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## SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY



Congratulations to Hazel Davies and John Davies for completing over 60 years combined service in the community as School Crossing Persons. Hazel has over 38 years service now at Pentyrch Primary School and John with 22 years service covering Creigiau Primary School.

Both have a message to all road users :  
"PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE WITH CARE WHEN APPROACHING OUR SCHOOLS - REMEMBER THE CHILDREN"

## Gwobr Dug Caeredin Duke of Edinburgh Award



Ar y 18fed o Ionawr aeth grŵp o ferched - aelodau o 'Rangers' Creigiau - i Neuadd y Ddinas, Caerdydd i dderbyn eu gwobrau Dug Caeredin - aur ac arian. Roedd naw merch sy'n mynychu ysgol Plasmawr, un o ysgol Radur a dwy o ysgol y Pant. Cafodd chwech merch, sef Clara Holley, Jess Horsey, Bethan Jones, Megan Owen, Angharad Rosser a Gwen Thomas wobwr aur a chwech, sef Catrin Cox, Lowri Davies, Billie Horsey, Hannah Miller, Eleanor Rees a Catrin Williams, eu gwobr arian. Roedd merched eraill hefyd o'r pentref yn cael eu gwobr efydd sef Hanna Innes, Ffion Jones, Anna Stenner a Siân Owen.

## Patch Hill, Main Road, Gwaelod Y Garth

Walking to school every morning from Heol Y Nant is difficult as there are no pavements, so stopping to let cars pass you cannot fail to notice the rubbish that is collecting on the roadside.

My grandson, Ellis Frost, came up with the idea, along with his mum, that maybe they could clean up the mess.

With plastic bags ready they went out one Saturday to do just that - only it took a lot more bags and time than they expected - 18 bags in total and in just a few hundred yards.

Seeing the roadside clear was very satisfying but only a few weeks later the rubbish was noticeable again.

When are we in Gwaelod Y Garth going to benefit from having our litter collected from our street - like Pentyrch already has?

Take a look when you're next out walking - the lane behind Banc yr Afon leading to the footbridge is particularly bad, but the whole area needs a good clean up.

If the Council can't afford it then what about everyone doing their bit - picking up the litter in your street!

Perhaps the Council could organise regular community days where groups get together in different areas to give it a blitz.

We are lucky to live in such a lovely area, where people drive to walk our lanes and paths and enjoy the countryside - lets all take a little more pride and get a bit more involved!

Gillian Hammett



On January 18th a group of girls - members of Creigiau Rangers - went to the City Hall, Cardiff to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Awards - gold and silver. Nine of the girls attend ysgol Plasmawr, one from Radyr School and two from Y Pant School. Six girls Clara Holley, Jess Horsey, Bethan Jones, Megan Owen, Angharad Rosser and Gwen Thomas received the gold award, and another six girls - Catrin Cox, Lowri Davies, Billie Horsey, Hannah Miller, Eleanor Rees and Catrin Williams received the silver award. Other girls from the village also received the bronze award - Hanna Innes, Ffion Jones, Anna Stenner and Siân Owen.

## Memorial bench for Creigiau Golf Club



The long association of a local family with Creigiau Golf Club has been marked by the provision of a fine hardwood bench in a prominent position close to the practice green. It had been the wish of Mr Brian Wood of Creigiau Villa who died in 2011 to record his family's connection with the club since it was formed in the early 1920s. Mr Wood's maternal grandfather Tom Evans had been the club's first steward and his grandmother (affectionately known as 'Ma' to everyone) supplied sustenance to the golfers at her home at Rose Villa. Brian, whose mother, Winnie Wood had been Ladies secretary and Lady captain was himself once club champion.

The presentation ceremony was carried out by Brian's sister Diane Edwards who, with her husband Cambourn had made the journey from the Isles of Scilly where they now reside. Diane described emotionally her days when as a child in the 1940s the professional had made a special set of clubs for her. She told the assembled guests that such was the extent to which her family life had revolved around the club it was the inevitable venue for her wedding reception in 1964! After expressing her thanks to Mr Frater the groundsman for receiving the bench and placing it in such an appropriate spot, Diane thanked the committee for allowing her to carry out her brother's wishes.

