thomas Cromwell ordered that the statue of Our Lady should be collected, along with Our Lady of Ipswich and Our Lady of Walsingham and publicly burnt in London.



Castell-y-Mynach farm was a former residence of the Mathew family, who provided hospitality to the pilgrims. This year, a working party, including Cllr Christine Priday was set up, bringing people together from all along the route. This summer, Allan Cook from Radyr and Janet Sully walked most of it checking it out.

## Pentyrch Hill Race

2018 will see the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual race, which has more competitors than any other mountain race in south and mid Wales. In 2017 there were 277 athletes taking part.

Our 2018 race is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April starting near the shops in Pentyrch at 7 p.m. with registration from 5.15 p.m, and no later than 6.30 p.m, at the Pentyrch Rugby Club.

The race is registered with Welsh Athletics and the Fell Running Association of GB and covers a distance of 7 miles with approximately 1600 feet of climbing. The male record is 45 minutes 47 seconds and the female 49 mins 32 seconds. The last person in 2017 crossed the line in 96 minutes 42 seconds.

The course is fully marshalled, but it is not for the casual runner, it is a serious, competitive race, it is not a "Fun run": it incorporates the South Wales Regional Mountain Running Championship.

The race is open to anyone: you do not have to be a member of an athletics' club to enter. Entry fee for 2018 is £8. John Gough 20891721

The biggest problem is the stretch between Radyr and Pentyrch along Pant Tawel. CEMEX is currently working out how they can help improve this path.

One of the aims of the working party, is to engage with the local communities along the route and allow the local community to develop their stretch of the route in their way. It may be that because of a local feature, the community might want to recommend a detour to the route. We're hoping the schools will get involved. Perhaps the school children could plant flowers such as Snowdrops, or they may want to put on a play or write a song or put on an exhibition of their art work about the pilgrimage in the local community hall. We would love to see the 18-25 year old group getting involved in producing community art or making stone way markers ("Tapr Mair" that are featured in the Lady Chapel in Llandaff cathedral along the way in Pentyrch and Creigiau as waymarkers) Maybe the older people may want to produce a booklet with their memories and family legends or stories ... there are so many possibilities

Collectively, if we work together on the strands needed, we will have made a magical, mystical means of re-discovering the history on our doorsteps.

Please contact us to share ideas at: [ppwp2020@gmail.com](mailto:ppwp2020@gmail.com)

## Pentyrch Horticultural, Cookery and Craft Show



This year's show took place on a lovely late summer's day on 2nd September and it was good to see so many members of the community taking an interest in this longstanding annual event. The hall was very busy with the 200 visitors who came to inspect this year's exhibits and enjoy the convivial atmosphere.

The tables were crowded and the many and diverse flower entries were particularly spectacular. Both the art and craft sections were very well supported with an increase in the numbers of entries and there were some very inventive creations in the children's classes! The committee was slightly disappointed

## Pentyrch Bowling Club



Thanks to everyone who supported the bowling club's season-long raffle to help raise money for the verandah on our new bowls pavilion. The £100 first prize went to one of our own members and the second (£50) and third (£25) prizes went to members of Cardiff West and Cardiff Bay rotary clubs. Significantly, a donation of £125 was made to our chosen charity, Tŷ Hafan, and the money was presented by Jan Berry, chairperson of the bowls club (pictured). The raffle completed a successful year of fund-raising by the club's social committee.

Bowls is a sport for all ages and abilities, and is an excellent way to relax, socialise and get some gentle exercise. We are always looking for new members, both ladies and men. As new convert Gareth James said 'I would recommend to anyone to come along and enjoy the social atmosphere of this very worthwhile sporting association'. So, why not come along on a Monday evening when the season begins next April? No equipment is needed, except for a pair of flat-soled shoes. You will find a friendly welcome and we have qualified coaches to help you develop your skills. For more information, contact Brian Ilbery (20891814).

We will again be running a number of social events next year, including the well-established Race Night, Summer Quiz and monthly coffee mornings. These are open to everyone and so look at the village noticeboards for further information.

that there were not more entries in the vegetable sections and hope that more people will be inspired to 'have a go' next year.

A generous grant from the Pentyrch Community Council enabled some new trophies to be purchased, notably one for the new 'Showstopper' Cake Class.

It is never too early to be planning for next year! Next year's show will be on Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 1st Pentyrch Guides

1st Pentyrch Guides reopened just over two years ago and, this term, we hosted our second annual presentation evening. The Myra Thomas Guide of the Year shield was awarded to Charlotte Tucker. Charlotte is an excellent patrol leader who is always keen to learn new skills and try new challenges. We were joined by Myra's husband, Howard, and daughter, Betsan, who presented the award. Myra Thomas had been an inspirational Guide leader of 1st Pentyrch for many years. Indeed, she was my Guide leader and, in my volunteering role, I try to follow her example of encouraging girls to develop their potential, make friends and have fun. Our presentation evening was made extra special by the presence of a number of past leaders of Guiding in Pentyrch, three of whom had been my leaders



[and one of whom is now over 90 years of age!!]. We are so lucky to have people like these in our community who will have motivated many generations of local girls to try new things, help other people and discover their passions and talents!

Sharon O'Leary,  
leader of 1st  
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### Pentyrch Open Gardens AGM

The Pentyrch Open Gardens AGM was held recently to review activities. The Open Gardens weekend raised a net income of £3,249 - up 24% on the previous year. Net income from other sources was £1,057 (including sponsorship from Cemex and Neighbourhood Watch).

Our charity for the year - City Hospice (formerly George Thomas Hospice Care) received half of the net income from the Open Gardens Weekend. We were delighted to present a cheque for £1,624.75 and were pleased to learn that The Hodge Foundation will be match funding this amount.

Grant applications had been invited for projects which benefit or enhance the community or environment of Pentyrch. The AGM decided that it had raised sufficient funds to meet all applications in full:-

1. Pentyrch Bowling Club to rebuild their ditch wall - £500
2. St Catwg's Church towards new railings at the South door - £500
3. Pentyrch Village Hall for garden maintenance - £400
4. For the purchase and installation of a bench to commemorate World War I - £600. Pentyrch Community Council has already agreed further funding of £390 for this project. It is hoped that the purchase of another two similar benches can be funded in the future.



### THANK YOU

Well what can I say, shocked. I have so many loyal kind generous friends, £565 was raised today at my annual Macmillan coffee morning. There were lots of delicious cakes, raffle prizes galore and lovely people to chat with and all for such a worthy cause

The money this year will be split in Memory of Jan Horsey - Jan's Y Bwthyn Fund and in memory of my dad David Rogers - Holme Towers, Penarth. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Here's looking forward to next year. Best wishes, Deb Hunt and family.

£1,500 has been put aside for the planting/upkeep of planters around the village.

The next Pentyrch Open Gardens weekend will be held on 30 June / 1 July 2018.

### Wednesday Coffee Morning Club at St Catwg's, Pentyrch

Are you looking for company on a Wednesday morning?

We meet every Wednesday morning 10.30am to noon. We have the usual refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits/cake. The main emphasis is however on chatting and having fun and we certainly do a lot of that. We have a raffle each week and sometimes have one or two light-hearted group quiz questions. On the first Wednesday of the month we stay for lunch and have home made soup. Here is what some people have said about the Group:

*"It means everything to me. I didn't go anywhere before I started coming and I have met such lovely people".*

*"It's a lovely get together. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming".*

*"It's great with nice cups of coffee & Tea".*

It really is a very welcoming group and is intended for the whole community and not just for those who go to church. If you would like to come along but would find it difficult to get there please let us know so that we can arrange for someone to collect you.

If on the other hand you would like to be involved as a volunteer driver then again we would love to hear from you. 20842079, 20892077, 21403854.

