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## Pentyrch Traffic Management Community Meeting

At the beginning of October, eight electors from the Pentyrch Ward of the Pentyrch Community Council petitioned the Community Council and the local authority requesting a Community meeting which they are entitled to demand under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting has now been arranged and will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at Pentyrch School Hall. Adverts have been up in the noticeboards and in prominent places around the village for a few weeks and you are all invited attend and to contribute to the debate, which is on the issue of the traffic management controls currently in use within the village.

## Pentyrch Tuesday Lunch Club

After twelve years as a volunteer at Pentyrch Tuesday Lunch Club Betty Nixon has hung up her apron. Betty has been volunteering at the Lunch Club since it started in spring 1998. She was the first point of contact at the lunch club as she ran and organised the reception desk. Diners miss her welcome when they arrive and the other volunteers will miss the help Betty gave them in the kitchen.

If you would like to join Tuesday Lunch Club please ring 2084 2404 by 9.30 am on the preceding Monday to book a place. A two-course lunch, raffle and hot drink costs just £3 and you can look forward to a warm welcome from our new receptionist, Rosemary Evans. If you could help to transport some of our less mobile members to the lunch club at 12.30 from home to the hall or at 2.00 to return home please phone 2084 2404.



## Cantorion Creigiau yn 40



Llongyfarchiadau i Cantorion Creigiau ar ddathlu 40 mlynedd. Diolch yn arbennig i Mair Roberts am ei harweiniad a'i hymroddiad dros yr holl gyfnod i sicrhau llwyddiant y côr.

## Cambria Bowmen

The 11th September saw us hosting the Inter-County Championship, where archers from Glamorgan went up against those from Dyfed, Gwent and Powys. After a close run thing, Gwent won overall for the second year running, with Glamorgan hot on their heels. The 12th (the next day!!), saw Cambria hosting the Welsh Open Tournament, a very prestigious event in the archery calendar, with archers from all over the country, including North Wales, attending and setting new records and personal bests.

On the 19th September, we ran our annual BBQ shoot, a somewhat more relaxed affair with everybody thoroughly enjoying this fun shoot. Luckily the weather stayed nice for us for the 3 events and we were commended on our facilities and warmth towards archers of all standards.

Nick Dunwell.



*Nadolig Llawen  
a Bhwyddyn Newydd Dda*

*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*



## Recognising Achievement Award

The Welsh Assembly Government first set up the 'Recognising Achievement Awards' in 2009. The 2010 Awards were on the theme of 'Promoting Tolerance'. Sara Pickard was one of 16 recipients of the Awards who were presented at Ruthin Castle in North Wales on October 21st 2010. She was given the award in recognition of her work for Mencap Cymru, where she is the Partners in Politics Officer. Sara received her award from both the First Minister in the Welsh Assembly Government, Carwyn Jones AM, and the Deputy First Minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones AM. Sara's parents and Wayne Crocker, Acting Director of Mencap Cymru, were Sara's guests on what proved to be a very special day.



**Sara Pickard with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**



## Creigiau Open Gardens 2010

On Sunday the 20th of June eight brave Creigiau residents opened their gardens to public scrutiny as part of the Creigiau Carnival celebrations. After some anxious last minute plucking, pruning and preening, the gates were opened, the tea was brewing, plant stalls were erected, the sun shone and the visitors arrived. A few came alone or in pairs for serious horticultural inspection, but most came as family groups for a relaxing afternoon admiring the flowers while enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake. There was also the comforting confirmation that other people too suffer from moss and bare patches in their lawns, plants that misbehave, and bindweed in their borders.

The eight gardens varied considerably in style, size and character and included ponds, flower borders, vegetable patches and even a large cacti collection. Creigiau allotments were also open for those interested in 'growing your own'.

This is the second successful year for Creigiau Open Gardens, raising about £400 towards the carnival funds, all of which will be used for the benefit of our village.

To keep this venture fresh and interesting, new gardens are needed for 2011 so if you would like your garden to be included please contact Jenny Macdonald 02920 892830.

Alison Appleby



Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Gan ddymuno Nadolig Llawen iawn i chi a'ch teulu

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# Pentyrch Open Gardens



A big thank you to all the gardeners and visitors for making Pentyrch Open Gardens 2010 a big success. 336 programmes were sold and the weather was kind. An extra courtesy bus was added which made it much more comfortable for our visitors and Carol's refreshments in the Village Hall, supported by a large number of volunteers, added to the enjoyment of the weekend.

The Plant Sale in May was equally as successful, thanks again to the huge effort of Sue and Martin Cragg together with the kind plant donations of other gardeners.

All grants applied for in time were met and surplus funds are carried forward to add to next year's fund for applications. All community groups in Pentyrch are eligible and it would be helpful if you could let us know your needs by our deadline of May 2011

Pentyrch Village Hall	£909.00
Pentyrch Bowls Club	£400.00
Pentyrch Baby & Toddler Group	£248.96

3rd Pentyrch Brownies	£198.00
Hilltop Theatre Company	£ 50.00

POG will also fund the Christmas tree for the Village Hall, bulb planting around the village and community planters for next years events.

POG has long been an established part of the "Pentyrch year" and we would like to welcome other gardeners to join us next year. If you feel you would like to open your garden, please contact either Chris or Jeanette Troughton on 2089933; e-mail ctvet@talktalk.net. If you feel that you have a neighbour or friend in Pentyrch whose garden you enjoy, do ask them to consider opening for 2011. It is not a competition and the enjoyment of our visitors make it very worthwhile.

**Diary Dates:** 2011 Pentyrch Open Gardens will be on 9th/10th July.

Friday 18th Feb, Social evening at the Village Hall 7.30pm. All are welcome; bring a plate to share and your own tippie.

## Cantorion Creigiau 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

40 years ago a group of friends went carol singing around Creigiau, as they had been approached by Creigiau 23 to raise money to buy presents for the local foster home. As they had enjoyed the experience they decided to carry on singing together and Cantorion Creigiau was born. Some of those singers and of course Mair Roberts, who led them, are still with Cantorion Creigiau.

It was very apt that this year, in recognition of her contribution to Cantorion Creigiau and to music in Wales, Mair was honoured with distinction by the Bardic Circle (Gorsedd y Beirdd) at the National Eisteddfod at Ebbw Vale. Here is a part of the tribute paid to her: *"Her contribution both as a judge and as a soloist on national and international stages justifies the honour bestowed on this versatile musician"*.

There was a double celebration at the Eisteddfod as a former chorister, Glenys Roberts, wife of our current Chairman Guto Roberts, won the Crown. Cantorion Creigiau took part in the evening, held in Pentyrch Rugby Club, in recognition of her prestigious award

In October, Cantorion Creigiau spent a week in Menorca and performed 4 concerts. The Rotary Club of Menorca organised 3 concerts, held in the Parish Church of Sant Llois, Santa Maria Church in Mahon and the Cathedral in Cuitadella. Another concert was held in the Church of San Christobal in Es Mijgorn Gran, the village near Santo Tomas, where the choir were staying. Only 40 choristers went on tour, but the performances were received with standing ovations at each venue. At 2 concerts the Choir were pleased to have as guests Menorcan Soprano Maria Camps and Organist Bartolome Olives. In the local church there was an instrumental duo. On departure the choir heard that the Rotary Club had raised over 2,000 Euro towards their charities. The local church had raised over 400 Euro toward the repair of its bell.

It had been a very busy week, but successful when we heard the amount of money raised as this was, and still is, the

reason Cantorion Creigiau was formed and is still performing for Charities, not just in our own locality. In the 40 years we must have raised close to, or more than, £1,000,000. Not all organisations let us know how much concerts have raised, so it's impossible for us to know the exact amount e.g. 2 days before the choir left for Menorca a concert held in Dinas Powys raised almost £1,000.

Since their return, the Choir have performed at Salem Chapel, Tonteg and a performance on the Glanfa Stage in the Millennium Centre.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December Cantorion Creigiau are singing in St John's Church, Canton, Cardiff as part of their Christmas Tree Festival, Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> the Choir share a concert with the children of Creigiau Primary School at the School.

As part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this year "sees us going back to our roots". On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Choir will walk around the village of Creigiau as they did the very first time and for many years following, always the Sunday before Christmas. Unfortunately the village has grown since the early years, which was one of the reasons the Annual Carol Concert has been held in Creigiau Church Hall. The Choir will be taking on their "old route" of the original village. Starting outside the Church Hall at 6.30 winding their way around the village and ending back at the Church Hall. If there is extreme weather forecast on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Community Carol singing will be held in the Church Hall. Notices will be placed around the village. The money raised has always been donated to a "Child-related" charity, a decision had not been made on which charity when this was going to press.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Cantorion Creigiau 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert will be held in the BBC Hoddinott Hall in the Millennium Centre with Treorchy Male Choir, with whom Mair has been soloist for many years, This was recognised last year when she was made a "Life Member". Tickets will be on sale at the Millennium Centre from the end of November.

The Choir have a busy schedule until July 2011, but will also be finding time to hold celebrations of their own during this exceptional year. Look at our new website and make contact if you wish to have the choir sing at an event or you wish to organise a concert to raise money for a worthwhile cause.

**Mair Coles. PR Cantorion Creigiau**  
website: [cantorion-creigiau.org](http://cantorion-creigiau.org)

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Pentyrch Community  
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numbers of Community  
Link are available on  
the Council's website.



## Gwaelod's Missing Seat

Sadly, the seat at the lower end of the village is still missing. Although Community Action has located the legal owner of the land on which this seat was sited, and the owner has offered to donate the land to the village, the Community Council has stated that it is unable to accept the gift until the land is vacated by the person claiming Adverse Possession. There is still legally time for this process; an Adverse Possession Claim cannot be finalised for 12 years.

The Community Council has put aside money for a replacement seat. It is being proposed by residents that, pending any potential legal process, this replacement seat be sited on the pavement immediately adjacent to the bus stop indicator, thus replacing a comfortable facility for passengers travelling into the village. This suggestion has been put to the Community Council.

Community Action Committee

## Ball Games

There seems to be a general ignorance by both parents and children regarding the law in relation to playing ball games in the street. Whilst such an apparently innocuous activity may appear trivial, it can give rise to considerable annoyance to road users as well as an obvious hazard to children involved, and a considerable irritant to householders nearby when a football is repeatedly kicked into their garden with the potential to damage plants and ornaments. Further nuisance is occasioned when the offenders disturb the householder to plead for the return of an ill-directed ball. It is an interesting fact that this anti-social behaviour usually takes place well away from the ball owner's residence! Those parents who permit their children to participate in such ball games in the street should be aware of the following:

***'It is generally an offence to play ball games on a public road/street, if it is to the annoyance of residents and other users of the street.'***

**Remember residents of Creigiau, we have a recreation ground for this purpose!**

Dr Douglas Inglis, Creigiau

## 7.5 ton Weight Limit

Did You know ? That there is a 7.5 Ton Weight Restriction in Penttyrch. Any vehicle above this weight is not supposed to enter the village, unless they are delivering or working in the village.