## Creigiau Boys Pull on the Red Shirt



**Rory Bartle (wearing scrum cap) and Matthew Marley in action for Cardiff Blues South earlier this season.**

Congratulations to Creigiau teenagers Matthew Marley and Rory Bartle on their selection into the Wales Under 16's Rugby Squad. The Radyr Comprehensive School pupils previously attended Creigiau Primary School and have both represented Pentyrch RFC since Under 7's. Last season they played at the Millenium Stadium for Cardiff School Boys where they were victorious in the Dewar Shield Final.

The boys are now training with the rest of the Welsh squad in preparation for an action packed week over the Easter period when they will compete in the Wellington International Festival, staged by the top Berkshire based college. We wish them the very best of luck.





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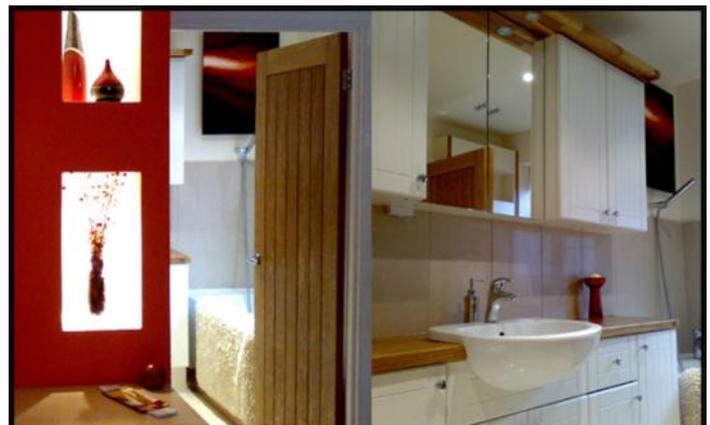
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## Creigiau Scout Gets the Gold!



Chief Scout 'Sir' Dylan Jones

1st Creigiau Scouts had something to celebrate in February after Senior Patrol Leader Dylan Jones achieved the Gold Chief Scout Award – the highest award available to any young person in the scout section.

Dylan is just the 2nd scout to have achieved this incarnation of the award – and becomes only the 4th young person to be proclaimed a Chief Scout in Creigiau Scout Troop's 25 year history. Scout Leader William Maddocks was quick to praise Dylan saying, "It's a truly fantastic achievement. Dylan has demonstrated an excellent commitment to scouting's core values of service to others before yourself whilst enjoying the thrills and spills of everyday adventure. He's a role model to other younger scouts, and can be very proud of himself."

For more information about scouting in Creigiau; please contact our Group Scout Leader, David Hodges: [scouts@dhodges.co.uk](mailto:scouts@dhodges.co.uk)

## STAYING SAFE FROM CRIME AND HARM THIS SUMMER

(a few reminders from Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch)

In some areas, summer is the season with the highest crime rate, but you can do much to make sure you are not an unfortunate victim.

### At Home

- Make sure all windows and doors, including those of sheds and garages, are locked when you are out, or not in the immediate vicinity.
- Don't leave lawn mowers, bicycles, or other expensive items unattended outside.
- Don't leave tools and ladders readily available; they could be used to break into your home or someone else's.

### When Out and About

- Always lock your vehicle when you leave it, and close all windows.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. Don't leave ANY goods on show; an item which may in itself be of no interest to a thief, when left on the back seat cries out the message, 'I'm here because the boot is full, with more enticing loot!'
- In the countryside, keep your dog on a lead in fields where there is livestock. Even a friendly, playful dog appears as a predator to farm animals. It is an offence to have a dog not in your close control on such agricultural land, and the farmer is within his rights to shoot it. However harmless and obedient you think your dog might be, the bottom line is that it has animal instincts. Furthermore, in almost all tragic cases where a walker is trampled by stampeding cattle, there is a loose dog involved, which has caused the animals to panic. (N.B. A very large

## Pentyrch Cricket Team Win Welsh Cup



Success for the Pentyrch Cricket Club U15 team winning the 2011 Welsh Cup in a very tight and exciting final against Gowerton.

