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Catrin Dafydd The Gorsedd of the Bards



Catrin Dafydd wins the prestigious Crown for a collection of poems not in strict metre of no more than 250 lines on the theme of *Olion* (Traces). Adjudicators Christine James, Ifor ap Glyn and Damian Walford Davies



placed her ahead of all other poets in a competition which attracted 42 entries.

Originally from Gwaelod y Garth, Catrin graduated at Aberystwyth University, where she was President of the Welsh language union UMCA from 2003-04. She now lives in Cardiff and works as part of the Pobol y Cwm writing team.

Carole Willis, The Gorsedd of the Bards

Carole is an integral part of her community Groesfaen, Pontyclun. After learning Welsh and graduating in the language, she spent decades working with others to raise awareness and promote the language locally with a wide range of groups and organisations, including Côr Godre'r



Garth, Pontyclun Community Council and as the current Chair of Governors at Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant. She has also worked closely with the Urdd, Mudiad Meithrin and the local chapel over the years. In the past Carole was a councillor on Pentyrch Community Council.

Don Llewellyn Don mab y Garth

Enillodd Don Llewellyn sawl gwobr BAFTA am ei waith gyda HTV ond eleni caiff ei anrhydeddu gyda'r wisg werdd gan Orsedd y Beirdd am ei gyfraniad nodedig i'w gymuned. Mae'n lladmerydd brwd dros y Gymraeg yn lleol, yn arbenigwr ar dafodiaith y Wenhwysg ac yn hanesydd lleol o fri. Don fu'n gyfrifol am gyhoeddi'r "Garth Domain" ac ymddangosodd rhifyn 61 ym mis Mawrth. Tipyn o gamp! Bu'n Gadeirydd y Gymdeithas Hanes Leol ac ef oedd un o sefydlwyr y gymdeithas lewyrchus honno. Bu'n gaptan a llywydd y clwb rygbi ym Mhentyrch ac ef a arweiniodd ymgyrch i godi Neuadd y Pentre sydd yn adnodd gwerthfawr i'r ardal. Estynnwn ein llongyfarchiadau gwresog i Don wrth iddo dderbyn yr anrhydedd gwbl haeddiannol hon gan Orsedd y Beirdd.



Don Llewellyn Don mab y Garth

Don Llewellyn won a number of BAFTA awards while working for HTV but this year he has been honoured with the green robe by the Gorsedd of the Bards for his outstanding contribution to the local community. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the Welsh language locally; and has a particular expertise in 'Y Wenhwysg', the dialect of Glamorgan and Gwent. Don is a local historian of great repute. He has been chair of the local History Society for many years and was one of the founding members. Don has been instrumental in the publication of the popular "Garth Domain" which provides an invaluable insight into local history with the 61st issue being published recently. He has been captain and president of the rugby club in Pentyrch and he was part of the successful campaign to build the Village Hall. We heartily congratulate Don who is so deserving a recipient of the honour bestowed upon him by the Gorsedd of the Bards.

World War 1 Memorial Bench

This beautiful bench can be found on the triangle of grass by George's Corner. The bench has been funded by Pentyrch Community Council and Pentyrch Open Gardens to commemorate the end of WW1. Pentyrch Open Gardens hopes to be able to fund another for next year to commemorate the start of WW2, and a third bench that commemorates all wars. The old bench will be re-used to replace one that is beyond repair somewhere else in the village.

This year's open gardens will support Wales Air Ambulance and continue to keep up the planters and other village enhancements. We appreciate any support that you give us. Helen Edwards 07787890284



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*

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:-

17/09/18	GYG Village Hall
15/10/18	GYG Village Hall
19/11/18	GYG Village Hall

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.

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Last date for items in the next issue is

14 November 18. 9:00am

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Community Council Highlights

Village Plan Questionnaire

PCC wants to find out what you think and feel about living in our community. As part of this, we produced a questionnaire that was delivered to you and was also online. Cardiff Research Centre are processing your responses and we will publish their report as soon as we get it. At the time of writing we have had over 700 responses. With more and more development around us it's important for PCC to have evidence of your views. This helps us better represent you, for example, in responding to planning applications from Cardiff and consultations from Welsh Government. Thank you to all the volunteers who delivered copies of the questionnaire. Thank you for responding. We will publish the results online as soon as we have them and report key points in the next Link.

Litter Pick

We know that litter is a constant annoyance to you. We litter-pick every day in the areas that PCC maintains and we are very happy to work with you to run community events too. You will see an account of a litter pick that PCC held with excellent support from Lorna Collinson of Cardiff Council. We will be doing this again. If you would like us to help run something similar near you, please get in touch.

The next Pentyrch Litter Pick is planned for 27th October at 10am, meeting in Pentyrch Village Hall Carpark.

New Gate

The council received reports about scrambler motor cycles being ridden through a crowded Creigiau recreation area. It appears that these cycles are being ridden illegally by youth from Church Village and are entering the recreation field through a gap in the hedge behind the tennis courts. PCC maintenance staff have now installed a kissing gate where the gap was and also put in a short length of fence to support the hedge. The police have been advised about the scrambler bikes.

Bronllwyn Graveyard

This graveyard has a pretty long history and our map of the area was in urgent need of updating. We are extremely grateful to Denise and Vincent James who have used their professional expertise to measure, map and record all the graves. Once completed, we will put the information on our website.

ELECTION

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Community Council - Creigiau Ward.

Cardiff County Council Electoral Services will operate the election. Notices have been published and Candidate Nominations close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday 23rd August.

If more than one valid nomination is received an election will take place on 20th September 2018.

Full details of the election are on the Cardiff County Council website and on the Pentyrch Community Council website. These also include details of Applications to Register to Vote, Postal Vote arrangements and Proxy Vote arrangements

Housing Developments & Roads

You will see from our meetings that roads and transport are a regular item. Those of you who followed the Local Development Plan will have known for some five years what Cardiff proposed. For many the reality of the scale of the house-building along the Llantrisant Road is only now becoming real. PCC lobbied hard to have this development planned and phased to minimize disruption and maximise effective new public transport such as opening up the old rail line from Fairwater to Creigiau and beyond. This may still happen, but it is years away. In the meantime, we keep a close eye on the planning applications and do what we can to ask Cardiff and the developers to consider the effects on local people, roads, lanes and facilities.

We still have no date for the gas pipeline that will be installed from Llanilltern Village to Pentyrch. As soon as we know, we will let you know via our website and Facebook.

From meetings with Persimmon it is our understanding that the roadworks at Robin Hill will commence before the Autumn. On a weekly basis we receive Cardiff Council's Road Reports and we publish these on our website. When you look at this report we come under NW Cardiff and this will show you when and where road work will take place.

Among the representation made was a meeting with Andrew RT Davies, AM. The meeting included other groups from the NW Cardiff Group. We asked Mr Davies to raise our concerns about the problems the new housing developments are already having in our communities and to ask for much better working collaboration between Cardiff and its communities:

War Memorial

The Community Council have arranged to refurbish the War Memorial in Pentyrch. The work is being undertaken by professional monument masons and will include cleaning the memorial, repointing where necessary and repairing the lettering. Part of the cost has been funded with a grant from CADW the Welsh Government historical environmental service

Creigiau Recreation Drainage



Councillors and the Clerk met with Cardiff County Council Surface Water Drainage officers to seek advice on how to try to solve the drainage issues at the recreation field. We await their report.

Since that meeting the period of dry weather has given us the opportunity to have an aerial photograph taken of the drainage pipes.

It is clear that there is no instant fix of the drainage issues but the PCC is looking to see what can be done.

Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link, grant applications from within the Community Council area were considered. We awarded £200 to Creigiau Netball Club. We also awarded Gwaelod y Garth WI £100 towards the cost of their annual outing and £50 towards wool for their Chip Shop Babies knitting project.

Grant applications should be made preferably by email, to me as Clerk (clerk@pentyrch.cc), and should include a statement of the purpose for the Grant and also the last set of accounts or financial statement.

Don't delay, do it today.

The next grant consideration will be at the September 17 2018 meeting Applications for a Grant and supporting documentation must be submitted by August 31. Late submissions will not be considered until December.

Grants are considered quarterly so your deadlines are November 30, February 28 2019.

WW1 Commemorative Bench

As you travel through Pentyrch you will see a sparkling new bench on George's Corner. This has been donated to the community by Pentyrch Open Gardens and PCC to commemorate the centenary of the Great War. We've had super feedback and are really delighted with the bench. PCC has budgeted to put a similar bench in both Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth – so if you have any locations to suggest, please let us know.

Surgeries

PCC 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. The reports from each surgery are online. These are advertised on our website, noticeboards and Facebook.

What is in a Name

Some have asked does the Pentyrch Community Council only represent Pentyrch? The simple answer is of course No. Although the name is a little bit misleading it is derived from the Pentyrch Parish Council which was first met as a Council on the 31st December 1894. The Community Council area includes Creigiau, Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch and Capel Llanilltern.

Kissing Gate

Cardiff County Council decided to remove the kissing gate between Bronllwyn and Field Terrace. Despite representations by the PCC that the gate had been put in place to stop off road bikes the county were not prepared to replace the gate.

A meeting has been scheduled between local residents CC Gavin Hill John and the County Council Rights of Way officer to put the case to re-instate the gate.

Wildlife

Our communities include a wide range of habitat from gardens to the moorland of the Garth Mountain. We want to encourage biodiversity as much as we can and will be looking at where we can leave some grassy areas to grow wild and cut them less often.

Community Events & PCC Meetings

We use our community notice boards and Facebook to let you know about forthcoming community events.

PCC meetings are advertised on the PCC noticeboards and on our website. The public are always welcome and have the legal right to attend.

General Concerns

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

- Large weeds appearing on Lon-y-Fro / Bronhau
- Loose slabs 1 -11 on Bronhau
- Pavement where bus stop is on Lon-y-Fro is subsiding
- Grass needs cutting at PSA park
- Blocked drains on Tyn-y-Coed Road/Bronllwyn/Heol-y-Pentre
- Bins overflowing at Creigiau Rec
- Litter in lane between Heol-y-Bryn and Heol Gam
- Pot holes on Church Road amongst other areas
- Fly tipping
- Cyclists on the Garth
- Poo bins not emptied and many more!

Any County matters are reported to Cardiff Council and to our County Councillors. You too can report them via c2c@cardiff.gov.uk or call 20872087. The more an incident is reported, the more likely it is to be dealt with and quickly. We are always happy to make the reports if you prefer.

It is always useful to hear when a problem has been solved, so do let us know when that happens.



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County Council Notes

Councillor Gavin Hill John

Waste Collection

In recent months there have been a number of issues with non collection of waste, in particular this has effected residents that require assisted collections. This is a concern and it is happening across the city. The Council are rolling out new technology that sits in the cab of the waste collection lorries and indicates all of the assisted collections. Hopefully this will address the issues but if anyone has concerns about assisted waste collections or waste collections in general please do get in touch.

Potholes

The state of the roads in both villages is well below the standard we would expect. In recent months I have been working with the highways team to identify more permanent solutions. As it stands these solutions remain elusive! The campaigning continues and I am confident that with a large dose of persistence I will be able to get a permanent solution implemented.

Knotweed

A long standing issue within the ward has been knotweed. This is a very difficult situation and Cardiff Council have very clear guidelines regarding what they will deal with. In simple terms they will manage knotweed on their land. They will not get involved with any knotweed that is not on their land. If you would like any more information on the policies adopted by Cardiff Council please email me and I will arrange for these details to be sent to you.

HGV's

Now that the Local Development Plan is in full swing and construction has started on Llantrisant Road there has been an increase in the number of HGV's using the villages as a through route. Along with Councillors from Llandaff, Criegiau and Radyr we are working with the Highways team to find a permanent solution. As well as working with the Council we are in regular contact with the developers and hope through this contact to resolve this issue before it escalates.

Bus services

Following the Stagecoach consultation earlier this year I would like to reconfirm that Stagecoach will not be making any changes to the service over the summer. There is a possibility that they may consider changes in the future but I have been assured that they will undertake a full consultation prior to any changes.

In Gwaleod Y Garth we still have issues with the G1 service. A trial has been undertaken using cones to reduce the amount of parking causing an obstruction and preventing the bus from completing its full service. It is disappointing that people are moving the cones and I am now working with Cardiff Council to explore another solution.

As always if you have any queries please do get in touch.

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Councillor Graham Thomas

Many thanks to all those residents that came along to the two drop-in sessions at Creigiau Church Hall in April. As expected there was a lot of interest in what Persimmon Homes are doing down on Llantrisant Road and I was pleased to be able to pass on details from the developers and Council. I met with Persimmon Homes Directors again in June and can tell you that things have not moved as quickly as planned. The highways legal agreement with the Council to widen the road and build the two junctions is not expected for a couple more months. Only then will we start to see roadworks and traffic lights. This has also knocked on to the house building.

The other main impact during construction will be the installation of a main gas pipeline from Robin Hill to the Pentyrch Village Hall. This will see roadworks all along Heol Pant Y Gored, done in short sections with one-way traffic controls, possibly lasting 12 months. The contract has not yet been awarded so again it will be some months before we see anything. I will be meeting Persimmon regularly to keep up to date with developments.

The issue of the narrowing of Tynant Road down to the A4119 has been a hot topic since the Council put in new kerbs. This was done to reinstate the official width due to encroachment onto private land. The result however is a very narrow section with many residents reporting safety issues as cars can't pass each other easily. I met with the Director of City Operations and at the start of the School Holidays the Council closed the road for further works. The result will be a widening of part of the stretch where the fence is, to allow a passing point. They don't have a lot of room to play with, as the adopted highway still needs enforcing, but it should 'tip the balance' back in



favour of cars being able to pass each other.

As I write this the area is in need of weed spraying and have asked the Council to schedule this ASAP. Its normally done about 3 times a year, focusing on the growing seasons.

I intend to build a list of road names to propose to the Council for the new Llanilltern Village. They will need streets, roads, closes, etc. If anyone would like to contribute with historic and local knowledge I would very much appreciate it. I was not happy with 'Regency Park' which was only a marketing name for the first phase of selling, but I hope for future names to be more in-keeping.

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

Planning Applications

18/00340/DCH 12/02/2018
Connolly Hse 128 Parc-Y-Fro,
Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9SB single
storey side extension 22/03/2018
Permission be granted.

17/03037/MNR 27/11/2017 Walrond
doc pant bungalow, 14 Heol-Y-
Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9QE
discharge of conditions 3 (external
finishing materials), 4 (means of site
enclosure), 5 (hard and soft
landscaping), 11 (gas monitoring)
and 12 (drainage scheme) of
16/02622/mnr 23/03/2018 Full
Discharge of Condition Discharge of
Conditions.

18/00491/DCH 08/03/2018
Devenish Cld 9 Clos Cefn Bychan,
Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9PF
PROPOSAL TO build new single
storey extension to rear of property
within 'permitted development'
criteria. 09/04/2018 Permission be
granted

18/00162/MNR 23/01/2018
Davidson Ful Ty Gwyn, 50 Cardiff
Road, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NL
change of use of approximately
150m² of agricultural land to
domestic garden 27/04/2018
Planning Permission be refused
Minor – Other Principal Uses.