### Clwb y Dwrllyn

Cymdeithas Gymraeg ardaloedd Pentyrch, Creigiau a Gwaelod y Garth a'r cylch yw Clwb y Dwrllyn. Rydym yn cwrdd unwaith y mis, yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pentyrch gan amlaf ac mae croeso cynnes i aelodau newydd ymuno â ni.

Mae dau gyfarfod eisoes wedi'u cynnal yr hydref hwn. Yn y cyfarfod agoriadol cawsom gwmni difyr Delwyn Siôn a chyfle i wrando arno'n adrodd peth o'i hanes a chanu rhai o'i ganeuon. Noson o adloniant pur ac agoriad teilwng iawn i weithgareddau'r tymor. Daeth Bryn Fôn atom i'n hail gyfarfod i gael ei holi gan Huw Llywelyn Davies. Unwaith eto bu'n noson i'w chofio wrth i ni wrando ar ein gwestai yn adrodd peth o'i hanes ac yn dwyn i gof rai o'r troeon trwstan.

Brethyn Cartref fydd cyfarfod mis Tachwedd a chaiff yr aelodau gyfle i ddangos eu doniau creadigol. Geraint

Huws Llantrisant fydd yn beirniadu'n hymdrechion yn ei ddull dihafal ei hun - noson o chwerthin a chreu!

Ar drothwy'r Nadolig byddwn yn ciniawa yn De Courcsey's ac yna ar Ionawr 11eg cofiwch am Y Plygain yn Eglwys Pentyrch ac ymweliad y Fari Lwyd â thafarn Y King's am 8.30.

Am fwy o fanylion cysylltwch â ni ar 20891577.

Clwb y Dwrllyn is the local Welsh society which meets regularly every month at Pentyrch Rugby Club. Our activities are through the medium of Welsh and fluent Welsh speakers and learners are welcomed to join us. All villagers are cordially invited to our annual Plygain carol service at 7.00pm on January 11<sup>th</sup> followed by Y Fari Lwyd at the King's Arms.

### Gweithgareddau Cymraeg Clwb y Dwrllyn

Rhagfyr 20	Swper Nadolig	De Courcsey's
Ionawr 11	Y Fari Lwyd	Tafarn Y King's
Chwefror 15	Rifiw	Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch
Mawrth 4	Cinio Gwyl Dewi	Clwb Golff Creigiau
Ebrill ?	Stomp y beirdd	Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch
Mai 17	Lyn a Dylan Ebenezer	Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch
Meh 8-10	Penwythnos yn y Gorllewin	
Gorff 7fed	Cerddd yng Ngwent	

### Pentyrch Rangers Fundraising

Pentyrch Rangers AFC is growing, with more members this year than in the last 13 years! We have over 237 boys playing football across 13 teams. This is fantastic of course, but it costs a lot to run a football club so the Fundraising Committee have been busy with a program of activities.

**Sponsored Walk:** On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October over 60 children from the Club took part in the annual sponsored walk. Starting at the Pentyrch Rugby club, the children, along with their parents and many a dog, walked through the village and up the Garth to stand triumphant at the top! There were children as young as 6 and as old as 14 taking part. Once back at the club there was a drink and chocolate bar for each to reward their efforts. Everyone had a fantastic time.

**Race Night:** On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October the Club held a Race Night at the Rugby Club which was a huge success. What a fabulous night it was. There was a delicious curry cooked by Sue, lovely bar staff kept the drinks flowing and we had a full room with a great turnout from our Senior team and lots of parents from across the age groups. Keith our 'Race Night man' ensured a professionally run event. It was such a good night out!

**100 Club:** The first draw for the Pentyrch Rangers 100 Club is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Visit the Pentyrch Rangers Fundraising Facebook page for more information.

### Merched y Wawr

Rhagfyr 5	Paratoi at y Nadolig Ruth Davies	Y Ganolfan Efail Isaf
Ionawr 24	Cinio Santes Dwynwen	Clwb Golff Creigiau
Chwefror 7	Sgwrs gan Ashok Ahir	Y Ganolfan Efail Isaf
Mawrth 15	Gwyl Dewi	Y Tabernacl Efail Isaf
Mai 9	Noson yng nghwmni Dr Elin Jones	Y Ganolfan Efail Isaf
Mehefin 13	Awen Iorwerth	Y Ganolfan Efail Isaf
Gorffennaf 11	Ymweld â stiwdio Anthony Evans yn Nhreganna	



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## CANTORION CREIGIAU NEWS

Do you enjoy singing? If yes, come and join Cantorion Creigiau, your local mixed voice choir. New members of any voice or age are welcome to joins us, you do not have to be able to read music, we learn together at rehearsals. We meet in Creigiau Golf Club Sundays 7.30pm-9.00pm in the room upstairs, then we socialise in the bar downstairs.

We perform a variety of concerts both for enjoyment by the choir and audience and to raise money for charity. If you would like us to perform for a charity please contact our organiser Varion Gapper 01443 207923 or by email [variongapper@gmail.com](mailto:variongapper@gmail.com). See our website [www.cantorion-creigiau.org](http://www.cantorion-creigiau.org) for more information.

The choir has an exciting time ahead. We look forward to being involved in both fund raising for and performing in the choir of The National Eisteddfod of Wales, to be held in The Millennium Centre Cardiff Bay, August 2018. Future fund raising concerts include Pentyrch RFC 23rd November 7.30pm, tickets £5, and Pentyrch Village Hall May 11th 2018. If you would also like to join us to sing in the Eisteddfod choir come along to early rehearsal at 6.30pm.

On October 19th we joined with pupils from Creigiau Primary School to perform in a concert for the Eisteddfod fund. Over £600 was raised and praise must go to the children of Creigiau and Plasmawr Schools for their excellent performance.

Our Carol Concert will be held on Sunday 17th December in Creigiau Church Hall 6.30pm. There will be a collection for a children's charity and refreshments afterwards.

All are welcome. Jane Williams

### Pentyrch Art Group

The art group continues to be very successful and we have had a very busy term. We are having a pastel demonstration by Carol Kibble on Monday, November 20th. Visitors are welcome to this session. The meeting is from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm. We shall be using our projector and screen, so everyone has an excellent view. Carol is a well known pastel artist and it promises to be an excellent demonstration.

The group are still exhibiting at The King's Arms, once again our thanks to Owen for allowing us to show our work there, where we regularly sell paintings. We shall be exhibiting again at Garth Olwg from November 20th until December 1st. Members will also have a stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair.

The group are also delighted to have been invited to exhibit at The Royal Glamorgan Hospital. This exhibition will run from December 18th until the end of March 2018, and will be in the end of the hospital dining room.

A date for next year's diaries- our large one day exhibition will be held on Sunday May 20th 2018. This will be our 23rd Annual Exhibition- well worth a visit. Ann Peebles

### Pentyrch WI – Inspiring Women

WI is all about “inspiring women” and Pentyrch WI founded in 1949 has done just this since the beginning.

We have been involved in so many community and national projects over the years. Our proudest being the returning of a Doctor's surgery to the village. The Village Hall plays a big part in all our lives, and we have supported and had representation on the Committee since the beginning, of which we are proud.

Members enjoy singing, dancing and performing but also theatre trips and dining out. It's all about friendship, inspiring talks and having fun.

Our founder members laid a good foundation. We will always get our teeth stuck into a worthy project, and won't let go until the task is done. Long may it continue.

At present we have 82 members, which we feel is a wonderful success. Our programme is varied, and we also have a number of clubs and activities - Book Club, Bridge Club, and Badminton.

As we are committed to continuing to help and support our community, we recently applied to the Co-op Local Community Fund scheme to provide opportunities for our more mature Pentyrch residents to meet and socialise.