Pentyrch reached the final by defeating teams from Cardiff, Sudbrook, St Fagans, Chepstow and Colwyn Bay.

The final against Gowerton was held at Newport C.C. on what turned out to be the warmest day of the year. Captain, Scott Matthews and his team, were presented with the well-deserved trophy by Glamorgan cricketer, Huw Walters.

The Pentyrch team then went on to proudly represent Wales in the age group 20 over ECB national competition defeating Swindon C.C. to reach the last 16. Many congratulations to the team on a marvellous achievement.

**percentage of Creigiau dog walkers allowed their dogs off lead, chasing pregnant ewes, in the fields adjacent to the primary school in February - appalling!**

### On Holiday

- Don't advertise your planned absence from home by mentioning it on Facebook or other websites, or even by putting your home address on your suitcase as you leave for the airport.
- If travelling abroad, get insurance which covers you for medical and all other problems. Heed any health advice relevant to your destination.
- Leave some lights on timer switches in your home. Get a trusted neighbour to remove mail, and to park sometimes on your drive.
- Protect yourself against the sun. Treat water with respect; never swim alone or after drinking. Check local information about tides or other possible hazards.
- Don't overindulge in alcohol. This makes you more prone to accidents, and your diminished alertness leaves you more vulnerable to all sorts of crime.
- Leave expensive jewellery at home. Don't flaunt your valuables, and carry only the cash you need. Dress modestly in keeping with the local culture.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times, wherever you are. Stay safe!
- Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch [creigiaunw@googlemail.com](mailto:creigiaunw@googlemail.com)

Creigiau Capel Llanilltern  
Pentyrch Gwaelod y Garth



### Amgueddfa

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### Museum

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and Visitor Centre  
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The museum has been prepared to bring together various aspects of the history and traditions of the area.

It includes many old photographs and maps and a website with further information about the history of the area.

## School Lane - Gwaelod Y Garth

After reading Norma Procter's article in the Community Link 2011, I feel I have to put pen to paper and add to her comments about School Lane.

For seven years I have been walking my grandson to school via School Lane, but this past year we have been using the main road, as School Lane is in such a disgraceful state.

When the weather is bad, it's like an obstacle course. You have to wade through deep puddles to try and find ground to walk on. Shoes get ruined and trouser bottoms get soaking wet.

Sometimes Wellingtons are used but are not suitable to be worn all day in school, so you have to change back into shoes at the school gate.

And there simply isn't enough room between the puddles for people with pushchairs.

Everyone seems concerned about the number of cars used to carry children to school as this causes safety issues and congestion but who can blame parents when this lane is the only alternative?

When is something going to be done?

I have been writing letters and telephoning the Council for years and have complained to our County



Councillor on many occasions, but to no avail.

Take a walk from the Heol Berry end of School Lane after a rainy day and see for yourselves.

My grandson is now in his final year in Gwaelod Y Garth School and will no longer have the privilege of being close enough to walk to school but many children still need to get there safely and conveniently.

Gillian Hammett

## Unusual Occurrences in Gwaelod-y-Garth

Walkers in the woods around Gwaelod-y-Garth may have noticed that certain trees have acquired a layer of silver foil on their branches. This spectacle is temporary and vanishes as mysteriously as it first appears. The phenomenon is not confined to the trees but has also been found on the Garth Mountain, the favoured location being just below the peak overlooking Gwaelod-y-Garth. The reflection of sunlight off the silver material creates a bright light that draws the eye to the mountain on a sunny day and is visible from afar. This in turn attracts the curious to the mountain to discover what is causing the light. I myself was drawn to this light source only to be disappointed to find it was caused by waste silver foil that was littering the mountain.

Investigations into this phenomenon have revealed it is the work of a man that once lived locally. Apparently a local guardian of the Gwaelod has charged himself with the task of removing the litter as soon as it is found. All credit must be given to him for safeguarding the beauty of the area.