17/03090/DCH 11/01/2018 Trigg
Hse 2 Station Houses, Station Road,
Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NH
Demolition of existing 1 storey lean
too, to be replaced by new 1 storey
extension. 29/03/2018 Permission
be granted.

18/00215/MNR 30/01/2018 Hce
Adventure Ltd Ful Hce Adventure
Limited Red Oak Creek Log Cabin,
Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau,
Cardiff, CF15 9ne construction of 3
no single storey log cabins
29/03/2018 Permission be granted.

18/00282/DCH 06/02/2018 Atkins
Hse 32 Heol-Y-Pentre, Pentyrch,
Cardiff, CF15 9QE single storey
front porch 06/04/2018 Permission
be granted.

18/00250/DCH 01/02/2018
Morrison Hse 2 The Grove, Cardiff
Road, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NL
single storey rear extension to
provide additional living & utility
areas 26/04/2018 Permission be
granted.

18/00392/DCH 19/02/2018 Jones
Hse 8 Clos Goch, Pentyrch, Cardiff,
Cf15 9ra New extension and garage
to accommodate future family
needs. 03/05/2018 Permission be

granted.

18/00429/MNR 22/02/2018 Land
adjacent to 1 penmaes, pentyrch
variation of condition 2 (amended plans)
of 17/01956/MNR – Minor Increase To
Ridge Height To Accommodate Partial
First Floor, Associated Alterations To
Windows And Improve Quality Of
External Materials. All As Shown On
Revised Drawings. Incorporate Solar
Panel To Comply With Building
Regulation Requirements 17/05/2018
Permission be granted.

17/02434/MNR 25/10/2017 Creigiau
Recreation Management Committee
Ful Recreation Fields, Changing
Rooms And Stores, Heol Pant-Y-
Gored, Creigiau, Cardiff, Cf15 9nf
Proposed Extension To The Existing
Changing Rooms /Pavillion Together
With The Installation Of A Perimeter
Footpath With Exercise
Workstations And A Multi Use
Games Area And Play Area
25/05/2018 Permission be granted.

18/00982/MNR 27/04/2018
Parachute Childcare Ltd Ful Unit 1 &
2, Rhydlafor Drive, St Fagans,
Cardiff, CF5 6HU insertion of new
windows and doors into existing
elevations and construction of
perimeter fence 01/06/2018



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Llanilltern Village Development.

The history of the new development area is that it lies partly in Llanilltern and partly in Llanwensan, a former chapelry of Peterston. Rice Merrick, Glamorgan's first historian, lived in Pencoed during the 1560s and he had the following to say about the locality:

*And that **Madog**, one of the sons of Iestyn, sometime lord of Glamorgan and Morgannwg, had the quiet possession of most of the lands which lay waste in the frontiers between both countries, unoccupied during the wars, and annexed to the lordship of Meisgyn, of whom, **Cynwrig**, a famous man, descended; of which **Cynwrig** sprang **Ieuan ap Dafydd ap Llywelyn Fychan** whose inheritance was divided amongst his four sons, viz. the house of Llanfair and the lands pertaining to the same to **Jenkin**, his eldest son. The house of **Pencoed** and Pantygored, with the lands thereunto belonging, to Thomas, his second son ...*

The part of the development area adjacent to the Llantrisant Road, comprises part of the inheritance of Thomas, the second son. However, the greater was, in the fifteenth century, a farm called Tir Fab Riallon which was part of the inheritance of Jenkin of Llanfair. By 1500 this farm had become known as Gwern y Bola and was the freehold of Robert ap Jenkin, a younger son of Jenkin of Llanfair. He appears in the genealogies as 'Robert of Gwern y Bola' and his farm, the name of which survives in the parcel of woodland called Coed Gwern y Bola, was half in Llanwensan and half in Llanilltern. It passed to his son Jenkin ap Robert and by 1540 to his grand daughters, Janetta f. Jenkin and her sister Denis f. Jenkin the two daughters and heirs of Jenkin.

Jenetta inherited the Llanilltern half

and Denis had the Llanwensan half. The latter's share was acquired by her kinsman, Richard Harry of Henstaff who was also a descendant of the famous Cynwrig. Jenett married Evan ap Cadwgan of Aberorchi in Ystradyfodwg and their son William Bevan Cadwgan was the freeholder of the Llanilltern half in 1570. Subsequently this was bought by John Aubrey of Pencoed who, in 1737, was renting it to a tenant farmer. By the mid 19th century the farm had been absorbed into the Pencoed tenancy and no trace remains above ground of Robert of Gwern y Bola's house.

Creigiau Cricket Club Ladies

It has been a fantastic start to Creigiau Ladies first ever cricket season.

Over 30 local ladies have signed up to learn a new sport, compete in tournaments, socialise with a new group of friends, and have lots of fun!

Thanks to Creigiau men's cricket team, for all the coaching and support they have provided. We couldn't have done it without you!

Here's to many more years of ladies cricket in Creigiau to come!

Mel

Creigiau Cricket Club Captains Blog

Creigiau 1st team find themselves in the hunt for promotion in Division 3 of the South East Wales Cricket league after four wins in the first five games. The second team, have fared slightly worse however but have notched up wins against Hopkinstown and Machen. The sides are looking to maintain the good start to the season, putting them in a strong position for a promotion push."

Tom

HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Hilltop's summer production on 21 - 23 June 2018 was Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew', with Hilltop venturing into Shakespeare for the very first time in its 16 year history! This was a comedy about Petruchio, a young Italian man, who wants to marry Katharina, a rich but unfriendly woman, with Petruchio 'taming' her until she becomes a desirable, compliant, and obedient bride.

Hilltop's next production will be a pantomime on 12th to 15th December 2018. We will be performing 'The Snow Queen', which is a stage musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's iconic tale about the struggle between good and evil experienced by young sisters trying to find their way in the world. Brave village girl Gerda sets out to rescue her best friend Kai before the Snow Queen freezes him forever. This is a great 'Frozen Tale' for all the family and a Christmas treat not to be missed!

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.

PROCESSIONS 2018



What a glorious and inspirational day was had on Sunday June 10th when 30,000 women/ girls from all over Wales participated in Processions 2018 in Cardiff to celebrate 100 years of women having the vote. They walked from Cardiff City Stadium, through town to Bute Park, simultaneously with women in Belfast, Edinburgh and London to create "a living portrait of UK women in the 21st century" decked in violet, white and green scarves to replicate the colours of the suffragette movement. Amongst the hundreds of impressive banners, Linda Coombes and Sue Gambarini were proud to carry that of Pentyrch WI.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Recently Taliesin one of our Year 5 pupils delivered a special assembly to the whole school a very



interesting presentation for the pupils and the staff to raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy. Everyone learnt a lot from Tal and they had an opportunity to ask him questions. You were amazing Tal - a very professional and informative presentation.

RUN A MILE FOR SPORTS RELIEF



At the end of March all pupils came to school in their sports kit ready to run a mile for Sports Relief. The yard was a hive of activity all afternoon as the pupils and staff ran, jogged and walked to raise an awareness of the work that Sports Relief undertakes. The pupils raised £345.70. Fantastic effort!

MEETING THE LIFEGUARDS



Recently two Lifeguards delivered an assembly on how to stay safe in the water. They shared their knowledge and their experiences with our Year 3 and 4 pupils.

NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Kath Fisher for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital joined our assembly one Friday to speak with the pupils about the hospital and to thank them all for raising £618.95 for the charity.

