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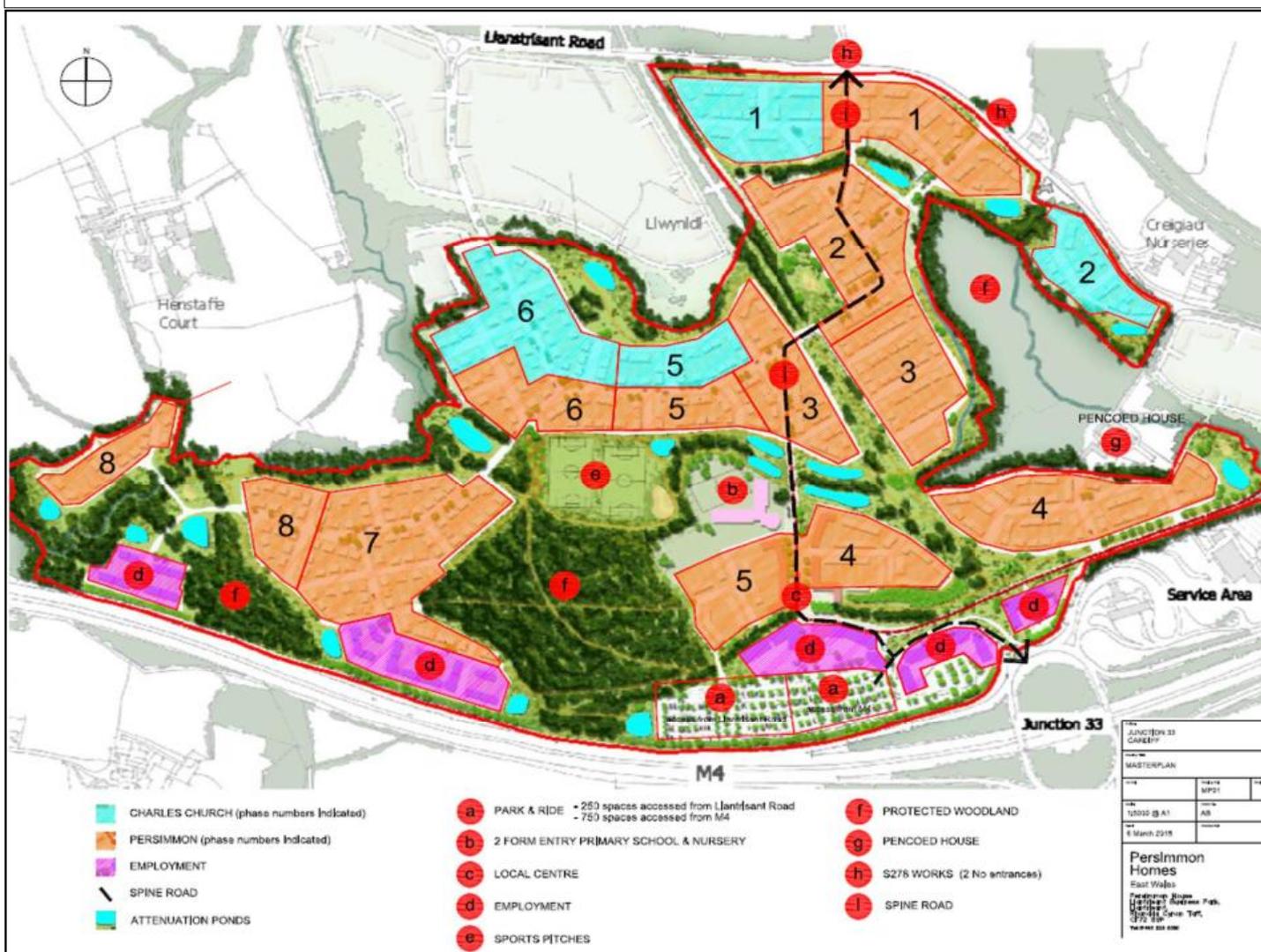
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LLANILLTERN : A NEW VILLAGE ON OUR DOORSTEP

By County Cllr Graham Thomas

The new Persimmon Homes development on Llantrisant Road is underway and many residents are contacting me wanting to know what is going to happen over the coming years as this grows.



Llanilltern village, as it will be known, is an entirely brand new village on land which was agreed as part of the Local Development Plan. Many of us opposed the LDP over many years but unfortunately that battle is lost and building has started. Ultimately this new development will consist of 1500 homes, a 2-form per year primary school, a business district,

playing fields, green areas, and much more. The map shows how all this will be laid out on site including the phasing starting at 1 with the residential houses off Llantrisant Road and a signal junction at the bottom of Robin Hill.

During meetings with Persimmon Directors, they estimate building

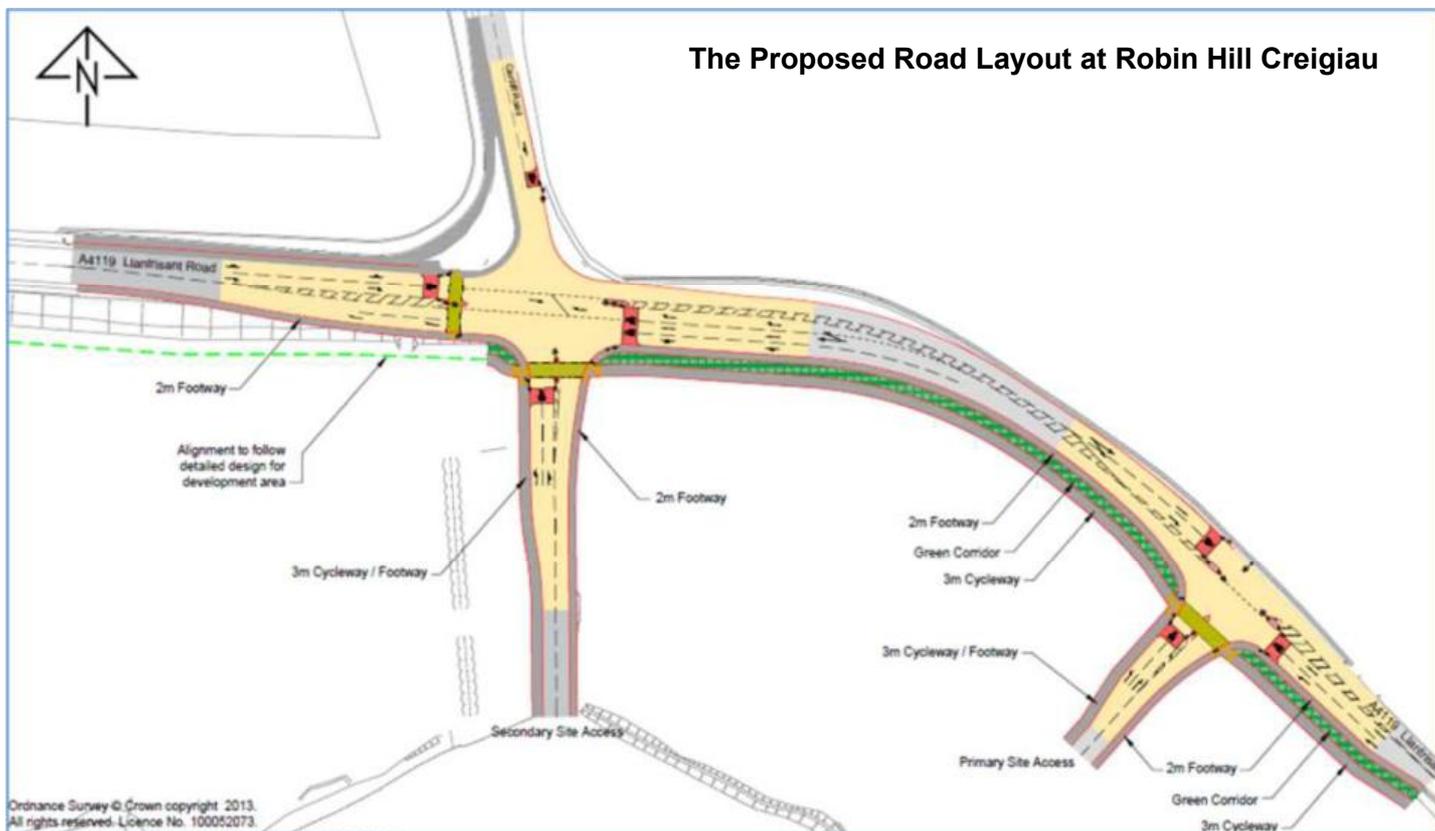
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DROP-IN SESSIONS Come and see the plans

Creigiau Church Hall
Sun 8th April / Sun 22nd April
Between 10am. and 2pm

Pentyrch Village Hall
Sun 8th April / Sun 22nd April
Between 2.30pm and 5.30pm

The Proposed Road Layout at Robin Hill Creigiau



rates of approx. 100-120 houses per year, including 1 or 2 bed apartments, and 2,3 and 4 bed houses. Work on phase 1 of these houses will be starting very shortly. The new primary school is required to be built by the time of the 500th house occupation. There is no secondary school in this development (there is at Plasdwr), but the developers are making a £1.25million contribution to secondary education.

There will be a park and ride for 1000 cars which will be accessible from J33 of the M4 (250 places by the 500th house occupation, ultimately 750 places), and also off Llantrisant Road, via a new spine road through the new development (250 places). Access to the motorway will be via a bus gate only, so NO motorway access from Llantrisant Road. The buses will run down the A4232 and into Cardiff from Culverhouse Cross. Details still being worked on but Cardiff aim to make this a very affordable service to encourage use. Persimmon are required to contribute £2.25m as a bus subsidy to connect the park and ride to Cardiff city centre.