If you happen to be passing by the Garth Villas Woodlands around teatime

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keep your ears peeled for the haunting sound of operatic song drifting through the evening air. Residents of Garth Villas are treated to free concerts on occasions without the need to leave their armchairs, such is the strength of the mysterious acoustics. Apparently a natural stage can be found in the wood, which has all the acoustic qualities found in purpose built venues. I believe the owner of the voice lives locally but revealing their identity would take away some of the magic.

Simon Roberts.

## School Lane

Residents of Gwaelod-y-Garth will be all too aware of the ongoing saga of School Lane. For those that are not familiar, the problem relates to the surface of the lower end of the lane, which has deteriorated over the years and is now a sea of mud, pitted by potholes. As a walking route to the school and the top end of the village it is important that the poor condition is improved to provide safety for school children and pedestrians, not forgetting the residents who need to access the lane with their vehicles.

Over the years many Councillors including myself have worked to try and resolve the problem only to be met by red tape and legal predicaments. Now at last through the efforts of our current Councillor Craig Williams it seems that the solution may be in sight. Thanks must be given also to our Community Councillors who have also contributed their support.

Let's hope the village finally gets a suitably surfaced lane.

Simon Roberts

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### Council Meetings

The Council meets on the 3rd Monday Monthly (except August). Details of meetings are published in the Council's Notice Boards and in local Post Offices. Council Offices are open to the public 9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday to Friday.

### Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor

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### Cwlwm Bro Community Link

Golygydd Penri Williams Editor

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11 June 2012.

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11 Mehefin 2012.

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#### Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch

Thursdays 8/3, 29/3, 19/4, 10/5, 31/5

#### Gwaelod y Garth

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# Pentyrch Primary School

## Running Club

Running Club is fun but it can be tiring as well! We have it after school on Wednesdays and we usually run around our school field three times which is quite big but sometimes we only run around it once for a warm-up before doing other exercises. Once we ran to the rugby club to practise for Sport Relief 2012 which we are organising in our school this year. The Running Club is going to run two miles and everyone else is going to run one mile.

By Victoria Woodman in Year 4



## Eisteddfod 2012

The Eisteddfod was lots of fun on St David's Day this year. The teachers gave out lots of certificates and awards for activities done in classes like art, poetry and handwriting. Each class did a performance of its own some did a poem or a song or a dance. Pentyrch Primary has lots of very talented children. We have wonderful artists and some perfect poets and some beautiful "hand-writers"!

My class Dosbarth Tri did a class play about "Gelert". I liked doing the music and I played the xylophone for Abigail. She was playing Princess Joan who was married to the Prince who owned the dog Gelert.

Dosbarth 4 did a dance and a song. It was a very funny version of Sosban Fach. It started off serious then got very funny. At the end Dosbarth 4 also did some a modern version of a traditional welsh folk



dance and some of the boys wore welsh ladies hats, it was really funny!

We sang some songs too like "We'll keep a welcome in the hillside" but my favourite was the national anthem right at the end. It was lots of fun I wish we could do it five times a year! We all worked really hard even the people who didn't win anything. Anyway it's not about winning, it is about taking part. We all had really good fun.

This year's Bard was Callum Williams in Year 6 who wrote a poem called "The Dragon's Story" - it was GREAT although he looked really shocked to win!

By Lauren, Holly, Joe W, Oliver and Joe N in Dosbarth3

## The Dragon's Story

Stars bright on this dark night,  
There will be a fight tonight.  
The dragon, what a beast!  
Sharp claws,  
Killer teeth!

Now time for the knight to get payback,  
His village helpless, burnt to cinders,  
Down swooped the dragon like an eagle.  
The bloody battle was fought 'til morn.

Dragon - hurt but still bombarding,  
Knight - dead, burnt ashes discarding.  
Dragon won proud with glory,  
Now is the end of the story.

Where the dragon lives on once more,  
Ruling with his power and tragedy.

