

COMMUNITY LINK CWLWM BRO

PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

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GWAELOD Y GARTH - CREIGIAU - CAPEL LLANILLTERN - PENTYRCH

Ymlaen Pentyrch Onward Mosaic



The Millennium Mosaic prepared by Ymlaen Pentyrch Onward was unveiled on 25 June. Following a dedication by the Vicar, Rev Holcombe, and a speech by the Deputy Lord Mayor Christine Friday.

Ymlaen Pentyrch Onward was formed to bring together various organisations in Pentyrch and to consider events to mark the Millennium.

Following extensive consultation it was decided to commission the design and installation of a mosaic on the bank adjoining Clawddshon Cottage.

The mosaic incorporates the logos of various organisations in the Village as well as buildings of community interest.

Because the group wanted to indicate the importance of everyone we decided to incorporate the faces of two individuals from different ends of the spectrum. At the one end we have Mrs Winnie Davies - who unveiled the mosaic - and young Adam Christopher who had just been born when the design was being considered.

This project has involved people from all sections of the community. Andrew Bolton (the artist we commissioned) involved children from the schools, young people from the Youth Club and others in its design and construction. The concrete base for the mosaic was provided by the Board Brothers.

Much hard work has been undertaken locally because funds were needed to provide for future maintenance as well as initial costs. But the grant from the Landfill Tax

Creigiau Fun Run



Gweinidog Newydd

Y Parch Gareth Evans Rowlands yw'r gweinidog newydd yng Nghapel Bethlehem Gwaelod y Garth. Dechreuodd ar ei waith ym mis Medi llynedd. Dywedodd Gareth "Y peth gorau wnes I erioed oedd symud lawr yma - mae'n ardal wych i fyw ynddi a dwi'n mwynhau fy ngwaith yma. Mae pawb mor gyfeillgar ac yn gwneud i mi deimlo mor gartrefol yn barod. Dwi'n edrych ymlaen i gydweithio â phawb yn yr ardal.



The Rev Gareth Evans Rowlands is the new minister at Bethlehem Chapel, Gwaelod y Garth. He moved from the Aberystwyth area last Autumn and has settled in well. In his own words Gareth explains that it was a great decision to move to this area, he feels very much at home and looks forward to furthering his links in the community.

Iwan Griffiths, Chairman of Creigiau 23 congratulating the winner of the Creigiau Fun Run,

COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Fairmeadow Fields

Since 1996 Fairmeadow Fields and Cefn Bychan woodland have been kept as a conservation area. Unfortunately due to the vandalism and destruction by local children and scrambler /mountain bikes this has been a difficult task. The Community Council decided to undertake a study to find out what future use the residents around the fields and woodland wanted. Approximately 120 questionnaires where distributed to the surrounding area. 11% replied. The results are as follows:-

The major concern for residents is the nuisance and destruction caused by youths on scrambler bikes. The majority of residents who replied want the fields and woodlands kept as a conservation area. The Community Council will now consider all the replies and take appropriate action.

Grants

The Council has approved the following grants:-

£	
Pentyrch Tennis Club	200
Good Neighbours	100
Cylch Meithrin	100
Creigiau Cricket Club	150
Creigiau Tennis Club	150
Pentyrch Open Gardens	150
Eisteddfod	30
Commonwealth Games	30
Vision Foundations	30
Childline	30
WRVS	30
Dial Llantrisant	30
Bobath Cymru	30

The Council allocates grant aid to applications from organisations within the Community area at Council meetings in March, June, September and December. All applications must be supported by recent audited accounts, as

appropriate and should give an indication of the purpose for which the grant is required and an indication of the amount of the grant requested.

Christian Thomas Memorial Bench

Following Christian's tragic death in October 2000, his sister Katie organised a collection for a memorial bench. The bench was installed at the Frog Pond, Creigiau, at Easter bearing an inscription in Christian's memory.

Council Precept

The Community Council precept for 2001/02 was £47,000. This is the lowest the precept has been since 1994/95.

	Fairmeadow Study	Yes	No
1	Does your property lie adjacent to either the fields or woodland?	77%	23%
2	Do you use the fields or woodland?	77%	23%
3	For what purpose do you use the fields or woodland?	Walking, bird watching, blackberry picking, painting, enjoyment of the countryside	
4	How often do you use the fields or woodland?	40% daily or weekly 40% occasionally 20% Spring/Summer	
5	Does anyone in your family use the fields or woodland?	54%	46%
6	For what purpose do they use the fields or woodland?	Walking, children playing	
7	How often do they use the fields or woodland?	43% weekly 57% occasionally	
8	Are you satisfied with the present usage and management of the fields and woodland?	39%	61%
8a	If yes - What additional use would you like to be included?	more fences, picnic area, promote area and provide more information, supervised activities,	
8b	If no - Please state your reasons.	Dumping of rubbish and construction of dens and ramps despoil area, needs improved grass cutting, more co-operation with authority and more regulations. Motorcyclists are a nuisance and spoil the area and the quality of life for residents.	
8c	What improvements would you like to see?	More fences, restricted access for walkers only, promotion of area as a conservation site, stile for footpath from Cefn Bychan, kissing gate from Berthllwyd lane better supervision, removal of rubbish and humps, prevent air rifle shooting, maintain footpaths, cut back brambles around houses, improve management control of area	
8d	What alternative use do you think would be appropriate for the fields and woodland?	77% no change. Others - adventure playground, animal farm	
	Any other comments	Commend and support the Community Council in their efforts to create a conservation area. Scramblers should be prosecuted, increased police patrols, children encouraged to preserve area via liaison with local schools, adults and children are responsible for the destruction of woodlands all around Cardiff. No play area please, would encourage teenagers to congregated and thus add to existing problems.	

PENAWDAU'R CYNGOR CYMUNED

Caeau Fairmeadow

Ers 1996 mae Caeau Fairmeadow a Choed Cefn Bychan wedi eu cynnal fel ardal gadwraeth. Yn anffodus oherwydd fandaliaeth a difa gan blant lleol a beiciau scamblo/mynydd mae hyn wedi bod yn waith anodd. Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi penderfynu gwneud arolwg i ddarganfod pa ddefnydd yr hoffai trigolion o gwmpas y caeau a'r coed weld yn cael ei wneud o'r ardal yn y dyfodol. Dosbarthwyd tua 120 o holiaduron i'r ardal gyfagos a atebodd 11%. Mae'r canlyniadau fel a'r ganlyn:

Prif bryder y trigolion yw'r poendod a'r distryw a achosir gan ieuencid ar feics scamblo. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o drigolion a atebodd yr holiadur am gadw'r caeau a choedydd fel ardal gadwraeth. Bydd y Cyngor Cymuned nawr yn ystyried yr atebion ac yn cymeryd y camau priodol.

Grantiau

Mae'r Cyngor wedi cymeradwyo y grantiau canlynol:-

£	
Clwb Tennis Pentyrch	200
Good Neighbours	100
Cylch Meithrin	100
Clwb Criced Creigiau	150
Clwb Tennis Creigiau	150
Gerddi Agored Pentyrch	150
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol	30
Gemau'r Gymanwlad	30
Vision Foundations	30
Childline Cymru	30
WRVS	30
Dial Llantrisant	30
Bobath Cymru	30

Mae'r Cyngor yn dosrannu grantiau i geisiadau o fudiadau o fewn ardal y Cyngor Cymuned yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor ym mis Mawrth, Mehefin, Medi a Rhagfyr. Ystyrir ceisiadau o du allan i ardal y cyngor yng nghyfarfod mis Mawrth.