The spine road shown on map will be a widened road with a 2.4m verge and so that it can allow for a future Metro Transport Link. At the moment, there are no further details of the Metro, only a commitment that room is being left. We don't know for example whether this will be a bus or tram, but that is for future discussions. The old railway line

through the site to Creigiau is a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) and will be kept but made accessible for walkers, etc. Much of the site is ancient woodland and thus the site will have an unusually high ratio of green space retained.

Local impact has already been dramatic with the removal of the hedges all along the stretch. This was because the road is being substantially widened to allow for filter lanes and cycles ways. A commitment has been given that the new hedges will be planted. A 12-month programme of works, from March 2018, on the existing highway is required to make the gateway / entrance works, including making a signal junction at Robin Hill and another entrance further along the A4119. This will likely mean a single lane on Llantrisant Road for this period while works are conducted.

Persimmon have also given us notice that a major new gas pipe is required which will run to Pentyrch along Heol Pant Y Gored. Unfortunately this will involve up to 12 months of roadworks along this stretch starting in May 2018. We will work with all parties to keep the impacts as low as possible.

I would encourage any local organisations or sports groups looking for funding to apply to Persimmon, as they allocate up to £2000 per month for community groups, and £750 per month for sports groups. This is shared across Wales but as the impacts here are

so great, I would be very disappointed if we don't win some of these applications. Please see www.persimmonhomes.com/charity.

I am organising a couple of drop-in sessions in Creigiau Church Hall on Sunday 8th and Sunday 22nd April, between 10am and 2pm, whereby residents can come along and view the plans in more detail. The Pentyrch Community Council will also be supporting so come along and chat to us. Any questions or concerns that we cannot answer we will take up with the developers or Cardiff Council. I have also set up a regular Liaison Committee involving myself, Cllr Gavin Hill-John, Pentyrch Community Council, Cardiff Council and Persimmon. We need to have good lines of communications so that we can follow progress closely and address any issues quickly as they arise.

If you are unable to attend either drop-in session, or simply want to ask me a question, please email on graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk or by phone 07805 850812.

Ladies Badminton

Ladies Interested in playing Badminton, why not come along to the Pentyrch Village Hall on a Wednesday from 8pm till 9.30pm.

We play every Wednesday apart from first Wednesday in the month which is WI.

All ages welcome and we can lend you a racket.

If you are interested you call in one Wednesday or contact Ann on 20891567.



Community Council Highlights

Councillors

We are delighted to welcome Dr Peter Jones as a PCC member for the Creigiau Ward. There was a vacancy left from the May election and Peter was co-opted at our January 2018 meeting.

PCC Workforce



In case you don't know them, we'd like to introduce you to Colin Davies and Gary Welsby. They work for PCC, and so for you!, maintaining our land. PCC owns and manages some 300 acres so that is quite a lot to keep in good order. You may see them out and about in our silver Toyota with the PCC logo on the side, cutting grass, picking litter, mending fences, making fallen trees safe, repairing benches, and trimming hedges. They often go out of their way to help residents with problems they can fix quickly. Our community couldn't manage without them.

Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link, grant applications from within the Community Council area were considered at the December 2017 meeting. We awarded:

- Creigiau Cricket Club: £150.00 for coaching equipment
 - Creigiau Tennis Club: £150.00 for member training
 - Pentyrch Rugby Club £350 towards the cost of an outdoor defibrillator cabinet
- Applications should be made to me, (clerk@pentyrch.cc), preferably by email, and should include the last set of accounts or financial statement. Don't delay, do it today. The next grant consideration will be at the March 19 2018 meeting.

PCC Budget & Precept 2018-19

Each January, Community and Town Councils have to agree a budget for the coming financial year and then set a Precept. The Precept is the amount of money the council requests from its residents via council tax. It is collected for us by Cardiff and paid to PCC in April. Over the last few years, PCC has kept its Precept down, being sensitive to the economic problems we all face. However, this has rather caught up with us. We are required by the Welsh Audit Office to hold financial reserves. These general reserves should be a minimum of 25% of our gross annual expenditure. We now find that our general reserve is too low as our expenditure has increased. That increase is partly to pay pension contributions for our four members of staff. Over the years, no pension has been paid but this changed at the end of our last financial year. Welsh Government expects all councils like PCC to become increasingly professional and has introduced more things that we have to do to run the council at the new higher standards. This has increased the workload on the office staff and the hours of both the Clerk and Admin Assistant have risen recently.

As the services provided by Cardiff continue to be cut, PCC wants to be ready to do what it can to keep up and if we can, improve standards in our communities.

We have set up a new Planning Committee. With the very long and detailed applications for the big new housing developments along the A4119 it is important that we have enough time to discuss them and meet the deadlines for responses. We are also setting up a new Finance Committee to take some of the load off the monthly meetings and give a smaller group more time to discuss issues in depth. You will read elsewhere in this issue of the Community Link how we have already met with the developers Persimmon Homes. We cannot

Telecom Mast

There is no news on this. The developer is still to come forward to arrange a meeting for residents.

change the planning consent that has already been granted but what we can do is to be aware of development issues before they happen and to keep residents aware of the changes through our website, Facebook pages and through the Community Link

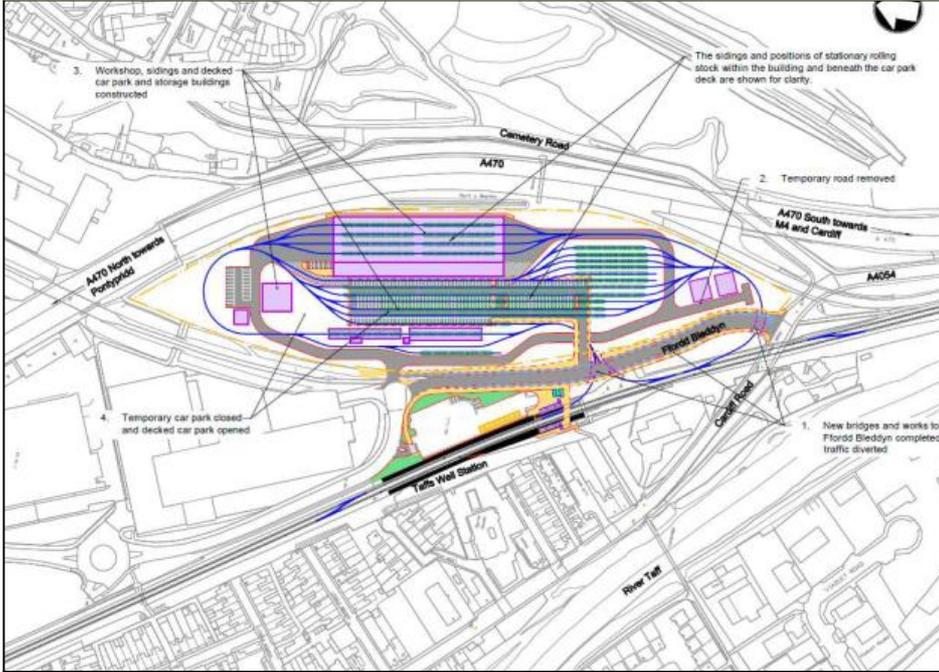
In the next couple of months you will receive a survey from the Community Council asking your household's opinion of what you want the Council to provide within our villages. It is important to complete and return the survey to guide the Council on setting its business plan for the coming years. Councillors have been attending training sessions to help them keep up to date and widen their knowledge of things like planning, law, finance, employment. They are your elected representatives but unpaid so all the work they do is in their own time. None of the PCC members claims the £150/year allowance that is now available to community councillors.

After much discussion and reviewing draft budgets in our November and December meetings, PCC set the following budget and Precept at its January 2018 meeting. The budget for 2018-19 is £150,783 with a Precept of £143,000. There's no question that this is a sizable increase from last year and before. Below is a table that shows how your Council Tax will increase and while the percentage change is big the absolute increase in £/year is small.

Council Tax Band	PCC Charge £ 2017-18	PCC Charge £ 2018-19
D	28	44
E	34	54
F	40	63
G	47	73
H	56	88
I	65	102



Community Council Highlights



Taffs Well Depot Outline Planning Indicative Construction Phasing 4

Taffs Well Rolling Stock Depot

We have recently heard about a proposal to develop a new rail depot at Taffs Well. This site is in RCT so PCC had not been included in the consultation process. We have now asked to be included in all further consultations.

This is a Transport for Wales project which is part of the Welsh Government's SW Metro. You can find more information about it here: <https://tfw.gov.wales/projects/south-wales-metro> and go to the Documents tab for the planning documents.

The Design and Access Statement summarises the plans:

"Hybrid Planning Application to deliver a rolling stock depot on the existing Forgemasters Industrial site comprising of the following:

Part A: Full planning application for the demolition of existing warehouses on the existing Forgemasters industrial site.

Part B: Outline planning application to provide a rolling stock depot comprising of a warehousing building, stabling area accommodating rolling stock, substation, wash down point, sanding facility and delivery tracks, ancillary workshop and offices, decked car parking providing a maximum of 210 car parking spaces, demolition and relocation of existing railway footbridge and platforms, and associated landscaping, highways and access infrastructure works."

Pentyrch Post Office

The Post Office in the Spar at Pentyrch continues to be closed. We are in touch with our AM and MP but clearly this is a complicated problem to resolve.