Many vehicles above this weight use the village as a through route damaging our roads.

Please report such vehicles (number plate, time and direction) to the Clerk of the Council at 02920891417 or email – [clerk@penttyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@penttyrch.cc) or telephone 101.

## All Hallows E'en

Georgetown frightened away the wandering spirits with a huge pumpkin, born and bred in the fertile soil of Georgetown. (The grower wishes to remain anonymous, as usual, but you can guess!) This pumpkin measured 193cm in circumference – that's around 76 inches, or 6 foot four, for those of us who still haven't graduated to metric. (Refer to Pi for its diameter). Too heavy to weigh but it took three men to put it in place. Is it this year's champion pumpkin?

Tom Procter

## We won't rest until our bench is back in place!



## Thank You

To friends of Penttyrch Ladies/and the village, just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for your support at the recent Macmillan Coffee morning held on Friday 24th September, together with a raffle we raised £127.00. With thanks for your generous donations. Macmillan nurses do wonderful work and they don't just help the patient, but offer a lot of support to the family. Kind regards

4 from Deborah Hunt and family.

## Electoral Reform, 1832 Style



Congratulations to Ben Thorne, of Gwaelod y Garth, who has just been declared winner of the 'History of Parliament Competition, 2010', in which schools across the UK compete. He wrote a speech that a Radical of that time might have written in support of the 1832 Representation of the People Act, 1832.

The Act was "to take effectual measures for correcting diverse abuses that have long prevailed" in the choice of serving MPs. Seats were granted in the House of Commons to large cities that had sprung up during the Industrial Revolution, while others were taken from the 'rotten boroughs' with small populations. By increasing the size of the electorate, one in six males got the vote.

Ben gets a prize of £100 and his school gets £150 for books. He will also have a day at Westminster with two family members and member of the school staff. Ben, now 13, was 12 when he entered the competition.



## Gwaelod y Garth Funstation

We are non profitable committee-based breakfast and after-school club at Gwaelod y Garth. We offer fun activities and healthy food and snacks.

Many parents tell us without us they would be stuck for childcare and they appreciate that we are there to take in the children.

Breakfast club opens at 8am-9am every morning Mon-Fri (term time only) as well as afternoon club 3.30-5.45 Mon - Fri. The children love activities such as skateboarding, roller blading, craft making and jewellery making, cooking, to boxed toys such as lego, knetics etc.

We allow the children freedom to play with all activities and play with friends in a secure and safe environment.

Contact Club Staff on 07899906911  
Email: [funstation01@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:funstation01@yahoo.co.uk)

## CHARLIE'S APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Imagine a normal lively healthy 13 month-old little boy- the apple of everyone's eye -waking up one morning to be told that he has Type 1 diabetes and will need insulin for the rest of his life.

Imagine the impact on him, his parents, his 3 year old sister, grandparents and extended family –not so easy now to babysit, to go to nursery, on holiday, or even a walk. Everyone with responsibility for Charlie has to be trained to take blood, to give insulin and, most important of all, to phone for the ambulance if he has a hypo or hyper. Imagine the changes at home- no more full-time work for mum - now a full-time carer. He's labelled 'disabled' requiring 24hour care to ensure a stable blood sugar- every morsel of food measured and calculated for carbohydrates, every scrape and fall, every tooth and cold alters the level- chicken pox meant a week's stay in hospital struggling to keep the levels equal.

BUT- this is normal for all 25,000 (approx) children in U.K. who have Type 1 diabetes. The only change will come from medical research changing

## SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM CREIGIAU NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During these weeks of long, dark nights, we need to take extra care to prevent crime in our community.

If you go out during the hours of darkness, leave some lights on, perhaps using a timer switch. If you are away overnight, maybe a trusted neighbour could close and open your curtains at appropriate times.

Take care when out and about on your own at night. Avoid walking alone in unlit places. If you plan to stay out late, plan your return home in advance, for instance by arranging a lift or organising a taxi. If you take your car, park in a

the way insulin is delivered to the body.

The main fundraiser is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the only people who can raise money is YOU and ME.

If you can support or sponsor this cause then please contact Nanna Barbara Rodd c/o Charlie's Angels at [www.justgiving.com/LucyBHoward](http://www.justgiving.com/LucyBHoward) or at my home address.

THANK YOU

well-lit area, and don't be tempted to have too much liquid Christmas cheer; it could cost you your licence – or your life!

Don't leave Christmas presents under your tree for the whole run-up to the festive season if they are easily visible from a window or open door. And after the event, take care when disposing of the packaging of your new gadgets. You don't want to advertise to everyone that you are now the proud owner of a state-of-the-art computer or the latest i-phone.

Of course, not all disasters are the result of crime. The chances of your being involved in a road accident are far higher, especially when it is dark. Motorists, check your lights, carry some de-icer, and take extra care. Cyclists and pedestrians should wear light-coloured or high visibility clothing, and the former should also check their lights.

Neighbourhood Watch is about being a good neighbour in the broadest sense. Should we have cold, icy weather or a bout of snow this winter, look in on elderly or infirm neighbours to make sure they are well, are warm enough, and that they have everything they need. In fact, this is surely a framework for being a good neighbour throughout the year.

We at Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch wish you all a merry, safe Christmas, and a happy, crime-free New Year.

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# Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod y Garth Primary School

## Dylan Rigby



Eleni rydw i wedi cael fy newis i chwarae i dîm rygbi Caerdydd (o dan 11). Rwy'n aelod o garfan o 35 bachgen ac rydym yn hyfforddi bob wythnos yn Rhymni. Rydyn ni wedi bod i ffwrdd am benwythnos o weithgareddau 'adeiladu tîm' yn Storey Arms. Rydym wedi ennill pob gêm hyd yn hyn. Ym mis Chwefror rydw i'n mynd ar daith i Ddilyn!

Congratulations to Dylan Rigby who has been chosen to play rugby for the Cardiff under 11 team. We wish him every success and are very proud of his achievements. Da iawn ti Dylan!

## Dinosaurs!

This term classes 1C, 2C and 1E are studying dinosaurs. Class 1E have been busy making a dinosaur scene. We have had lots of fun playing with it!



## Cystadleuaeth Carden Nadolig Christmas Card Competition

Llongyfarchiadau i Rhiannon Wyn Davies a ennillodd y gystadleuaeth i gynllunio carden Nadolig i Mr Rhodri Morgan a Mr Kevin Brennan. Ennillodd Mali Griffiths yr ail wobwr ac Iwan Cradock y 3ydd wobwr.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Wyn Davies who won the first prize in our competition to design Mr Rhodri Morgan and Mr Kevin Brennan's Christmas cards. Congratulations also to Mali Griffiths for winning the 2nd prize and Iwan Cradock for winning 3rd prize.



## Trawsgwlad Hydref 2010

Fe gynhaliwyd treialon trawsgwlad i ddewis tîm i gynrychioli'r ysgol yn rasmus trawsgwlad ysgolion Caerdydd nôl ym mis Hydref. Fe ddewiswyd y tîm ac fe gymerodd y rasmus le yng nghaeau Trelai. Roedd yr ysgol yn llwyddiannus iawn gyda tîm merched blwyddyn pump yn dod yn ail yn y gystadleuaeth tîm, a hefyd tîm merched blwyddyn chwech yn dod yn drydydd yn y cystadleuaeth tîm. Fe redodd pawb yn wych!

Gan Elinor Hughes B1 4



## Ein Trip i Dan yr Ogof / Our Trip to Dan yr Ogof

Aeth Dosbarth 1C, 2C ac 1E i Dan yr Ogof. Roedd hi'n ddiwrnod heulog. Roedd deinosoriaid yno. Es i mewn i'r ogof. Roedd rhoadr yn yr ogof. Roedd mam wedi dod i Dan yr Ogof. Cefais hwyl yn Dan yr Ogof.

Gan Mali Griffiths 2C



## Clwb Eco / Eco Club

Mae plant y Clwb Eco wedi bod yn brysur iawn y tymor yma yn barod. Rydym wedi bod yn casglu sbwriel yn y goedwig lleol, adeiladu cysgodau a gwneud lluniau allan o ddefnyddiau naturiol y goedwig.

The Eco Club children have been very busy in the local woodland since September. We have been collecting rubbish, have enjoyed using our log circle, built shelters and made art work using natural materials found in the woods.



## Gwobr Buddsoddwyr Mewn Pobl ac Ysgolion Iach

Rydym yn dathlu ennill dau wobwr yn yr hanner tymor diwethaf. Cawsom wobwr Buddsoddwyr Mewn Pobl a deilen cam un Ysgolion Iach.

Bendigedig!

## Healthy Schools and Investor in People Awards

Everyone at school is very proud to have received two awards during the last half term. We were awarded the Investors in People award and gained our first leaf in the Healthy Schools Scheme.

Congratulations to everyone.

## Crucial Crew 2010



Year 6 went to the safety zone in Treforest Industrial Estate. They had an extraordinary layout, it was like a virtual street. It was divided in to eight different locations which taught us a variety of valuable lessons. Our two favourite activities were the pub and the food standard agency. In the pub we learnt the importance of drinking responsibly and the food standard agency taught us how to avoid food poisoning. We had a great time visiting crucial crew and learnt lots of new things.

Morgan Norval Year 6

## Croeso i Blant y Meithrin

Croeso mawr i'r plant bach newydd sydd wedi ymuno a ni ym Meithrin Ysgol Gwaelod Y Garth.



### Welcome to the Nursery Children

A warm welcome to the nursery children who have joined us at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth.

## First Class Degree

Congratulations to Gwaelod-y-Garth resident Alex Thorne on gaining a First Class Honours degree in mathematics from Cardiff University in July. The University said that Alex had the highest marks ever achieved in the history of the Maths School. He was top student for every year of his study. What makes this unusual is Alex is 15 years old and has yet to sit his GCSE.

Alex got an A for his maths GCSE when he was in junior school. He taught himself A level in a year and got an A\* for A Level maths when he was in the first year of secondary school.



Alex started the degree course when he was 12 years old, his mother, Sara, having to accompany him as he was too young to be left unsupervised. They would go to lectures in the University then return to Kings Monkton school for the rest of his GCSE subjects.

Alex has enjoyed maths since he was very young – asking for sheets of sums to do from a very early age- and it is not suprising that he is also an expert on the computer. Like any 15 year old he enjoys playing computer games, drawing and horseriding. Alex is now studying for a two year M.Phil course Gravitation in the quantum field.

Congratulations must also go to Alex's brother Joseph who is in his first year at Corpus Christi college, Oxford reading English, having got 4 A\* at A level.

Sandie Rosser

### Ein Cynrychiolwyr Cyngor Ysgol

Rydym wedi cynnal etholiadau yn ddiweddar i ethol cynrychiolwyr newydd i'r Cyngor Ysgol. Llongyfarchiadau i'r cyngor newydd.