By Callum Williams  
March 1st 2012

## Young Leaders 2012

In school there is a group of children who are training to be Young Leaders. They help and play games with the younger children. We set up fun games like Power Shot or sometimes we play with the parachute which is lots of fun!!! We have even made games like skittles out of plastic bottles. The Young Leaders have to be really kind to the younger children if they fall over and help to look after them.

By Emily Davies Year 4

## The Brecon Beacons

We went to the Brecon Beacons for our school trip. There was an old rock ad there were birds called buzzards and red kites. There was a very old white rock on top of the mountains that had been there a very long time, thousands of years. There are lots and lots and lots of sheep there - like millions the park ranger told us. We would like to go there again.

Amy Dyer Year 3

# Grazing on the Garth

The graziers of the Garth Mountain active and non active have formed an Association and entered into an agri-environmental scheme with the Welsh Assembly Government.

The Garth will remain unchanged and will be managed as it always has been in the past. Access will of course be as it always has with footpaths linking up to form a good network of circular walks.

Most walkers show responsibility to the countryside but I would like to stress that areas like the Garth Mountain are to be treated with respect and the Pentyrch Community Council, who are the landowners of the Garth Mountain, have put signs expressing that dogs out walking with their owners are to be kept on a lead at all times and their owners are expected to take responsibility for clearing up their dogs mess.

A lot of children play on the Garth and there has always been livestock grazing, which is necessary for the management of the land and whilst grazing, they pick up the dog worm infection causing cysts to form on the brain, on the liver and any other organ. This is a very real risk to children also.

I wonder how many people are aware that between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> July on mountain moorland and heath in all parts of the UK, all dogs by law are to be kept on a lead regardless of whether there is livestock grazing in the area, so as not to disturb other wildlife.

This is so important on the Garth, as we have a very healthy population of skylarks nesting here together with many other species which need to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

40 years ago the Garth was completely covered with bracken five foot high with one path travelling north to south and another east to west. At that time we sprayed the bracken on the top, reseeded the ground making the grazing of livestock possible and also giving the local people somewhere to walk and enjoy the wonderful views that it offers.

Let's work together to make this beautiful unspoilt place even more beautiful and please take heed of the Countryside Code, so as not to make our job more difficult and protect these lovely areas and all that we have here.

Sue Williams

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## Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall

Since reopening last September, the hall has seen a huge increase in its bookings with various activities taking place every week night.

Classes take place in ballroom and latin dancing, pilates, zumba and fitness. If you wish to join one of these classes give me a ring for details of the organisers (Tel. 20 813128).

The local W.I. still meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome. The Youth Club also meets every Friday evening from 6.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. All children in Year 6 & 7 are welcome. Finally, the Pensioners Group meet every fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. Important reminder - the Post Office is open every Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. for all your Post Office needs. Please make use of this invaluable service.

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For further information and to make bookings please contact :

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### Two Important Dates for your Diary

#### FRIDAY MAY 4th

A musical evening with CATRIN FINCH, world renowned harpist together with pupils from Ysgol Gwaelod Y Garth School at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall. Entry by ticket only. Tickets : Adults £5 Children £3

## Cantorion Creigau

Thanks to those who attended our Christmas Carol Concert in Creigiau Church Hall and donated to our chosen charities, raising £224, which was shared equally between L.A.T.C.H. and the Neonatal Unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

### Forthcoming concerts

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30p.m.

Eglwys Crwys, Richmond Road, Cardiff. The Cardiff Branch of Parkinson's UK is celebrating its' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and has asked the Choir to launch their celebrations. Tickets/info Mr Ray Cooper Tel:- 01443227448/ Sarah Bass at Wales Fund-raising Office Pontypridd Tel:- 08442259835

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 8p.m.

Dinas Powis Parish Hall in aid of Dinas Powis Tenovus Branch. Tickets Mrs B. Hockley Tel:- 02920514001

#### Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at 6.30p.m.

Creigiau Primary School, doors open at 6p.m. The School Choir is also taking part. Proceeds to the school. Tickets from the school Tel :- 02920891045

#### Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7p.m.