General Concerns

In the office, Deb and I, receive all sort of concerns and questions from residents. The sorts of things that we have reported recently to Cardiff on your behalf are:

- Mud on Robin Hill near to the new houses
- Muddy footpath Heol Goch New Redrow Estate
- 2 x damaged styles in Cefn Buchan
- New Food Caddy ordered on behalf of a resident.
- Debris on Penuel Road
- Kissing gate/style on Mountain road broken
- Furniture dumped on a resident's front lawn
- Asbestos sheeting dumped Tyn Y Coed, Pentyrch
- 'Slow Down' signs worn off the road surface on Heol Y Park

We report these to Cardiff Council and to our County Councillors. You can report them too on 20872087 or email c2c@cardiff.gov.uk.

The more an incident is reported, the more likely it is to be dealt with and quickly. But we are always happy to do it for you if you prefer.

Roads

It is a relief that the work at Robin Hill has finished, albeit with a lot of mud on the road at one point. The frequent closure of Church Road has caused considerable inconvenience and disruption, particularly to residents living along it. The new sets of lights along the A4119 are likely to cause disruption on that road and we expect it to deflect traffic onto other local roads. We have been in regular contact with both our County Councillors and Cardiff's Highways Department about this. We know you want lower speed limits on some roads but this is not an easy thing to change, requiring a legal process that partly depends on how the road is classified

LITTER

The council handymen spent a lot of time each day collecting litter even so the problem seems to be getting worse particularly in those areas where it is not safe for our staff to collect litter without a road closure. Some groups have already expressed that they wish to undertake a village clean up and the Council have some litter pickers and hi-vis vests that they can lend groups. In the past we have also arranged with the County Council to collect the bagged collected litter from our offices. The council does not encourage groups to collect litter from where they would be a danger to themselves or other road users

Councillor Surgeries

PCC Councillor Surgeries are now held regularly in the Creigiau Ward where you have an opportunity to come and talk to your Ward Councillors and raise any issues or concerns with them. These are advertised on our website, noticeboards and Facebook. The reports from each surgery are also online.

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

County Council Notes

Councillor Graham Thomas

&

Councillor Gavin Hill John

This period for me has been dominated by developments on the land off Llantrisant Road by Persimmon Homes. They have started their plan to build 1500 homes over the coming years in a new village called Llanilltern. I have had meetings with the Directors and Council Officers to understand more and you can find more information on this in my separate article within the Community Link. I hope to see many of you at my two drop-in sessions at Creigiau Church Hall on Sundays 8th and 22nd April between 10am and 2pm.

In January's Full Council I tabled a motion asking for better relationships between Cardiff Council and Community Councils across Cardiff. Although much of my motion was accepted by the Council during the debate, I was disappointed that they made some small but crucial amendments to the motion. They took out references to Community Councils having more involvement in local planning applications, and also how they could get involved in how Section 106 monies from developers are spent. However, I am confident that my motion will see improved relationships between Council Officers and Community Council, starting with the approval of a new Charter and training of staff. A report on how this can all be achieved will be put to the council cabinet.

A consultation by Stagecoach on changes to the 124 / 136 service has also generated much controversy. Their proposal essentially means that service users from Creigiau will see journey times more than double from the current 25 minutes as the new 124 route would take in Llandaff, Whitchurch and Pentyrch, instead of coming up the A4119. Myself and Cllr Hill-John are opposing this in the strongest possible way and through meetings with Stagecoach and Cardiff Council, and are hoping to block the changes. Until the decision is made, we encourage everyone to make their feelings known by emailing southwales.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com, or contact me for further information.

Finally, I hope everyone survived / enjoyed the snow recently. It was good to see Creigiau Primary on the BBC news as locals all pitched in to help clear the snow so the school could re-open on the Monday

The main focus for all of the local Councillors in Cardiff West at the moment is protecting the area from the impact of the new developments. These developments are on a scale that has not been seen in Cardiff for many years. We have been opposed to the local development plan since its inception but despite tremendous efforts from all concerned our objections made no difference. Welsh Government and Cardiff Council were determined to push it through and we now have to suffer the consequences.

I am currently working closely with Cllr Graham Thomas in Creigiau, Cllr Rod McKerlich in Radyr and Cllrs Philippa Hill-John and Sean Driscoll in Llandaff. We are in regular contact with the developers and Cardiff Council to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. Cllr Thomas has provided extensive details of the Llanilltern Village development in this issue of the Community Link. In addition to the drop in sessions organised by Cllr Thomas in Creigiau I will be holding drop in surgery sessions on the following dates:-

Sunday 8th April 2.30pm

Sunday 22nd April 2.30pm

At these sessions I will be sharing details of the Llanilltern Village development as well as details of the Plas Dŵr development and others.

Local bus services

As many of you will be aware there was a recent consultation by Stagecoach regarding the 136 service. Their proposals were completely unacceptable. Over 200 people attended the consultation and many more have raised concerns with both Cardiff Council and Stagecoach. Although Stagecoach is a private company it receives a small subsidy

morning. Personally, I see a different side to the village at such times. People wandering around on snow covered streets, no cars and time on their hands to talk to each other more. Many helping each other out and the kids all pulling sledges.

As usual, if you need assistance with any local councils issues, please contact me by email at graham.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk or by phone on 07805 850812. You can also contact the Council directly using email c2c@cardiff.gov.uk or Tel : 029 2087 2087.

CLLR SARA PICKARD



Wales Online has listed 100 women who have shaped the nation. They have shaped not only their own lives, and the lives of their contemporaries, but the lives of generations of women who followed and generations still to come.

We are delighted to say that at No 44 is Sara Pickard of Pentyrch: a community councillor, charity worker and accomplished actress.

"I've always thought, 'I've got Down's Syndrome. So what?'"

Sara, who was born with Down's Syndrome, has been performing since she was a child and in 2008 she played the lead role in Miss Brown To You, which toured the UK. She is the youngest member of Pentyrch Community Council and works for the charity Mencap Cymru as a project officer.

Sara has visited schools and colleges around Wales to challenge perceptions and prove to young people that they should not let their disabilities become a barrier to ambition.

We congratulate Sara on all she has achieved and it seems obvious that there is much more to come!

from Cardiff Council to make this route viable. As such Cardiff Council has taken a keen interest in this and I am pleased to say that the Cabinet member for transport is supportive of our objections. At the time of writing this I am hopeful that Stagecoach will reconsider their proposals. I will provide further information upon receipt.

On the 13th of March I held a surgery in Gwaelod Y Garth in conjunction with Cardiff Council. Thank you to all the residents that attended and provided feedback. The Council are now working with NAT to find solutions to the problems faced by residents.

If you have any issues you wish to raise please email me (gavin.hill-john@cardiff.gov.uk) or call me on 07974 260986.

PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS

We would like to hear from you if you would like to get involved. We are always looking for new people who are willing to open their garden, alongside our dedicated core of regulars who open every year. However there are always plenty of other jobs for anyone who would like to help. There are jobs on the ticket desk, helping with the catering arrangements, manning (not driving!) the courtesy bus, helping to put up signage or being the publicity agent etc etc. 2018 could be a busy year - we already have a coach booked in to visit from a West Wales garden club.

If you would like to get involved, either by opening your garden or helping on the weekend, please contact

Chris.edwards@totalise.co.uk or telephoning on 029 2089 1337

Applications are also being invited this year from local community groups in Pentyrch for funds for specific purposes.

See the website for further details.

Community Link

Last date for items in the next issue is

21 June 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

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21 Mehefin 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

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'.

GLOBAL WARMING?

Snow drifting, sub-zero temperatures and true village spirit everywhere - offers of bread, soup, lifts or snow clearing, broken boilers bringing offers of heaters. Our villages at their best.

Looking at the Snowfall catalogue of Leo Bonacina, 1875-6, brought up to date by O'Hara, in the first week of December 1875, 1-2 feet of snow fell in Wales. The dead and injured Lan miners were placed in straw in the snowy colliery yard. That year also saw snow in April - 2ft in the Midlands. In 1876, a little fell just before Christmas, with more in SE England in February and March. 1878 was very snowy, the next year considerable, but less heavy. 1880 - 81, London experienced a great blizzard, as did East Devon and IOW with 10foot drifts. In October 1883, blizzards were restricted to Scotland

and N.England. 1886 saw 'The Great Blizzard', the next year, ferocious storms brought snow above 100 feet in Keswick. 1891-2 Southern England and Wales were under snow, with drifting. In 1889, the entire British Isles was covered in 1-2 feet of snow.

More recently, 1951 recorded 'the snowiest winter of the century'. 1954 North Wales was badly affected. In 79, blizzards and 15 foot drifts, 84-5 very cold with snow and substantial drifts in January, for Wales. February and March saw southern England with substantial drifts with more in June for Scotland! 1994 brought South Wales a white Christmas and in 2009, widespread December snow was recorded in England and Wales. As we struggle under snow and question global warming, interesting to see history set against daffodils blooming, bent down by snow!



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Council Meetings

The full Council meetings of the Council on the 3rd Monday Monthly. They are held on a rotational basis in each village through the year. The scheduled meetings for the next 3 months are:-

16/04/18	Creigiau Pavilion
21/05/18	Creigiau Pavilion
18/06/18	Creigiau Pavilion

Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards, online at www.pentyrch.cc, in local Post Offices and on our Facebook page under Pentyrchcc Wales.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings.

During the council meeting there is an opportunity for residents to address the Council.

Anyone considering to attend a meeting is advised to check the council website just in case there has been a change of venue.