### Our School Council Representatives

We have held elections recently to elect our new School Council. Congratulations to the succesful candidates.



2E - Amy Shefferd & George Adsett, 3E - Michelle Nnadi & Callum Fergusson, 3C - Tia Morgan-Bakarr & William Jones, 4C - Elinor Hughes & Dylan Greedy, 5C - Briony Palmer & Evan Symes

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# Community Council Highlights

## Grants

Since the last publication grants from within the Community have been considered at the June and September meetings. It was decided to make the following awards of grants:

Gwaelod y Garth W.I.	£50
Pentyrch Junior Cricket Club	£100
Pentyrch Brownies	£50
Cylch Meithrin Creigiau	£50
The Hilltop Theatre Company	£50
The Dynevor Gardening Association	£50
Creigiau Youth Club	£300
Creigiau Netball	£100
The Garth District Guides	£100

Gwaelod y Garth Fireworks Group £200

So far this year the Council has spent £1,050 from its budget of £1500 not including the surplus from last year of £95. This leaves £545 for distribution at the December and March meetings and, as usual, applications should be made to me, preferably by email, ([clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc)) and should be accompanied by the last set of accounts or financial statement.

## Wales International Business Park

The big news since the last Link is that the application to build the International Business Park at Junction 33 of the M.4 has been withdrawn. But the developers could make a fresh application at any time in the future. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and, if necessary, re-introduce its opposition to the scheme. On behalf of the Council I would like to thank those individuals who managed to negotiate their way through the labyrinthine measures required to sign the on-line petition and also all those who gave their support and voices to the opposition to these plans.

## Museum / Visitor's Centre

The plan to turn the relatively unused upper floor rooms of the Council offices in Peniel Road into a Museum/Visitor's Centre is progressing well. This initiative was mentioned in a previous Link and a request was made for anybody who had any historical documents or artefacts, relating to the Council area, and which could be displayed, to contact the Clerk. One or two generous souls did just that and the museum received a fresh influx of items for display. I have been asked to repeat my plea for any items and also to advise you all that it is envisaged that the Museum will be open for business in 2011.

## Change in Neighbourhood Police Officer

Some of you may have noticed a different Police officer patrolling the streets of our Community Council area. For those of you who were not aware there has been a seminal change in our policing arrangement with the areas of Radyr, Morganstown, Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, Creigiau and St Fagans now

having a Neighbourhood Beat Manager instead of neighbourhood officers. When this change occurred, PC Paul Tebbutt, who had previously been responsible for only Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth, found himself with the responsibility for a much larger area. It was a sort of Police downsizing exercise which got rid of three Constables and replaced them with one. Paul Tebbutt has now moved on to cover the neighbourhood of Whitchurch.

The new Constable is PC Huw Thomas, who was the neighbourhood police officer for Radyr & Morganstown and has now taken on the mantle of the larger area. Those of you who want to contact him can reach him, when he is on duty, on 07584 004472 or email him on [huw.thomas2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:huw.thomas2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk). He is ably assisted by PCSO Helen Coleman who can be contacted on 07584 883307. We wish them both well and welcome them to the Community Council Area.

## Creigiau Youth Club

A lot of hard work has been done by Cllr Sheila Dafis to get a senior youth club up and running in Creigiau. In consultation with Clare Barnett of Cardiff CC (Youth Services) a consultation exercise was carried out in the summer and a picnic organised at Creigiau Recreation Ground to see whether there was sufficient interest in the scheme to make it viable. Cardiff CC is backing the scheme by providing the two youth workers in Andrea and Tom, although are unable to provide the complete financial package required. Consequently monies for the hire of the Creigiau Scout Hall and other sundry expenses have to be sourced locally. If you look back at the grants awarded so far this year, shown at the beginning of the article, you will notice a grant from the Community Council of £300 towards these costs. If anybody can assist in setting up this youth club with the donation, sponsorship or otherwise of unwanted sports equipment, pool table, table tennis table, board games, skittles etc., please contact Cllr Sheila Dafis on 2089 1360. The Youth Club had its first meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November when 7 young souls braved the elements on a nasty wet evening to get the ball rolling. All newcomers in the 14 – 19 year old range are welcome to attend between 6pm – 8pm and we wish the Creigiau Youth Club success and hope this is only the start of bigger and better things.

## Overgrowth of Trees, Hedging and Borders

I have been asked to mention, once again, that the overgrowth of trees, hedges and borders, across adopted highways is contrary to the Highways Act and the owners of the vegetation can be served with a notice requiring them to cut back the overgrowth.

A failure to do so can result in the overgrowth being cut back by the local authority, in our case Cardiff CC, and the householder being charged for the privilege of having their hedges and trees 'hacked' back. When instances like this are brought to my attention I try to circumvent the need to involve the local authority by writing to the householder concerned, gently pointing out that they should consider cutting back their hedges or trees. Thankfully complaints are relatively low and the need for me to have to do this is not very frequent but, when I do, I can possibly save the householder an expensive bill.

## The Rest Centre, Mountain Road

Back in the spring addition I advised that the Rest Centre, a dilapidated and no longer used building on Mountain Road, Pentyrch was going to be sold at auction in the Autumn. As it turned out the reserve recommended and set was only marginally missed by the bidders in the room. I would expect that the Rest Centre will be offered for sale, again by auction, next year.

## Memorial benches

Residents of Pentyrch will have noticed a new bench on Heol y Bryn opposite the Bronllwyn cemetery where people can sit and look at the magnificent view down the Vale of Glamorgan. I would like to thank the relatives of Thelma Jones for paying for the memorial bench which I am sure will be well used. We have also placed another memorial bench in memory of Nick Ronchetti who died at the age of 40 years on the Garth Mountain and another memorial bench is in the pipeline for the Garth Mountain, only this time from relatives in Canada in memory of Mavis Fenwick, née Morgan, who hailed from Taffs Well. The Garth Mountain clearly continues to exert a spiritual hold over all who have visited it and who look back with great affection on the times they have spent there.

## New Chief Executive of Cardiff CC

Those of you who bother to read the Capital Times, produced and published by CCC, may have read that the local authority has a new Chief Executive, named Jon House. He was shown in the paper as being 'on the road' meeting front-line staff, citizens and Councillors. Well don't dismiss this as just a cheap publicity stunt as one of the places he visited was Pentyrch Community Council offices in the company of the County Councillor for Pentyrch, Craig Williams. Not only was he introduced to your honourable Clerk but he listened to my moans (on your behalf) and gave me the impression of being both interested and concerned. Some days after he left he sent me a letter thanking me for my time. Not only was it a first to speak to (let alone meet) the Chief Executive but it was a double first as regards the correspondence that followed later. You never know he may be just what CCC need to shake them out their complacency and, perhaps, start delivering the service that the people of this Community Council area deserve.





# Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

## Grantiau

Er y Cwlwm bro ddiwethaf dyrannwyd grantiau yng nghyfaryfodydd Mehefin a Medi y Cyngor. Penderfynwyd gwneud y grantiau canlynol:

Gwaelod y Garth W.I.	£50
Pentyrch Junior Cricket Club	£100
Pentyrch Brownies	£50
Cylch Meithrin Creigiau	£50
The Hilltop Theatre Company	£50
The Dynevor Gardening Association	£50
Creigiau Youth Club	£300
Creigiau Netball	£100
The Garth District Guides	£100
Gwaelod y Garth Fireworks Group	£200

Hyd yn hyn eleni mae'r Cyngor wedi gwario £1,050 o'i gyllideb o £1500 heb gynnwys y £95 o gyllid oedd drosodd o'r flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Mae hyn yn gadael £545 i'w rannu yng nghyfaryfodydd Rhagfyr a Mawrth ac, fel arfer, dylid gwneud ceisiadau i mi, drwy e-bost sydd orau, ([clerk@pentyrch.cc](mailto:clerk@pentyrch.cc)) a dylid cynnwys yr adroddiad ariannol mwyaf diweddar.

## Parc Busnes Rhyngwladol Cymru

Y newyddion mawr ers rhifyn diwethaf Cwlwm Bro yw bod y cais i adeiladu Parc Busnes Rhyngwladol ar Gyffordd 33 yr M4 wedi cael ei dynnu'n ôl. Ond gall y datblygwyr wneud cais newydd ar unrhyw amser yn y dyfodol. Bydd y Cyngor yn parhau i gadw golwg ar y sefyllfa ac, os oes raid, ail-ddechrau gwrthwynebu'r cynllun. Ar ran y Cyngor hoffwn ddiolch i'r unigolion hynny a lwyddodd i gael ffordd i mewn i wefan y Cynulliad i arwyddo'r ddeiseb ar-lein a hefyd pawb a roddodd eu cefnogaeth a'u lleisiau i wrthwynebu'r cynlluniau.

## Canolfan Ymwelwyr / Amgueddfa

Mae'r cynllun i drawsnewid ystafelloedd uchaf swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn Peniel Road i mewn i ganolfan Ymwelwyr ac Amgueddfa yn dod yn eu blaen yn dda. Soniwyd am y cynllun yn rhifyn blaenorol o Cwlwm Bro a rhoddwyd cais am i unrhyw un sydd â dogfennau hanesyddol neu hen greiriau sy'n berthnasol i ardal y Cyngor i gysylltu â'r Clerc. Roedd ambell un wedi gwneud hynny a daeth nifer o eitemau diddorol ar gyfer yr amgueddfa. Gofynnwyd i mi ail-wneud yr apêl am eitemau a dogfennau a hefyd i nodi y disgwylir agor yr Amgueddfa yn ystod 2011.

## Newid ein Swyddog Heddlu Cymunedol

Byddai rhai ohonoch wedi sylwi fod swyddog heddlu gwahanol yn goruchwyllo strydoedd ardal y Cyngor Cymuned. I'r rhai ohonoch nad sy'n ymwybodol mae newid sylweddol wedi digwydd yn nhrefniadau'r heddlu gydag ardal Radyr, Pentre-poeth, Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, Creigiau a Sain

Ffagan gydag un Rheolwr Bît Cymunedol yn lle'r swyddogion cymunedol. Pan ddigwyddodd hyn daeth PC Paul Tebbutt, a fu'n gyfrifol am Bentyrch a Gwaelod y Garth, nawr yn gyfrifol am ardal llawer mwy eang. Roedd yr ad-drefnu yn fodd i gael gwared a thri Chwnstabl a rhoi un yn eu lle. Er hynny mae Paul Tebbutt wedi symud i oruchwyllo ardal Eglwys Newydd.

Y Cwnstabl newydd yw PC Huw Thomas, a fu'n swyddog heddlu cymunedol ardal Radyr a Pentre-poeth ac sydd nawr wedi drosodd yr ardal llawer mwy. Gall y rhai sydd am gysylltu ag ef pan mae yn gweithio ei ffonio ar y rhif 07584 004472 neu gallwch ei e-bostio ar [huw.thomas2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:huw.thomas2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk). Ei gynorthwydd yw PCSO Helen Coleman a gellir cysylltu â hi ar 07584 883307. Dymunwn yn dda i'r ddau ohonynt a chroesawn hwy i ardal y Cyngor.