Rhaid cyflwyno cyfrifon wedi ei archwilio gyda'r cais, a dylid rhoi'r pwrpas a maint y grant a ofynnir amdano.

Sedd Goffa Christian Thomas

Yn dilyn marwolaeth sydyn Christian ym mis Hydref 2000, mae ei chwaer, Katie wedi trefnu casgliad ar gyfer sedd goffa. Gosodwyd y sedd ger y Llyn Broga yn ystod y Pasg gyda arysgrif er cof am Christian.

Treth y Cyngor

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi gosod treth o £47,000 am 2001/02. Hwn yw'r isaf mae'r dreth wedi bod ers 1994/95.

	Fairmeadow Study	Ie	Na
1	Ydy eich tŷ wrth ochr y caeau neu'r coed?	77%	23%
2	Ydych chi'n defnyddio'r caeau neu'r coed?	77%	23%
3	Am ba bwrpas ydych chi'n defnyddio'r caeau a'r coed?	Cerdded, edrych ar adar, hel mwyar duon, arlunio, mwynhau cefn gwlad.	
4	Pa mor aml ydych chi'n defnyddio'r caeau a'r coed?	40% dyddiol neu wythnosol 40% weithiau 20% Gwanwyn/Haf	
5	A oes unrhyw un yn eich teulu yn defnyddio'r caeau neu'r coed?	54%	46%
6	Am ba bwrpas mae nhw'n defnyddio'r caeau a'r coed?	Cerdded, plant yn chwarae	
7	Pa mor aml mae nhw'n defnyddio'r caeau a'r coed?	43% wythnosol 57% weithiau	
8	Ydych chi'n fodlon gyda'r defnydd presennol a'r rheolaeth o'r caeau a'r coed?	39%	61%
8a	Os ydw - Pa ddefnydd ychwanegol hoffwch chi ei gynnwys?	Rhagor o gloddiau, ardal bicnic, hybu'r ardal a rhoi mwy o wybodaeth, gweithgareddau wedi eu goruchwyllo.	
8b	Os Na - Rhowch eich rhesymau os gwelwch yn dda?	Dympio sbwriel ac adeiladu dens a rampiau yn ysbeilio'r ardal, angen gwella torri'r gwair, mwy o gyd-weithrediad gan yr awdurdod a mwy o reolaeth. Mae beicwyr modur yn boendod ac yn distrywio'r ardal ac ansawdd bywyd trigolion cyfagos.	
8c	Pa welliannau hoffech chi ei weld?	Mwy o ffensws, cyfyngu mynediad i cerddedwyr yn unig, hybu'r ardal fel safle cadwraeth, gosod camfa ar y llwybr o cefn Bychan, gosod gat gusan o Berthlwyd. Gwell goruchwyliaeth, clirio'r sbwriel a'r humps, atal saethu gynnu, cynnal y llwybrau, torri'r drain yn ôl o gwmpas y tai, gwella rheolaeth yr ardal.	
8d	Pa ddefnydd gwahanol ydych chi'n meddwl fyddai'n addas ar gyfer y caeau a'r coed?	77% dim newid. Gweddill - maes chwarae antur, fferm anifeiliad.	
	Unrhyw sylwadau eraill:	Cymeradwyo a chefnogi'r Cyngor Cymuned yn eu hymdrechion i greu safle gadwraeth. Dylid erlyn scamblwyr, cynyddu goruchwyliaeth yr heddlu, dylid annog plant i warchod yr ardal drwy gydweithredu gyda ysgolion lleol, mae oedolion a phlant yn gyfrifol am ddistrywio coedydd o gwmpas Caerdydd. Dim maes chwarae os gwelwch yn dda, byddai'n annog ieuencid i ymgynull ac felly ychwanegu i'r problemau presennol.	

Cardiff County Council are in the process of devising a Unitary Development Plan (UDP). The UDP will be the blueprint of the proposed future of Cardiff up to 2016 and will be available soon for public consultation.

The Community Council would like to ensure that the villages are not overlooked and the aspirations of local residents are reflected in the UDP. To this end the Community Council are drawing up their own Community Plan. Councillors have already outlined a number of issues they would like to pursue but need to be sure that these are in line with residents wishes.

Current proposals are divided into two categories - Projects and Campaign issues. These categories have then been sub divided into short term/current - those that are easily attainable and relatively inexpensive, and long term/new - those that require co-operation from other partnerships or are in need of additional funding.

Projects

Short Term

- Conservation - To safeguard the conservation of the area's wild flowers, plants and animals, particularly in areas such as Fairmeadow fields and woodland, Pentyrch, the Frog Pond, Creigiau, and Gwaelod y Garth woodland. To provide nesting boxes in the appropriate locations and to preserve the areas around the quarries;
- Villages - To enhance the villages by way of providing shrubs and flowers. Promoting a sense of pride in the villages with the ultimate aim of entering the "Best Kept Village" competition. To improve landscaping around the fingerpost, Gwaelod y Garth.
- Residents - To support improved provisions for the elderly. To support improved provisions for the youth. To

support local organisations.

- Recreation - To support the provision of sports facilities in Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth;
- To provide and promote booklets/leaflets of the public rights of ways within the area and possibly the formation of a Pentyrch Ramblers association.

Long Term

- Recreation - To provide additional recreational facilities for Creigiau by way of a Community Hall/Centre. To work in conjunction with the Trustees of Pentyrch Scout Hut to provide better facilities.
- Access To provide pedestrian access from Creigiau village to the Recreation ground. To improve pedestrian access from Pentyrch to Gwaelod y Garth along the old green lane.
- Facilities To formulate a comprehensive "History of the Community". To provide a reference library of village matters and/or a small library and reading room. To improve facilities at Capel Llanilltern. To improve School Lane, Gwaelod y Garth

Campaign Issues Ongoing

- To conserve the villages against over development and to ensure they maintain their rural character;
- To campaign against the extension of the local quarries;
- To campaign for lighting on Ty Nant Road, Creigiau;
- To promote the education of the Welsh language;
- To ensure that a Police presence is maintained in the villages.
- To campaign for a more equal electoral representation in Creigiau.

New

- To oppose any junction from the A4119 to the M4;
- To campaign for a weight limit

through Creigiau and to ensure that existing weight limits are enforced;

- To have a Rural Transport Policy which will include the campaign for the improvement of the county lane network, the campaign for a new light diesel railway line through Creigiau, the campaign for a cycle network to link with the Taff Trail;
- To take on further Agency agreements with the County;
- To campaign for recycling facilities in the villages.

Are these issues important to the sustain the future you want for the villages? What other issues should the Community Council include? Are there any proposals that you disagree with? Make your opinion count. Write to the Community Council office at 1 Peniel Road, Pentyrch, CF15 9LJ. Correspondence is invited through the medium of English or Welsh.

Pentyrch Horticultural Show.