If there is specific matter you wish to discuss with the council you could advise the Clerk so she can look up have information available in preparation for the meeting.

Council Offices are open to the public 9.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

PUBLIC ALERT

Our last newsletter highlighted the numerous types of scams designed to steal our money, in particular bogus calls from HMRC. Recently we put a post on Pentyrch Community Facebook page warning villagers about new calls allegedly from HMRC warning you of legal action unless you press 1 to speak to a Case Worker. Payment of alleged arrears is then sought by you purchasing and sending in iTunes credits. This scam has now reached a level where South Wales Police and the BBC are publicising the dangers. HMRC say that whilst they may occasionally call people at home you can avoid falling foul of scams. Remember you are in control of these conversations and can end them at any time. Tell the caller that they should write to you and you are not prepared to discuss personal information over the telephone. If they ask for your address or perhaps your N.I. number do not divulge it as the call is almost certainly a scam. Please spread the word warning family, friends and neighbours about this scam.

CEMEX QUARRY

Villagers will know that for many years PNW has been seeking to persuade CEMEX to install a new barrier across the quarry access road off Pentyrch Hill in an attempt to stop the large volume of fly tipping that occurs there. We are delighted to say that this has now been done and our sincere thanks go to CEMEX for this action. Whilst they are a substantial company there is a significant cost in doing this so we now need to help them by being vigilant and reporting any non quarry lorry vehicles parked on the access road. If you do not have time to note the vehicle details as you drive past please turn around at a safe place then return to preferably take a photo with your mobile ensuring you get the registration number. Yes it is maybe a pain to do this in our busy lives but we need to do our bit. Please pass the photo on to PNW and we will do the rest.

WANT YOUR SAY?

Recently we have seen some welcome new faces to our monthly meetings and would remind everyone that our meetings are open to all villagers. We meet the second Wednesday of every month (except August) at 6.45pm in the Lewis Arms. You will receive a warm welcome.

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Store this number in your mobile as it is the number to text British Transport Police if you are faced with or are a witness to any rowdiness, vandalism or drunken behaviour whilst travelling by train. Simply text the nature of the problem, the trains destination and next station if known and they will have someone board the train to deal with the matter. The text service means you don't have to draw attention to yourself as you might if you were to make a call.

CREDIT CARD SECURITY

Cloning information from the credit card in your pocket is on the increase. It's done by someone brushing past you with a device that can copy the information on your card in a second. To help avoid villagers becoming a victim PNW has purchased 100 special credit card holders which prevent the stealing of your information. These are free to the first 100 villagers on a strictly one holder one person basis and can be collected from our local Pharmacy who have very kindly offered to act as a collection point.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUSES TO/FROM PENTYRCH

Many villagers are up in arms over these proposed changes. At the time of writing they represent fewer buses, a complicated and difficult to remember timetable, an increase in travel time from 30 minutes to over 1 hour, no bus service after 17.13 on a Saturday, a 50% reduction in the number of daytime bus stops meaning a much longer walk to catch a bus for most villagers so disadvantaging those with walking difficulties/those with young children, and the need for much bigger buses due to increased passenger numbers as a consequence of a much extended bus route. The proposals do nothing to encourage the use of public transport so easing traffic congestion and reducing pollution levels not to mention the problem of those without transport of their own. PNW has written to Cardiff County Councillor Caro Wild who has responsibility for public transport in the county and, to the Operations Manager of Stagecoach to protest over the proposals. We have copied in our County Councillor Gavin Hill John and the Community Council and hope they will coordinate a large scale protest to stop these proposals if they look like going ahead.

CHURCH ROAD

Some weeks ago our perseverance with Cardiff County Council to seek improvements to the safety of users of this road led us to receive an email from the Councils Head of Infrastructure and Operations to say that an inspection of the road was to be carried out within a few days (we have been promised a copy of the report) and a commitment to carrying out some permanent repairs including strengthening work especially to road edges. It transpires that Tynant Road in Creigiau is to have similar work carried out and is being given priority but we are next in line. We are still persevering with our offer to part fund horse rider warning signs in an attempt to reduce vehicle speeds but have yet to persuade the Council to agree to this. In the meantime please drive slowly and carefully.

PENTYRCH RANGERS FUN DAY

Pentyrch Rangers Fun Day and Presentations will be held on Mayday Bank Holiday Monday the 7th May. Starting at 12pm until 5pm at the Rugby Club. The Bounce Zone is back along with the Barrow of Booze raffle, the BBQ, Licensed bar, Tombola, Tug of War, loads of stalls and prizes and we've ordered the sun!!! More information to follow nearer the time but everyone is welcome - it was a real community affair last year so we look forward to seeing you again this year.

CONGRATULATIONS



Bijou Wedding Cars, Winner of Transport Provider of the Year at The Welsh Wedding Awards 2018 held on the -19th Feb. 2018 at the , Exchange Hotel Cardiff.

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Clwb y Dwrllyn

We celebrated the new year with a Plygain carol service at St Catwg's Church followed by a visit from Y Fari Lwyd to the King's Arms. This is proving to be a very popular annual village event & this year again the church was heaving as was the King's Arms after the service.

Defibrillator to be located at Pentyrch Pharmacy

Pentyrch has been 1 of 25 to be selected for a community defibrillator on behalf of Welsh Hearts Charity. Pentyrch Pharmacy will be 1 of 2 in the village to have a defibrillator (the other in the Local Rugby Club) and I would like to seek this opportunity for the community to familiarise themselves with their locations. In times of need when someone has a cardiac arrest a defibrillator used alongside CPR can increase survival chances from 6% to a staggering 74%! Welsh Hearts Charity will be holding a CPR and defibrillator training evening (Pentyrch Village Hall Tuesday April 17th 7:15pm), it would be worth your while and time if you can attend. Lastly I would like to thank Welsh Hearts Charity again for this opportunity and Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club and Garth Rotary Club for their generous contributions.

Pentyrch W.I.

Wow, what a lovely evening was had celebrating St David's Day at Pentyrch WI. We were spoilt, such talent on our doorstep Affinity Ladies Choir and our very own Georgia, a very talented harpist, both available to hire for any forthcoming events. Thanks also to Hayley Phillips from Shoozie Cute who gave a fab demonstration on how to care for our feet at our January meeting and to Jan Hannah who visited us in February. Jan looks after Labrador puppies before they are trained as guide dogs, it was also good to have a young lady who told us how difficult her life had been without a dog and now since having her own life for her is much easier. Thanks must also go to Gwynedd Thomas for donating some lovely teddy bears for which £400 was raised on the evening and was handed to the guide dog trust. The WI have a very varied and interesting programme for the rest of the year. New members will be made every 1st Wednesday of the month, for further information please contact our president Judith Smith email jasmith_100@hotmail.co.uk.

POLICE WARNING

Police in South Wales are warning the public to be cautious and vigilant, after a number of people have reported being contacted by someone claiming to be a police officer – who then uses an elaborate story in an attempt to get the victim to hand over significant amounts of money.

In the past few weeks, South Wales Police have seen a marked increase in the number of people reporting calls of this nature. In Cardiff, at least eight reports were received in two days, while in the Vale of Glamorgan reports have been made on an almost daily basis. Force-wide, the number of similar reports has also increased.

Some victims were told their cards had been cloned or they had been the victim of fraud, and they were asked to provide their bank details. During other calls, the victims were told a family member had been arrested, while others were told to visit cashpoints and draw out thousands of pounds or purchase expensive items to hand over to a 'courier' who would collect the money from their home.

In all of the cases, the person calling claimed to be a detective and was so convincing that some of those contacted handed over the money or bank details requested.

Detective Inspector Paul Raikes, said: "These scammers are extremely persuasive and convincing and are often very successful in duping people into handing over substantial amounts of money.

"Many of this week's victims have been elderly, but the truth is anyone can be targeted by these scammers and I'd urge everyone to be on their guard and to talk to their friends and loved ones about the scams. The more awareness there is of them, the less successful these fraudsters will be. Anything suspicious should be reported to us immediately."

Detective Inspector Paul Giess, from the Economic Crime Unit, added: "While many of the victims in these cases have been elderly or vulnerable, I cannot stress enough how sophisticated and well-rehearsed these scammers are, and any one of us could fall victim to their con if we are not vigilant.

"My message to the public is simple – the police, or any other legitimate organisation for that matter – will never contact you in this manner. All calls of this nature are a scam, and the person receiving the call should hang up as soon as possible."

To minimise the risk of falling victims to fraudsters, the public are encouraged to remember these simple tips:

Do:

- Obtain details of caller including name, rank, collar number and station
- Ascertain what Police force they identify themselves as working for
- Note any contact details from caller display or via 1471 after the call has concluded
- Obtain the main force control room number from the phonebook, internet or directory enquiries service
- Terminate the call advising you will contact the force control room directly to confirm their identity and be put through to them internally. (Ring a family member first to ensure the line has disconnected from the initial caller)
- If anyone calls at your address following on from this communication please call 999

Don't:

- Provide any details of bank cards, account numbers, financial circumstances or personal details
- Agree to make purchases or obtain funds from accounts to hand over to couriers
- Hand over your bank cards or account paperwork

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Mary Gillham Archive Project (2016-18)

To mark the end of the Mary Gillham Archive Project, Dr Al Reeve, the Project Coordinator, hosted an invited gathering of those involved. He emphasised the importance of Mary's huge archive: slides, illustrations, notes, travel journals as well as her 22 books, 50 scientific papers and 6 co-authored books. Her range of work over 70 years is phenomenal. The project team digitised 115,593 records and scanned some 37,000 slides. Their aim was to capture her biodiversity records, make her historical memoirs available to a wide audience, and to spread her passion for ecology and conservation.