EASTER ART COMPETITION



A few weeks ago, Ceri Brockway, Marketing Manager at Queens Arcade, Cardiff, visited school to announce the winners of the Easter Art Competition. With so many 'eggcellent' eggs to choose from it proved very difficult for the judges to only choose three winners so, as well as picking the top three winners from all entries as planned, they also decided to award additional prizes to each school as well as Highly Commended certificates. We did exceptionally well as a school. Of all Cardiff Schools that competed we won: 1st in the Giant Egg Competition created by our Nursery and Meithrinfa pupils. We were awarded a £200 Argos gift voucher. A 2nd for Gwenno, Dosbarth 5, in the overall competition - she won a £50 gift Voucher for the school.

We entered over 350 pieces of artwork into the competition which were exhibited in the Queens Arcade over the Easter Holiday. Here are the school winners:

1st - Gwenno, Dosbarth 5, 2nd - Harry, Dosbarth 2 & a 3rd - Mattias, Class 1. They all received a beautiful art set.

Dan, Class 3, Olivia, Dosbarth 5, Nikolaos, Class 4, Dexter, Class 4 and Florence, Nursery, were all awarded a Highly Commended Certificate.

Congratulations to all who competed!

URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD



During half term pupils from Creigiau school competed at the National Urdd Eisteddfod at Builth Wells. Elain, Dosbarth 2, (Recitation first language under 8s) and Ffion, Class 6, (Recitation for Welsh learners Year 5&6) both performed brilliantly. Hannah, Class 4, won the Recitation for Welsh Learners Year 3&4 competition on the Monday. The Recitation Group for Welsh Learners came second. We are very proud of all the pupils who competed and represented the school to such a high standard.

SCHOOL CHOIR



On a Wednesday afternoon in April members of our school Choir walked to the Church Hall to entertain the 'Creigiau Companions'. The pupils sang, recited and played musical instruments during their performance. The pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience and received lovely feedback from all who attended. Many thanks to the Creigiau Companions for inviting the school and for the warm welcome.

BE THE CHANGE' ASSEMBLY



Katie from the WE organisation delivered a 'Be the Change' assembly to Key Stage 2 pupils this term. It was a very informative assembly that highlighted how the organisation's members use their talents and skills to help others. All pupils participated well and listened to Katie's stories about her work and her experiences abroad. We learned that the WE Villages have five Pillars of Impact: Education, Water, Health, Food and Opportunity. The Eco Committee and the School Council also undertook workshops with Katie. They focussed on water in Developing Countries. This term we will be holding a 'Water Week' during which we will be focussing on water activities and fund raising for the charity.

CAKE SALE



The Friends of the School have organised three very successful Bake Sales after school this term. A big thank you to parents of our Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils for arranging and donating the cakes.

VISITORS FROM FRANCE



On June 5th 22 pupils and 5 adults from a small school in Aunac, Charente visited school. Mrs Pritchard arranged their visit following communication between the French pupils and pupils in Dosbarth 5 and 6. They enjoyed visiting many classrooms during the afternoon and participated in the Eco Committee and School Council meetings after school. At 5pm we held a special party to welcome them to school. Pupils from Class 5 and 6 and Dosbarth 5 and 6 were also invited. They all had a fabulous time meeting new friends and watching Iestyn and Morus (two former pupils) clog dance. They even

learnt a traditional folkdance! What fun! Many thanks to all our pupils who attended the evening - you were a credit to the school. Also

LITERACY SUCCESS



Class 5 pupils' literacy work has been selected to be published in a 'Young Writers' book titled 'Toy Stories Adventures from Wales'. Congratulations Class 5! We look forward to reading your work soon.

SCHOOL VISITS

Many classes have experienced exciting school trips this term. Our Year 6 pupils visited St. Fagans to learn more about life during the Victorian era. Year 4 pupils had a fantastic trip when they visited Hampton Court. They started from school at 6am and returned just before 7pm! It was a long and tiring day but they all said that it was the best trip ever! Year 3 pupils visited Margam Discovery Centre and learned many facts about life as a Celt. They also visited Cog Moors to participate in 'pond dipping' and 'orienteering' activities. Year 1 visited the Owl Sanctuary at Ebbw Vale. They enjoyed a whole host of activities and learned many facts about owls and birds of prey. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were thrilled to be able to handle some of the birds. Our Year 5 pupils visited 1940's Swansea Bay Experience to learn more about the Second World War. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help out on the trip

DISCO DANCING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the two Disco Dancing squads who competed in the Urdd Dance Eisteddfod at Barry Memorial Hall in March. The standard of dancing was very high and both squads performed excellently and were placed third and joint fourth. They also performed under the bright lights of St. David's Hall as part of the Rubicon Dance Festival in March. The team performed brilliantly and this was reflected in the audience's response.



Last term two teams of dancers attended the Cardiff Schools Dance Competition at The Warehouse in Cardiff. Both troops performed brilliantly as did the individuals who competed in the Freestyle Competition. Congratulations on the brilliant performances! Thank you very much to Mrs Tewkesbury and Miss Ryall for coaching them and thank you to parents and families for their support.

many thanks to all the staff for supplying the food and a special thank you to Mrs Pritchard for organising the event.

SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD

A little later than planned, due to the inclement weather, we celebrated St David's Day by hosting our School Eisteddfod. All pupils had prepared various items to perform during the day and pupils from each class were rewarded for their art work and literacy work. It was a fantastic day and after a close fought battle the winning house was Iestyn. We were extremely proud of all our pupils for their enthusiastic attitude throughout the day and for showing their support for members in their own house as well as members of other houses. Very impressive indeed!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



In March we celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight at school. Pupils dressed in yellow clothing and the Enterprise group sold Fairtrade bananas at break time. Many thanks to Sainsbury's in Pontypridd and Bridgend for donating the bananas.

SKIING SUCCESS



In March Ffion, Class 6, returned from training with the British Ski Academy in Italy. As part of Ffion's success during the GBR series last year, she was awarded a bursary to train with the Academy. She represented Creigiau in the British Schools Winter Games at Pila where she came 2nd in the Giant Slalom and 3rd in Slalom. In the Artemis British Inter-Schools Ski Challenge Ffion came 4th in Slalom against some very tough Swiss competition, and 2nd in her Year of Birth. In the English Alpine Championships at Bormio in the Combi Slalom she again came 2nd in her Year of Birth. What an achievement.

ECO NEWS

The Eco Committee have recently been busy picking litter around the village. They were amazed at how much litter is being dropped around the village. Well done to all who helped keep Creigiau clean and a tidy village. The focus of their Green Flag action plan this year is water therefore they walked to Tesco to take water samples from the stream in the village. As you may be aware Cardiff hosted its biggest ever car-free day on Sunday May 13th. To celebrate this our Eco Committee held our very own Car Free Day on Tuesday May 15th. Members of our Eco Committee designed posters to encourage everyone to leave their car at home and to walk to school. As with our Walk to School initiative if pupils live too far from school to walk, we encourage parents to remember to 'Park Safe, Walk Safe'. The Eco Committee were extremely thankful for everyone's support.

MORE SKIING SUCCESS

In May three pupils from school competed at the National Schools Indoor Open Ski Championships 2018 held at Snowzone, Castleford. They had a very successful competition. Ffion, Class 6, won the U12 Female race, Lily, Dosbarth 3, was 5th in the U10 Female race and Will, Dosbarth 6, was 15th in the U12 Male race. They were awarded 5th place overall as a team representing Creigiau Primary School. There were 27 schools from all over Britain competing - very impressive indeed. Due to their ranking, Ffion and Lily have been selected for the British Schools squad 2018 -19. Well done Girls!