Saturday

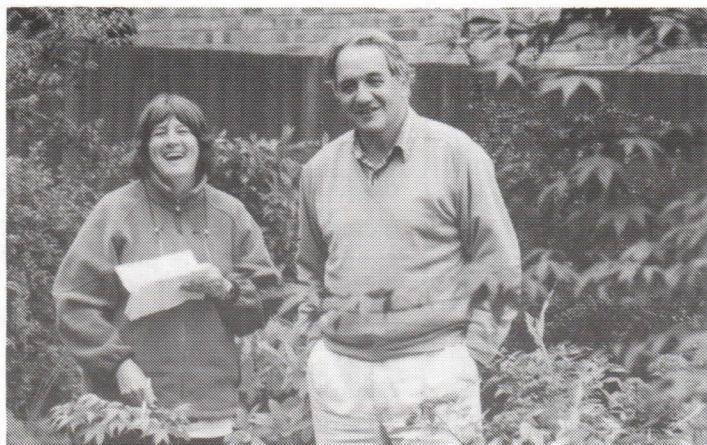
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PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

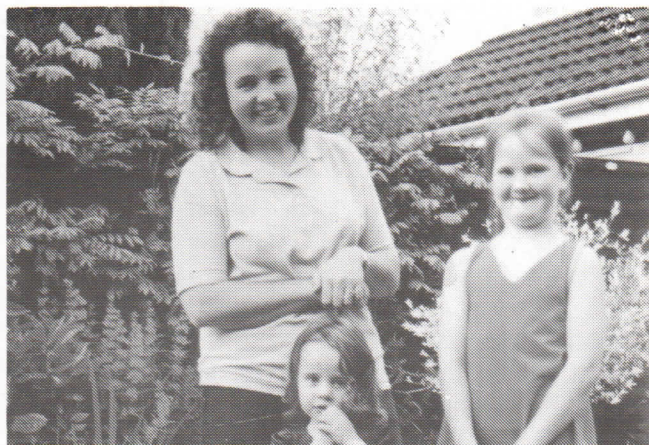
We look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming show. Entry is by programme, 50p, available door to door and at Follis Newsagent in Pentyrch. Exhibits in all categories including children's, cookery, vegetables, flowers and handicraft to be entered for judging from 10 to 11.30.am.

There will be tea and coffee available at the village hall when it opens to the public at 2.30. There will also be a free pen for each child exhibiting in the Show.

Margaret Colenutt



Local horticulturist, Jan Thomas, with Derek Durrant, winner of Creigiau in Bloom, 2000



Nichola and family, second in the Creigiau in Bloom Competition

Creigiau Companions

Creigiau Companions are a young at heart lively group of retired people who meet on alternate Thursday afternoons in Creigiau Church Hall at 2.00 p.m. Our aim is to provide fun and friendship for our members and we have a very varied programme of events; e.g. on February 15th we were entertained by Mr. Glyn Hamilton Jones who played the piano while we all sang along to our favourite tunes. At our next few meetings we will enjoy hearing a talk about Victorian clothes, a health check by the District Nurse, humorous poetry reading and the first Quarter of 2001 will be rounded off with an Easter Lunch at the Golf Club. So, don't sit at home and be lonely, come and join us where you are assured of a very warm welcome, convivial company and the opportunity to make new friends. We look forward to seeing you.

For further information contact: Mrs. Joyce King on 029 20890806.

Community Council is Connected

The Community Council have joined the modern world of new technology. The Council computer is now on-line and correspondence can be sent via Council's e-mail address -

clerk@pentyrch.cc

A new telephone line has also been installed and the additional number is 029 2089 1804.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB / THE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Tuesday Lunch Club takes place every week in Pentyrch Village Hall and is open to all senior citizens in the area. A hot two-course meal, convivial company, a raffle and no dishes to wash costs just £2. Special occasions are celebrated in style - Birthdays, Christmas, and Millennium Lunches to name just a few. Diners recently celebrated the third Birthday of the luncheon club with good food, a special raffle and entertainment.

The Good Neighbours support Tuesday Lunch with transport and volunteer helpers. Volunteer drivers provide transport for members who would not otherwise be able to attend. If you could assist with transport occasionally Good Neighbours would be pleased to hear from you. Drivers are urgently needed in Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth areas. No regular commitment is required and just one hour, per month of your time could help to improve the quality of life for someone in your neighbourhood.

In addition to the lunch club we also try to help with local transport for doctor's appointments, shopping and other small neighbourly tasks. For further information regarding being a volunteer or to book a place at the lunch club please contact Barbara Willis, Tel 2084 2404

THANKS

Isobel Thomas, Llanwensan Farm would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts at this difficult time for farming. She would also like to express her regret at the inconvenience caused to all the local dog owners but appreciates their consideration in not walking on the fields and footpaths while the foot and mouth crisis continues.

VILLAGE FUN DAY

A Village fun day was held on Bank holiday Monday 28 June 2001. Following the success of last years event Pentyrch Ymlaen Onwards agreed to assist with running stalls at the Memorial Park.

Angela Ashley

Under Milk Wood

On Tuesday, 6th February, the Cwmpas Theatre performed 'Under Milk Wood' at Creigiau Primary School. It was an excellent performance by this talented, mainly amateur group, before a very appreciative audience.

This was a fund-raising event, organised by the Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth Urdd Committee.

Cwmpas Theatre will be performing 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' at Tredegar House from 16th to 21st of July. Tickets can be obtained from the Newport Centre.

1st Creigiau Scout Group

Readers of Community Link may have noticed details of a planning application for a new Scout Hall at Castle Close. In fact planning permission was granted in December. An application for funding has now been made to the National Lottery Charities Board and we should hear the result in about 5 months time.

The Scout Group is very much in need of a new hall because the present structure, most of which was already old when erected, is deteriorating and also because of the increased numbers in the Group. We now have 109 young people in the Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venture Scout sections. There are 12 warranted leaders and many other committee members, instructors and helpers. The hall really does look very small when over 40 Scouts meet in it on a Friday night!

Our funding application is also based on the use of the hall by the general community in Creigiau. Cylch Meithrin and Ti a Fi have expanded since moving to the hall but a new hall would present much better facilities and new opportunities. The clubs and societies that hold meetings in our hall already, would also benefit from better facilities. Likewise there are many children's parties held there. Our application therefore reflects what we feel is a great need for a new modern hall within the village to supplement the well-used Church Hall.

The Scout Association is going through an exciting time of great change at present. Over the next two years the whole structure of the Scout programme will be revised and along with this will be new uniforms. I am sure that the Scout Group in Creigiau will rise to this challenge and continue to strengthen. As ever we are looking for new leaders and help of any sort. Without this voluntary help we can achieve nothing and we are always grateful for all the help we receive. If anyone is interested please contact me on 20892077.

David Pendlebury
Group Scout Leader

CREIGIAU NETBALL CLUB

The club is delighted to announce that two of our members - Ffion Greenow and Laura Davies reached the final 16 of the Wales under 17 squad. Laura was also selected for the team to represent Wales in an international under 17 tournament in Canterbury. Well done to both these players!

The club continues to field three teams in the Cardiff & District League. These teams have had mixed success in their divisions, but have provided a lot of our younger members with the opportunity of playing regular league netball.

The junior teams have taken part in the SE Wales league at under 12 and 14 level, the under 12 team have made considerable progress and hopefully a large number of these players will play adult league netball next season.

Training sessions have been well supported this season and the club has a regular fitness instructor, plus the return of Bethan Collings has provided the club with a qualified and enthusiastic coach. If you would like to join us then all ages are welcome.

From Monday 30 April training takes place every Monday at Creigiau Primary School. Players from year 8 up train from 7 - 8.30 pm whilst the junior section invites existing and new members from years 5,6 & 7 to attend from 6 - 7 pm. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact Caroline Morgan on 029 20890828

Poppy Appeal 2000

Readers will be pleased to note that the recent Poppy Appeal achieved a grand total of £22,105-10. The Whitchurch Branch of the Royal British Legion extends its gratitude to all those who kindly contributed and helped in attaining what is in fact a record Appeal for the Branch, very many thanks.