Peterston-Super-Ely Church Hall, with its local Primary school choir also taking part, In aid of The National Eisteddfod being held in Vale of Glamorgan August 2012. Tickets Mr G.P. Jones Tel:- 01446760608

By the time this goes to print the choir will have performed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Old School House, Sully, in aid of Barry Lions Club chosen charities.

If anyone is interested in joining us why not come along to one of the concerts and introduce yourself to any of the choir members. Rehearsals are

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## Gwaelod -y-garth Neighbourhood Watch

Many years ago, a handful of villagers formed a neighbourhood watch group, which was very active. One of the benefits of the scheme was that in conjunction with Thomas, Carroll, Insurance Brokers, members in the scheme received reduced house insurance. In the first year we won two awards, one being the most successful new group. Sadly, over the years the group has dwindled away to nothing, so as one of the founder members still living in the village, I believe it is time to officially wind up the group. There is some money in the bank, so if there is an interest in starting up the group again I would be delighted to hand it over. We need a public meeting to decide how the money should be dealt with, so if you have any ideas and would like to have your say, please come along to the committee room in the village hall on MONDAY 26TH MARCH at 7pm.

Cllr. Sandie Rosser

held weekly in Creigiau Primary School on a Sunday at 7.30p.m.

Information on the choir can be found on our website:- [www.cantorion-creigiau.org](http://www.cantorion-creigiau.org)

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# Community Council Highlights

## Apology

My remarks in the last Community Link have caused offence to two members of the Pentyrch Tennis Club who, coincidentally, both considered my comments in the section headed 'Rest Centre, Mountain Road', to be both 'derogatory and demeaning'. It would seem my attempts at light-hearted humour in the imparting of news-worthy matters was neither appreciated nor welcomed. I therefore apologise for any offence taken although none was intended. It is the first time in the 6½ years I have been writing this column that I have received negative comments and that disappoints me. Nevertheless, I do not intend changing my style of reporting, as the positive comments I have received over the years indicate that the majority are happy with my brand of reporting. So if my efforts at whimsy have offended in the past, please do not read any further!

## Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link grants from within the Community Council area were considered at the December meeting and the Gwaelod y Garth Pensioners were awarded £150. This represents a total outlay so far this year of £1,200 from a budget of £1,500 and the next and last grant meeting of the financial year is scheduled for the March meeting which will be held 19<sup>th</sup> March at Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall. Because this date is so close to our deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, it is possible that that date will have come and gone by the time this Link is delivered. Nevertheless any applications for grants 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. Grants are considered at the June, September, December and March meetings

## Horse Riders

This Council owns land at the Frog Pond, Creigiau, and Lon y Fro, Pentyrch. Both areas are grassed areas that are classed as public amenity land and we spend a lot of money on

keeping the grass well cut and the trees and hedges trimmed. In contrast to Cardiff Council owned land it is a general rule of thumb that if the land is well-maintained and cut regularly it will be in our ownership and not Cardiff County Council's. It is for this reason that we get so frustrated by inconsiderate horse riders at both locations. At the Frog Pond there is a bridle path that cuts through the middle of the Frog Pond from the lay-by to the stream. I implore those using the bridle path to use just the bridle path and not ride your horse over the adjoining grass as it causes huge divots which play havoc with the PCC-owned lawn mower. Similarly at Lon y Fro, it has come to our attention that horse riders believe they have access across the grassed area between Lon y Fro and Penuel Road. Please note that horse riding is not allowed on this land and there is no bridle way across it. Once again this has caused problems for subsequent grass cutting and signs will be put up to this effect in the near future.

## Caroline Morgan

Caroline Morgan retired from her duties as an administrative assistant with Pentyrch Community Council just after we went to press in November 2011. Caroline had been employed by the Council for nearly 15 years and her expertise and knowledge will be sorely missed. She has certainly been a 'constant' in my time with the Council and also the majority of my predecessor's time as well. When I use the word 'retired' I should clarify that this does not mean she is now in receipt of an old age pension but she has finished work to devote more time to the twin concerns in her life, namely ageing, and increasingly infirm, parents and an active grandson. Caroline continues to involve herself heavily in the social life of Creigiau and has not retired from her other loves of Creigiau Netball Club, Creigiau Cricket Club and Cardiff City Football Club; although not necessarily in that order.