## Clwb Ieuencid Creigiau

Mae'r Cynghorydd Sheila Dafis wedi gwneud llawer o waith caled i sefydlu clwb ieuencid yng Nghreigiau. Mewn cydweithrediad â Clare Barnett o Gyngor Caerdydd (Gwasanaethau Ieuencid) cynhaliwyd ymgynghoriad yn yr haf a threfnwyd picnic ar Faes Hamdden Creigiau i weld a oedd digon o ddiddordeb yn y cynllun i'w wneud yn hyfryd. Mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn cefnogi'r cynllun drwy ddarparu dau swyddog ieuencid, Andrea a Tom, ond nid ydynt yn gallu rhoi'r holl gyllid sydd ei angen. Felly mae'n rhaid darganfod y cyllid i logi Neuadd y Sgowntiaid a threuliau eraill yn lleol. Os edrychych yn ôl dros y grantiau a rannwyd eleni fe welwch fod y Cyngor Cymuned wedi rhoi £300 tuag at y costau yma. Os gall unrhyw un helpu i sefydlu'r clwb ieuencid gyda rhodd ariannol, noddi neu gyfrannu cyfarpar chwaraeon megis bwrdd pŵl, bwrdd tenis bwrdd, sgits neu gemau bwrdd gysylltu â'r Cynghorydd Sheila Dafis ar 2089 1360. Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod cyntaf y Clwb ieuencid ar 3 Tachwedd pan ddaeth 7 o bobl ifanc drwy'r glaw i ddechrau'r gweithgareddau. Croesewir aelodau newydd yn yr oedran 14 - 19 i ddod rhwng 6yh a 8yh a dymunwn bob llwyddiant i Glwb Ieuencid Creigiau gan obeithio y bydd yn gychwyn ar ddarpariaeth mwy a gwell.

## Ordyfiant Coed, Gwrychoedd a Borderi

Gofynnwyd i mi sôn unwaith eto fod gordyfiant coed a gwrychoedd ar draws ffyrdd sydd wedi eu mabwysiadu yn mynd yn erbyn y Ddeddf Ffyrdd a gall perchnogion y tyfiant cael hysbysiad yn eu herbyn yn galw arnynt i dorri'r tyfiant yn ôl. Bydd methu a gwneud hynny yn arwain i'r tyfiant gael ei dorri'n ôl gan yr awdurdod lleol, sef Cyngor Caerdydd, ac yna bydd

perchennog y talu yn bil am y fraint o gael ei goed a'i wrychoedd wedi eu torri'n ôl. Pan ddaw sefyllfaoedd fel hynny i'm sylw byddaf yn ceisio osgoi dod â'r cyngor sir i mewn drwy ysgrifennu i berchennog y tŷ a'i hysbysu y dylid ystyried torri'n ôl y tyfiant cyn bod y cyngor sir yn gweithredu. Nid oes llawer o gwynion ac nid oes angen i mi wneud hyn yn aml ond gall dilyn awgrymiad fy llythyr arbed bil drud i'r cartref!

## Y Rest Centre, Heol y Mynydd

Yn rhifyn y Gwanwyn dywedais fod y Rest Centre, adeilad sydd heb ei ddefnyddio ers talwm ar Heol y Mynydd Pentyrch, yn mynd i gael ei werthu mewn ocsiwn yn yr hydref. Daeth y pris yn ocsiwn yn agos at y pris isaf a argymhellwyd ond ni lwyddwyd i werthu'r adeilad. Disgwyliaf y bydd y Rest centre yn cael ei gynnig i'w werthu, eto drwy ocsiwn, y flwyddyn nesaf.

## Meinciau Coffa

Byddai trigolion Pentyrch wedi sylwi ar fainc newydd ar Heol y Bryn dros ford i fynwent Bronllwyn lle gall pobl eistedd a mwynhau'r olygfa odidog i lawr at Fro Morgannwg. Hoffwn ddiolch i berthnasau Thelma Jones am dalu am y Fainc Coffa a fydd, mae'n siŵr, yn cael defnydd cyson. Rydym hefyd wedi gosod mainc coffa er cof am Nick Ronchetti, a fu farw yn 40 mlwydd oed, ar y llwybr i Fynydd y Garth. Hefyd mae mainc arall ar y ffordd y tro yma oddi wrth berthnasau yng Nghnada er cof am Mavis Fenwick, née Morgan, yn enedigol o Ffynnon Taf. Mae'n amlwg fod Mynydd y Garth yn dal gafael ysbrydol ar bawb sydd wedi ymweld â'r ardal ac sy'n edrych yn ôl gyda chryn hoffter ar y cyfnod y buont yma.

## Prif Weithredwr newydd Cyngor Sir Caerdydd

Byddai'r rhai ohonoch sy'n poeni i ddarllen y Llais y Ddinas a gyhoeddir gab y cyngor sir wedi gweld fod gan y sir brif weithredwr newydd, Jon House. Yn y papur dangoswyd ef 'ar y ffordd' yn cwrdd â staff, dinasyddion a chynghorwyr. Wel, nid dim ond llun ar gyfer cyhoedduswydd oedd ei weithred yn mynd allan, oherwydd fe ddaeth yr holl ffordd i Bentyrch ac i swyddfeydd Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch gyda'r Cynghorydd Sirol Craig Williams. Fe'i cyflwynwyd i'ch Clerc a gwrandawodd ar nifer o gwynion (ar eich rhan) a rhoddodd yr argraff i mi ei fod â diddordeb ac yn pryderu. Rhai dyddiau ar ôl yr ymweliad danfonodd lythyr ataf yn diolch am fy amser. Hwn oedd y tro cyntaf nid yn unig i gael cyfle i siarad â'r Prif Weithredwr ond hefyd i dderbyn llythyr ganddo. Rydych byth yn gwybod ond efallai dyma yn union sydd angen ar Gyngor Caerdydd i'w hysgwyrdd o'u hunanfodddhad ac efallai cychwyn darparu'r gwasanaethau mae trigolion ardal y Cyngor Cymuned yn eu haeddu.

# PENTYRCH BOWLING CLUB



Pentyrch Bowling Club enjoyed the excellent summer weather to record some notable victories in both the ladies' and men's teams. The attractively reduced annual membership fee of just £30 for new members brought in many newcomers from Pentyrch and the neighbouring villages. While the men's team battled on three different fronts – two Saturday teams and the Cardiff Wednesday League, the Ladies competed in the Cardiff North and Glamorgan Leagues.

**The Junior Section** strengthened its reputation with three boys - Joel Dyer, Owen Morgan and Harri Lewis - playing for the County of South Glamorgan junior team. They were also selected for the County Under 25's team to play West Glamorgan. Owen retained the **Pentyrch Junior Championship** when he beat Harri in a superb final by the narrowest score of 21-20. Joel was also successful as a member of the winning triple team in the John Calnan Cup. The club has a strong policy to attract and coach young players and this is emphasised by players in full time education playing **TOTALLY FREE** – this includes membership, hire of equipment, coaching and all entry fees to competitions.

Each summer the club invites the pupils of **Pentyrch School and Ysgol Creigiau** for a series of coaching lessons. Most of the children adapt to the game straight away and the end of term annual match between the two schools is developing into quite a battle for the Pantygored Shield.

The traditional **Annual Tour** saw over 40 members and guests spend a superb weekend in Bournemouth, Salisbury and Bath. The weather was glorious, the matches were closely fought affairs and the memories gained were life lasting for all. Gentleman Jim O'Dwyer of Creigiau summed up the tour ethic of enjoyment, by being the last to leave the bar each night and picking up the Tourist of the Year Award. This was despite the fact that he was hospitalised on the first morning and spent the rest of the tour hobbling on crutches.

The Club Competitions are held throughout the season, culminating in Finals Day on the Pentyrch Green. This year the two captains, Margaret Errington and Barrie Thomas, teamed up to win the Mixed Pairs Cup. The full list of Club Honours for 2010 is: Ladies Singles: Liz Cugley. Pairs: Hazel Davies & Jill Mynett. Gentlemen's Singles: Alan Parsons. Pairs: John Davies Jnr. & Keith Davies. Triples: Keith Davies, Barrie Thomas & Barrie Ledbury. Mixed Pairs:



**County Juniors Joel Dyer, Harri Lewis, & Owen Morgan**



**Ladies Champion – Liz Cugley**

Margaret Errington & Barrie Thomas. Junior Championship: Owen Morgan. John Calnan Cup (Mixed Triples): Joel Dyer, Ginny Atkinson & John Davies Jnr. Novice Shield: Geoff Drake. Spoons Champion: Denzil Thomas. Tourist of The Year: Jim O'Dwyer. Harold Evans Merit Award (for exceptional service to the club): Russell Howell

Throughout the summer the numbers that turn up on a Monday evening to play "spoons" is the envy of every club in the county, and Alan Parsons must take all of the credit for that.

The excellent club magazine is distributed bi-monthly throughout the villages and anyone wishing to sponsor a player or place an advert need only approach committee member.

The club can never have too many members so if anyone, of any age, wishing to learn the game, or is an experienced player wishing for a new challenge, they can contact Alan Parsons on 20890390, or look on the web site.

[www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk)

## Creigiau Companions

Creigiau companions have had a good autumn with meetings with lively speakers and several new members. One of the early decisions at the end of the summer was that the club will be called "Creigiau Companions, the retired persons' club" indicating that the club should be of interest to all those who have finished work, irrespective of their age.

At the present moment, members are looking forward to a session on origami, a Christmas concert, a Christmas meal, and a visit to St David's Hall for the Clic Sargent Cancer Care for Children Christmas Concert.

If you wish to join this merry crew, there is no signing on fee, just admission of £1.50 a meeting that takes place every other Thursday at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Creigiau. The first meeting in the new year is on Thursday 6th January.

## HILLTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Hilltop Theatre Company performed Dylan Thomas' play 'A Child's Christmas in Wales' from Thursday 25 November to Saturday 27 November, at Pentyrch Village Hall, which was an anecdotal sketch of the festive season and a nostalgic and affectionate look back on Christmases past.

Hilltop's second production of 2010/11 is the rousing gothic musical 'Jekyll and Hyde', by Frank Wildhorn and Leslie Bricusse. This musical thriller, based on the classic tale of good and evil by RL Stephenson, will take place on Wednesday 6 April to Saturday 9 April, 7.30pm at Pentyrch Village Hall. Tickets will be priced at £8/£6, and will be available from 01443 202 959.

Hilltop's latest play, A Child's Christmas in Wales, was in fact Hilltop's 25<sup>th</sup> production since performing their first play, Our Town, in Pentyrch in November 2002. Still going strong, Hilltop are now in their ninth season and much looking forward to their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year next year.