There were many thank-yous – to volunteers who put in hours; to the South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre who launched the project and digitised Mary's archive; to the Heritage Lottery Fund who made the project possible; to the Glamorgan Archives where the



physical artefacts will be stored – open to anyone who'd like to see them. Mary's friends and relatives were also thanked, as were the many wildlife organisations with which she worked. It was a celebration of her work that she would have loved – good food, better conversation, and a meeting of minds.

Her work is remembered in the village of Gwaelod y Garth where there is a dedicated bench in Lan woods, where she carried out botanical studies. It was largely

funded by Clive Thomas with additional support from Norman, Old Drift garage. You can find out more by visiting www.marygillhamarchiveproject.com or www.PeoplesCollection.Wales or and www.flickr.com/photos/marygillhamarchiveproject to see her slides.

Pentyrch Open Gardens 2018

**Saturday 30th June -&
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CREIGIAU RECREATION FIELD

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

There have been some great strides forward thanks to the huge efforts of the individual clubs and the very hard working members. Many villagers make use of the facilities including the cricket, tennis, archery, Petanque, 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 which takes place on 30th June this year.

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 the PCC and CRAMC. 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 do not

CREIGIAU PÉTANQUE CLUB

If ever you've played Pétanque on a holiday in France, or even seen it, you may have thought "well, that was nice and so typically French but that's as far as it goes – there's no way I can pursue my interest at home...."

Well, in the centre of Creigiau, your local, friendly team awaits. Our club nights are on 19:15hrs Wednesdays from the middle of March to the end of September, with a welcome given to all comers, be they beginners or international level players. Come and give the game (and us!) a try!
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throw full bags of waste in the hedgerows. Please try to be considerate neighbours to all the users.

If you wish to help or have any suggestions or questions regarding any of the above, including the new developments, raising funds, or would even consider joining the Carnival Committee or just helping on the day please contact me at the e-mail address below.

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CREIGIAU CRICKET CLUB

Whilst cricket is a summer sport there's been lots going on behind the scenes at Creigiau CC over the winter. We have a new Chairman (Ben Taylor) and new club captains (Tomos Innes 1st XI, Cai Galea 2nd XI). We're delighted to bring back the Creigiau All Stars for 5-8 year olds for a second year after a hugely successful inaugural programme in 2017. This year's programme kicks off on 11th May running for 8 weeks. For more info join the Creigiau All Stars Facebook group where you can contact All Stars Activator Jane Drinkwater-Evans or to register visit www.abc.co.uk/play/allstars. The U9s—U19s will also be catered for so please do get in touch if you are interested.

Other exciting news is that this year will see a Creigiau CC Womens Cricket Team. Training start dates to be confirmed but we've already had significant interest and will arrange a number of softball cricket festivals with clubs from around South Wales. If you want to take part, please do let us know. Contact Ben Taylor on 07999070537 for more information on any of the above.

**CREIGIAU CRICKET CLUB
HOME FIXTURES 2018**

Date	Team	Visitors
Sat 05 May	1st XI	v Barry Wanderers
Sat 12 May	2nd XI	v Machen
Sat 19 May	1st XI	v Pontymister/Cross Keys
Sat 26 May	1st XI	v Hopkinstown
Sat 02 June	2nd XI	v Vale
Sat 09 June	1st XI	v Sully Centurions
Sat 16 June	2nd XI	v Ebbw Vale
Sat 23 June	1st XI	v Dinas Powys
Sun 01 July	2nd XI	v Ponthir
Sat 07 July	2nd XI	v Barry Wanderers
Sat 14 July	1st XI	v Machen
Sat 21 July	2nd XI	v Pontymister/Cross Keys
Sat 28 July	2nd XI	v Hopkinstown
Sat 04 Aug.	1st XI	v Vale
Sat 11 Aug.	2nd XI	v Sully Centurions
Sat 18 Aug.	1st XI	v Ebbw Vale
Sat 25 Aug.	2nd XI	v Monmouth
Sun 26 Aug.	CCC	v Creigiau 23 Village Six-a-Side
Sat 01 Sep.	1st XI	v Monkswood

(Please check for updates at creigiau.play-cricket.com)

If you are interested in joining Creigiau Cricket Club as an adult or as a junior please contact Ben Taylor 07999070537



CARDIFF GAMES SKIING COMPETITION



In December six pupils represented the school in the Cardiff Games Skiing Competition held at Fairwater Skiing Centre. They all skied excellently and at the end of a very tiring morning the winners were announced. Ffion, Class 6 won the elite race, Lily, Dosbarth 3, was second and Ifan, Dosbarth 5, was third. Creigiau Ski Team were also awarded 1st as a team. Well done David, Will, Ffion, Ifan, Lily and Olaf.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Congratulations to all our pupils on superb Christmas concerts once again this year. A percentage of the money raised through the sale of the tickets will be donated to the children's chosen charities this year 'Noah's Ark' and '2 Wish Upon a Star'. Many thanks to 'Orchard Media' for lending us the stage lighting this year and to the Friends of the School for selling mulled wine and the raffle before the concerts. Our Enterprise Group raised an amazing £300 by selling raffle tickets and their fabulous art work. Their profit will also be donated to the chosen charities.

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE MUSIC



In December our school choir, the orchestra and pupils in Key Stage 2 who receive instrumental tuition at the school held a fantastic festive musical concert in the school hall. 'Friends of the School' sold drinks and light refreshments. The concert was a great opportunity for us to celebrate the musical talents of our pupils. Very well done to ALL who performed during the evening.

PLYGAIN IN PENTYRCH CHURCH

On Thursday, January 11th, a girls' singing party took part in the Plygain at Pentyrch Church. (Plygain carols are a specific variety of Christmas carols sung in the Welsh language). Many thanks to the parents who went to enjoy the evening and to Mrs Evans, Mrs Davies, Miss Thomas and Mrs Roberts for preparing the pupils - they were fantastic!

LLOYD MACEY

Lloyd Macey, a X Factor 2017 finalist, visited school in January to speak with the pupils about his experiences and how being bilingual has helped him in his career. The pupils (and staff!) were so excited. Thank you Lloyd - we wish you all the very best with your first album and please come back to visit us soon.

ENTERPRISE WEEK



The pupils had a fantastic week in January preparing products for their parents to purchase during the Open Afternoon to celebrate our Enterprise Week. It was a very successful event.

GREEN CATEGORY SCHOOL

In January the Welsh Government released the results of its National School Categorisation system. Creigiau Primary is classed as a Green Category School for the fourth year in succession. Please see my localschool.wales.gov.uk for more information. Many thanks to our brilliant pupils, staff, parents and Governors.

RADYR STUDENTS



This term Mr Nick Stenner, a PE teacher at Radyr Comprehensive School, and 16 BTEC students have been delivering PE lessons to Class 5 and Class 6. They have all thoroughly enjoyed working with the older students. We look forward to welcoming them back soon.

URDD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS



Our Year 5 and 6 girls and boys competed in the two Urdd Football Tournaments in Sophia Gardens in January. All teams played extremely well throughout the day and the teachers praised their commitment and courtesy. Many thanks to all the parents who managed to go and support the girls and boys.



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES

In February two members of our School Council visited Ysgol Treganna to meet the Children's Commissioner for Wales. Representatives from Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr's feeder schools were invited to participate in workshops on children's rights. They also had an opportunity to ask Sally Holland about her role as the Children's Commissioner for Wales. Mali and Evie thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

WARBURTONS BAKERY



School Visitors from Warburtons Bakery visited Dosbarth 3 and Class 3 in January. They discussed healthy eating and food hygiene and helped the pupils prepare healthy sandwiches. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

LEAD CREATIVE SCHOOL

We have been successful in gaining a £10,000 grant by the Arts Council of Wales to undertake a Numeracy project within school. Our Year 5 pupils are working with Dean Yhnell, a 'Beatboxer', to create a 'Times Tables Tastic' DVD. They are all thoroughly enjoying the experience.

NUMBER DAY & WEAR RED FOR WALES



On Friday, February 2nd, we supported the NSPCC's 'Number Day' by undertaking Mathematical and Numeracy activities all day and 'Wear Red for Wales and Velindre'. We raised £513.

POLICE VISIT

This term our School Community Police Officers, P.C. Nick Evans and P.C. Jane Woodhall, visited many classes to deliver lessons on a variety of themes. We look forward to welcoming them back in the near future.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH

On the last day of term two teams visited Tonysguboriau Primary School to play a friendly football match. Mr Balbini was extremely proud of the pupils' performance and we look forward to organising another match in the near future.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Every Thursday and Friday morning in January and February our Year 3 and 4 pupils have visited Fairwater Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. Every pupil improved their swimming skills during the 6 sessions and had lots of fun during the last lesson!

CARDIFF GAMES MULTI-SPORT



In December Taliesin and Warren, Class 5, represented the school in a Cardiff Games Multi-Sport event held at Talybont Sports Centre. They returned to school with two gold medals and a bronze. Excellent boys!

URDD SWIMMING GALA

In December twenty-one of our Key Stage 2 pupils competed in the Urdd Swimming Gala at Cogan Leisure Centre, Penarth. They all swam fantastically and their behaviour and attitude was faultless all day. Many thanks to parents and grandparents for their willingness to take the pupils to Penarth and for their support during the day.