We were successful and have set up a club known as “Happy Gathering”. Around 20 ladies and gentlemen meet one Friday a month in Pentyrch Village Hall 2pm to 3.30p for a chat, cup of tea and cake, and some fun. The club is still very new, so who knows how it may develop. For full details please ring Judith Smith on 029 20891568.

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## PENTYRCH W.I. PROGRAMME 2018

**3 Jan Looking forward to your 2018 Holiday?** Speaker: Karen Williams – Travel Councillor

**7 Feb Your feet need looking after?** Speaker: HayleyPhillips – Mobile Foothealth Practitioner – Shoozie Cute

**7 Mar St David's Day – You're in for a treat.** Enjoy Georgia Evans a young talented local Harpist, a female Choir – Affinity and of course a cuppa and Welsh Cake.

**4 Apl A chance to experience Chinese Culture** Say – Hello “ni hao” and Welcome “huan vina”, to Miaoqin.

**12 Apl WI Birthday meal Decourceys** £26.00

**2 May AGM** Resolutions and Social Gathering, bring a bite and a drink.

**6 Jun Wear your walking shoes, to go for a stroll** Speaker: Ruth Steggles will talk about staying happy and ways to good mental health.

**4 Jul It's our Summer Social and its Independence Day.** Feel free to wear red, white or blue. We've got Food, Friends and Fun.

**5 Sep Is it a bird or is it a sheep?** Eva Leslie does needled felting, turning a fluff of wool into a bird or sheep to name just a few.

**3 Oct The Italian Connection - Part one** Speaker: Romeo Basini on how the Italians came to the valleys

**7 Nov Its time to wrap your Xmas gifts.** Demonstration: Alison Westwood / Eclipse on Gift Wrapping.

**7 Dec Xmas Social.**

'New members welcome'

We meet every 1st wednesday of the month, for further information please contact our president [jasmith\\_100@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jasmith_100@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Pentyrch and Creigiau Cardiff Eisteddfod 2018 Appeal**

Mae'n bosib nad oeddech yn gwybod bod yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, fwyl fwyaf Cymru yn ymweld â Chaerdydd fis Awst 2018. Mae proses trefnu'r Eisteddfod yn brosiect cymunedol anferthol sy'n rhoi cyfle arbennig i'r ardal arbennig i gymryd rhan drwy drefnu digwyddiadau codi arian a chodi ymwybyddiaeth o'r wyl. Mae'r Pwyllgor Gweithredol wedi gosod targed o £320,000 fel cyfraniad yr ardal i'r gost llawn. Mae cyfran o hyn £20,000 wedi cael ei ddyrannu i'n hardal ni.

## **Pentyrch and Creigiau Cardiff Eisteddfod 2018 Appeal**

You may or may not be aware that the National Eisteddfod, Wales' leading festival will be visiting Cardiff in August 2018. The process of organising the Eisteddfod is a huge community based project providing wonderful opportunities for the host area to participate by organising fundraisers to raising awareness of the festival. The Executive Committee has set a target of £320,000 as the area's contribution to the overall cost. A portion of this, £20,000 has been allocated for our area.

Held during the first week of August every year, the National Eisteddfod is a celebration of the culture and language in Wales. The festival travels from place to place, alternating between north and south Wales, attracting around 150,000 visitors and over 250 tradestands and stalls. With hundreds of events and activities for the whole family, the Eisteddfod is the natural showcase for music, dance, visual arts, literature, original performances and much more. It is an inclusive and welcoming festival, which attracts thousands of Welsh learners and those who do not speak the language as well as Welsh speakers every year.

## **Cyfamodi – dull hawdd o gyfrannu**

Diolch yn fawr iawn i'r rheiny ohonoch sydd wedi gwneud cyfraniadau hael at yr ymgyrch eisoes, rydym yn gwerthfawrogi eich cefnogaeth yn fawr iawn.

Os hoffai unrhywun wneud cyfraniad at yr Apêl yn uniongyrchol, boed hynny drwy daliad unigol neu fisol, yn fawr neu'n fach, os gwelwch yn dda a wnewch chi gysylltu gyda'r Trosorydd, Iwan Griffith ar [ewanbethan@btinternet.com](mailto:ewanbethan@btinternet.com) / 07900 408 513 / Ty Canol, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch, CF15 9NB.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

A Festive Evening with The Parry Isaacs, Acapela Pentyrch, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8pm. Tickets £10 each from a member of the Pentyrch and Creigiau Appeal Committee, or via Acapela (20890862 / [acapela.co.uk](http://acapela.co.uk))

During the last five years or so, it has become a tradition for The Parry Isaacs Family to perform their Christmas Concert in aid of local charities. It's an absolute pleasure for them to appear at Acapela to prepare everyone for the month leading up to December the 25th. Myfyr Isaac and Caryl Parry Jones have been well known musicians in Wales and beyond for some years now and their children are certainly following in their footsteps with Greta (the youngest) forging a career as a singer songwriter, Moc studying Popular

## **DIGWYDDIAD ARBENNIG**

Noswaith Nadoligaidd gyda'r PARRY ISAACS, Acapela Pentyrch, Nos Sadwrn, 2il o Ragfyr am 8yh. Tocynnau £10 y pen gan aelod o Bwyllgor Apêl Pentyrch a Creigiau, neu drwy Acapela 20890862 / [acapela.co.uk](http://acapela.co.uk))

Ers rhyw bum mlynedd bellach mae hi wedi bod yn draddodiad i deulu'r Parry Isaacs gynnal cyngherddau Nadolig i godi arian at wahanol elusennau lleol. Mae'n bleser pur cael ymddangos yn Acapela i baratoi pawb ar gyfer y mis prysur sy'n arwain at y 25ain o Ragfyr. Mae Myfyr Isaac a Caryl Parry Jones yn adnabyddus fel cerddorion yng Nghymru a thu hwnt ers rhai blynyddoedd ac mae'r plant hefyd yn dilyn ôl eu traed, gyda Greta (yr ieuengaf) yn dilyn gyrfa fel cantores/cyfansoddwraig, Moc yn astudio Cerddoriaeth Boblogaidd ym Mhrifysgol

## **Twitter and Facebook!**

Those of you who are in the social media world, can get more information about the events, offer ideas for future events, or any other way to raise funds by following us at Twitter - @ApelPC2018

Facebook - Pwyllgor Apel Pentyrch a Creigiau Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Caerdydd 2018

## **Pledging – an easy way to contribute**

Thank you so much to all those who have contributed so generously towards the appeal already, we are extremely grateful for your support.

If anybody would like to make a direct contribution to the Appeal, either through an individual or monthly payment, large or small, please would you contact the Treasurer, Iwan Griffith Ty Canol, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch, 07900408513  
Email [ewanbethan@btinternet.com](mailto:ewanbethan@btinternet.com).

Music at the University of South Wales, Miriam a soloist and session singer and Elan and Miriam both provide back up vocals for Greta! Non Parry, who fronts the ever popular girl band Eden, is Caryl's first cousin and she and Caryl put the Parry in The Parry Isaacs!

And as part of the extended musical family as it were, close friends Geraint Cynan and Steffan Rhys Williams provide accompaniment and sound quality.

The evening will be packed full of Christmas tunes old and new, Welsh and English and we sincerely hope you enjoy an evening which will set the warm, seasonal tone we so dearly associate with Christmas.

Make a night of it by booking a table for a pre-show special pizza from the fantastic wood fired oven at Acapela, along with festive nibbles and drinks.

De Cymru, Miriam yn gantores sesiwn ac unawdydd ac Elan a Miriam sy'n canu lleisiau cefndir i Greta! Mae Non Parry, sy'n adnabyddus fel prif leisydd y grwp Eden, yn gyfnither lawn i Caryl a hi a Caryl sy'n rhoi y Parry yn y Parry Isaacs!