Hilltop would welcome new members. Anybody wishing to become involved with the group (on or off stage) should come along to our rehearsal evenings on Thursdays or Sundays at Pentyrch Village Hall throughout the year (except August) or e-mail us at [info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk). Further information about the group and all our productions, including information for ordering tickets, can be found on [www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk](http://www.hilltoptheatre.co.uk).

The 'Hilltop Theatricals' will also appear on the BBC Quiz show 'Eggheads' on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, BBC2!!!



# Penttyrch Parish

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

When Jesus came into the world He came to be the Light of the World. The Wise Men were guided to Him by the light of the star. He is the living light that saves and heals.

In 1353 thousands of men, women and children died in what was known as the Black Death. People fled in terror from towns and cities and lived alone wherever they could get shelter. Friends were separated from each other and families shut themselves in their own homes and refused entrance to all who came. The Black Death drove all the light out of the land.

The Black Death had driven all light and life from the streets of the little village of Goldberg in Germany. The town looked as if it had been struck. Christmas Eve came, and the city was silent. A man who had been in hiding, believing that he alone was left alive, unbarred his door as Christmas Eve became Christmas morning, and came out into the silent street. The stars were shining bright as if all were well and knowing it was Christmas morning, and forgetting the dread months that had passed away, he began to sing a Christmas song:

"To us this day is born a Child; God with us  
His mother is a Virgin mild; God with us  
God with us; against us who dare be?"

He sang the first verse and then a door was opened and another man joined him and together they sang the second verse. Together they walked through the silent street and were joined by others who had come out of their hiding places, until there were twenty-five – some of them women and children – and they sang the Christmas song until they had new hope and courage and the Christmas light came into the sky. That was the end of the Black Death. Either it had spent itself, or God's goodness had brought new courage into the hearts of those twenty-five, for not one of them died of the Plague, and for hundreds of years after, the people of the village always met together on Christmas Eve at midnight and at two o'clock Christmas morning marched through the streets singing the same old Christmas hymn that had been sung at the beginning.

When the Christmas child was born they called His name Jesus, which means Saviour. He is the light that saves. He is the light that drives away darkness. When Christmas came, the world began to sing and it has been singing ever since:

"Joy to the world; the Lord is come."

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". God's healing light is in the dark places of

## PARISH OF PENTTYRCH WITH CAPEL LLANILLTERN

### Christmas Services 2010

#### St Catwg's Church, Penttyrch

Sunday, 5 December: Music for Advent and Christmas with Sine Nomine, 6.30pm.

Wednesday, 15 December: Village Carol Service, 7.00pm.

Wednesday, 22 December: Parish Service of Lessons and Carols by candlelight, 7.00pm.

Christmas Eve: First Eucharist of Christmas with Carols, 11.00pm.

Christmas Day: Sung Eucharist with Carols, 9.00am.

Sunday, 30 January 2011: Readings and Music from Advent to Epiphany, 6.00pm.

#### St David's Church, Groesfaen

Christmas Eve: Blessing of the Crib and Children's Carol Service, 3.30pm.

Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist, 8.00am.  
Sung Eucharist with Carols, 10.30am.

#### St Eltevrn's Church, Capel Llanilltern

Sunday, 19 December: Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion, 10.30am.

Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist with Carols, 10.30am.

#### Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

Sunday, 6 February 2011: Parish Christingle Service, 10.30am.

**Everyone is very welcome at our services.**

our lives. God chose one of the world's dark corners to make Himself savingly and humanly known. God may still be found in the darkness of our failure, our sorrow, our frustration, or despair and our broken hearts. "The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear and the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" – Psalm 139. Always we can remember and realise that when God comes into the darkness, as when He came into the darkness of the ancient world in the stable of Bethlehem, light comes into the darkness. The light shines on life's meaning – it is light for us to walk by over the difficult stretches of life. This light is still shining and it cannot be put out. Jesus shines in our lives as we open our hearts to the warming glow of His love.

I wish you and your families all the joy of Christmas and the New Year.

**John W Binny**

**Vicar: Penttyrch with Capel Llanilltern**

## Stroke Association

In February 2011 I will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and in doing so raising funds for The Stroke Association. This is my charity of choice as my mother has a serious stroke in 2001. Having been in a coma for 2 weeks she is now in a position of having never regained her speech or use of her right arm and walks with a serious limp. We have a Carer in to help on most days and mum attends Stroke Association meetings weekly where she can meet other people in her situation and do exercises set by members from The Stroke Association and volunteers to help exercise the mind. An estimated 150,000 people have a stroke in the UK each year and Strokes are the third most common cause of death in England and Wales (after heart disease and cancer) yet The Stroke Association remains a hugely underfunded charity.

In order to be eligible for the Kilimanjaro trek I need to raise approximately £4,000 in sponsorship by the beginning of December and hope that you will be able to help me achieve this goal.

As part of my fundraising plans I will am holding a Charity Darts Night at the Penttyrch Rugby club on the evening of Monday 29th November. The event is for dart players and non-dart players alike and should be great fun. Any amount of team can come along and enter - up to 6 people per team at £15 per team All moneys raised goes towards my fundraising target for The Stroke Association.

If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me on 07901 586626.

Ceri Davies

## PARISH CHURCH HALL, CREIGIAU

The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Welsh Assembly Government, awarded £14,793.45p for the replacement of the kitchen and provision of outdoor space from the Community Facilities and Activities Programme and this work has now been completed.

The lead on the Church Hall has been treated with Smart Water to deter thieves.

A Parish Family Service is held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am in the Hall, and the Good News Coffee Morning takes place in the Hall on the third Saturday of the month at 10.00am. All are very welcome at both.

At the Coffee Morning the Prize Draw is made for the 100 Club. Further details from Mrs Sue Hall, telephone 02920 890087.

The Hall may be booked for functions by contacting Mrs Jean Wood – telephone 02920 892865, or Mrs Alison Woodley, telephone 02920 891800.

## CLWB Y DWRLYN

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod agoriadol Clwb y Dwrllyn ar nos Iau 28 Hydref yng nghwmni Côr y Waun Ddyfal a'i harweinydd Huw Alun Foulkes. Mae'r côr ifanc hwn eisoes yn adnabyddus ac 'roedd hi'n amlwg pam o'r rhaglen a gyflwynwyd. Yn eitemau gan ungolion a phartïon yn ogystal â'r côr yn ei gyfarwydd gwefreiddiwyd y gynulleidfa. Bu'n awr o adloniant pur ac yn agoriad teilwng iawn i'r tymor.



**Aelodau Clwb y Dwrllyn yn y dorff yn Ffosl ar gyfer y rasmus diwedd mis Medi**

## Teithiau Tramor

Mae nifer o blant yr ardal wedi mwynhau profiadau arbennig ar draws Môr yr Iwerydd yn ddiweddar. Mae bechgyn tîm rygbi Ysgol Plasmawr wedi bod yn Vancouver yn chwarae tra bod criw arall o'r ysgol wedi bod ar daith gyda'r adran Hanes i Efrog Newydd a Washington.

## CYLCH CADWGAN

Merched y Wawr oedd yn gyfrifol am drefnu cyfarfod Cylch Cadwgan a gynhaliwyd yng nghapel Bethlehem, Gwaelod y Garth ym mis Tachwedd. Dr. Lowri Roberts oedd y wraig wâdd yn siarad ar "Canu Clod y Campau." Dyma deitl ei llyfr sydd yn ddetholiad o farddoniaeth y maes chwarae ac fe'i cyhoeddwyd yn dilyn gwaith ymchwil

Lowri ar "Chwaraeon mewn llenyddiaeth Gymraeg" pan enillodd ei doethuriaeth.

Dechreuodd y noson yn ddifyr gyda chwis pan brofydd gallu'r gynulleidfa i adnabod yr unigolion a ddisgrifiwyd yn y darn barddoniaeth. Aeth Lowri ymlaen i ddisgrifio'r campau o'r cyfnod cynnar gan gyfeirio at hen chwaraeon megis "broch yng nghod" a "bando" – chwaraeon sy'n rhan o'n hanes cymdeithasol ni fel cenedl

Cafwyd sesiwn holi ac ateb diddorol iawn ar y diwedd pan dynnwyd sylw at y ffaith mai gwylwyr yw'r beirdd. Ble mae cerddi gan y chwaraewyr eu hunain? Bu'n noson hynod o ddifyr ac os oes rhai ohonoch yn chwilio am anrheg Nadolig, mae'n siwr y caiff llyfr "Canu Clod y Campau" groeso mawr gan unrhyw un sy'n hoff o chwaraeon a llenyddiaeth!

## Merched y Wawr

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod llwyddiannus iawn ym Methlehem, Gwaelod y Garth ar ddechrau mis Medi. Daeth Caryl (o'r grŵp Triban gynt) a'i chwaer Glynis i ddiddori bron i 40 o aelodau. Bu Caryl yn brifathrawes yn Ysgol Pont Sion Norton ac fe'n swynodd ni fel mae'n siwr y swynodd ei disgyblion gyda'i chaneuon ac atgofion, tra darllenodd Glynis ambell ddarn o farddoniaeth i gyfoethogi eu cyflwyniad.

Cafwyd cyfle hefyd i longyfarch Glenys Roberts ar ei champ odidog yn ennill y goron yn Eisteddfod Glyn Ebwy, a braint oedd cael gwrandao arni yn darllen un o'r cerddi – "Y rhith ger Gellilydan" – wedi iddi egluro beth oedd cefndir y gerdd.

## Gunpowder Plot

'That heavy and doleful tragedy which is commonly called the Powder Treason' are the words used by the prosecuting counsel at the 1605 Trial of Guy Fawkes and the conspirators. History was written – with the dictate that we should always remember the Fifth of November. So, we all celebrate that historic day when King James and his Parliament were NOT blown to kingdom-com! In Gwaelod y Garth, the touch-papers are lit each year by Tim Kelly and Tony Jones, with fellow 'conspirators', Julie Bratcher and Alison Davies doing the less glamorous but essential jobs of selling raffle tickets and generally doing background work. While the rain poured down on November 5<sup>th</sup>, itself, the following Sunday gave ideal conditions for a firework display to remember. Rockets shot, one after another into the sky, exploding into a myriad of stars. Sequence after sequence, uniquely varied and spectacular, filled the cold night sky for almost an hour to the obvious appreciation of the many spectators. This celebration on the village field is turning into a much-awaited event that is becoming part of the history of the village. Thanks are due to Tim Kelly for giving this display to the village, and to the crew for making memories that will be part of local children's childhood. Thanks are also due to those, including the PCC who help with some background funding support.

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## Acupuncture at the Vets

Valley Vets in Pentyrch (formerly Caroline O'Connor's surgery) is pleased to announce that it will be offering acupuncture as part of its broad range of services available.

Caroline's surgery merged with Valley Vets back in March and since June, Mr Tim Ingham BSc(Hons) BVSc MRCVS has taken on the role as senior vet.

Tim qualified from Bristol University Veterinary School in June 2000 and has come to Valley Vets from the Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service in Cardiff where he was involved in treating emergency and critical care patients for the last 7 years. Tim has an additional interest in acupuncture and has treated many animals with this technique.