EUROPEAN CHALLENGE CUP



There was great excitement in our whole school assembly when Mr Danny Wilson, Head Coach at Cardiff Blues, (and more importantly Ella's father in Dosbarth 2), visited with the European Challenge Cup. Cardiff defeated Gloucester in the final minutes of the game by 31-30 in Bilbao on May 12th to be crowned the European Challenge Cup Champions. Many thanks for bringing the cup to show us Mr. Wilson and for answering so many of our pupils' questions!

TAG & TACKLING RUGBY TOURNAMENT



In March four teams (both tag and contact rugby) competed in the Urdd Tournament held at Llandaff Fields. All teams played excellently with one girls' tag team coming 2nd. They went on to represent Cardiff and The Vale in the Urdd finals held at Aberystwyth in May. The

ten girls excelled themselves with their impressive ball handling skills and enthusiasm. They reached the semi-final and were narrowly defeated. Fantastic girls! Many thanks to Mr Bean and Mr Balbini for coaching the girls. Many thanks also to everyone who came to support the team - a very successful day in the sunshine!

CARDIFF SCHOOLS 2017-18 CAPS

Three pupils from school have successfully represented the school on numerous occasions as part of Cardiff School's Rugby squad. In a recent presentation ceremony Huw, Dosbarth 6, Matthew and Frazer, Class 6, were presented with their Cardiff Schools 2017-2018 Cap. Excellent boys!



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

During Cardiff and Vale SFA's presentation evening Calum, Class 3, was named as Player of the Year for the Under 8's Academy squad. Fantastic Calum!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Two pupils from school have been selected to join Cardiff School's Rugby squad 2018 - 19. Congratulations to Iestyn, Dosbarth 5 and Max, Class 5. What an achievement

URDD CROSS COUNTRY



In May sixteen of our Key Stage 2 pupils competed in the Urdd Cross Country held in Aberystwyth. They all ran excellently. Our Year 5 Girls Team came 1st and our Year 5 Boys Team

came 3rd. A very successful day! Many thanks to the parents and friends who went along to support.

Pentrych Open Gardens Weekend

What a lovely weekend going around seeing the most amazing gardens! Thank you all who opened for us all to see!

Would also like to thank everyone who took the time to buy some cakes, elderflower cordial and to have a nice chat with our girls and their friend! They had a little cake stall outside our house. They were raising money for cancer research and with your help raised £45! Diolch. Bethan Webb and Chris Hobbs



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The football season has finished now but we ended on a high! We now have over 270 children in our club and teams across all age groups. Our kids have trained hard and taken part in



sponsored walks, matches most week, a few tournaments and even an away tour for some.

We had our annual Fun Day and presentations on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May. It was even bigger than last year as we had over 1000 people join in the fun and activities. The Bounce Zone had a new Toddlers Zone to keep the little ones as happy as the big kids! We had a visit from Whitchurch Fire Brigade and JPJ School of Dance. We were supported by Pentyrch Cricket who set up their bowling machine and

Pentyrch Art Group 23rd Annual Exhibition



Pentyrch Art Group held their 23rd Annual Exhibition on May 20th, and would like to thank everyone who came and helped to make it such a successful day. Almost 300 people visited during the course of the day, and we were delighted by the many lovely comments left in our visitor's book. We exhibited 200 paintings, 63 of which were sold- thank you!

We had a demonstration recently, by professional watercolour artist and teacher Alison Fennell. We welcomed 10 non members to this and it was a really enjoyable demo. We shall be having a demonstration by artist Rebecca O'Dwyer on Monday, October 8th, to which non members are again invited. The meeting is in the Village Hall from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm, a small fee of £2 is payable.

We recently had a successful exhibition at Garth Olwg, and are hoping to continue to exhibit at The King's Arms when the new landlord takes over. Our thanks again to Owen (and good wishes for the future) for his support during his time at the King's.

Anne Peebles

Pentyrch Tennis had their open day too. With the licensed bar in the Rugby Club this was a real community event! New this year was a treasure hunt, a tin can alley, darts and guess the balloons in the car along with the ever popular tug of war, barrow of booze raffle, penalty shoot out, splat the rat, roll a ball, chocolate bar game, kids tombola and of course face painting and tattoos. The BBQ and cake stalls were as popular as ever as was the ice cream van, slush machine and candy floss. Families came with their picnic blankets and camped out for the afternoon in the sunshine knowing their kiddies were happy playing. A massive thank you to everyone who donated prizes and helped make the day such a success.

We are looking to grow our club across most of the age groups so if you have a son or daughter interested in joining please get in touch - email stefkean@hotmail.com for more information.

GWAELOD Y GARTH INN CO-OPERATIVE OWNERSHIP



In April 2018 a small group of Gwaelod Y Garth residents gathered to discuss potential purchase of the Gwaelod Y Garth Inn. With support from the current owners, Richard & Barbara, a committee has been formed to push forward a community buy out of the pub; the group is supported by the Wales Cooperative Centre who are offering advice and guidance.

We are in early stages, establishing what is entailed, but are positive it is possible and achievable as in various pubs across the UK. With your support, we are determined to make this happen. An 'informal' committee with a range of skills has been established, a project group capable and able to deliver successfully. We work closely with The Wales Cooperative Centre, who have already worked on similar projects. On

PENTYRCH CRICKET CLUB

The club continues to welcome new players of all ages and abilities and contact details are below or just pop along to the club for a chat. For information the Saturday league season does not end until the 8th September so plenty of games to enjoy so come along any Saturday. We also have many Sunday friendlies and the new innovation of "Sunday Smash" fixtures for those who like a more relaxed informal approach to their cricket.

However, the undoubted success this year has not only been a thriving junior section with all age groups playing good junior league cricket but the immense impact of the ALL STARS cricket initiative for 5-8 year olds on Wednesday nights at 6.15 pm with around 70 boys and girls enjoying the fun. The whole initiative is a joy to behold.

The club will be holding its annual FESTIVAL DAY and 6 A SIDE tournament on Sunday 26th August.

Contact details – for Seniors (Alan on 07731 758438), for Juniors (Simon on 07815 310997) and All Stars (Hywel on 07738 679348).

Thank You Amber

Thank you to Amber Gunel for organising a last-minute litter pick prior to Pentyrch Open Gardens. Also for being our local good Samaritan. Your willingness to help others have been appreciated by many.

we wish you and your family best wishes in your move to Ascot and hope you will be very happy. We will miss you

the 4th July, the committee will visit The Bell Inn, Bath, a pub that has successfully achieved this with circa 500 of its customers and workers now owning the pub.

In the summer there will be an open evening/forum at the Gwaelod Y Garth Inn where the committee and the Wales Cooperative Centre will answer questions. We encourage everyone to attend, and ask for your support in spreading the word, telling friends, family and colleagues.

We want to keep this vital community hub alive, hoping it will add further value to our community. As owners of the pub, we can encourage a stronger community spirit and enhance what the pub offers, focusing on wellbeing amongst residents and encouraging more visitors to the area. We are still fact-finding and not able to answer many of questions, but will endeavour to do this at the public meeting.

Information will be posted on the village Facebook page on Twitter @GwaelodInnCoop and on Instagram @gwaelodinncoop



It's been another hectic few weeks at Pentyrch Primary School.

Summer Sunshine

The whole school have been making the most of the summer sunshine.



As part of this work we organised an outdoor learning day across the school.



Highlights include an outdoor learning day, while the entrance to Years 1&2 have been totally transformed.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor learning programme. Pupils have taken full advantage of the summer sunshine to take part in a wide selection of educational outdoor activities.

Children, inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy, created their own works, using a range of equipment, tools and outdoor materials.