PENTYRCH ART GROUP

The Art Group is flourishing in Pentyrch. We have 24 enthusiastic members at the moment - numbers are limited to 25 at present, because of lack of space. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Anne Peebles, Ann Parsons or Glenys Mullins.

During last year, following our successful Annual Exhibition in May, we held two Day Schools in the Village Hall. Both of these were well attended and extremely enjoyable. Martin Cook - from Creigiau - is tutor at another Day School which we are holding on March 10th. On February 4th, a group of 44 - made up of members, their families and friends - travelled to London, to the Royal Academy, to see the Turner Exhibition. This was inspirational, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

This year's Annual Exhibition was held on Sunday, May 13th, at the Village Hall. Over 100 new paintings were on display and it was a successful and enjoyable day.

RENOVATION OF OLD KILNS

Community Councillors Angela Ashley, Penri Williams and the Clerk, Yvonne Krip, attended a meeting with the Management of RMC Quarry. This was followed by a tour of the quarry to outline where and how the proposed alterations were being made.

They were shown where the remains of the old railway tunnel could still be seen and where the new road tunnel would be constructed. This should be finished and in operation by the year 2004.

RMC's construction of the new roundabout on the Ynys Bridge Road had revealed Old Lime Kilns in disrepair. These have now been renovated by RMC and the area has been landscaped to make them a feature and local attraction.

The lime would have been used by the Pentyrch ironworks and the Melingriffith tin plate works in Whitchurch.

Pentyrch Rangers U12's League and Cup Winners

The young Pentyrch Rangers under 12's team completed a unique league and Cup double in the Cardiff and District League.

The team dominated the league remaining unbeaten over the season to beat their closest rivals Pentwyn Dynamos and Splott Albion by a clear 3 points.

To end the season in style the team lifted the League Cup in the Final at the Civil Service Ground in June beating Splott Albion 1-0. The season saw some fine performances from the team. Team Manager Eifion Thomas commented on their success saying "The boys were a credit to Pentyrch Rangers and throughout the season played with great passion and skill. We look forward to next season which I am sure will be just as eventful".

During the season the team received sponsorship from Julian Hodge Bank which was doubled by matched funding from the Sports Council of Wales, Sports Match Scheme.

PENTYRCH BOWLING CLUB.

The outdoor bowling season is now well underway and now is a good time to take stock. What are you going to do for fitness and outdoor activity this Summer - for instance - are you coming to the end of your playing career in Rugby or Soccer - why not consider a new competitive sport?

We are a very friendly Club who enter teams in several local leagues and we welcome new members of either sex. If you are a novice we will provide equipment and individual coaching free of charge, plus the opportunity to play on club nights and meet fellow members, every Monday starting at 6.00 pm.

As a club we are committed to the training and development of youngsters, particularly teenagers, and we hold special training sessions for this purpose every Friday afternoon.

For any further information please contact the Secretary -
Mr. N. Poulson on 029 20891259.



Pentyrch Rangers U12's with the Cardiff and District League Cup.

Review of Nycomed Amersham's Radioactive Discharges

At a meeting in Whitchurch High School on February 2nd the Environment Agency opened the Consultation procedure to consider the application by Nycomed Amersham in Forest farm, Coryton to vary their radioactive discharge authorisations. In a packed hall, the Company spoke at length, stressing that the radioactivity they discharge into our air and water is completely safe. They monitor radioactivity in our food regularly, assuming - to the horror of allotment holders present, that we buy most of it in the supermarket. The Environment Agency admitted that the sewers carrying the radioactive waste to sea overflows 60 times a year into Whitchurch brook. A mother from the audience stressed that children paddle in the brook. Someone else commented that the overflow goes into the houses.

Radioactive tritium and other radionuclides are in Cardiff's air and water and as Dr Guilford has agreed inside everyone living here. Vegetables are found with 50 - 100 units compared with 'natural' levels of 3 - 5 units (Bq/Kg). Grass showed 1100 units; a sample of blackberries 9000 units. Fish caught locally have up to 50,000 units, sediments in the Taff 5,000 units and eels up to Blackweir 17,000 units. A shelduck

monitored showed 60875 total tritium Bq/Kg (government monitoring figures). Nycomed Amersham plc Cardiff are the second highest discharger of tritium in the UK and the only nuclear licensed site situated in a major city with a large population.

Nycomed Amersham discharges under licence and people are assured that the radioactivity in our environment is safe. But low level radiation over time is thought by some scientists to be hazardous to the health of the young and the vulnerable. Effect on the DNA have been demonstrated by the Medical Research Council at Harwell.

Community Concern has three aims: a limit to the nuclear store on the flood plains of the Taff, independent research into the health effects of low level radiation; and a reduction of radioactive discharge into the environment. Actual reductions are required, not just a 'juggle' with the authorised limits - which does not affect actual discharge. There is NO reduction in actual discharges in the current Application. The Environmental Agency consultation period will continue until the end of the year.

Norma Proctor.

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau

The aim of Cylch Meithrin Creigiau is to promote the education and development of children aged from 2 to the relevant school starting age. Whilst the playgroup is primarily run through the medium of Welsh, Welsh at home is not essential. The cylch is held in Creigiau Scout Hall Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 12 midday.



Each child benefits fully from learning through an organised session of activities and experiences aimed at physical, creative and emotional development, we also recognise that play has an important role in education and aim to provide all this in a safe, friendly environment.

We also aim to give every child, whatever their educational needs, the opportunity to benefit from the Cylch Meithrin and have a special needs teacher who is available for children who need more support.

Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth

The school has been featured on Pobol y Cwm numerous times over the years, the most recent scene was broadcast on December 18th when pupils from 5C, 4C and 3E took part.

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 recently appeared on the BBC's *Ffeil* Programme, giving information on local history and in particular their thoughts and feelings about the work currently being undertaken to move Taff's Well Police Station building to the Museum of Welsh Life in St. Ffagans.

GWAELOD Y GARTH POST OFFICE

Residents of Gwaelod y Garth will be sad to know that the Post Office will be closing at the end of April. We thank Miriam and Clay for their huge contribution over the last 14 years and wish them all the very best for their retirement. Diolch o galon i'r ddau ohonoch.

Good news as we go to print. The Post Office will now open 2 mornings a week. Residents of Gwaelod y Garth express their gratitude.

Alongside the Cylch Meithrin we also run a Cylch Ti a Fi on a Friday 10:00 to 11:30 in the Scout Hall aimed at parents and babies / toddlers of all ages, who meet for a coffee and a chat in an informal setting, giving the children a chance to interact through play/stories/singing in Welsh, although again, Welsh at home is not essential.

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau is a registered charity and is not funded by the Education Authority. The cost of running the groups is dependent upon parental contributions, Cylch Meithrin £4 per session and Ti a Fi £1: 50 per session.

In addition to charitable donations, parents and children get together socially for various fundraising activities which can be hard work but are always enjoyable.

So come along and join us, we would be grateful for your support. Contact Tracey Lewis 02920 891542
Ceri Roberts 02920 890009

Cynhelir Cylch Meithrin Creigiau yn Neuadd y Scowtiaid o ddydd Llun i ddydd lau 9:30 - 12:00. Y nod yw i hybu addysg a datblygiad plant o 2 hyd at oedran cychwyn ysgol.

Mae pob plentyn yn elwa trwy ddysgu mewn sesiwn o weithgareddau a phrofiadau sydd wedi eu hanelu tuag at ddatblygiad corfforol, creadigol ac addysgiadol. Rydym hefyd yn cydnabod fod gan chwarae rhan bwysig mewn addysg a rydym yn darparu hyn mewn amgylchedd cyfeillgar a diogel.