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS UK



Class 5 and Dosbarth 5 pupils spent an inventive afternoon on Wednesday, February 14th, in the company of four engineering students from Cardiff University. The students helped the pupils build wind turbines as part of their 'Power to Everyone Everywhere' workshop. Thank you Balneeshe, Ruth, Ioana and Eva. The pupils enjoyed the experience.

SPORTS JOURNALIST

In February Catrin Heledd, a Sports Journalist with the BBC, visited our assembly to speak with the pupils about her work and how being bilingual has helped her in her career. The pupils enjoyed listening to her talking about her vast experiences.

SCHOOL VISITS

Many classes have experienced exciting school trips this term. Our Year 6 pupils visited Big Pit National Coal Museum to learn more about life during the Victorian era. They also visited Techniquet to see a 'Victorian Medicines' show. They spent an amazing day at Slimbridge Wetlands Centre. They saw a huge variety of wildlife and had an opportunity to investigate wetland life and habitats. Our Year 5 pupils visited Techniquet to see a 'Human Body' show. Our Year 1 pupils went to St Fagans and visited 'Gwalia Stores' and learned many interesting facts about life years ago. Many thanks to the parents who helped out on the trips.

NEARLY WILD' SHOW



The 'Nearly Wild' show visited our Year 2 pupils in February. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed seeing and handling a variety of creatures - snakes, a centipede, rabbits, a lizard and a tarantula! Thank you Chris for telling them all about the creatures and for giving our pupils such a memorable experience. (The staff loved it also!)

NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Congratulations to the Netball Team for playing so well in the Urdd Tournament at the House of Sport, Cardiff. Mrs Hussey and Mrs Stone were very proud of their achievement.

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY



Heledd, Rhianna and Gethin from the Food Standards Agency came to visit us in January. We had a very lively presentation about health, food hygiene and hygiene in the kitchen. The pupils were the Cadets on the spaceship and they helped the Captain and his crew fix the computer. They had to feed the information that they had learnt back into the computer's hard drive. The presentations were fantastic and full of very useful information.

GWAELOD Y GARTH RESIDENT SADLY MISSED

Eifion Kemp (1931 – 2017)

Eifion Kemp, was born in Gwaelod y Garth in 1931 and lived all his life in the village until he sadly passed away in July last year.

He was a life long Gwaelod y Garth resident, born and brought up in Myrtle House, Main Road where he lived continuously except for a short spell when he and his wife Pam were first married in 1954. As a child he attended the village school.

Throughout his long life he was an active resident in the local community. For many years he was a Youth Club leader in the Bethlehem Youth Club based in the Village Hall. In 1979 he was awarded a Life Long Service Award by the Welsh Youth Club Association in recognition of this important work.

Eifion was one of the leading campaigners in the development of a new Village Hall which opened in 1971. Through his and other residents' efforts, money was raised to pay for the new building. He was a valued trustee of the hall for many years and was invited to officially reopen the hall after its major refurbishment in 2011.

As a Gwaelod resident Eifion represented the village on the

HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY TO PERFORM SHAKESPEARE

Our summer production is on 21 - 23 June 2018, and Hilltop will be venturing into Shakespeare for the very first time in its 16 year history!

We are putting on Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew', a comedy about Petruchio, a young Italian man, who wants to marry Katharina, a rich but unfriendly woman. Katharina ('The Shrew') is initially an unwilling participant in the relationship, but Petruchio 'tames' her with various psychological torments until she becomes a desirable, compliant, and obedient bride.

Tickets for our productions are available from the box office on 07943 183169. Further information about the group and all our productions can be found at www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk

Richard Jones.

Pentyrch Parish Council until its responsibilities ceased in 1974. He also worked tirelessly in establishing a Pensioners Group (later called the 'Evergreens') and was its Chairman for many years.

Gwaelod y Garth has lost a valued and highly respected member of the community. Selwyn Hughes

PENTYRCH HORTICULTURAL, COOKERY AND CRAFT SHOW

Pentyrch Village Hall Saturday 1st September

Programmes will be available from May right up to the day of the show from most of the shops in Pentyrch and from Caesar's Farm Shop and the allotments in Creigiau. The show committee is very grateful to the local businesses who pay to advertise in our programme, enabling the programmes to be distributed free of charge.

Once again, a number of changes to the Entry classes have been made to accommodate changing trends. A new class this year will be a container of foliage - to be judged by the public visiting on the day.

For the first time this year we expect the programme to be available online. Google 'The Pentyrch Horticultural, Cookery and Craft Show' a bit nearer the time.

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Pentyrch Art Group Annual Exhibition

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PENTYRCH CHESS CLUB**

For the first time for many years, the club has hosted a number of junior players who had expressed an interest in coming along to play and hopefully improve their game. The level of interest has been such that, with the agreement of Owen, landlord at the Kings Arms, we have been prompted into holding a special practice session starting at 6.30pm on Mondays.

Our 3 teams have been competing well in their respective Divisions of the East Glamorgan League despite the huge gap left by the death of Dave Lewis in September and the unavailability for health reasons this season of another of our regular players. Fielding two teams on the same night from a pool of 13 players hasn't always proved easy and a few heavy losses resulted. Even so, at the time of writing, both our first and second teams are topping the tables in Divisions 2 and 3, while the third team is on the fringe of the promotion play-off places in Division 4.

The current club secretary is standing down in May after 30 years in that role. A decision on a replacement has yet to be taken. Our website will be updated with the new secretary's details, when the handover has been completed.

In the meantime, it is open to anyone interested in playing chess at Pentyrch to make contact – see www.pentyrchchess.co.uk. The club meets between early September and the end of April at 7.30pm on Mondays at the Kings Arms, Church Road, Pentyrch.

**Birth of a New Rotary Club
Garth Rotary Club**

Recently formed local Garth Rotary Club has now been inaugurated into the international Family of Rotary. Ethos of our Rotary Club is to have fun whilst helping others within the Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth area and to offer support to various charities.

We meet in the Lewis Arms, Pentyrch for food, drink and laughter on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month, we discuss the various things we can do to improve the local community.

Defibrillator – Further to part funding by Rotary and a successful application to Welsh Hearts Charity by local pharmacist and Garth Rotary member Kiu Chan, a defibrillator is to be provided and fixed outside Pentyrch Pharmacy.

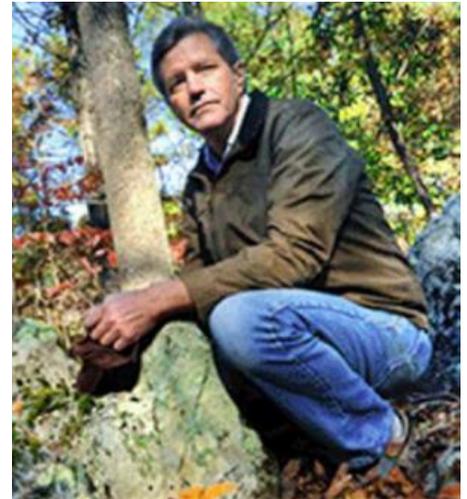
Ty Hafod Care Home, Pond Restoration Project - We are currently restoring a wildlife pond and woodland path in a local care home.

Walks and Litter Picks - It is planned to arrange regular walks both in the locality such as to the summit of the Garth and also nature walks outside the locality. We are also planning local litter picks.

Fund Raising - Large, Specially Made Easter Eggs have been placed in various locations such as Pentyrch Pharmacy, Creigiau Arms and Ty Hafod Care Home. The eggs to be raffled to raise funds for local charities and community projects.

If you are interested in joining in on any of our activities please contact charles@fairwoodtrust.com or view Garth Rotary Club on facebook.

New Year's Honours List



If we had a village honours list, Dr Steven Wing, US Professor of Epidemiology, would feature. An activist for environmental justice, he helped us fight radioactive discharges, saying it was his responsibility to communicate the results of scientific research to ordinary people.

Clive Thomas and John Williams from Taffs Well had arrived with news of a plan to import canisters of radioactive waste containing Carbon 14 (half live of 5568 years), Tritium (half life 12.4 years) and radioactive iodine to store on the banks of the Taff. I said no to coordinating another campaign, but got drawn in. We established Community Concern - a Cardiff wide group. Helped by Dr Trevor Jones, we learned from scratch. In 1988, radioactive contamination of shell fish in Cardiff Bay was reported in the Western Mail. Cardiff's gas radiation was the highest in the country according to the Echo. Radioactive tritium and Carbon 14 were being discharged daily, linked to still births in the area. Professor Frank Barnaby, a nuclear physicist, volunteered his help, as did Professor Alice Stewart, known for discovering foetal xrays linked to child cancer. Human Rights barrister, Hugo Charlton joined them. We organised a Conference at County Hall, thanks to Wayne David. Professor Steve Wing contributed extensively. Three visits to the European Parliament and the radioactive discharges here were halted! The waste store remains but no additional waste was brought in. We owe thanks also to Eurig Wyn. Steve Wing won many battles but lost his battle with cancer. With the announcement of his death in November, it seems timely to put on record names of those from outside our villages who helped us so extensively. Norma Procter.



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CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2018

Creigiau Carnival will be held on Saturday 30th June and the theme for this year is "HEROES AND VILLAINS". Whether you're a budding Batman a wannabe Wonder Woman, an evil Joker or a cruel Catwoman we look forward to seeing you there as your favourite character together with some exciting floats. The procession gathers from 1pm at Parc-Y-Fro and sets off at 1:30pm.