Under close supervision children cut and sawed pieces of wood to make their own creations.



Green-fingered youngsters have been sowing seeds, digging holes, planting, watering, and keeping a close eye on their plants.



Key Stage Two brought some much needed muscle to hammer in our new raised beds.



While the Foundation Phase were busy putting their art works together,

Peak Condition



Year 4 scaled the heights at Boulders climbing centre while Year 5 have been making and marketing their own business products.

Playing their part



Year 3 pieced together the human body, even using fresh produce from the local butchers to make their investigations even more realistic!

Website



Our website has undergone an impressive revamp, keeping the school community fully up-to-date with the latest news and information.

Digital Parenting Magazine

On the school's website is a link for the Digital Parenting magazine. This publication series is available free online and gives very valuable tips and information to help parents in today's digital media era.



Follow the link on the school website or search online for "Digital Parenting"

Good Deeds

Pentyrch Primary School came up with a great idea by asking some of their pupils to complete a good deed and hopefully this idea will be contagious. Here are some examples we have heard of:-



James and Robert who left flowers on the doorstep of two lovely local ladies. The ladies in question were over the moon and said it made their day



Alice Ryall, aged 7, and in year 2 at Pentyrch primary, helped our neighbours plant some flowers in their front garden- she then watered them and even swept up the

soil on the pavement afterwards. She really enjoyed her good deed and was keen to keep helping people

Shane & Ellie have been out litter picking .. 4 bags of rubbish from two streets. This is what they decided to do for their Pay it Forward task from School



Holly who took a basket of toys and teddies to the Noah's ark children's hospital.

Josh Philips thought it was a nice to make chocolate brownies for his neighbour who works hard helping others.

Live & Griff also made cake for their neighbours.

Thanks to one of the mums Denise Probert who has since offered on several occasions to help us in the Council library.

We could all carry out a kind gesture. Why not give it a go. Well done to all who carried out good deeds.

If you know of somebody who has carried out good deeds why not let us know. Maybe we could see an epidemic of good deeds

Friends of

Pentyrch School Association



We're almost at the end of another fun-packed fundraising year for Pentyrch School. The Easter Egg Hunt, Bake Sale for the Royal Wedding and the Summer Fete all proved to be enjoyable events for the children whilst raising money for the school. We had an amazing turnout at the Summer Fete despite the weather! The children made the most of soaking teachers and parents in the Soggy Stocks, had their hair sprayed in various colours and tucked in to some yummy food from the BBQ. The fete raised almost £1200 which will all be used to provide new resources for the children in our wonderful school. Thankyou to everyone who helped in the lead up to the fete, volunteered their time on the day and joined us to help raise the money. A big thankyou to all the businesses who donated prizes for our raffle. With money raised this year FOPSA have been able to purchase a range of gardening equipment and resources to improve the garden area for the school. The children have been working extremely hard on this over the last couple of months and are thriving on being outdoors! Thankyou to all who have generously donated items to help with this. Lucy O'Leary and the FOPSA Team

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Pentyrch Primary School Garden

With funds raised by FOPSA, we have been able to provide gardening equipment and resources to improve the garden areas in school. The worked carried out by teachers and parents has made a big difference to the areas the children are working in. We were very fortunate to receive a large donation of plants from Pugh's Garden Centre which have transformed our raised planters. We have painted existing structures in the school playground and field in vibrant colours to complement the flowers. The children have been busy planting seeds to watch the plants grow. They will be able to use these areas for years to come and spend a lot of time outdoors which is invaluable in their development. As a school we have been blown away by the generosity of the local community and all those who have donated items and/or time to this project! The pictures show the current progress and difference to when we first started. Please keep a look out for future articles on the finished garden!

Lucy O'Leary and the FOPSA Team in association with Pentyrch Primary School



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Garth Rotary Club



Garth Rotary is a newly formed club serving communities of Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth also supporting National and International charities. Meetings are held in the Lewis Arms, Pentyrch on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month.

Membership of Garth Rotary Club has steadily increased and one of our first projects has come to a successful conclusion. Thanks to a great effort by Pentyrch Pharmacist, Kiu Chan, local Rotary fund raising and support from National Rotary and Welsh Hearts Charity, a defibrillator has been provided outside Pentyrch Pharmacy. Hopefully this will be a great asset to the community and may well one day be instrumental in saving a life.

A litter pick on Porthcawl Beach concentrating on plastic waste has taken place and there are plans for future similar activities.

Restoration of a wildlife pond at a local care home has progressed and is on-going.

Longest Day Golf Challenge at Creigiau Golf Club

On Monday, 16th July, three local residents, Phil Andrews, Ian Roberts and Jason Hill and one former resident, Darren King set out to play 72 holes of golf at Creigiau Golf Club in a fund raising exercise for three well deserving charities – Bloodwise, Macmillan and Velindre. All had personal reasons for supporting such worthy causes.

The first tee shot was made at 5.00 a.m. and the final putt sunk at 9.15 p.m. The quartet acknowledge and appreciate the Golf Club's generous offer of the courtesy of the course for Jason and Darren, two non-members. Under the colourful banner of the "Mighty Green Quins", and dressed accordingly, a mighty effort produced some very good golf, some average, and some not so, but all kept going and after the best part of twenty plus miles, several lost balls, and some sore feet, were in good heart on the



final green as the 'photo reveals. Their quest was to raise £1500, and are well on their way to reaching that target. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so, adding any appropriate personal message, by visiting the website: www.jstgiving.com.

CREIGIAU WI – CHARITY GARDEN PARTY

On Tuesday 24th July Creigiau WI held a charity garden party in support of an ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) Project to help young women living around a municipal garbage dump in the slum area of Guatemala City, Guatemala. The WI's aim, nationwide, is to raise enough money to provide vocational training for 45 of these disadvantaged women, who will then become part of the area's social programme and a network of continuous support for others in their community. Creigiau WI meets at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) in Creigiau Church Hall. Ladies! Do pop along and find out what we are up to!

Social activities such as skittles and football-golf have taken place at Whitchurch and Tongwynlais.

We have plans for further social events and worthwhile community projects during the summer. If you are interested in joining in any of our activities please contact Charles on charles@fairwoodtrust.com or view Garth Rotary Club on facebook or at <https://ygarthrotary.wordpress.com>

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The LAN Project team has Marc Palmer, of Cardiff Holiday Homes, to thank for funding bluebells, snowdrops and wild flowers for School Lane and the LAN. As ever, Cardiff Ranger Richie came to supervise and help with planting. This



visit, he was accompanied by Nicholas, on placement from Spain. Doug Castle, Sara Thorne and Marc Palmer braved the rain to help, sowing seeds on a less wild day. Earlier, we heard that the Lan team had been selected for free wild flowers from Kew Gardens, in its Grow Wild scheme. The packs we received contained around a hundred pounds of seed, which are being planted by the school Eco group in the school field and elsewhere. They were not suitable for the shade of the Lan, but with luck, some will also grow on School Lane. We are extremely restricted on what we can do in Lan woodland, which Cardiff feels need time to regenerate after the felling when the Lan itself was back-filled with concrete to prevent subsidence and Main Road falling into it! There were also safety concerns related to illegal entry. Again this year, the Village Hall Committee has given generously to the Lan Project. We extend our thanks to them. The savings are building and we hope, as time goes on, to provide another seat at the Lan. Our team of helpers turns up regularly on CCC supervised work days. Other helpers would be welcomed. Watch out for dates on the Village page and the Lan History page.

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32nd Pentyrch Hill Race

The rains fell all day: the gale-force wind blew. Mostly club athletes this year, competing in the South Wales Region championships to gain county representative honours.