Rydym hefyd yn anelu i roi i bob plentyn, beth bynnag bo'i anghenion addysgiadol, y cyfle i elwa o'r Cylch Meithrin. Mae gennym athrawes anghenion arbennig i'r plant sydd angen cefnogaeth ychwanegol.

Yn ogystal â'r Cylch Meithrin rydym hefyd yn rhedeg Cylch Ti a Fi ar fore Gwener 10:00-11:30 yn Neuadd y Scowtiaid. Mae'r Cylch wedi ei anelu at rieni a babanod a phlant bach o bob oedran. Rydym yn cyfarfod am goffi a sgwrs mewn amgylchedd anffurfiol ac yn rhoi cyfle i'r plant ryngweithio trwy chwarae, storïau a chanu.

Elusen gofrestredig yw Cylch Meithrin Creigiau. Mae costau rhedeg y grwpiau yn ddibynnol ar gyfraniadau rhieni (Cylch Meithrin £4 y sesiwn Cylch Ti a Fi £1:50 y sesiwn.) Yn ogystal â chyfraniad elusennol, mae'r rhieni a'r plant yn dod at ei gilydd i godi arian sydd weithiau yn waith caled ond sydd hefyd bob amser yn sbri!

Felly, dewch i ymuno â ni, byddwn yn ddiolchgar am eich cefnogaeth.
Cysylltwch â Tracey Lewis 02920 891542, Ceri Roberts 02920 890009



CREIGIAU W.I NEWSLETTER/REVIEW OF 2000

Once again we are at the start of a busy and interesting year, with an excellent programme ahead.

In our Millennium year we started off with a talk on the Rhondda Heritage Park, a slide show, craft evening and an Italian cookery demonstration and tasting.

In March we went to the lovely Gliffaes Hotel in Crickhowell for afternoon tea. Also in March several members spent an interesting evening at Techniquet.

The fireman's quiz was in May, our team came second in our heat; sadly this was the last time that the quiz would be held because of the financial constraints placed on the Fire Service.

As Summer approached we had monthly outings to the Hearts and Barns Craft Centre in the Forest of Dean, the Botanic Gardens in Carmarthen and the King of Prussia in Abergavenny for a pub lunch. In the afternoon we also visited the market.

In July Carnival Day came round again, a dry day at last! On the theme of classic books we decided on Treasure Island for our float, we had lots of willing helpers and even managed to get a palm tree and a parrot (both plastic)!

Our Annual Summer Barbecue in August was a sizzling success and enjoyed by all that attended.

The Autumn saw us learning to spin and dye wool, exercising in armchairs and a fascinating evening learning about Tutankhamun and his treasures, there was also a day school for photography in Ystradowen.

We finished our season of outings with a visit to Staffordshire to see the Wedgwood Factory and New Visitors Centre, which was excellent. Throughout last year we fund raised for several good causes and charities by holding coffee mornings and bring and buy sales.

In July, twelve members did a 3 kilometre walk for breast cancer (Walk for Life) in Bute Park.

We had a coffee morning at the Golf Club in November for Children in Need 2000, which raised £330 but

our main Institute Charity for last year was the Amelia Farm Trust in Barry for local disadvantaged children (our speaker for February 2001 will be the Reverend John Stacey Marks who will talk about the Trust and his work with the children.

As the year drew to a close, at our AGM, the President thanked the Committee for all their hard work and members for their help and support.

The birthday dinner at the Golf Club and the Christmas party were both very well attended and most enjoyable evenings.

The "Drama" Group has reformed and is busy rehearsing for a special performance in March 2001.

We were very pleased to welcome five new members in January so if you would like to join in any of our activities we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

You will be made most welcome.

VAL PEARCE

President - 02920 890952

Secretary - 02920 890519

URGENT

4th Pentyrch Brownies are urgently in need of a leader for their Tuesday night Meetings. If you think you are able to help please contact Sarah Eagle on 029 20891431.

Without your help we will have to close.

GOODBYE 'MRS MAC'

There were sad goodbyes when 'Mrs Mac', left Pentyrch Primary School she had been Deputy Headmistress for nearly 8 years. She leaves to take up a post as Headmistress of Brynna Primary School. Best Wishes and a present from FOPSA (Friends of Pentyrch School Association) of a garden bench were given at a small leaving party.

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TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION POSTERS

Pentyrch Primary School once again designed Posters for the Torchlight Procession held on 1 January 2001 on the Garth Mountain, at 5.00 pm followed by Fireworks later at the Rugby Club.

The senior class pupils were given the basic details and asked to come up with a lively, attractive and eye catching design.

The posters were then judged by Janet Evans Chairman of Ymlaen Pentyrch Onwards and Angela Ashley.

The choice and colour of the posters made choosing a winner very difficult. A lot of time and work went into the creation of the posters. Many of them were then displayed in the local shops, Village Hall and notice boards, to bring the event to the attention of the public.



Janet Evans with Georgina Middleton, Becky Webb and Tess Davies

The winners were presented with prizes at a Friday morning School Assembly. A photograph was also taken with a digital camera and the information is now on the school's web site.

Angela Ashley

A fiery start to 2001 !

It had been a cold and wet start to the year as 2001 blew in to our lives. On top of the Garth waiting to be lit on the windy New Years Day was the Millennium Beacon. The organisers waited anxiously as they wondered how many people would climb the Garth this year. In 2000, over 2500 people entered into the spirit of the Y2K and participated in the torchlight procession and beacon lighting.

This year, a more modest number of hardy 250 plus souls climbed the Garth as the light faded in the West. Music welcomed them to the Beacon site, just below the top of the Garth. The sound system was a welcome addition this year, as Janet Evans, chairman of Ymlaen Pentyrch Onwards welcome was blown away in the wind. John Jones read a poem he had composed for the new year and the Garth

Mountain and Gordon Longmore lead the Lords Prayer.

After, Assembly member, Jane Davidson AM expressed her hopes for the New Year, it was time to light the Beacon. A task that was not without difficulty as the wind blew out matches and lighters despite everybody's best efforts. But at last, to a great cheer the Beacon lit. Everybody was very pleased to make their way down the mountain out of the wind and head towards the rugby club. A larger crowd had gathered at the club for a special spectacular firework display, courtesy of the Rugby Club.

The Ymlaen Pentyrch committee would like to thank all those people who climbed the Garth for the Beacon lighting, and in particular everybody who contributed in organising the event.

Ken Mills

Full House at Pentyrch Nursery

In September 2000, Pentyrch Nursery opened it's doors under new management and with some apprehension. One year on and the nursery has had a very successful year.

With 30 children registered every morning, the nursery has been unable to take on any further children in the Summer term. The popularity of the nursery is evidenced by the number of children who enthusiastically run through the door every morning.

The nursery is registered with the Local Education Authority and provides funded nursery places for children of 4 years of age, prior to moving on to reception class. The nursery is the largest early years establishment in the Cardiff District receiving LEA funding.

The nursery is situated in Pentyrch Village Hall and has recently benefited from the installation by the hall of railings to cordon off the garden area, thereby making it safe for children to play outside.

The nursery is now taking applications for September 2001. For further information about the nursery please contact Dawn James on 029 2089 1882.