Ac fel rhan o'r teulu cerddorol estynedig fel petai, mae Geraint Cynan yn cyfeillio a Steffan Rhys Williams yn gwneud yn siwr bod pawb yn cael eu clywed.

Mi fydd y noson yn llawn o ganeuon Nadoligaidd hen a newydd, Cymraeg a Saesneg a gobeithio y gwnewch chi fwynhau noson fydd yn gosod y naws tymohorol, cynnes rydyn ni'n ei gysylltu â'r Nadolig.

Gwnewch noson ohoni drwy archebu bwrdd cyn y sioe ar gyfer pizzas arbennig o bopty coed tan arbennig Acapela, ynghyd a lluniaeth Nadoligaidd.

## **Trydar a Gweplyfr!**

Gall y rheiny ohonoch sydd ym myd y cyfryngau cymdeithasol gael mwy o wybodaeth am y digwyddiadau, cynnig syniadau ar gyfer digwyddiadau i ddod, neu unrhyw ddull arall o godi arian drwy ein dilyn ar y canlynol. Ymunwch / Dilynwch!

Twitter - @ApelPC2018  
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## **Ladies Badminton**

Ladies Interested in playing Badminton, why not come along to the Village Hall on a Wednesday from 8pm till 9.30pm. We play every Wednesday apart from first Wednesday in the month which is W1. All ages welcome and we can lend you a racket. If you are interested you call in one Wednesday or contact Ann on 20891567.

### Noson o Adloniant

Roedd neuadd Ysgol Creigiau dan ei sang ar gyfer noson hwyliog i godi arian at Eisteddfod Caerdydd. Bu Cantorion Creigiau yn ein diddannu yn ogystal â Chôr plant Ysgol Creigiau gyda help cyn aeodau'r côr sydd bellach ym mlwyddyn 7 yn Ysgol Plasmawr. Triawd fflwiwt gafwyd gan Eiry, Angharad a Sian, unawd clarinet gyda Angharad Ellis ac unawd cornet gyda Iestyn Ellis. Diolch hefyd i Claire a Ray am ddatganiad Jazz. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb wnaeth gefnogi gan lwyddo i godi dros £600 tuag at yr Apêl.

### An Evening of Entertainment

The most recent fundraiser event was held at Creigiau School on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Cantorion Creigiau entertained the packed hall, as well as the Creigiau School Choir (with help from some pupils who left for secondary school before the summer). Eiry, Angharad and Sian performed a flute trio, Angharad Ellis gave a clarinet solo, and Iestyn Ellis performed on the cornet. Thank you also to Claire a Ray for a jazz recital. Thank you very much to all those who supported, which resulted in a further £600 towards the Appeal.

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### HIGH ON A HILLTOP

A group of amateur theatrical fans with years of experience headed by Bob Petersen decided that they needed a new project. During 2002 a group of 10 were assembled and began to look for premises in North Cardiff. Pentyrch Village Hall fitted our requirements and could accommodate us for rehearsals twice a week, times for construction and performances of 3 shows a year.

The 10 original members agreed to each put an amount of money to finance the start up. All that was needed was a name and a way of introducing the group to the community. Hilltop was an apt name, Pentyrch being on top of a hill!!

A musical evening entitled Seasons of love was used to promote us and those interested invited to a meeting. Thankfully this was well attended and we had enough members to put on the first full performance of Our Town in November, followed by 2 more plays in March and June.

As finances improved we have been able to acquire scenery, costumes and props enabling bigger (and more expensive) shows to be produced.

### Pentyrch and District Local History Society, Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol, Pentyrch a'r Cylich

Congratulations to the Community Link on it's 100<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Our next meeting will be on 23rd February 2018: Abdul Seckam will be talking about Honey In Medicine through the Ages

New members are always welcome. Details of future meetings can be found on our website:

[www.pentyrchlocalhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.pentyrchlocalhistory.wordpress.com)

You will also find details of our publications the Garth Domain which are a series of booklets compiled by Don Llewellyn describing local people and places as they were. Copies of our book of old photos of Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth are also available.

By 2004 we were ready to stage our first pantomime Rumpelstiltskin and our first musical Annie in 2005 both directed by Bob Petersen.

Since then we have continued to offer a variety of theatre including dramas, comedy, pantomime, musicals and one off special events.

Hilltop has been a great success winning many Noda awards. The original members hoped we'd get past the first year.... We are now in our 16<sup>th</sup> year!!

A success. Thank you Pentyrch

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### CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2017

June saw a week of events for the Creigiau Carnival. The Fun Run was held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> with a variety of running races for all ages together with some very entertaining three legged, sack and egg and spoon races – thank you to Rhian Edwards for running this event for us. The Carnival King, Queen and attendants were chosen at the Children's Disco held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and the Creigiau Inn hosted the hotly contested Carnival Quiz on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we welcomed the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Bob Derbyshire and Lady Mayoress, Mrs Caroline Derbyshire for the Carnival itself. The procession theme was 'Films' and we saw some very imaginative floats and fancy dress. Our thanks go to all who took part in the procession – the standards were very high and it was very difficult to judge. Congratulations on winning first place to 'The Terrace' for their very interactive 'Silent Movie' float.

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

The recreation field held activities and entertainments for all and included 5-a-side football, pétanque, archery, tennis, a children's entertainer, dog show, a bouncy

castle and fun fair and not forgetting the ever popular Creigiau 23 beer tent, BBQ and pizza oven. A variety of stalls provided cakes, plants, teas and coffees and the Tin Can Filly horsebox was on hand for those in need of a glass of prosecco. The Victoria George-Veale School of Dance also entertained the crowd with routines performed by a number of their young pupils.

The children of Creigiau Primary School drew pictures for the front cover of the carnival programme to match the theme of 'Films'. All of the entries were excellent and after much deliberation we chose a drawing by Sian Catherwood. Well done to all those that took part and many thanks to the staff at Creigiau Primary School for organising the event. Our thanks also go to Stuart Hulley who once again designed and prepared a very colourful programme with the Film theme running through it.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank all who attended and all of the individuals and local organisations who positively contributed to the event and helped out to make the Carnival week another success. All of the money raised, including the contribution from the Creigiau 23 beer tent and BBQ, will be donated to local organisations and groups including CRAMC for the upkeep and development of our village's

recreation field and sports clubs. 2018's Carnival will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June; look out for details early in the New Year. If you would like to join our committee and help contribute to this annual event then please contact us on 07740 123110 or email us at [creigiau-carnival@outlook.com](mailto:creigiau-carnival@outlook.com).

Please visit our website at [www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk](http://www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk) or find us on Twitter and Facebook.

Our congratulations go to Pentyrch Community Council for this 100<sup>th</sup> edition of Community Link. We appreciate the support and patience that Stuart Thomas, in his role of editor, affords the Carnival Committee. We look forward to the next 100 editions.

### Knit and Natter Group

Knit and Natter meet every Friday at the Pentyrch Community Council office between 10 a.m. – 12 noon. What a busy time many of the ladies are having finishing their projects and others are knitting charity trauma teddies, baby hats for the local premature unit. The ladies are also knitting for our stall at the Village Hall Xmas Fayre on November 25<sup>th</sup>, which will all be on sale.

New knitters always welcome, just turn up to meet our happy group. Carol Saint – tel 20891821.

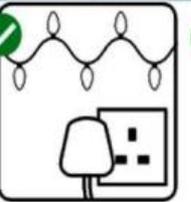
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### CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL FROM THE 1989 LINK

We live in momentous . perhaps frightening times. Yes, recent events in Europe, where barriers are coming down and frontiers opened for the first time in 50 years, seem to promise hope for the future.