Acupuncture has been used for thousands of years in Traditional Chinese Medicine. The technique has gained popularity over the past few decades in veterinary medicine and can be effective in treating a wide range of conditions, especially those causing chronic pain, such as arthritis. Acupuncture involves placing needles into certain areas over the skin along lines called meridians. The needles are placed for around 10-20 minutes and typically sessions will initially be on a weekly basis. Most animals respond favourably and tolerate the insertion of the needles very well. The exact way in which acupuncture works is not fully understood but there are various theories explaining the technique. We know that the needling of certain points

## GE Healthcare

The discharges of radioactive tritium and carbon 14 from the Maynard Centre, Forrest Farm, have now ceased. Julie Williams of GE has confirmed to Community Concern that radioactive manufacturing stopped at the Maynard Centre in the April of this year. The radioactive component of the business has been sold to Quotient BioScience, located on Ocean Way in Cardiff. Some of the manufacture of other products has moved to America and is being carried out by Perkin Elmer. There are no plans to produce radioactive products at the Maynard Centre in the future.

The Maynard Centre is in the process of decommissioning, though, as yet, there is no precise plan for the stacks which dominate our landscape. Needless to say, these stacks, which carried the toxic and radioactive waste to air, are highly contaminated and until the sampling and analyses is completed across the entire site, including the tritium facility, no

stimulates the production of endorphins and enkephalins, which are the body's own natural pain killers. It also appears that acupuncture can directly affect central nervous system pain pathways, inhibiting them and thereby shutting off the sensation of pain.

The technique is of particular use when animals have side effects taking conventional pain medications.

Please feel free to contact Tim on 02920 892113 for any further information.

decisions can be made about their fate. Presumably, taking them down could cause hazard. A revised discharge permit will be sought to manage waste arising from decommissioning.

Radioactive waste will continue to be stored on site under a reduced Nuclear Site License. Most of the staff who worked with radioactive products has already transferred to Quotient Biosciences, though some remain to help with the decommissioning process. Specialists in safety and radioactive waste management will remain at the Maynard Centre.

While there is concern that radioactive waste will continue to be stored on the flood plains of the Taff, the daily radioactive discharges which caused residents anxiety have ceased. As yet, we have no information relating to potential discharges from Quotient Bio-Sciences.

Julie Williams concludes, 'GE will continue to seek opportunities to bring new business to the site but I hope it's now clear that there is no intention for this to involve radioactivity'.

Now that GE Healthcare's radioactive business has been sold to Quotient Biosciences, Community Concern will fulfill only a watching brief through the decommissioning of the Maynard Centre. The Committee extends grateful thanks to Dr Trevor Jones and the scientific advisors from across the world who have helped us understand the complex issues, some of them making the journey to Cardiff to help us, and to the many people who helped facilitate the attendances at the European Parliament.

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# Planning Applications to 15th November 2010

**10/00893/W** Smiths Of Gloucester, Alkerton Court, Alkerton, Stonehouse applied for the retention of 3 portacabins and the addition of 3 further portacabins to form 3 x 2-storey portacabins, install a weighbridge and include the recycling of domestic waste at the Recycling Depot, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau. Permission was granted on 8/10/2010.

**10/00961/W** Mr M Krawiecki, 17 Troed-y-Garth, Pentyrch applied for a single storey rear extension, first floor front and side extension and a upvc conservatory to the side. Permission was granted on 23/07/2010.

**10/00983/W** Mr & Mrs Rigby, 7 River Glade, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for a lawful development certificate for proposed construction of a rear dormer roof extension. Permission was granted on 5/8/2010.

**10/01015/W** Mr Royston Matthews, Creigiau Travel Ltd, Station Road, Creigiau applied for the removal of Condition 13 of planning permission **08/02362/W** (provision of a footway) at the former station site. This is still under consideration.

**10/01040/W** Anne Kingdon, 58 Parc-y-Coed, Creigiau applied for a single storey extension. Permission was granted on 3/8/2010.

**10/01048/W** The Laurels Ltd, Mrs Shireen Griffiths, 28 Heol Pen y Foel, Coed y Cwm applied for a change of use from a residential dwelling to a private day nursery for 35 children, aged 0-8 years old, at Laurels, Ty-Nant Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth. This is still under consideration.

**10/01065/W** Mr Amodeo, Robin Hill House, Cardiff Road, Creigiau applied for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of a new 7-bed house with adjoining garage, courtyard and associated garden landscaping. Permission was granted on 13/8/2010.

**10/01144/W** Drs D & S Quarry, 19 Maes-y-Nant, Creigiau, applied for a 2-storey front and rear extension and first floor extension over the garages. Permission was granted on 6/9/2010.

**10/01148/DCH** Mr Steven Holbrook, 8 Ffordd yr Afon, Gwaelod-y-Garth applied for the retention of rear conservatory at: Ffordd Yr Afon, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Permission was granted on 24/8/2010.

**10/01170/W** Mr Christopher Heavens, 5 Llys Teilo, Creigiau, applied for a rear two storey extension with Juliet balcony. Permission was granted on 6/8/2010.

**10/01185/DCH** Mr Gareth Evans, 18 Bronllwyn, Pentyrch applied for a two storey rear extension and single storey side and rear extension together with alteration works. Permission was granted on 24/08/2010.

**10/01241/DCO** Cardiff Landscapes, Mr Jon Hughes, Viaduct Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth applied to erect two three-sided work/storage units and the retention of a 3 sq.m portacabin office together with associated external works, for the purpose of recycling timber and green waste as an ancillary activity to the existing landscaping contractors business. The matter was withdrawn on 18/10/2010

and returned as unlikely to be determined.

**10/01299/DCH** Mr King, Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth applied for the construction of a 2 storey granny annexe extension to the existing dwelling to provide a kitchen/living area, bedroom, bathroom and a link to the existing dwelling. Permission was refused on 9/9/2010.

**10/01302/DCO** Mrs Elaine Davies, 68 Mountain View, Tonyrefail, Porth applied for a 4 bed dwelling with integral garage to replace existing bungalow at 22 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch. The application was withdrawn on 8/9/2010.

**10/01315/DCO** Cardiff Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff applied for a two storey extension to create additional classroom space at Pentyrch Primary School, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch. This application was withdrawn on 22/9/2010.

**10/01337/DCH** Mr K Sheehy, 1 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau, Cardiff applied for an extension to an existing detached garage at 1 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau. Permission was granted on 23/08/2010.

**10/00353/W** Craig y Parc School, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied to repair and refurbish windows, install secondary glazing, replace an external door and repair the service stair treads. Permission was granted on 8/10/2010

**10/01360/DCO** Mr Griffiths, Castle Cottage, Church Road, Pentyrch applied for the change of use of chapel hall to a dwelling, a two storey front extension and a single storey front and rear extensions to the existing cottage. This is still under consideration.

**10/01462/DCH** Mr Edwards, 2 Penmaes, Pentyrch applied to construct a conservatory to the rear. Permission was granted on 22/9/2010.

**10/01527/DCH** Mr Cosslett, C/O Agent, applied for an extension to an existing detached building on land at Cae yr Arfau, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

**10/01529/DCH** Mr & Mrs Tolchard, 3 Maes-y-Sarn, Pentyrch applied for a single storey conservatory. Permission was granted on 4/10/2010

**10/01612/DCH** Mr & Mrs Thompson, 1 Banc Yr Afon, Gwaelod y Garth applied for a single storey rear extension incorporating a sun room and utility room and front porch. Permission was granted on 1/11/2010.

**10/01635/DCH** Mr Jason Davies, 25 Parc Y Bryn, Creigiau, applied for the demolition of an existing 'linked garage', the construction of a new single storey extension to the side/rear and associated works. Permission was granted on 26/10/2010

**10/01646/DCH** Mr Mackinnon, Ivy Nook, Main Road, Gwaelod y Garth applied for a single storey rear extension to include a kitchen/utility and w.c. Permission was granted on 28/10/2010

**10/01662/DCH** Mr Ellis, Cwr y coed, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for a two storey side and rear extension. Permission was granted on 28/10/2010.

**10/01676/DCH** Mr Critcher, Chestnuts,

Cardiff Road, Creigiau applied for a rear first floor extension. at Chestnuts, Cardiff Road, Creigiau. Permission was granted on 2/11/2010.

**10/01790/DCO** Cardiff Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff applied for a two storey extension to create additional classroom space at Pentyrch Primary School, Bronllwyn, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**10/01831/DCH** Mr B Topping-Morris, Penny Lane, Penuel Road, Pentyrch applied for the replacement of a conservatory roof with a concrete tile lean-to roof to the existing conservatory. This is still under consideration.

**10/01841/DCO** Mr Lee, Tyn-y-Waun House, Mountain Road, Pentyrch applied to demolish an existing dwelling and the re-building of a replacement dwelling on the same site at Hill Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

**10/01966/DCH** Mr King, 10 Tyn-y-Coed, Pentyrch, applied for the construction of upvc conservatory. This is still under consideration.

**10/02020/DCO** Parc Canol Group Practice, Central Park, Church Village, Pontypridd applied for alterations to the storage building at the Surgery, 69 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau. This is still under consideration.

**10/02032/DCH** Ms Hilary Coles, 9 Maes Yr Hafod, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension. This is still under consideration.

**10/02036/DCH** Dr John Anthony Crane, Talville, Cardiff Road, Creigiau applied for the erection of a single storey rear extension and side extension at first floor over garage with rear balcony. This is still under consideration.

**10/02019/DCO** S.A Brain & Co. Ltd, The Cardiff Brewery, P.O Box 53, Crawshay Street applied for internal alterations and the installation of a metal walkway at The Kings Arms, Church Road, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

## Decided Applications from Previous Community Links

**08/00777/W** Mr C Board and Mr R Thomas, Canada Lodge, Heol Pant-y-Gored, Creigiau, applied to retain the building (including two, approx. 130m<sup>2</sup>, function rooms) for use as a venue for weddings, other social functions and meetings, and use as a club house by anglers fishing in the adjacent lake. Permission was granted on 30/9/2010.

**09/01777/W** Ms Amanda Crockett, Castell Y Mynach Farm, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch applied to relocate five stables and a small barn for hay storage. Planning permission was refused on 10/6/2010.

**10/00068/W** Mr Holland, 17 Ffordd Dinefwr, Creigiau, applied for a garden room extension and raising of the roof ridge height and restructuring of the roof including dormer extensions to create a dormer bungalow. Permission was granted on 2/7/2010.

**10/00435/W** Mr Huw Roberts, Saith Erw Fach, 28 Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied to demolish an existing single storey garage/outbuilding and construct a single storey rear extension (including associated alteration/refurbishment works to the main dwelling);



construction of a new garden store/outbuilding and landscaping works to the rear garden (including removal of trees). Permission was granted on 25/5/2010

**10/00495/W** Mrs Thomas, Crud yr Awel, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a single storey extension to the rear of the property. Permission was granted on 1/7/2010.