Pentyrch

- 00/02356/W Dr & Mrs E Srivastava, Pentwyn House, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch first floor extensions and alteration works
- 00/02360/W Mr & Mrs Phillips, Catwgs Cottage, Church Road, Pentyrch retention of landscape windows
- 00/02482/W C J O'Connor, The Old Post Office, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch vary condition 4 of planning permission no 00/1645W to allow use of pet transport service and limited access for emergency clients after-hours
- 01/00010/W Ymlaen Pentyrch, Mr J M Evans, Garnet House, Pen y Waun, Pentyrch 1.8m x 1.2m mosaic set in a concrete (removable) base
- 01/00181/W Mr Matt Courtney, Site of Elm Cottage, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch construction of new detached house with detached garage including new site access
- 01/00198/W Mr & Mrs Atkins, 32 Heol Y Pentre, Pentyrch 2 storey side extension to existing house
- 01/00218/W Mr Matt Courtney, Site of Elm Cottage, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch seeking conservation area consent - demolition of existing vacant detached house
- 01/00243/W Mr & Mrs S Walrond, Hillboro, Mountain Road, Pentyrch erection of one residential dwelling at land adjacent to Ty Cartrefol, Penywaun, Pentyrch
- 01/00244/W Mr R Angell, Ardwyn, Heol Goch, Pentyrch convert existing house from 2 flats into 4 flats
- Taffs Well quarry - outline proposals for treatment of redundant faces and benches within the quarry. Scheme required under condition 45 of planning consents 3040 and T56/90/0867.
- 01/00675/W Mr & Mrs Waller Ty Rhawn Church Road Pentyrch proposed alterations and improvements to roof covering and structure
- 01/00695/W Mr J Moore Pen y Garn House Heol Goch Pentyrch detached double garage and conservatory extension
- 01/00715/W Cardiff County Council Dan y Garth Mountain Road Pentyrch residential development (maximum of 2 dwellings)
- 01/00308/W Mr & Mrs N Griffiths Rocky Bank Cottage Field Terrace Pentyrch two storey extension: ground floor lounge/sitting room and stores/utility. first floor bedroom and ensuite.
- 01/00828/W Mr Richard Hayward 1 Brodeg Pentyrch additional bedroom over existing garage
- 01/00890/W Mr & Mrs Eagle 15 Lon y Fro Pentyrch single storey external porch
- 01/01141/W Bowen Partners, Ty Du Farm, Nelson, road on land at Caerwen Farm, Garth Hill, Pentyrch.
- 01/01160/W Mr R Bee, Warren House, Mountain Road Pentyrch single storey extension to provide wc/shower room and enlarge utility room

Creigiau

- 01/00008/W Mr A Needs, 95 Parc y Coed, Creigiau ground floor extension
- 01/00049/W Andrew Jones, 19 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau two storey side extension
- 01/00108/W Mr & Mrs Powdrill, 120 Parc y Fro, Creigiau new conservatory and single storey extension with new pitched roof replacing flat, new pitched roof over conservatory new canopy over main entrance
- 01/00110/W Dr Peter Brooks, 25 Maes Cadwgan, Creigiau conversion of part of existing garage into living area, extend new living area and construct new lobby

- 01/00172/W Creigiau Golf Club, Llantwit Road, Creigiau replace shed with portable accommodation unit for use by greenkeepers
- 01/00673/W Mr & Mrs Newton 17 Parc y Coed Creigiau two storey extension to rear extending bedroom, creating ensuite, ground floor wc and enlarged dining room, canopy and bay front elevation
- 01/00676/W John Brinkard 33 Parc Castell y Mynach Creigiau erection of conservatory and new side boundary wall incorporating wicker panels
- 01/00805/W Mr & Mrs Innes Greenfield Heol Creigiau Creigiau loft conversion. removal of existing rear conservatory. construction of new larger conservatory and lobby to rear. extension and alteration to garage
- 01/00875/W Mr I Williams 12 Dol y Felin Creigiau 2 bedroom first floor extension above existing garage
- 01/01166/W Mr & Mrs Powell, 97 Parc y Coed, Creigiau installation of pvcu conservatory.

Gwaelod Y Garth

- 00/02389/W Mr D O Lewis, 14 Heol y Nant, Gwaelod y Garth external access steps to front elevation
- 01/00027/W land to the rear of 42 Heol Berry, Gwaelod y Garth detached house and garage - renewal of planning permission 56/09/0748
- 01/00027/W D Castle, 42 Heol Berry, Gwaelod y Garth detached house and garage - renewal of planning permission no.56/90/0758
- 01/00199/W B Budd, The Old Drift Site, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth retain fence surrounding site and gates and change user of yard for parking of ambulances and coaches
- 01/00202/W Hakem, 40 Heol Berry, Gwaelod y Garth rear elevation PVC conservatory
- 01/00299/W Mr R D Stroud, 67 Lakin Drive, Barry, proposed detached split level dwelling at land adjoining Ffynon Ffygis, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth.

Capel Llanilltern

- 01/00046/W K Haines, Star House, Star Lane, Capel Llanilltern utility room extension and external alterations
- 01/00154/W Mr A Young, Brynhyfryn, Holdings Lane, Capel Llanilltern retention of wall enclosure fronting Holdings Lane

Rhydlafar

- 01/00226/W Barratt South Wales and Wilcon, Rhydlafar, Llantrisant Road proposed plot substitution 18W-22W, 35B, 85B

Planning permission granted

- 00/01433/W Creigiau Scout Hall demolition of existing hall and erection of new hall and ancillary works
- 00/01921/W Pentyrch Community Council - viewing platform - Garth mountain

Application withdrawn

- 01/00199/W Old Drift Mine Site, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth - retain fence surrounding site and gates and change use of yard for parking of ambulances and coaches

Pentyrch Village Hall 25th Anniversary 1976 - 2001

What a wonderful evening the village had on April 7th with Pendyrus Male Choir leading the festivities. Nearly 200 people crammed into the Hall to celebrate 25 years of work and dedication which continues to make Pentyrch Village Hall the thriving community centre it still is. A night of sheer enjoyment was had by all.

Without such commitment the Hall would never have been built 25 years ago and it gave the present committee members great pleasure to see so many Founder Members at the concert. Everyone was treated to a glass of wine and to some wonderful music. It was a superb evening and thanks must go to all those who helped make it possible - bar staff, programme seller, chair movers, school for the loan of the staging, PCR for moving the staging, the piano tuner, refreshment ladies - everyone too numerous to mention by name.

Pentyrch is justly proud of the facility it has in the Village Hall. We can all be proud of the work undertaken to maintain it as a viable concern. Plans are afoot for the next big project - the Car Park and we're looking forward to the many challenges of the next 25 years.

Barbara Rodd
Chair of the Village Hall Trustee Committee



Creigiau Carnival Fete

After the great success of the Carnival and Fete in 2000 everyone is hoping for a stunning day again this year.

Seven organisations took part in last year's Procession - Mother and Toddler, Beaver, Cubs, W.I., Meithrin and Playgroup. At the Recreation Field there were stalls, activities and refreshments for everyone.

The special Millenium Fortnight events leading up to the Carnival

were also very successful - Creigiau in Bloom, Children's Disco, Fun Run, Netball fun evening, Cricket Millenium match, Scouts and Cubs open evening, the Bavarian Night.

The profit from the Carnival and Millenium Events was £3,200 and this has been divided between Creigiau 23 and CRAMAC, and will be used to help local organisations.

For further information about the Carnival contact Jen MacDonald 20892830.

Pentyrch Open Gardens

For the second year running, Pentyrch will be holding an open gardens weekend.

This year's Plant Sale was held on May 12th and was a great success.