Events nearer home too, the Government's decision to abandon a third atomic power station at Hinkley point, just 25 miles away as the crow flies, and Mid Glamorgan County Council's rejection of the application by Steetley to extend quarrying on the Little Garth, are surely signs that ordinary people -

you and me, are at long last being heard and our views taken into account. Community Councillors have long been concerned by grass root environmental issues. These now appear to be on the agenda of distant bureaucrats and governments too. Let us hope that this is not just political expediency on their part and that issues which really count to the people of this world will remain their priority in the coming year.

Christmas is a time for caring - for our families and friends and for our Communities too. Living in a community is not just having a house in a village . . . it is being a good neighbour, helping those who are lonely, handicapped, aged. It is generally making ourselves a vital part of the community. Make a New Year's Resolution to do all you can to bring back again to our villages that wonderful community spirit of days gone by.

### CARNIFAL CREIGIAU 2017

Cafwyd wythnos o ddigwyddiadau oedd yn gysylltiedig gyda Carnifal Creigiau ym mis Mehefin. Cynhaliwyd y ras hwyl ar ddydd Sadwrn yr 17<sup>eg</sup> gydag amrywiaeth o rasys rhedeg ar gyfer pob oed yn ogystal â ras tair coes, sach ac wy ar lwy ddi-ddorol iawn - diolch i Rhian Edwards am redeg y digwyddiad i ni. Dewiswyd brenin, brenhines, tywysogion a thywysogesau yn y Disco plant a gynhaliwyd ai ddydd Llun y 19<sup>eg</sup> a cafwyd cwis y Carnifal yn y Creigiau Inn ar ddydd Mawrth yr 20<sup>fed</sup>.

Ar ddydd Sadwrn y 24<sup>ain</sup> croesawyd Maer Caerdydd, Cynghorydd Bob Derbyshire a'r Faeres, Mrs Caroline Derbyshire i'r Carnifal. Y thema eleni oedd 'Ffilmiau' a gwelwyd nifer o syniadau gwreiddiol. Diolch i bawb wnaeth gymryd rhan - roedd y safon yn uchel ac roedd yn anodd beirniadu. Llonyfarchiadau i'r 'Terrace' am ennill gyda'u fflôt 'Ffilmiau tawel'.

Band Pres Jazz New Orleans arweiniodd y proseswn gyda brenin a brenhines y carnifal yn dilyn.

Cynhaliwyd gweithgareddau ac adloniant yn y cae gan gynnwys pêl droed 5-bob-ochr, pétanque, saethyddiaeth, tennis, diddanwr plant, sioe gwn, castell bowisia a ffair, yn ogystal â bar poblogaidd Creigiau 23, y barbeciw a ffwrn bitsa. Cafwyd amryw o stondinau cacennau, planhigion, te a choffi ac roedd bocs ceffyl y Tin Can Filly yn gweini prosecco. Diddanwyd pawb gydag ysgol ddawnsio 'Victoria

George-Veale'.

Plant ysgol Creigiau dynnodd y lluniau ar gyfer clawr y rhaglen i gyd -fynd gyda'r thema 'Ffilmiau'. Roedd pob un yn wych ond Sian Catherwood oedd yr enillydd. Da iawn i bawb gymerodd ran a diolch i staff Ysgol Creigiau am drefni'r digwyddiad. Diolch hefyd i Stuart Hulley a gynlluniodd y rhaglen eto eleni.

Hoffai pwyllgor y Carnifal ddiolch i bawb wnaeth fynychu ac i'r holl unigolion a mudiadau wnaeth gyfrannu at y digwyddiad a helpu i wneud wythnos y carnifal yn llwyddiant arall. Bydd yr holl elw, gan gynnwys cyfraniad barbeciw a tent cwrw Creigiau 23, yn cael ei roi i sefydliadau a grwpiau lleol gan gynnwys CRAMC ar gyfer cadw a datblygu cae chwarae'r pentre' a chlybiau chwaraeon.

Bydd Carnifal 2018 yn cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Sadwrn Mehefin 30ain ;edrychwch allan am fanylion yn y flwyddyn newydd. Os hoffech ymuno gyda'r pwyllgor a helpu cyfrannu at y digwyddiad blynyddol yma yna cysylltwch gyda ni ar 07740 123110 neu e-bostio creigiau-carnival@outlook.com.

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Llonyfarchiadau i gyngor cymuned Pentyrch am y 100<sup>fed</sup> rhifyn o Community Link. Rydym yn gwerthfawrogi eich cefnogaeth ac amynedd Stuart Thomas, fel golygydd. Edrychwch ymlaen at y 100 rhifyn nesa.

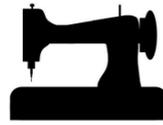
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**Garth Gardeners**

In 2011 Bill and Barbara had an idea and, following a meeting that June at Pentyrch Village Hall, a committee was formed and Garth Gardeners was born.

In the autumn we had our inaugural meeting with Sheena Crossley and, by the end of the year we had 119 members.

Now in our seventh season we are still listening to our membership and providing excellent speakers, social gatherings, challenges, tours and day trips. Things are going well, membership is now over 150 and meetings average 100. We must be doing something right, but any bright ideas or offers of help are always gratefully received.

This autumn we have heard about the restoration of the historic

landscape at The National Botanic Gardens and Jane Moore from Bath Priory Hotel has provided us with ideas on how to extend colour in the garden into winter. We have also enjoyed a day out at RHS Wisley, the centre of excellence for all things gardening.

In November, Noel Kingsbury will be talking about the renowned garden designer Piet Oudolf and, at Christmas we will be having our usual social evening, a time for all to relax and enjoy.

With winter approaching gardening can be wet and cold, but it is warm and dry in the Village Hall so come and join us at our next meeting. Everyone is welcome to visit our website [garthgardeners.wordpress.com](http://garthgardeners.wordpress.com) for details of everything we do at Denise James

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There are the annual events. On 17-18<sup>th</sup> November we have the ever-popular Craft Fair, showcasing the enormous talent of local people. As well as finding those unique Christmas presents, it's a chance to meet people, and sample the fantastic cakes on offer—all made by the wonderful bakers of Gwaelod and sold for charity.

Before you know it, it's December and the school Christmas Fair, another fun-filled occasion for your diary. On February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, we welcome the Porthcawl Ukulele Band to Gwaelod. Come along and you'll be dancing in the aisles!

Unfortunately with the sad news of the sudden death of Karl Daymond, a regular performer at the Hall, there will be no Christmas show this year

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### Gwaelod-y-Garth WI

Seven members of our WI had a great time during their recent 8 day holiday to sunny Jersey visiting many places of interest particularly the Jersey War Tunnels, the famous Pearl Centre, various castles, Rene Laliques glass church displaying glasswork commissioned by Lady Trent in memory of her husband Jesse Boot of Boots the Chemist fame

Four WI members took part in the annual Glamorgan Federation Quiz on an extremely wet and windy visit to the Hi Tide Restaurant in Porthcawl. We didn't win unfortunately but there again we didn't disgrace ourselves. Another enjoyable evening was spent at a Samantha B Fashion Show in Morganstown Village Hall organised by Treforgan WI.

Members continue with visits to Gwaelod-y-Garth Primary School teaching cookery, sewing and knitting to pupils on Friday afternoons. We are also involved in knitting hats and vests for the African "fish and chip" babies and hats and scarves for the charity Operation Christmas Child. Last but not least we are busy practicing in preparation for the GFWI darts competition next February, but the "double to win" continues to cause a problem!!!