158 entries, the timekeeper, and yours truly, acting as starter, braved the elements to the starting point in the centre of the village.

At 7 pm on the dot, the runners set off on their 7 mile 1600 feet climb through some of the most attractive and picturesque countryside in the area. Unfortunately visibility was down to less than a hundred yards. But off they went, splashing through inches deep water. In the forest they were slipping in inches deep mud on a 1:3 slope. Over the top of the Garth and down the north side, athletes were amazed to find that water can hold just below the surface even on a steep downhill gradient. Aquaplaning down that field is far from exhilarating in a gale and blinding rain. Off the fields, past the St John Ambulance first response vehicle and into Lan farm. "Is there any more climbing?"

asked a pleading male voice. "I didn't like to tell him," said the marshal later. Through the farmyard and up the scarp slope of the mountain to the trig point and the encouraging, "Just a mile to go".

154 athletes finished the most demanding race we have had in its 32nd staging. To a person they were highly complimentary of the marshalling.

CLWB Y DWRLYN

Mae Clwb y Dwrllyn wedi parhau i fod yn weithgar yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf. Daeth yr eira i darfu ar drefniadau ein Cinio Gwyl Ddewi ond llwyddwyd i aildrefnu a chroesawu y Dr Deri Tomos a fu'n athro Biocemeg Ffisiolegol yn y brifysgol ym Mangor atom. Cynhaliwyd y cinio yng Nghlwb Golf Creigiau.

Croesawyd Lyn a Dylan Ebenezer atom i'n cyfarfod ym mis Mai a chafwyd noson hynod ddifyr yng nghwmni'r tad a'r mab wrth iddynt hel atgofion am Eisteddfodau'r gorffennol yn eu dull unigryw eu hunain.

Ym mis Mehefin aeth criw ohonom ar ein taith flynyddol i'r gorllewin ac i Aberystwyth eleni. Cafwyd cyfle i chwarae golff, ymweld â'r llyfrgell genedlaethol yn ogystal â cherdded o gwmpas y dref ac ar ran o lwybr yr arfordir. Roedd hefyd yn gyfle i rai a fu'n fyfyrwyr yn y coleg ger y lli i hel atgofion a throedio hen lwybrau!

Clwb y Dwrllyn has continued to be active in recent months. The snow came to disrupt the arrangements of our St David's Day Lunch but it was possible to reorganize and welcome Dr Deri Tomos, who was a Physiological Biochemist at Bangor University. The lunch was held at Creigiau Golf Club.

In May we welcomed Lyn Ebenezer a prolific author and his son, Dylan, the popular television sports presenter entertained us at the rugby club It was a very entertaining evening in the company of the father and son as they recalled memories of past Eisteddfod in their own unique way.

In June, a group of us went on our annual tour to the west and this year we visited Aberystwyth. There was an opportunity to play golf, visit the national library, a walk around the town and on the part of the coastal path. It was also an opportunity for some of the former students of the college to recall and recall old paths!

"Virtually every marshal had words of encouragement." To hear such words is a great boost to all involved in staging the race. A man stopped his car as he left the club house and said: "First class organisation. Thank you. A pleasure to run. Thank the marshals."

From me, thanks to everybody who was involved: the marshals, timekeepers, recorders, race referee, typists, entries takers, camera operator, St John Ambulance, and the police who for 32 years have given us support with a smile.

Let me finish with an athlete's comment. "Thank the marshals, they were great. I felt sorry for them. We were all right because we were moving, but they were standing still!"

If anyone wishes to see the results and to see extensive photographs of the event, please follow the links on the Parish website: www.parihofpentyrch.org.uk
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Badminton

We are hoping to start our Ladies Badminton Group up again on the 12 September and would be pleased to see you there. We meet up every Wednesday except the first Weds of the month as this is WI. We play from 8.00pm till 9.30 and have some rackets we can lend you. If interested telephone Ann on 02920 891567.

PENTYRCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (PNW) NEWSLETTER

CHURCH ROAD

In providing an update on this dangerous road we should start by thanking the growing number of drivers who are now driving more slowly along the road and around the blind bends. However, the cutting of corners is still happening. It is only a matter of time before a serious head on collision occurs. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY around these bends.

PNW was promised that some work would take place on Church Rd immediately following similar work on Tynant Rd in Creigiau. The latter is now complete so we are asking our County Council to be true to their word and start on Church Rd without delay BUT with one caveat. Users of Tynant Rd will have noticed the welcome introduction of kerb stones. Unfortunately their location has made the road more narrow making passing oncoming vehicles even more difficult. We do not want this to happen on Church Rd

COLD CALLERS & ROGUE TRADERS

In an attempt to stop these people preying on older people and those living alone we have obtained a limited supply of stickers which can be displayed on or near your front door. Some PNW reps will be putting these through letter boxes near them but they will also be available from our Community Council office weekdays between 9.30 and 1.0pm. Above all don't buy from door step sellers.

CREDIT CARD HOLDERS

The 100 holders we made available to villagers proved to be a huge success with all being taken up within just two days. As a consequence PNW has purchased another 400. Our finances dictate that we must now make a nominal charge of just 50p per holder. This represents excellent value for money so you need to move quickly to get one. They are an extremely effective way of stopping someone simply brushing past you and cloning your card details via a hidden machine. Our local Pharmacy has very kindly offered to once again act as a collection point. Holders will be available by the time you receive your Community Link.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING ALERT

There have been a number of incidents in Cardiff where a person purporting to be a London Police Officer has contacted a resident by phone. They say that their bank account has been compromised & that they need to withdraw the money at the bank & make a deposit into another account or wait for a person to collect it from their home address.

They have been instructed not to tell anyone as the bank staff are suspected.

THIS IS A SCAM!

Police Officers or other officials will NEVER ring a person asking them to withdraw money. Please treat any such calls as scams and report to police & ACTION FRAUD on 0300 123 2040 immediately.

HGV's

We are again seeing an increase in the number of HGV's using Pentyrch as a short cut. Indications are that numbers will grow at least for the duration of house building around our village and when Creigiau quarry reopens. These vehicles drive at speed past the school and on other roads especially by the Lewis Arms. Villagers are urged to report the vehicles to 101 with the registration plate details and ideally a mobile phone photo. Please help us in our efforts to discourage these vehicles.

'OFF ROAD' BIKES (IF ONLY THEY WERE)

These are a menace to villagers especially those living on/around Heol Goch. These very noisy 'bikers' use the roads at speed on their way to trespass on the private land owned by the 2 quarries off Pentyrch Hill and used by ramblers. The Police are aware of the problem and taking action but they need your help. If you know who these 'bikers' are or, if you see one, try and get a description of the bike/rider (a mobile photo is very helpful) and call 101 detailing the date, time and location.

SCAMS AND YET MORE SCAMS

Bogus phone calls, emails, letters and texts etc are the bane of our lives causing much distress, not to mention financial loss to victims. We have highlighted many scams in previous newsletters and on the Community Facebook page. They include bogus 'invoices' supposedly from large companies like Amazon and other retailers, pension scams, threats of legal action by 'HMRC' or tax refunds, false texts from EE about alleged account problems and scam TV subscription deals. The latest is a call from someone claiming to be a Police Officer to say you have been, or are being, a victim of a scam and persuaded to move your savings to another location which is then syphoned off by the scammer. We repeat our previous advice. Don't open email attachments from someone you don't know or reply to the email, your bank will never call and ask you for your PIN number or ask you to pass it to a courier, don't Google an address when you can get it elsewhere, don't ring a caller back to verify their number without calling a friend first as the scammer will not have put the phone down at their end meaning your call will go to the scammer, don't believe letters claiming you have won a fortune best of all DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY NO AND HANG UP.