**10/00504/W** Mr Iwan Ellis, Cwr y Coed, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a two-storey extension to rear of property. Planning permission was refused on 20/5/2010.

**10/00621/W** Mr Peters, Craig Gwilym Farm, Graig Gwilym, Efail Isaf Road, Pentyrch, applied for the change of use of existing barns from agricultural to form an extension to the existing farmhouse. Planning permission was refused on 7/6/2010.

**10/00629/W** Mrs D Bishop, 1 Queen Charlotte Drive, Creigiau, applied for the erection of a conservatory. Permission was granted on 18/5/2010.

**10/00630/W** Mr R Davies, 91 Parc-Y-Coed, Creigiau, applied for a single storey side extension. Permission was granted on 7/6/2010.

**10/00698/W** Ms Blacker, Lorient Cottage, 6 Georgetown, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for an extension together with the refurbishment of the cottage. Permission was granted on 23/9/2010.

**10/00733/W** Mr Judd, 1 Station Houses, Station Road, Creigiau, applied for a side and rear single storey extension. Permission was granted on 29/6/2010.

**10/00769/W** Cardiff Council applied for single storey extensions, alterations and new vehicular access to Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall. Permission was granted on 12/8/2010.

**10/00775/W** Mr Jon Hughes, Cardiff Landscapes, Viaduct Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied to erect two three-sided work storage units and the retention of a demountable unit with associated external works. This application was withdrawn on 5/7/2010.

**10/00822/W** Mr Davies, 41 Bronhaul, Pentyrch, applied for a two-storey side extension to accommodate a garage and lobby on the ground floor and a single-storey extension to the rear for a kitchen/diner, utility room and office. Permission was granted on 12/7/2010.

**10/00855/W** Mr Pearce, 7 Bronhaul, Pentyrch, applied to construct a first floor rear extension. Permission was granted on 8/7/2010.

**10/00885/W** Mr Lake, 19 South Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a rear dormer window. Permission was granted on 24/6/2010.

#### Withdrawn List

**06/02504/W** Application, first submitted on 1/11/2006, by Westgate Park (Cardiff) Ltd relating to land to the north of Junction 33, M4 Motorway, Creigiau in respect of an International Status Business Park comprising 100,000 sq m Employment (B1); 26,000 sq m Hotel and complementary facilities and a regional transport interchange; car parking, landscaping and access. This was withdrawn by the applicant on 21/07/2010.

## 94<sup>th</sup> Nijmegen March (Holland) 2010 by Howard Johnson

For the past 12 years I have taken part in a walking (marching) event of up to 200 kilometres over 4 days. Today it is the biggest event of its kind in the world; it wasn't always so. In 1909 a Dutch officer decided his men were not physically fit. He instituted a regime of 'marching' on a regular basis culminating in a four day test of their stamina. Just 120 soldiers took part. In 1929 it became an international event, and has taken place ever since except the two world war years.

The ancient city of Nijmegen lies in the south east of Holland, not far from the German border. In the aftermath of D-day it was the scene of some bitter and bloody fighting as the allies tried to capture the strategic bridges across the River Waal, gateway to Germany. Some 15 km's away is Arnham, synonymous with the heroic but failed 'Operation Market Garden'. The Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Arnham lies on the outskirts. As with all CWG cemeteries it is atmospheric. The cemetery, now tranquil, its lawns immaculately kept; the lines of headstones lined with military precision and bearing the name, age and regiment of those who fought and died. Five Victoria Cross recipients lie there; one, Lt., J H Grayburn MC., Parachute Regt., just 26 years old. Nijmegen Company, Grenadier Guards bears that name for its part in the fighting and is emblazoned on their regimental colours.

Military personnel (some 5000) take part in the 'march,' now in the spirit of peaceful co-existence, including the US, Canada, Australia and most European countries including the UK, although not many from the Regular Army (occupied elsewhere). However, a troop from the Queens Dragoon Guards (The Welsh Cavalry) took part, still in their desert camouflage, a reminder of their recent return from active service in Afghanistan. Captain Huw Longmore, whose parents Penny and Gordon live in Pentyrch, serves in the regiment.

The main participants are civilians, in excess of 40,000 from over 63 countries. They have one goal in mind; to be awarded the coveted Nijmegen Cross for the successful completion of the 'march'. The Cross is authorised by the Dutch Royal family. The minimum age for entry is 12, but no maximum. Depending on age and gender walkers can choose to walk 30 kms (18 miles), 40 kms (24 miles) or 50 kms (30 miles). To qualify for the award, the regulation distance for ones age must be completed. For example males between 19 and 49 have to walk the full 200 kms (50 kms/day) over set routes, starting at 0400 hrs; it must be completed by 1700 hrs. Ladies in that age group 'only' have to walk 40 kms, but they may do 50 kms if they so chose. This year there were 45,000 registrations, 39,993 starters and 36,504 finishers.

I travelled to Nijmegen by coach, with



other members of our club the British Dutch Walking Fellowship (BDWF). We stayed, some 200 members, in a sports hall, male and female suitably segregated. There is access to (very) hot showers and a dining marquee and a bar area. We also have our own dedicated first aid team plus other helpers such as drivers and night staff. Our accommodation has been risk assessed and approved by the fire service.

Wake up is at 0230 hrs (for 50 kms) later for others, breakfast (continental) at 0300 and our coach takes us to the start. Big queues form for the 0400 hrs start. Start cards are scanned (also at the finish) and cards clicked at intermediate controls (randomly placed to deter cheats) BDWF shares facilities provided and staffed by the British Army, mostly TA units. There's nothing quite like army grub after walking 20 miles or so!

This is repeated on the following 3 days, albeit on different routes. On the fourth and final day we, with military contingents, stop at a collecting area about 5 kms from the finish for the 'march in'. The route is lined with what seems to be the total population of Nijmegen (puts the London Marathon to shame, well almost). The crowds are fantastic and high ranking military officers of NATO take the salute from the military contingents.

At the finish Nijmegen Crosses are collected on successful completion; now is the time to smile and forget about the blisters and aching feet. Every one is in high spirits with congratulatory hugs and kisses all round (the Dutch norm is 3 kisses on the cheek, including the men!). Back at the sports hall it's a welcome shower and dinner. Later a disco - for the youngsters - bed for the others! Next day Saturday after a debriefing and AGM it's an emotional and sometimes tearful farewell with fellow walkers. There is a high degree of camaraderie forged through a shared physical and mentally demanding endurance event. BDWF members come back year after year, some have done many, including one of our team who has completed 27.

The attraction? - I'll let you know when I find the answer. I suppose it's the whole week shared with like-minded people. The 95<sup>th</sup> Veirdaagse (4 days) is 19 to 21 July 2011. Put it in your diary and start walking.

'The sovereign invigorator of the body is exercise, and of all the exercises, walking is best. Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826); 3rd US President'

Any one interested contact me on 029 2089 1274 or Katie on [info@nijmegengroup.org](mailto:info@nijmegengroup.org). Also [www.4daagse.nl](http://www.4daagse.nl) Look forward to hearing from you.

# Penttyrch Primary School

## MANOR ADVENTURE

In June Year 6 children went to an outdoor pursuits centre in Shropshire. It is called Manor Adventure. When we arrived we had a fire drill and then half of us went to rifle shooting and half of us did the underground maze. Then we swapped round. The next day we did fencing in different places first and then we did archery. Then we had lunch. After lunch the groups did the high ropes and the abseiling.



The next day we woke up and had our breakfast before one group went to the obstacle courses and the other did rock climbing. Then we swapped round. Then we had lunch and got on the bus and went home. It was a great weekend for all of us that went and we all had fun and would like to go again. When we got back we told our parents all about our weekend at Manor Adventure.

**Ioan Pettit**

## LLANGRANNOG

On the 28<sup>th</sup> June we left to go to the most Welsh sounding place that I have ever heard of... Llangrannog! The week cost £190. It was Welsh, Welsh, Welsh... and then some more Welsh! But it was great fun - we did lots of activities as well, such as archery, skiing, go carting, tobogganing, team building, horse riding, swimming, quad biking, roping, bungee jumping, nature walk and a disco. On the evening of the disco you could either dance or go up to the hall and watch a DVD which was 'Monsters Inc.'

At 8 o'clock in the morning there would be a wake up bell, at half 8 there would be the breakfast bell. Then at 9 o'clock we would have a Welsh lesson that would end at 10 to 10. At 10 o'clock we had another Welsh lesson that would end at 11 o'clock. Then we would have an hour activity and then at 12 o'clock we would have our lunch and then we would have four and a half hours of activities and after that we would have our afternoon tea. Then we would have a break and after that we would have a Welsh lesson from 5 till 6pm. Then we would have supper, which is a normal sized meal, then we would have one more activity before our bedtime at around 10 o'clock. We were all sneaking sweets at night! :-)) In the morning it would be the same routine over again. On some evenings we would have a quiz before bed!

We came back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and our parents came to pick us up early from school because we were all tired.

**Jacob Griffiths**

## POWERSHOT!

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June Kurt Nogan, a former professional footballer, came to our school to do 'Powershot' which is where you have to kick a ball as hard as you can into a goal.

16 A camera automatically measures your

speed. You had to get sponsors if you raised over thirty pounds you would get one football if you raised sixty pounds you would get two footballs and so on. The fastest kick in our school was 57mph it was by Joe Miles, he is in Year 6. The fastest kick in all the classes out of all the boys and girls got a golden boot. There was a trophy for the most powerful shot by a boy and a girl in each year group. The fastest shot was by a girl was 38mph by Bethan Dublin and Annabelle Oliver.

The event took place at the same time as the World Cup. It was a really good day and everyone in the school had fun. Mrs. Maynard even joined in and was quite good. Mr. Renshaw also had a go and shot 57mph. The event raised over £500 which will be used to purchase outdoor games equipment.

**Molly Rowlands**

## CYCLE SAFETY TRAINING

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June three people came to our school from the Cardiff Road Safety Centre and they taught us how to ride a bike safely on the road. First they taught us the basics on the top yard, or the 'all weather' as we call it. They taught us how start properly and how to swerve around something, then they split us up into three groups. They also taught us how to check your tyres and brakes, and other safety checks. I was in the first group. When we went out onto the road they taught us how to signal and how to approach junctions safely. I also learnt how to stop by the pavement with the pedal at the 2 o'clock position. The people who were doing it said that we had all passed and that it was very rare that a whole class should pass! We had a lot fun doing our cycling training.

**Alex Carnell**

## BOWLS

In the summer children from Dosbarth Pump learned a new sport - bowls! They have enjoyed a couple of training sessions with members of Penttyrch Bowls Club and then took part in the annual challenge match with Creigiau Primary School. This year we won, ending Creigiau's two year run of success, and will hold the Pant-Y-Gored Shield until next year.