On Saturday night, 29 October, a minibus was hired to take 14 of our members to our President's cottage which was beautifully decorated for a Halloween style Wine Tasting evening where we had to guess the contents from 17 varieties of homemade wines. Everyone who attended (most in fancy dress) brought a plate of food which did manage to soak up the alcohol. After such a fun evening we all managed to return home "happy but sober"!

Apart from the above we still find time to relax and enjoy our regular walks and outings to local places of interest and also have recently started a new monthly cinema night in the Village Hall.

### Dr Mary Gillham

*This 100th issue of Community Link would not be complete without an acknowledgement of the long time contributions of Dr Mary Gillham. She was a prolific contributor from the first edition of the Link. Her articles with their sketches were extremely popular. Below are the recollections of her long time friend Mrs Norma Proctor together with the potted history from the SEWBReC website. Stuart Thomas Editor*

Mary Gillham was, she says, 'always a scribbler'. A naturalist by inclination, her written botanical work is profuse. She travelled South with the Australian Antarctic expedition; she undertook a research project on Aldabra and other Indian Ocean Islands, visited an American expedition to an uninhabited island by sailing ship, spent time in New Zealand, studied areas in Wales from Gower and the Heritage Coast to the industrial coast of Swansea. She noted the flora of a changing Britain with every step she took from the Taff Vale to Merthyr. She collaborated with David Bellamy as they 'Discovered

the Countryside', and was given an MBE for her work by Prince Charles. Mary was a formidable woman. Brought up in a suburban semi, her life was changed by war time service in the Land Army. A Londoner, working as a clerk, she was disillusioned with her life; at 19 she was looking for a change - the Land Army filled the bill. After five years service, she was awarded a place at Aberystwyth University to study agriculture. Four years later, she was a Girl Guide Commissioner, quoting her early camping days as a Girl Guide as the first indications of her love for the countryside.

'I was a bridesmaid once', she told me with less than a smile, 'but I managed to escape the marital stakes'. The war, the Land Army and university were my 'passage to freedom'. She was propelled into a life of lecturing and research that took her across the world at a time, to use her words, 'When in most rural minds, a woman's place was very much in the kitchen or the bedroom'.

Norma Proctor

### HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Our winter production on 8-11 November 2017 was '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.

Our spring production in March 2018 is 'Gaslight' by Patrick Hamilton, a classic Victorian psychological thriller, about a man, Jack, slowly and deliberately driving his wife, Bella, insane, before Bella is helped from her suffering by the arrival of a detective who is investigating Jack for theft and murder. 'Gaslight' takes place on 8-10 March 2018, 7.30pm, Pentyrch Village Hall.

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](http://www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk)

Richard Jones.

### A Dedicated Naturalist



Mary Eleanor Gillham was born in Ealing, London on November 26th 1921. Her parents owned a car and enjoyed camping, taking a young Mary and brother John to Scotland, the Lake District and even Switzerland before 1939. Despite an already-present love for nature and an inherent need to write down everything she saw Mary was destined to work for the City Council in London until WWII broke out, when she immediately applied to join the Women's Land Army.

As a consequence, Mary was given the opportunity of a university education and was supported by the British Government through an Agriculture and Botany degree at the University of Aberystwyth (under the tutelage of Prof. Lily Newton) before completing a PhD on Island Ecology

at Bangor University in 1953.

Mary's primary passion was botany but island ecology remained a close second throughout her career which began with an Assistant Lectureship in Botany at the University of Exeter. After 3.5 years there Mary instigated an international migration that was to set her apart from many of her contemporaries. In 1957 Mary began an exchange lectureship at Massey University New Zealand, followed by three years' teaching and researching in Australia at Melbourne University which included a trip as one of the first female scientists to enter the Antarctic region (Macquarie Island) in 1959 and multiple field seasons on remote Bass Strait islands studying Mutton Bird colonies.

Mary returned to the UK in 1962 (via multiple African countries) and settled in Cardiff for the remainder of her life spending over 60 years recording wildlife and working to protect species and habitats across the country. Mary was instrumental in the protection of acres of Welsh habitat and was routinely consulted on how to manage the change of South Wales' landscapes from industrial to more natural ones with the decline of extractive industries.

A lecturer at Cardiff University and former president of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society and Gwent Wildlife Trust, Mary Gillham spent

time travelling, researching, and leading trips around the world (including America, Africa, Europe and as one of the first female scientists to Aldabra). She wrote over 20 books on natural history, 51 scientific papers, countless newspaper and magazine articles as well as contributing to the education of thousands through her work as an Extramural lecturer.

At the end of her life Mary's archive of written notes, travel journals, wildlife diaries, unpublished manuscripts, illustrations and 14,000 slides were passed to the South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre which received Heritage Lottery Funding to digitise the c. 150,000 wildlife records and tell the story of this ground-breaking scientist.

Mary Gillham was awarded an MBE in 2008 for services to nature conservation and remains an inspirational role model both for her work as an educator and by forging a trail little trod by women before her.

In 2012, receiving recognition as one of the 'Inspirational Botanists - Women of Wales' exhibition at the National Botanic Gardens

**The Mary Gillham Archive Project is funded by [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) and managed by South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre [SEWBReC](#)**

## PENTRE-POETH & THE LAN DISASTER

As Christmas approaches, a memorial event for December's Lan Colliery disaster is being planned. Last year, Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth related the story of Moses Llewellyn of Morganstown, a child miner killed by firedamp. He will have set out in darkness to get to work by 6.00 o'clock in the morning, returning home in the dark after a twelve hour day.

Some of you may have noticed Morganstown has 'disappeared', as signs for Pentre Poeth appear at the LLantrissant Rd / Radyr roundabout. The name change is not welcomed by everyone but the 'new' name is soundly based in history. In 1845, Morganstown was listed as Pentre, in 1850 as Pentre Poeth, though by 1857, it became Treforest. Morganstown appeared again in 1865, with 1878 records saying 'Morganstown, otherwise Pentre Poeth.'

The origins of Pentre Poeth, the 'hot village', could relate to settlements cleared by burning or industrial settlements. But historian Professor Gwynedd Pierce, retired head of the Department of History, University of Wales, points out the evidence is inconclusive, for Pentre, originally meant farm house, and now means village. He couldn't

## CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

Congratulations to Community Link on its 100th edition. Creigiau Companions cannot boast such longevity, although it is not far short of its twentieth birthday.

I am always amazed to hear so many people in our community say they have not heard of Creigiau Companions: I even hear that it is a meeting for ladies only. What rubbish!

Creigiau Companions is a club for retired people, male and female, when colleagues can get together to hear an inspiring speaker, enjoy the company of like-minded people, over a cup of tea.

To give you flavour: our recent meetings have included talks on: Italian cookery, local history, an RSPCA officer, extracts from Under Milk Wood, a research medic talking about viruses, a clergyman's

confirm the link with industry or burning, so the origin of the name behind the new signs is inconclusive.

What is clear though, is that young Moses Llewellyn, tramped from that village to work as a door boy at the Lan in Lower Pentyrch, as Gwaelod y Garth was known then. He is at rest in the graveyard of Morganstown Chapel, where his monument can be seen.  
Norma Procter

experience of working in Bangladesh, a professional actor portraying life downstairs, "Music in Hospitals" duet team, quilting, a summer lunch, a Christmas lunch in the catering department of Coleg y Cymmoedd.

All this indicates the eclectic mix of topics presented by our speakers: now let anyone say these are topics for ladies only!

I invite all retired persons in our villages to give us a try. Every other Thursday in the Church Hall in Creigiau at 2 p.m. There is a charge of £2, which gives you tea and biscuits, an entry into a raffle and helps to pay for our speaker. Our first two meetings in the New Year are on the 5<sup>th</sup> (a New Year's party) and the 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

I look forward to meeting you.