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'Busy Times!!'

As I write this it is the start of Learning Disability Week in the UK but my work in this field goes on throughout the year. I attended the World Congress of Inclusion International in Birmingham from 30th May to 2nd June this year in my role as the Council member for Europe for this world-wide organisation. The event was attended by over 1000 delegates from 70 countries providing a unique opportunity for self-advocates, family members and professionals from around the world to develop strong links in order to promote inclusion for people with learning disabilities wherever they live. I was invited to lead one of the sessions, together with a colleague from Africa, on 'How to be a good supporter', as well as being a facilitator in several other sessions. At the General Assembly, held at the end of the Congress, I was delighted to be re-elected as the Council representative for Europe for another four years. So, after attending events in Rome, Madrid, Prague, Brussels (twice!) and Lisbon in the past year, I guess I had better not put the suitcase away yet!!! I have also recently been involved in the making of an ITV Wales programme for the 'Wales this Week' series called 'The End of Down's?' which examined what life is like for a

number of people with Down's Syndrome living in Wales. Some of the filming took place in the Community Council offices and Deb Hunt featured, with me, in a video piece about my various roles, including being a Community Councillor, which appeared on the ITV Wales Facebook and Twitter pages. It has apparently had over 350,000 views on the internet world-wide so Deb had better keep an eye out for that Oscar nomination!!



I was also asked to do a live interview on ITV Wales News, previewing the programme, and discussing the new blood test which is being made available to expectant mothers in Wales. It was the lead item on the Wales news that day and I was interviewed by Andrea Byrne. I argued strongly that it was vital that, alongside the test, expectant mothers received accurate and balanced information about conditions like Down's Syndrome in order to assist them in making the best decisions for

them about how they wished to respond to the test results.

Following that experience I was asked by ITV Wales to join their Diversity and Inclusion Panel, which meets several times a year, to review how well the organisation meets its obligations to diversity and inclusion in its programme making. I was able to put the case for how important it was for ITV Wales to cover more issues around learning disability in the future.

The day after that interview I was guest speaker at Pencoed Womens' Institute monthly meeting and quite a few of the ladies had a 'double-take' having seen me on the news the night before! I have given many talks to WI groups over the past two years, including to the groups in all our villages. I feel this is a good opportunity to challenge perceptions about Down's Syndrome and learning disability in our communities and I always receive a wonderful welcome.

It doesn't look as if the coming year is going to be any less busy than the past year for me but it is work that I thoroughly enjoy and, hopefully, I will be able to go on 'pushing the boundaries' in many more different areas in the future!!

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AFTER THE CAMPING PARTY



Gail Stewart is possibly Gwaelod y Garth's most intrepid litter picker, but even she was defeated by the rubbish left recently in Coed y Bedw woods after a camping party. Amongst a scattering of cans, broken bottles, rubbish and a broken, bulging back bin bag, there were also insanitary objects and some evidence of drug taking. There is a burn at the root of a tree where a camp fire is likely to have been lit.

A post on the village page brought both resident disgust and immediate offers of help from Anna and Macca, residents of Georgetown. They collected six or seven bin bags of detritus, ending up with heavy, unmanageable bags. Even after extensive rubbish picking, the area was felt to pose a danger to both walkers and dogs. Defeated by scattered glass and insanitary objects, help was

CANTORION CREIGIAU SINGERS
Cantorion Creigiau, our local mixed choir, was invited to perform at the Radyr Festival on May 5th at Radyr Golf Club. The choir entertained a full audience with a varied repertoire of English and Welsh pieces, interspersed with solos and duets from the much loved music of Ivor Novello. We were pleased to include new choristers who had attended rehearsals to join us in this concert, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The evening also raised funds for The Alzheimers Society. The audience and organisers were so pleased with the evening's entertainment that the choir was immediately booked to

requested from CCC. The site will be made safe by its enforcement team. One camper enquired on line re lost personal possessions. It led to an apology from her on behalf of the group, saying their cars had not been big enough to take it home. It is a credit to her that a few days later, she alone came to pick up remaining rubbish. It might be easier for residents and the LA to turn a blind eye to camping if those involved left no rubbish. Thanks are due to CCC Gavin Hill John, to Helena at the PCC and to Gail, Anna and Mac for their afternoon of community service.

return next May 2019. In June the choir entertained residents in the Bryn Ivor Lodge Care Home Castleton, and in August choristers will join the Eisteddfod Choir at the opening concert at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay on Sunday August 5th. Following successful concerts in Amsterdam 2016, the choir are pleased to have been invited to sing in the Malta International Christmas Festival in December for which a decision is pending. The choir rehearses in the upstairs room at Creigiau Golf Club, Sundays 7.30--9.00 with the option of socialising in the bar downstairs afterwards.

New members, particularly tenor or bass, are warmly welcomed to come along and join us. see our website www.cantorion-creigiau.com. Or on facebook www.facebook.com/cantorioncreigiausingers/ To book us for a concert, contact Varion Gapper tel 01443 207923 variongapper@gmail.com We break on July 15th and recommence on Sunday September 9th when we look forward to another year of singing, entertaining and raising funds for charities. Jane Williams

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Creigiau Carnival 2018 Herors & Villains

The weather could not have been better on June 30th for the Creigiau Carnival. Surely this years event attracted a record number of attendees. These are just some images of the day to remember



The Cutest Minion on the day



The Judges, Carnival King, Queen and attendants



Creigiau Minions



Pentyrch Open Gardens

Wow! What a fabulous weekend! The weather was absolutely perfect for the several hundred visitors from all over Wales, USA and across the Severn Bridge (they were surprised it was dry in Wales!). I would like to thank all the visitors, the Open Gardens Committee members,



Carol Saint (refreshments) and everyone who volunteered for just an hour, a whole day or even the whole weekend or provided cakes. The positive comments about Pentyrch and its community were lovely to hear and the gardens were deemed to be AMAZING. Next year it will be our 20th Anniversary of Pentyrch Open Gardens – it would be lovely to have a bumper year so get planning your gardens now

please. Thanks to too everyone who don't open their gardens but makes sure their front gardens are also looking lovely – we do appreciate it. Wales Air Ambulance was our chosen charity this year and 50% of our profits from the weekend will go to them at the AGM in October.



Helen Edwards 07787890284

Creigiau Companions, The Retired Persons' Club

If you are stuck for something to do for a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon, why not join us in the Church Hall in Creigiau at 2 p.m.?

What do we do? Let me tell you firstly about the group that gathers. We are about 45 in total and normally have about 32 at a meeting which is every fortnight. We are from various backgrounds, with various interests and various ages – from about 60 to 93 years of age. (We are quite happy to have younger people joining us!)

So what do we get up to? We have a speaker almost every meeting, who will address us for about 45 minutes and with questions that may be an hour. We then have time to socialise, where, over a cup of tea and biscuits, we can discuss, in small groups, things that interest us or it may be just a chat with our neighbours, some say gossip, but I could never condone such a thing!

What topics do our speakers cover? We have recently had a trip to Brecon including with a journey and lunch on the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal. During the rest of the summer and autumn, topics include: R.N.L.I; a summer lunch; a bassoonist from WNO; the Italians in Wales; the Amelia Trust; a missionary talking about working with the underprivileged in Cambodia (This will be Jeanne's fourth visit, so popular has been.) That will give you a taste of our programme – mentioning "taste" we also have a Christmas lunch. The afternoon costs you £2

So come and join us. Every other Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. Dates to start you off are: 30th August; 13th, 27th September.

Details: John Gough 20891721: Pam Ayres 20891652

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