## ON YOUR BIKE!

Dr. Stephen Pettit, a parent and school governor, completed a sponsored bike ride through the Alps and Pyrenees during the summer holidays. He raised money for a number of worthwhile causes, including £130 for our school. **Thank you, Stephen!**



**International  
School Award  
2010-2013**

When we returned to school in September we were delighted to learn that Penttyrch Primary School has been successful in gaining the full International School Award. The British Council gives the award in recognition of teachers and schools working to instil a global dimension into the learning experience of their pupils. We had to demonstrate this by submitting a portfolio of international work carried out in collaboration with our partner schools in Europe. The award is accredited for three years.

## We Visited the Royal Mail Sorting Office

We visited the Sorting Office to learn how the postman sorts our mail. It was fun seeing how the machines worked. Two men showed us around. One was called Bob, the other was Andrew. There were lots of letters. We had to wear bright orange vests. One letter was for us. We watched it spin around the machine. We looked inside the lorry that takes the letters. At the end we were all given some special stamps. We had a brilliant time at the sorting office.

**Dosbarth Dau (Class Two)**



## SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH

The infant classes recently entertained some of our senior citizens at a lunch arranged by the Radyr and District Good Neighbour Scheme in Penttyrch Village Hall. They sang some of their favourite songs, as well as a few old music hall songs such as: 'I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' and 'You Are My Sunshine'. Barbara Willis, the scheme co-ordinator, wrote to thank the pupils and staff saying: 'Our guests really enjoyed listening to the children sing and watching them perform. Several of them were talking about the entertainment at lunch today. We do hope they will be able to join us again at another of our special events'.



## Pentyrch School

### My day at the Ryder Cup



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September I went to the Ryder Cup practice day and opening ceremony with my mother, father and brother. The Ryder Cup is a very important golf competition between Europe and the USA which happens every two years. This year it was in Wales for the first time ever. It was at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, near Cardiff.

I was very excited about going because I play golf every week and wanted to see all the best golfers in the world. We had to wake up at 6 o'clock and got to the golf course by 7.30a.m. I saw the top three golfers in the world; they are Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson who are American, and Lee Westwood who is British. On the practice ground I also saw the Molinari brothers who are Italian. I was supporting them because my grandfather is Italian!

In the afternoon we watched the opening ceremony from the hill in front of the clubhouse – it was amazing! It was live on television and was being watched by millions of people all over the world. After the ceremony we made our way home. We were all very tired after a long and busy day, but we would not have missed our day at the Ryder Cup for anything.

Joseph Nelms, age 7



Visiting the Roman Museum at Caerleon

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## Pentyrch Village Hall

August saw the completion of the kitchen area renovations, which include new cooking facilities, painting of the toilet for the disabled, also the reconstruction of the serving counter.

The work was carried out whilst the Hall was closed for the Summer break, although some users did manage to carry on with their classes!

There has been many compliments and an increase of social functions since the work has been carried out.

October saw the Hall play host to two fundraising functions, firstly the Autumn Quiz, which proved to be a very enjoyable and successful night, thanks to families, Kripps and Kerrigans and also the first test to use the new facilities, then secondly, the Butterfly Ball, which was a very successful night. As guests arrived they were treated to a choice of cocktails or bubbly to get the evening away with a swing. The food was excellent, with the caterer doing wonders in a short space of time, and proving that the kitchen does work exceptionally well under pressure!! Compliments to family Troughton.

October also saw the Hall launch a brand new website, thanks to the extremely hard work of Shaun Kerrigan, who has spent many hours deciding what design of site was needed. The work on the website is almost complete, as shortly there will be an online calendar, to enable users to view bookings before making an enquiry.

We are currently looking for a new bookings secretary, so if you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please email or telephone for an information pack.

Information on the Hall is, the building comprises a large hall (seated capacity c170) and stage, a smaller committee room (the Norman Follis Room), and a fully-equipped kitchen.

For further information about the above or about any of the Hall's activities, please phone 029 20891493 or email [www.pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:www.pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com) or visit [www.pentyrch.org.uk](http://www.pentyrch.org.uk) and follow the link to Pentyrch Village Hall.

**Next Hall Event** 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Queen night. Eric Priday, Chairman

## Cambria Bowmen



## Gwaelod Firework Display

Alison, Tony, Timmy and Julie would like to thank the community council for their £200 donation towards the event. Also Autowise vehicle for their kind donation of £200.

As well as Atlantic marquees for the fencing and lighting tower, and to the companies (see below) that have donated to the raffle. Gwaelod pub for £25 gift voucher, Maidenhead Aquatics for an aquarium, Norman Proctor water colour painting of Gwaelod, Garth tyres for a pair of overalls,

And all the other people of the village who donated prizes for the raffle. The winners of the top 3 prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize of £25 gift voucher went to 8 River Glade. 2nd prize of the aquarium went to 11 Heol Berry. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of the water colour went to 30 Heol Nant.

Thank you to everyone who turned up on the night and to all the volunteers that helped out on the night. Hope everyone will be back again next year. If anyone would like to donate to next years event please get in contact.

## Creigiau Youth Club

YESSSSSS ... the club started at the beginning of November. It was a nasty wet evening, but 7 braved the elements and joined us. The word is spreading and it would be great to see the numbers increasing. The senior club for 14-19 year olds will be held on Wednesday evenings at the revised time of 6-8pm.

The 2 Youth workers are Andrea and Tom, and the young people had an opportunity to share their ideas. The club would appreciate any donations of unwanted sports equipment e.g. Pool table, table tennis, mini football, board games, skittles etc. would be handy too. Contact Sheila Dafis 02920891360, or Clare Barnett 029 20843177.

We hope this will prove to be a safe, sheltered meeting place for this group to 'Hang out', have fun and make new friends.

Councillor Sheila Dafis



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### Council Meetings

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### Cwlwm Bro Community Link

Golygydd Penri Williams Editor

Last date for entries in the next issue is

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Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

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#### Gwaelod y Garth

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## Pentyrch Surgery Closure

The sudden notice of closure of the Pentyrch Doctor's Surgery on 3 November caused a great deal of concern in the area. A public meeting was held on the 8th November with the Community Health Council to discuss the closure of Dr Benedict's Pentyrch Surgery and the actions taken by Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board (UHB) to ensure that patients have access to GP services.

Short term arrangements have been made to ensure that GP services were available via the Radyr Medical Centre.

Pentyrch patients stated that the service provided by the surgery had been excellent and efficient and pressed the UHB to continue to provide a surgery in Pentyrch either at the existing premises or an alternative location.

The UHB stated that as the surgery had a relatively small patient list it is unlikely that a single handed GP would be attracted to establish a surgery in Pentyrch. However the practice premises could be used as a branch surgery of a larger GP Practice.

Residents were concerned that the decision to allow a Pharmacy to be opened in the village had affected the viability of the surgery.

The UHB agreed to examine all possibilities and report back to a further meeting in the next four weeks.

## Clambering Clees return

On August 6th we set out from Pentyrch for a long and wet journey up to Scotland to prepare for the 3 peaks challenge. We met the rest of our group in Glasgow before setting out on Saturday morning to commence our journey to the magnificent Ben Nevis. We commenced our ascent at 4pm in 20degree's C and managed to complete it just after dark at 10pm. We then began the grueling overnight journey to Scafel Pike arriving just before 5am as dawn broke on a wet and misty morning. This second peak was completed by 10.30 am ready to set off on our final leg to Snowdonia. Our timings were hampered by heavy traffic on a summer Sunday but we were delighted to be joined at Snowdon by Amanda and Steve Gibbon for a surge of moral support for our final ascent. The pain and blisters were taking their toll as we reached our final summit and the long path down was grueling. We completed the challenge as darkness descended at 9pm, Sunday 8th August.

The whole team of walkers and drivers is humbled by the vast amount of money donated by friends and family and cannot express their



gratitude enough. To date we have raised a staggering £6886.07 with additional gift aid totaling £1486.69 for the Alzheimer's society; a truly phenomenal result. Our website [www.justgiving.com/adashforcash](http://www.justgiving.com/adashforcash) remains open for further donations. Thank you once more to everyone who made this event possible and to all those who have contributed.

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## From Creigiau to Nanchang

Who would have thought that a boy from Creigiau would be singing in competition in the ancient Chinese city of Nanchang, provincial capital of Jianxi.

Multilingual Iain Inglis, who was educated at Creigiau Primary School, Radyr Comprehensive and Bristol and Bath Universities, has been living in China for the past five years and now, with soon to be wife, Yanling, resides in Sanya, Hainan Island.

After taking part in some local festivals he was persuaded by Chinese friends to enter the Nanchang competition. To his surprise, he swept the board at the local and provincial levels and found himself in the final rounds where a further whittling process began to reduce one hundred and fifty singers from all over China to ten.

Untrained in singing, Iain impressed the judges with his enthusiasm and ability to cope when things went wrong i.e. when he forgot the words of an unfamiliar Revolutionary song on live television. Given that he was singing in Mandarin perhaps this slip up was to be expected. His



## Pentyrch Voice on Policing Heard

Local Bobby Huw Thomas wants to deliver the best possible service for the community, and to do this he has conducted a survey across rural fairwater (or the Cardiff Western Frontier). So the community have spoken, and top of the want list is for the police to tackle speeding vehicles, anti social behaviour, and more engagement with young people.

And these are issues that Huw, the rest of the neighbourhood policing team, and community partners are going to tackle. The research also asked for more foot patrols, so look out for the officers on the beat up your street soon. You may also see Huw on his police cycle so be sure to flag him down for a discussion on all things policing.

The feedback from the first survey has

parents feel that the 'funny foreigner' factor may have come into play here! And when he reached the last five competitors, long distance family support was called for; Mum, Dad, sister and niece wished him 'good luck' via a webcam and had their pictures beamed the length and breadth of China. The wonders of modern technology!

Unfortunately, at that point Iain was eliminated and so after two months of intense media exposure he was back in the tropical paradise of Sanya where he works in the hotel industry and is also the British Honorary Consular Warden.

However, we hear he is back in Nanchang preparing to take part in the Opening Ceremony of the China Expo which will be attended by top government officials.

Hope he doesn't forget his words!



**PC Huw Thomas with Student Officer Darren Thomas on rural patrol in Canada Lakes near Creigiau**

been positive, and the officers are looking to do this on a regular basis, in support of the well established PACT meetings. So be sure to look out for the team and continue to have a voice on the issues that matter most to you.

PC Huw has gone about putting the findings into action. He has carried out a reassurance operation around anti social behaviour called Matrix, will shortly be trained in using a hand held vehicle speed meter, and has started up a youth club.

PC Huw said "I wanted to find out what the wider community wanted from their local police, and the survey has provided some interesting results that vary from those brought up at PACT. Local policing relies on community support and communication, and the response to the survey has been very good."

He continues "The findings have been shared with our local partners and will help focus resources on tackling those issues of most importance to our communities. It's a good example of partnership working across a wide rural area. I'm always looking for new ways to cover such a wide geographic area, and the findings will help shape my patrol strategy."

## Creigiau Scout Hall Bookings 09/10

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