The dates for Carnival week 2018 are:-

Fun Run / Sports Event: Saturday 23rd June
King and Queen Disco: Monday 25th June
Carnival Quiz: Tuesday 26th June
CRAMC Race Night: Thursday 28th June
Carnival: Saturday 30th June

Full details of the times and venues for all of the week's activities will be made available on our website www.creigiau-carnival.org.uk, our Twitter feed @creigiauarnvl and our Facebook page.

Our fun run last year included more novelty events such as sack races, egg and spoon races and a three legged race. Great fun was had by all of the children as well as the adults! We look forward to welcoming you at the Recreation Field for a morning of good natured competition on Saturday 23rd June.

Last year's Film themed Carnival saw a great turn out including the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Bob Derbyshire. Thank you very much to all who came along and helped to raise over £5,900; this money will be

distributed by CRAMC and Creigiau 23 to help with the upkeep and development of the Recreation Field and to help local clubs, associations and other village groups.

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

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

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Booking essential as places limited.

Whats on at Pentyrch Village Hall

It is well known that there are a number of activities held at the village hall .. Here is a summary of the Groups and Classes that are held regularly at this popular facility

Nursery	Mon-Fri morning
Art Group	Monday afternoon
Brownies	Monday Evening
Yoga	Tuesday afternoon
Guides	Tuesday evening
QiGong	Wednesday afternoon
JPJ Dance	Wednesday afternoon / evening
Woman's Institute	Wednesday evening monthly
Ladies Badminton	Wednesday evening
Pre-school singing	Thursday afternoon
Tang Soo Do	Thursday evening
Hilltop Theatre	Thursday & Sunday evening
Pentyrch Ladies	Thursday evening monthly
Happy Gatherings	Friday afternoon monthly
Garth Gardeners	Friday evening monthly
Historical Society	Friday evening monthly

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Pentyrch Art Group

The art group continues to flourish. Our three month exhibition at Royal Glamorgan Hospital has been very well received, and we have sold several paintings so far, the exhibition finishes at the end of March. We continue to exhibit at the King's Arms, and this results in a steady trickle of sales- thanks again to Owen and Helena. We shall also be having another exhibition at Garth Olwg from June 4th to 15th, so we are keeping busy!

Many members will be attending a workshop in Abergavenny in April, at Chapel Studio with Jantien



The Art Group at Work together

Powell, always a really successful day. Vaughan Cummins came to the Hall in February to do an afternoon workshop with us - this was well attended and really enjoyable.

We recently had an acrylic demonstration, by Cardiff Artist Rachel Trott, this was fascinating- very different, we welcomed several non members to this.

Our Annual Exhibition will be held on Sunday, May 20th at the Village Hall, from 10.00am until 6.00pm. If you've never been before, why not call in? Admission is free and we serve free refreshments, there are plenty of people to chat to and we'll have lots of new paintings on display. We also sell cards, some hand painted, all original, and very good value! Last year over 350 people came during the course of the day. We look forward to seeing many old faces and hope to welcome some new ones.



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CREIGIAU 23

Creigiau 23 is a charitable organisation that arranges, runs and supports fundraising events in and around the village of Creigiau. The money raised by Creigiau 23 is donated to a range of local organisations that have a community interest. Historically, Pentyrch Rugby Club, Creigiau Cricket Club and Creigiau Primary School, amongst others, have been recipients of donations from Creigiau 23.

Creigiau 23 would like to invite bids for small grants from any local, not for profit organisations who intend to invest the money on community interest projects.

Pentyrch Bowling Club

We will be running the following social events over the next few months that are open to everyone, so please come along:

Coffee mornings:

Last Friday in the month 10.30 - 12.00 Bowls pavilion

Open Day:

Sun 29th April, 12 noon - 4 pm

Summer quiz

Fri 15th June, 7 for 7.30 pm, Rugby Club

Race Night:

Fri 20th July, 7 for 7.30 pm, Rugby Club

For further information and tickets Tel. Brian Ilbery (20891814).

FRIENDS OF PENTYRCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

It's been a busy few months for FOPSA (again how on earth is it Springtime already? ! We had an amazing turnout for our Christmas Fair. Lots of children and parents and members of the wider community enjoying traditional school fair games and challenges, a small marketplace showcasing some lovely items from local crafts people and businesses, and of course, Santa in his grotto! Thank you to everyone who was able to support us, either by volunteering their time, by donating items, or by showing up and spending lots of money! The school fair raised approximately £1350 for Pentyrch Primary School, all of which will be fed back in to our lovely school to help fund new resources. We have already been able to purchase a range of



We will be starting our club nights on Monday 16th April (6 pm), so why not come along to them and/or our Open Day to see how enjoyable bowls can be? You just need a pair of flat-soled shoes and we will do the rest. We are looking for people of all ages (9 to 90) and offer good facilities to relax and socialise.



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science equipment to complement the scheme of work being used at the school, and are in the process of drawing up a list of consumables such as calculators, tape measure and so on to update the equipment available to the children to use in their maths and science investigations. We also plan to work together with the school to provide ongoing improvements to the outdoor play facilities.

Also at Christmas time, FOPSA and Pentyrch Primary School were pleased to be able to support the Llamau Christmas Appeal. Llamau are a Cardiff based homeless charity who work with young people in a number of different projects across Cardiff and South Wales. We collected donations of gifts for the young people and children supported by Llamau.

Our Annual Pentyrch Village Easter Egg hunt will take place shortly before this issue of the Link is published so I would like to thank the residents of Maes Y Sarn, Heol Gam and the surrounding area for allowing us to use the area for our Easter Egg Quest! Our Summer Fair is also booked to take place on Saturday 16th of June at Pentyrch Primary School. We welcome all families in the village to come and join us for a fun afternoon of games, inflatables, challenges, and most importantly, cake!

Kylie Sheppard and Lucy O' Leary.
FOPSA Chairpersons

GWAELOD Y GARTH ARTISAN MARKET

What started as a brief conversation five years ago during a Knit and Natter session has now developed into a popular annual fixture in the village calendar.

During the weekend of 18/19th November 2017 the fifth annual Gwaelod Y Garth Village Craft Fayre took place.

Every year since its inception we have had more than twenty stalls selling arts and crafts made by local people. There are painters, potters, silversmiths, jewellery makers, textile artists, woodworkers, printers, calligraphers, glassmakers and many more. Each one has contributed to a varied and lively market for everyone who has come along to find that special, unique gift.

Alongside the stall holders, a team of dedicated volunteers has run a charity café, selling tea, coffee and soft drinks with delicious homemade cakes. donated by the residents of the village. The profits from these sales are donated to Medicines Sans Frontier to help with work they carry out all over the world. Each year we have given approximately £800 to this deserving cause and this year was no exception.

Can we also thank all the stall holders and everyone who came along to the fayre. Special thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help us set up and to clear the hall and also thanks to the bakers and the café volunteers. You all play a vital part in ensuring the success of the weekend. We are already planning this years Fayre for November and we hope to see you all again.

For more information please contact: Chris Myant 02920811644 or Gaynor Thomas 02920811737



TO SHOW WE CARE AND ARE THINKING OF THEM



Charity Quiz night and Raffle success for Owen Thomas Elizabeth Ayres and Sian Baldwin, both residents of Creigiau, held a Charity Quiz night and Raffle on Saturday 24th February at Creigiau Church Hall in aid of @BroEdern's Owen Thomas appeal.

Owen was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer of the soft tissue that is diagnosed in just 60 children each year in the UK.

He underwent his first chemotherapy treatment on Christmas Day and is now on his second round already.

The Welsh NHS has agreed to fund his 10-week radiotherapy treatment in the US, to undergo pioneering proton beam therapy treatment that involves using a precise, high-energy beam of particles to destroy cancer cells. A number of fundraising events have been organised since the news of his diagnosis reached friends and staff at Ysgol Bro Edern in Penylan, Cardiff.

Owen's dad, Gareth Thomas, is the Creigiau village pharmacist and both Elizabeth and Sian wanted to show their support by raising much needed funds, but more specifically doing something that showed the local community were thinking of them.

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**Creigiau Companions,
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Creigiau Companions set out to utilise fully and to best advantage, the Winter Celebration Grant from Age Concern Cymru. It was decided to use the grant to offset the cost of two functions.

Early in December the club met at the catering restaurant of Coleg y Cymoedd in Nantgarw for a Christmas meal. Members shared cars to ensure that everyone who wanted to attend was able to do so and 30 members settled to a culinary Christmas experience. Not only was the food good, but the interaction with the young people on their catering course was particularly gratifying.

On 5th January, a New Year's party included entertainment by The Treacles, a group well known to us all, followed by a plentiful high tea prepared by Companion members. The cost of the food was covered by the grant, but the laughter, the singing and the discussions emanated from a group of people who were enjoying an afternoon's entertainment. Our grateful thanks to Age Concern Cymru for their grant which helped so much. Companions is open to anyone who is retired from work, or anyone who is in need of company for a couple of hours. We meet every fortnight at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall in Creigiau, and you are charged £2 for an entertaining speaker, tea and biscuits and a half hour or more of stimulating conversation. If you are interested and you cannot find anyone to get information from, give me a ring on 029 20891721. John Gough

Creigiau Tennis Club

We are a very small tennis club, trying to keep this facility in Creigiau viable, and to a high standard of play. This year has been particularly stressful for those who run the club. Last year we laid one brand new court, and painted the other two, at a cost of £13,000, depleting our funds that had taken many years to build to be able to carry this work forward. This year we had problems with our floodlights, and decided to keep the club of the highest standard we would proceed to fix the problem with what funds we had remaining, at the cost of £3,000. We would like to thank Creigiau 23 for awarding us £250 towards this cost, and we are very grateful for their support. We also had to de-moss the courts before our summer leagues start in May 2018, this also of course costs. We would like to thank Pentyrch

Community Council for awarding us £150 towards this work, and are very grateful for their support. To keep this brilliant facility in our village, we need many more members, otherwise it will not be able to survive. Where else can you have your own key to three first class tennis courts to play whenever you want for £80 a year / £40 for juniors/ £125 for a family. We have a very successful ladies team playing in league 2, and a very successful mixed team, but we need more members to keep this going. We would love to have a men's team, so if anyone reading this, wants to get involved in saving a club which has been in our village for 100 years please contact. Trudi on 20890036 / 07768386119 or email Trudi1951@btinternet.com



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If you are interested please come to try it out before joining either on Ladies Club Night every Tuesday 5.30- 7.00 pm or Mens Club Night on Thursdays 5.00- 8.00 pm.