Proceeds from this year's Open Gardens weekend will be allocated by the gardeners (last year £1599 was donated to the Village Hall Car Park fund). If your organisation needs funds for specific items, please contact Barbara Rodd 20891584.



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CANTORION CREIGIAU

Canu ag Un Llais

I gyd-fynd â deng mlwyddiant ar hugain Cantorion Creigiau, mae un o gorau mwyaf llwyddiannus Cymru yn rhyddhau CD newydd, sef *Un Llais-One Voice* ar label Sain ddydd Llun, Mehefin 25. Ac i gyd-fynd â lansiad y CD newydd sydd â phedair cân ar ddeg arni, mae'r côr wedi trefnu cyngerdd i gefnogi ysbyty plant Ty Hafan ym Mhontyclun ddydd Mercher, Mehefin 27.

Ffurfiwyd Cantorion Creigiau fel grŵp carolau i ddechrau, ac arferai'r aelodau deithio ar gefn trelar o amgylch pentref Creigiau, ger Caerdydd. Dan stiwardiaeth Mair Roberts, yr arweinydd, mae'r côr bellach wedi chwyddo mewn nifer i 75 o aelodau, gan gynnwys 10 cwpl priod, ac mae llawer ohonynt wedi bod yn aelodau ers y cychwyn.

Mae'r côr hefyd wedi cystadlu'n llwyddiannus mewn nifer o gystadlaethau mawr gan gynnwys rownd derfynol cystadlaethau Côr y Flwyddyn Sainsbury a'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, ac maent hefyd wedi codi miloedd o bunnau i elusennau ers 1971. Cynhelir cyngerddau bob pythefnos gyda phob eitem gan aelodau'r côr.

Astudiodd Mair yn ysgol berfformio Italia Conti a'r Guildhall School of Music yn Llundain, ac mae'n soprano dawnus sydd wedi perfformio ar hyd a lled y byd, nid yn unig â Chantorion Creigiau, ond hefyd fel unawdydd gwadd gyda nifer o gorau meibion, gan deithio trwy Awstralia, Hong Kong a Canada. Mae hefyd yn actores sydd wedi ymddangos ar y teledu sawl gwaith, ac mae hi'n feirniad rheolaidd mewn cystadlaethau canu yn yr Eisteddfod.

Meddai Mair, "Mae'n anodd credu bod deng mlynedd ar hugain wedi mynd heibio ers i ni gychwyn fel côr. Rydym wedi datblygu cryn dipyn ers hynny, ac mae'r ffaith bod nifer o aelodau'r côr wedi bod yma ers y cychwyn yn dangos eu hymroddiad i Gantorion Creigiau.

"Rydym yn dal i ymarfer bob nos Sul yn ysgol y pentref, ac wedi tair blynedd o gynllunio mae'r CD newydd hwn yn rhoi cyfle i'r côr, Kate Burnett y cyfeilydd, a minnau edrych yn ôl ar

Seventy-five members sing with One Voice



To coincide with their thirtieth anniversary, Cantorion Creigiau, one of Wales' most successful village choirs, release a new CD, *Un Llais-One Voice*, on the Sain record label on Monday, June 25. To coincide with the launch of the 14-track CD, the choir have organised a concert in aid of children's hospice Ty Hafan in Pontyclun on Wednesday, June 27.

Cantorion Creigiau was formed initially as a carol-singing group, which travelled on the back of a trailer around the village of Creigiau, near Cardiff. Under the stewardship of conductor Mair Roberts, the choir now boasts 75 members, including 10 married couples, many of which have been with the choir since its inception.

The choir has also successfully competed in major competitions including the finals of the Sainsbury Choir of the Year and the National Eisteddfod, while also raising thousands of pounds for charity since 1971. Concerts are scheduled every fortnight with all items coming from members of the choir.

Mair, who studied at the Italia Conti stage school and the Guildhall School of Music in London, is herself an

gyfnodau hapus iawn tra'n hefyd edrych ymlaen i'r dyfodol yn hyderus.

"Mae'r caneuon a ddewiswyd ar gyfer *Un Llais* yn adlewyrchu fy chwaeth gerddorol amrywiol i. Mae rhai o'r caneuon wedi eu comisiynu'n arbennig ar gyfer y CD ac mae trefniant rhai o'r caneuon yn unigryw i'r côr; o fersiwn Cymraeg y gân o'r ffilm *Titanic*, i *I'll Be There* gan y Jackson Five. Mae rhywbeth i blesio pawb!" am £10.



accomplished soprano, who has performed around the world not only with Cantorion Creigiau, but also as a guest soloist with a number of male voice choirs, touring Australia, Hong Kong and Canada. She is also an actress who has appeared regularly on television and a regular adjudicator at Eisteddfod singing competitions.

Mair said, "I find it hard to believe that thirty years has passed since our first days as a fledgling choir. We've certainly moved forward since then and the fact that many of the choir's original members are still with me is testament to their devotion to Cantorion Creigiau.

"We continue to rehearse, as we have always done, every Sunday night in the village school and after three years of planning, this new CD offers the choir, accompanist Kate Burnett, and myself, an opportunity to look back at some great times while also looking forward to the future with renewed confidence.

"The songs chosen for *Un Llais - One Voice* reflect my diverse musical styles and tastes. Some of the pieces have been commissioned especially for this CD and some of the arrangements are also unique to the choir; from a Welsh language version of the *Theme from Titanic* to *I'll be There* by the Jackson Five. There's something for everyone!"

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PENTYRCH AND CREIGIAU

Cardiff County Council is required by law to prepare a "Unitary Development Plan" (UDP) to show how Cardiff's future requirements for new homes, jobs, community and transport facilities will be met while, at the same time attempting to protect the environment.

Cardiff County Council has now issued an outline plan for public consultation. Early proposals from potential developers had suggested that the Creigiau area might be a target for over 1000 new dwellings. These suggestions were strongly opposed by local council members and organisations. The plan now released indicates that the new housing developments will be concentrated in the North East around the Lisvane and Pontprennau. Some 1000 new houses are suggested for the Pentrebanne Farm Estate just north of St Fagans, but no specific housing proposals are outlined for Pentyrch or Creigiau over the next fifteen years. This does not of course preclude developers from submitting planning applications for such developments.

The most noteworthy proposal in the plan, which extends over fifteen years to 2016, is the establishment of a light diesel railway to run from Cardiff to Creigiau. The new rail line would extend westwards from the City Circle line at Fairwater with new rail stations being established at Canton, St Fagans and Capel Llanilltern. Park-and-Ride facilities are envisaged at Capel Llanilltern, the latter presumably being sited near the M4 junction. The line would largely utilise old trackways already in existence leading to Creigiau.

Major areas of the countryside to be protected include land at St Fagans-Ely Valley, The Garth Hill

Rygbi

Mae Robin Sowden-Taylor, Tŷ Ffald, Pentyrch wedi bod yn cynrychioli Cymru yn Nghystadleuaeth Cwpan Rygbi y Byd i Ieuencid dan 19 oed - daeth Cymru yn bedwerydd allan o 32 gwlad - Seland Newydd oedd y tîm buddugol. Ym mis Chwefror cafodd Robin y frainc o chwarae dros Gymru yn y Senior 7's yn Wellington, Seland Newydd ac ym mis Ebrill chwaraeodd am y tro cyntaf yn nhîm cyntaf Caerdydd. Mae wedi cael ei ddewis i fynd ar daith tîm Cymru i Siapan ym mis



Robin Sowden-Taylor, Tŷ Ffald, Pentyrch has been representing Wales in the Under 19's Rugby World Cup - Wales came fourth from 32 countries - New Zealand were champions. In February Robin had the privilege of playing in the Senior 7's in Wellington, New Zealand and in April he played for the first time in Cardiff's first team. In June he toured with the Wales Rugby team to Japan.