John Gough Chairman 20891721

## PENTYRCH LADIES,

A lovely gathering with lots of nice cakes and £100.00 raised for BREAST CANCER CARE, thank you ladies.

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Hi, my name's Tony Gardner, the manager of the Oxfam shop in Bridgend. One of Oxfam's aims is to lift the poorest in society out of poverty. To that end, we have been forging links with local communities to help raise funds for projects in the UK and abroad.

Last year, Oxfam Bridgend raised £15,500. Part of that total came from the sale of donations given by you, the residents of Pentyrch. We also received books from Pentyrch Library which sold well. We are extremely grateful for this support.

I was particularly pleased to make this link with Pentyrch as I was born and brought up here – some of you may know me. Most of my family still live in the area. So, although I live in Bridgend now, I continue to have strong links with Pentyrch.

To continue raising money, we are always looking for further donations of linen, homewares, CDs, DVDs and clothes. Also, if you are a UK tax payer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid as Oxfam receives an additional 20% for any items sold.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated and I can collect. You can contact me through the shop, telephone number 01656 665298. If I'm not there, just leave your name and number and I'll get back to you. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Tony Gardner

### CREIGIAU STATION

Prior to the building of the Barry Railway in late Victorian times there was no such village as 'Creigiau'. It was simply a part of Pentyrch. When the station was built it took its name from the adjacent farm then called 'CRIGA' (pronounced CREEGAH). The Company was informed that the correct spelling of Criga was CREIGIAU and a new village was born! By 1900 it had a Temperance Hotel which soon attracted groups of Edwardian ladies who came to stay there for weekends. They would go out on their bicycles to gather bunches of primroses which grew in abundance on the limestone escarpments nearby.

The station earned several awards for being the prettiest and most well-kept on the Barry Line. Before it fell to Beeching's axe in the early 1960s it had served our parish well and many would recall with delight being transported on summer days from there to Glorious Barry Island!

Towards the end of the Second World War it had a serious duty for

wounded American soldiers were collected by ambulance from the station to be taken to the US military hospital at Rhydafar.

One childhood memory still tickles me. Early in the war when we children were deprived of sweets and such niceties, a rumour quickly spread among the lads at our school in Pentyrch that the chocolate dispensing machine on the platform at Creigiau station could still be persuaded to function. All that was needed was to kick it three times, shout a certain word and out would pop a bar of the best Frys Mint Chocolate. A large gang quickly descended on the station and their despairing shouts could be heard from some distance as they tried in vain to realize their dream of having a rare treat!



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### Creigiau Recreation Field

Over the past 30 or so years CRAMC (Creigiau Recreation Area Management Committee) has overseen 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, football club and HIIT Training not to mention all 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 [colin.belward@outlook.com](mailto:colin.belward@outlook.com)  
Colin Belward Chairman CRAMC.

### A MAJOR FIND



Among the numerous ancient artefacts discovered locally over recent years this Iron-Age item stands out as being truly special. It is a tenet measuring about six inches in diameter. In its day it would have been fixed to an Ancient British chariot and functioned as a loop through which the reins were passed. It was dislodged in 1965 at Steetley Quarry on the Lesser Garth by earth-moving equipment driven by Mr Alfred Burke who wisely passed it on to Mr Lewis Edwards the manager. It was delivered by Mr Edwards' daughter to the National Museum for assessment and the curator Dr H.N. Savory quickly confirmed the importance of the find, describing it as the finest example of its kind ever discovered in modern times. The tenet which belongs to the period between 100 BC and 100 AD is on prominent display at the Museum in Cardiff

**Creigiau Quarry Surrounds :  
Fauna and Flora**

A resident, Robert Raven, has made a list of some of the fauna and flora found in the area around Creigiau Quarry and Tyn-y-Coed Woods over the last couple of months. The highlights are our resident Peregrine Falcons, a small cluster of a dozen or so bee orchids and 15 to 20 round-leaved wintergreen plants.

For those of you who enjoy a good list, here is a wonderful collection of our local plants and animals:

**Birds:** Peregrine falcon, green woodpecker, spotted woodpecker, woodcock, redstart, tree creeper, grey wagtail, kingfisher

**Reptiles:** Grass snake, smooth newt, common toad

**Butterflies:** Common blue, small blue, comma, small tortoiseshell, painted lady, gatekeeper, small copper, speckled wood, clouded yellow

**Plants:** Musk mallow, quaking grass, perforate St John's-wort, common centaury, common cudweed, lesser spearwort, common fleabane, Canadian fleabane, eyebright, common figwort, water figwort, purple loosestrife, branched bur-reed, carline thistle, viper's bugloss, ploughman's spikenard, teasel, wild hops, dodder, red bartsia, agrimony, goldenrod, lady's mantle, ribbed melilot, reflexed stonecrop, wild

basil, hemp agrimony, twayblade, broad-leaved helleborine, common spotted orchid, early purple orchid, Southern marsh orchid, bee orchid, round-leaved wintergreen, toothwort  
**Fungi:** Blackening waxcap, stinkhorn, wood pink-gill, collared parachute, dark honey fungus, ringless honey fungus, wood mushroom, blusher, chanterelle, panther cap, honey fungus, porcelain fungus, pestle puffball, ochre brittlegill, common earth-ball, leopard earth-ball, sulphur tuft, ivory wood wax, apricot jelly, lilac bonnet, elfin saddle, clustered bonnet, slippery jack, purple brittlegill, green brittlegill, tawny funnel, rooting shank, amethyst deceiver, false saffron milkcap, charcoal burner, parasol mushroom, suede bolete, warted amanita, stinking dapperling, oyster mushroom, yellow slime mould, wood hedgehog, russet toughshank, white fibrecap, twig parachute, beefsteak fungus, stump puffball, salmon salad, dappled webcap, white domecap, sheathed woodtuft, veiled poisonpie(?), dog stinkhorn, common bonnet, deathcap, beech jellydisc, glistening inkcap, fairy inkcap, peeling oysterling, funeral bell, dwarf bell(?), elastic oysterling, toughshank (gymnopus fuscopurpurea), variable oysterling, candlesnuff, field mushroom, jelly babies, clubfoot mushroom, lilac

fibrecap, earthfan (thelophora anthocephala), reddish spotted bonnet, grey coral fungus, brown rollrim, deceiver, bearded milkcap, stinking brittlegill, snapping bonnet, red cracking bolete, clouded funnel, aldercap (naucoria subconspersa ?), stump puffball, rosy bonnet, white saddle, white spindle, fibrecap (inocybe dulcamara ?), buttercap, shaggy inkcap, blushing wood mushroom, collared earthstar, common inkcap, funnel (leucopaxillus paradoxus ?), crested coral, fleecy fibrecap, conifer toughshank, grooved bonnet, horse mushroom, common puffball, king alfred's cakes, slender parasol, pearly parachute, bitter oysterling, yellowing knight, tufted wood mushroom, jew's ear, golden scalycap, brittlestem (psathyrella leucotephra ?), fool's funnel, trooping funnel, common conecap, inky mushroom

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## Coed y Bedw

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This diversity of habitats supports a wide array of invertebrates (including the uncommon giant lacewing) and woodland birds. Resident woodland specialists such as treecreepers, nuthatches, great spotted woodpeckers and tawny owls are joined in the summer by visiting migrants including willow warblers and blackcaps.

WTSWW runs volunteer workparties at the reserve; bridges are repaired and small amounts of coppicing



*You can watch an excellent film of Coed y Bedw: A Year in a Nature reserve on You Tube. Also there may be a limited number of DVDs still available from the Wildlife trust 01656 724100*

## CLOCKMAKERS OF PENTYRCH By Dr Bill Linnard



The first documentary reference to them is in the pages of William Thomas's Diary. On 9th December 1772 he wrote: 'William Philip killed in a coal pit. His brother is a clockmaker in Pentyrch'. In fact there were two brothers who were clockmakers, John and David Philip. Several of their clocks have been recorded, some signed by John and some by David. All are grandfather clocks with brass dials.