Otherwise come along to the OPEN DAY for both adults and children to be held in in MAY (date and time will be announced on the website www.pentyrchtennis.co.uk).

Coaching is available for adults and children on an individual basis by the club coaches and the children's weekly coaching sessions have proved to be increasingly popular.

For more information on membership, coaching or the Open Day please visit the club website or email grahamnorth627@btinternet.com.

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Ty Bach Dewi project

Plans have been drawn up and permissions granted to create a useable space with a drinks making facility and toilet at the back of the church. Hence the title of our project: Ty Bach Dewi. The main body of the Church will keep its

The Club is holding a Quiz Night (open to members and non-members) at the Pentyrch Village Hall on Saturday 12th of May starting at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available at the door £5 each to include the Quiz Entry and snacks. A cash bar will be available. This annual event has proved to be very enjoyable in previous years and visitors are most welcome.

traditional arrangement. Our aim is to ensure that St David's becomes a hub for community life enabling local groups to use the Church as a meeting place.

Funding

The Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llaniltern is able to meet 50% of the cost with the balance of funding met through grants, fund raising events and donations.

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A sheep grazed field at Y Forlan near Cefn Bychan came possible for practice and Theophilus Rees our Vicar invited the men of cloth from Llandaf up the long , steep and uneven winding track to take on the cricketing challenge of our village . With history tales suggesting that our Vicar celebrated the victory that evening at the Rock rather too enthusiastically and had to be delivered home to the vicarage in a wheelbarrow!

Morgan Thomas the captain and opening bat, Shoni Israel played in bare feet but could apparently throw a cricket ball a phenomenal distance , John the son of the blacksmith, Wil y Gof our trickiest bowler , the Lewis Llewellyn three farming brothers were regulars , miners Eli Jenkins and Will Davies and Daniel Matthews the donkey train driver were all involved

and later a pitch at Clawdd Shon , now the Troed y Gareth development was lovingly prepared to perfection with six strong men pulling a rather large agricultural concrete roller .

Other remarkable village cricketers ; the unique bowler Idris Jones who concealed the ball behind his back and in the last moment chose which arm to deliver the ball and Tom Miles the greatest hitter of all time who in 1909 v. Pontyclun struck the ball from Clawdd Shon to Penygarn field a distance of 170 yards ! Always colourful village characters to fascinate and the Mr Crickets. Trefor Llewellyn and Curly Evans to inspire the youngsters to come play regardless of result with abandon and a free spirit to enjoy.

TODAY, a lovely village cricket ground , a glorious setting beneath the Garth , a fenced boundary and a pavilion of charm all hopefully getting the nod of approval , from the thousand past cricketing ghosts who know a thing or two about the ' greatest game on earth '

This season—the enthusiastic delight of our young All Stars and all the junior age groups and whatever the ability a place to enjoy the organised coaching, bowling machines and nets but most importantly the friendships,

fun and sporting excitement.

And on from the 25th anniversary of remarkably hosting the 23rd May 1993 Sunday league game Glamorgan v. Northamptonshire, with Maynard, Croft and Morris and for the opponents Curtley Ambrose bowling from the sea end and captained by Allan Lamb our partnership continues with Glamorgan CCC today.

With this season our village hosting games for Wales u17 Girls v Devon (26th June), a three day match for the Wales u17 Boys v. Staffordshire (17th-19th July) and also staging Wales over 60's v. Devon (8th May).

And for you and family an open invitation to come across and sit a while, to watch and enjoy . perhaps a guest ale or two and afternoon tea with chocolate cake and our homemade drizzle cake an absolute must.

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John Moore

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Monday 21st May
Monday 18th June






NO ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

So unfortunately NO St David's Day celebrations but instead we had storm Emma bringing Snow and chaos, schools shut, buses, trains suspended everyone scrambling to get provisions, burst pipes, broken down boilers! But boy did the kids have fun playing out doors and enjoying walking and sledging with their families. How nice it was to see the community pulling together, looking after the elderly and each other, digging each other out of homes, our roads, our shops and our schools, lending heaters to residents with no heating!



I think it's fair to say it was great while it lasted. Thank you to our carers and nurses that managed to get to the elderly and the vulnerable in such atrocious weather. Thank you everyone for their Community Spirit. After a couple of days it was back to normal but it doesn't mean we can stop caring for others, please keep it up everyone
Deb Hunt Pentyrch Resident/

PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall Committee would like to say a big thank you to the Pentyrch Community for helping us raise £1500 at the 2017 Christmas Fair. Community Link readers will be aware of the necessity to replace the Village Hall roof in 2017, consequently, the Committee are continuing to raise funds, the proceeds of which will go into a "reserves fund" for necessary future maintenance of the Hall.

An easy way to support your village hall is to join the 200 Club. Only £12 per year, paid by Standing Order. A draw takes place every month and the following prizes awarded: 1st Prize £40, 2nd Prize £20, 3rd Prize £15

Presently there are 40 spaces available in the 200 Club. If you wish to subscribe to the 200 club contact miketcolley@hotmail.co.uk

Another easy way of sponsoring our fund raising efforts is by making your on-line purchases via the Pentyrch Village Hall webpage. It doesn't cost you a penny extra! Please consider visiting the easy fundraising site to find out how you can help with fund raising <http://pages.easyfundraising.org.uk/ppc-landing-page/?gclid=C1qW0qeOpNICFQMo0wodQMwLBg>

Garth Gardeners Spring and Summer



For all gardeners, however large or small your plot, this seems to be the season for frenzied activity with so much to do - hedges, grass, vegetables, flowers, and so on.

But don't forget if you need a sit down with good company, interesting talks and a cup of tea and a biscuit, you can join the Garth Gardeners at our meetings, you will be very welcome.

On 16th March, we hear Stephen Anderton, of The Times, talk about Christopher Lloyd and his life at

Village Hall – Future Events 2018

Dates to be confirmed for Autumn

A "Silent Auction" - bids are written on a sheet of paper that is commonly placed before or next to the item. At the predetermined end of the auction, the highest listed bidder wins the item.

Christmas Fair 24th Nov. 2018

More information on all our fundraising can be found by visiting <http://www.pentyrchvillagehall.co.uk/Fundraising.html>

Mary Bate Secretary

Great Dixter, on 20th April we have Helen Picton talking about Asters and then our Summer Social and AGM on 18th May (the business element is very short, the socialising is rather longer).

Don't forget to look at our web site (garthgardeners.wordpress.com) for our blog, details of meetings and the photo gallery which documents the fun and friendship of club activities and trips.

Not sure what you are doing in the garden? Don't worry, you can still join in. We are not a club of "experts" but if you have a problem, somebody in Garth Gardeners will be sure to know and be happy to help with practical advice.

Another thing to keep in mind is to relax and enjoy your (or a friend's) garden, it shouldn't all be hard work, make time to sit and ponder, eat, drink and socialise.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Denise James

Busy Time at 1st Creigiau Cubs



1st Creigiau Cubs are a group of approximately 26 young people aged between 8-10½ run by a small group of volunteers leaders, with support from the wider Scouting group. We are always on the look out for people who would like to be involved – either on a one off basis, for example if you have a skill or knowledge that you could share with our cubs, perhaps to help them earn one of their badges, or maybe you feel that you could volunteer to become a leader yourself? Visit us at www.creigiau.org.uk for more information.

This term the cubs have been busy star gazing and investigating the solar system – Things got messy when we got the papier mache out to create our own model planets! We've also been figuring out secret codes and ciphers and lots of ways to send messages. We stuffed ourselves with delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (some 'interesting' topping choices... Bananas, maple syrup and cheese anyone?) and we're off on a roller skating trip soon (I've no doubt the cubs will enjoy seeing us leaders falling over several times, as much as they'll enjoy the skating!) We're also looking forward to a visit from a member of Pentyrch Historical Society next term, to help us to achieve our 'Local Knowledge' badge. As you can see, we certainly try to keep the cubs busy with a varied programme of activities!

Kylie Sheppard,
on behalf of Creigiau Cubs Leaders Team

National Garden Scheme Local Openings

Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th May 1.00-6.00pm
NEW 17 Maes y Draenog, Tongwynlais

Sunday 3rd June 1.00 – 5.00pm
Creigiau Village Gardens

Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th June
11.00am-5.00pm
The Old Post Office, Gwaelod y Garth
NEW Pear Tree Cottage, Gwaelod y Garth

Sunday 15th July 11.00am-5.00pm
Creigiau Village Gardens

Refreshments & Plant Sales at many gardens

For more details visit www.ngs.org.uk