THE LEGACY OF JOHN THOMAS

Many of the residents of Gwaelod y Garth will remember the craftsmanship and colourful personality of John Thomas, the harp-maker who lived at Pear Tree Cottage from the mid 50s until 1976 when he moved to Pembrokeshire. John died in 1992 but his skill and artistry lives on in the work of his former apprentices Brian Blackmoor and Alun Thomas who have supplied hundreds of harps for professional and amateur harpists far and wide. They have specialised in making triple harps with a new design pioneered by John and were recently commissioned to make a triple harp for the Welsh College of Music and Drama. This harp is now in constant use by the many talented young harpists at our National Conservatoire.

Uplands and the Pentyrch Ridges and Valleys which will be listed as Special Landscape Areas. The existing mineral buffer zones at Creigiau, Ton Mawr and Taff's Well Quarries will be altered and extended to reflect recent changes in quarrying practices and environmental standards. Other developments indicated for Cardiff West include a new bus park-and-ride for Culverhouse Cross and a new Ely Spur Road.

The County Council are also currently consulting your Community Council and the National Assembly. After consultation Cardiff County Council will review the proposals before proceeding with preparation of a full

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detailed plan for "deposit". Deposit provides for an opportunity for anyone to formally support or object to aspects of the plan. Objectors have the further opportunity of having their objections considered at a Public Local Enquiry. If you require any further help or information please ring 20871830, 20871805 or 20871813.

County Councillor Delme Bowen

AMSERAU BYSIAU

Cefn Llan,
Pentyrch,

Mrs Y Krip,
Clerc y Cyngor Cymuned,

Yn rhifyn Rhagfyr Cwlwm Bro sylwaf bod rhifau ffôn cwmniau bysus sy'n gwasanaethu'r ardal wedi eu cynnwys. Tra bo hyn i'w groesawu, tybiaf y byddai o wir wasanaeth i'r fro pe bai amserlenni'r bysus yn cael eu cyhoeddi gan roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i holl drigolion yr ardal (ar y funud rhaid chwilota a dim ond ar ddamwain y deuthum ar draws copi ar gyfer bws 136 yn Swyddfa Bost Pentyrch). Dichon y byddai y cwmniau bysus yn fodlon cyfrannu yn ariannol at hyn.

Nid rhannu gwybodaeth, fodd bynnag, yw'r unig reswm dros gyhoeddi'r amserlenni yn y cylchgrawn. Er enghraifft, mae gwnasanaeth bws 136 i Bentyrch wedi gwella'n ddirfawr yn ddiweddar, a diolch i'r Cyngor am eu cefnogaeth yn hyn o beth. Fodd bynnag ofnaf y gall y gwasanaeth gael ei dorri 'nol os na fydd defnydd rhesymol yn cael ei wneud ohonno. Felly, mae angen annog trigolion yr ardal i ddefnyddio'r bws, nid yn unig er mwyn gofalu bod gwasanaeth teilwng i'r rhai, megis yr henoed, sy'n dibynnu arno ond hefyd er mwyn hybu defnyddio trafndiaeth gyhoeddus i ysgafnhau traffig a hefyd gwarchod yr amgylchedd - mater 'rwy'n siwr sydd o bwys i'r Cyngor Cymuned.

Gobeithio, felly, y gwnaiff y Cyngor ystyried cyhoeddi amserlenni bysus yn y Cwlwm Bro o hyn ymlaen.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir
Rowland Wynne

Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth Inspection

Congratulations to the school on the excellent report following the inspection during the Spring Term 2001. The main findings of the report said:

"The very good standards achieved by pupils in Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod y Garth Primary School reflect the dedication of the staff, the high quality of their teaching and the outstanding leadership qualities demonstrated by the head, ably supported by the deputy. The school has developed a good and productive relationship with parents; all are very supportive of the school. Relationships with the community, other schools and other institutions are good. Links with industry are also good. The school has appropriate strategies for partnership with industry, with effectively extend pupils' knowledge and understanding of the work undertaken in their own locality."

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i'r athrawon, plant a'u rhieni!

RED NOSE DAY

Children wearing shorts over their school uniform, red noses, biscuits and sweets for sale, children dancing to "Hear'Say" music on the yard at playtime. Why? To raise money for Red Nose Day. A total of £279.58 was raised - the highest ever from Gwaelod School.

BUS TIMETABLES

Cefn Llan,
Pentyrch

Mrs Y Krip,
Community Council Clerk

In the December edition of Cwlwm Bro I notice that the telephone numbers of the buses serving this area have been included. Whilst this is welcome, I believe it would be of service to the area if the timetables of the buses were published so giving the latest information to all the residents of the area (at the moment and only by chance I came across a copy of the 136 bus timetable in the Pentyrch Post Office). Possibly the bus companies would be willing to financially support this.

Sharing information is not the only reason for publishing the timetables in the magazine. For example, the 136 bus service to Pentyrch has improved considerably recently, and thanks to the Council for its support for this. Unfortunately I fear that the service could be cut back unless there is reasonable use of the service. So there is a need to urge residents of the area to use the bus, not only to ensure that there is an acceptable service for those, such as the aged, who depend on it but also to promote the use of public transport to lighten the traffic and protect the environment - a subject which I am sure is of concern to the Community Council.

I hope, therefore, that the Council will consider publishing the bus timetables in Cwlwm Bro from now on.

Yours truly
Rowland Wynne

PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

INVITE TENDERS FOR

2002 - 2005 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT AT CREIGIAU

RECREATION GROUND

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Wales

For Ken Brassili and the 'Pwy Ydym Ni?' exhibition.

A boiling core of magma
Flowing with fine ease of water.
Layer upon layer of rock prevents
The fiery banquet seeping through.
An imprint of time frozen in rock,
A mirror of old Wales.
Now the high cliffs of cruel rock
Build forts of stone
Along shores of sand and sea.
I walk the cliff path
Thinking of a living Wales.

Joseph Thorne
9 February 2001

Bi's Services to Cardiff**Gwasanaethau Bysiau i Gaerdydd****StageCoach 136** Tel: 029 2087 3252

Creigiau	7.00	7.48	9.15	10.47
Pentrych	7.06	7.55	9.23	10.00
Gwaelod y Garth	7.11	8.00	9.27	10.04

Monday - Friday

13.17	17.32	19.30
13.25	14.00	15.00
13.29	14.04	15.04

Llun - Gwener

20.30	19.34	20.34	19.38	20.38
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Cardiff Buses 33b Tel: 029 20396521

Gwaelod y Garth	9.25	11.15	13.15	16.25
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Monday - Friday**Llun - Gwener**

17.32	19.30	20.30
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Shamrock x49 Tel: 01443 407000

Creigiau	7.10	8.05	9.12
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Monday - Friday

10.13	11.00	12.00	13.23
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Llun - Gwener

14.00	15.00	16.13	17.10
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Apologies for the late appearance of this issue. The delay has meant that some articles have been omitted as they have become out of date.

Last date for entries in the October issue is 12 September 2001.

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

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Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

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

On the Web

Pentyrch Community Council now has its own web site

www.pentyrch.cc

It will include past issues of Community Link and other useful information such as footpath walks.

Ar y We

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