The clocks would have been made in a little workshop in the village and then sold on to the more well-to-do members of the local community — farmers, mine-owners and landed gentry. The long-case clocks were housed in solid cases of Welsh oak. Made by the local carpenter, they sometimes have a glass panel set in the door of the trunk. The quality of the dial is generally quite good. It is thought that the brothers moved later to Llantrisant for John was buried there on 9th April 1799 and David two years later on 5th April 1801. Long-case clocks do not often travel far from where they were made. It would be most interesting to learn of any examples of Pentyrch clocks still in the village or in the neighbourhood.

carried out to allow more light to reach the woodland floor. Species monitoring, including bird and dormouse nest box schemes and giant lacewing surveys, is also undertaken. Moth trapping and bat walk events are also held during the spring and summer. The next step is

to try to raise funds for improving the network of paths which have become waterlogged in recent years. If you would like to help in any way then please contact WTSWW's Conservation Officer Vaughan Matthews at: [v.matthews@welshwildlife.org](mailto:v.matthews@welshwildlife.org).

## THE WILLIAM EVANS PAPERS

In 1974 I was alerted to the fact that some interesting pieces of paper had been found floating on the wind near the soon-to-be-demolished old shop in Penygarn (the upper village of Pentyrch). With permission from the owners I searched the crumbling premises and after finally breaking into the roof above the stables I made a remarkable discovery. Upon examining the bundles of papers on spikes I found that the proprietor in Victorian times, William Evans, had thoughtfully kept every document relating not only to his business but also to almost every aspect of village life from 1860 to 1898. Apart from grocery orders and tradesmen's invoices there were private letters from the vicar, the schoolmaster, the postmaster, the land agent, also friends and business acquaintances. The content of the letters varies from blessed to tear jerkingly sad. Particularly moving are those which illustrate the abject poverty that many residents suffered when the Pentyrch Ironworks closed down in the 1880s. The collection was described by the Local Studies section of Cardiff University as the most comprehensive of its kind ever found in Glamorgan. Today, thirty three years after the discovery it continues to be a rich source of information for our thriving Local History Society.

Some questions arise with regard to this phenomenal collection. One is:

how did William Evans manage to build such a huge business in a comparatively small rural community? Another is why the shop never blew up? After all it stocked paraffin, pitch, lampblack, gunpowder and dynamite! For me, though, perhaps the biggest question is why I was given this privilege by fate to find this treasure.

Don Llewellyn

## THE PENTYRCH BRICKWORKS



The Pentyrch Brickworks was part of a large industrial complex at the foot of the mountain where the houses of Heol y Nant now stand. It outlived the Ironworks by over half a century and employed a sizeable number of workers. Some of the clay it used came from a small quarry immediately opposite in 'Georgetown'.

The Ironworks together with the Melingriffith tinplate works had been in the ownership of TW Booker whilst the brick making operation went on to be run by Evan Owens well into the twentieth century.

Pentyrch bricks were regarded as being of high quality but one that found its way to the market has raised many a smile because of the back-to-front 'N'!

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH

A most important contributor over the 40 years of the Community Link has been Mr. Don Llewellyn.. His articles of the local history have always been almost addictive. Once you start to read them you have to read on to the end and then want for more. Even though all the past copies of Community Link are not yet on our website I would highly recommend you to the earliest copies that are on there. Not only did Don write the most interesting articles about the history of the area but his articles based on his tape recording of old Pentyrch residents are real treasures from the past. Don has always been a fountain of knowledge about this community in fact you could almost refer to him as the Encyclopedia Llewellyn. Far better than any Britannica or Wikipedia!

When the Community Council decided to produce a "Centenary Link" to mark the 100 years of the Parish (then Community) council there was no one other we could turn to but to Don. He contributed almost all the articles, carefully typed out, as well as the photographs to accompany them. As founder of the Pentyrch History Society it was Don and his colleagues who provided the drive to complete our museum again giving up many hours of their free time and expertise. It was Don who provided all the photographs for the panels around the room.

It is not much but for all that he has done there is little more that we can say other than **Diolch yn Fawr Don, Diolch yn Fawr lawn**

## We sat upon an oaken branch



*Denis Murphy, Lynn Davies, Illtyd Williams, Denzil Thomas, Dewi Thomas, Don Llewellyn, Keith Jenkins. (left to right):*

Sixty-four years have passed since that Sunday morning we were perched upon our favourite oak. Four of our number have now passed on, as indeed, has the tree — but the surviving trio still meet up to recall that long-gone lovely time of our lives.

Dewi (a farm worker) who we lost to Alzheimers a few years ago — seen third from the right, held a gap for me to leap into the second place during those few precious seconds after I had set the delayed action camera in motion. Keith, on the right (who would become a factory

## CREIGIAU CRICKET CLUB 30th Anniversary Ball



On 14th October, Creigiau Cricket Club celebrated their 30th year with around 70 club members, supporters and players (both past and present) in attendance at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff. The Black Tie event included plenty of nostalgia, with photos from the clubs 30 year history and a

## AND THANK YOU NORMA

The Community Link has only reached the 100th edition through the contributions received. Mrs Norma Proctor from Gwaelod y Garth has been a major contributor since she moved into Gwaelod in 1987. A dedicated campaigner on Community issues Norma fought on behalf of Community Action in the battle over the quarry. Not long after winning that fight she learned of the radioactive discharges from Amersham, Forest Farm and formed Community Concern to stop the discharges. This even meant the group taking their campaign to the European Parliament. Norma was also the driving force behind the lan colliery project. All this time Norma has not only submitted articles on these matters but also on a wide range of topics. She has also encouraged others to submit a variety of articles as well. Not bad for somebody housebound with ill health!

## Thank you Norma

manager) looks relaxed but as we were settling into position, Denzil (fourth from right) a proud coal miner, seemed destined to crash to the ground. The arm wrapped around him belonged to Illtyd (third from left) the farmer who had a reputation as a mighty rugby tackler to maintain! Keith and Illtyd both died young.

Second from left is Lynn, a highly successful businessman who, just before he passed on a few years ago, claimed seriously that this photograph had been of therapeutic assistance to him during his long period of illness for it engendered so many happy memories of our golden days.

Denis, far left, was the most athletic of our group. He went on to have a successful career in business management and now lives in Berkshire. He has been the main organiser behind regular reunion

tale or two from memorable matches in years gone by. End of Season Awards were also presented with 2nd XI Player of the Year going to Steff Rowlands and Martin Powell claiming 1st XI Player of the Year. The President's award went to Cath Taylor for her continued support as the club's first team scorer, whilst Deri and Jane Evans scooped the Chairman's award for their magnificent contribution as coaches of the brand new Creigiau All Stars (Aged 5-8).

Visit [www.creigiau.play-cricket.com](http://www.creigiau.play-cricket.com) or on Facebook 'Creigiau Cricket Club' and on Twitter @CreigiauCC  
Ben Taylor



*The 'Ds' Denis, Denzil and Don*

lunches we have enjoyed for five or six years now. We are keeping a promise we made to our dear friend Dai Rogers who left us a few years ago that we would meet up to celebrate our shared privilege of being locally born.

My own career in television took me to many places across the world and once when I saw actual monkeys on a branch at some tropical location my mind was transported instantly to that day in 1953 when we seven local primates sat on our old oak.

At the time of writing three 'Ds' survive: Denis, Don and Denzil and we would like the world to know that we still feel the utmost appreciation of the magical legacy that a single click of a camera gave us all those years ago. Don Llewellyn 2017