## Dogs off the lead

I have written before about dogs being off the lead in areas where there are

farm animals grazing or ground nesting birds. Elsewhere in this publication Sue Williams, the secretary of the Commoners Group, makes specific mention of the lawful requirement for dogs to be on a lead between certain dates because of ground nesting birds but dogs roaming free are a constant worry to livestock. Events just after Christmas in Pentyrch left one farmer so frustrated that he dumped a load of manure over a kissing gate on Bronllwyn to deter dog walkers entering the footpath, as he had had two instances of dogs being off their leads and worrying his sheep. I can understand his frustration and the dog owners are lucky that he expressed his frustration in such a manner; as farmers are within their rights to shoot dogs worrying their livestock.

## Precept

The budget-setting session of the Council meeting in January was always going to be a problem as income is expected to fall in the next financial year, whilst expenditure is set to increase. This is never a good sign and a potential shortfall of some £6,000 per year from a precept of £71,000 is a significant percentage. As the Responsible Financial Officer I asked for an increase of £5,000 to take the precept up to £76,000 and this provoked a very lively discussion. It was eventually agreed that an increase would be sought, for the first time in four years, and that a precept of £73,000 would be requested. This represents a 2.68% rise, which is below inflation, and it means that there will need to be more belt-tightening in the coming year.

## Community Council Elections

The Elections will be held on 3rd May 2012. There are 5 councillor vacancies in Creigiau and Llanilltern Ward, 6 vacancies in Pentyrch Ward and 2 Vacancies in Gwaelod y Garth.Ward . Nomination papers are available from Cardiff County Council and the closing date for nominations is 4 April 2012.

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# Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

## Ymddiheuriad

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## Grantiau

Ers y rhifyn diwethaf o'r Cwllwm Bro roedd grantiau o fewn ardal y Cyngor Cymuned yn cael eu hystyried yng nghyfarfod mis Rhagfyr. Penderfynwyd rhoi £150 i Bensiynwyr Gwaelod y Garth. Mae hyn yn cynrychioli cyfanswm gwariant hyd yn hyn eleni o £1,200 o gyllideb grantiau o £1,500. Bydd grantiau yn cael eu hystyried nesaf yng nghyfarfod mis Mawrth a gynhelir ar 19 Mawrth yn Neuadd y Pentref Gwaelod y Garth. Gan fod y dyddiad hwn mor agos at ddyddiad cau'r Cwllwm Bro, mae'n bosibl y bydd Cyfarfod y Cyngor wedi mynd cyn i'r Cwllwm Bro gael ei ddosbarthu. Er hynny dylai unrhyw geisiadau am grantiau cael eu gwneud i mi, o ddewis drwy e-bost, (clerk@pentyrch.cc), a dylid eu danfon gyda'r set ddiwethaf o gyfrifon neu ddatganiad ariannol. Bydd grantiau yn cael eu hystyried yng nghyfarfodydd Mehefin, Medi, Rhagfyr a Mawrth.

## Marchogaeth Ceffylau

Mae'r Cyngor yn berchen ar dir y Pwll Broga Creigiau, a Lon y Fro, Pentyrch. Mae'r ddwy ardal yn ardaloedd o laswellt sy'n cael eu disgrifio fel tir amwynder cyhoeddus ac rydym yn gwario llawer o arian ar gadw'r glaswellt yn dda a thorri coed a thycio'r gwrychoedd. Fel rheol os yw lle cyn o

dir cyhoeddus yn cael ei gynnal a'i dorri yn rheolaidd bydd yn ein perchnogaeth ni ac nid Cyngor Sir Caerdydd. Oherwydd hyn rydym yn mynd yn rhwystredig gyda marchogion anystyriol yn y ddau leoliad. Yn y Pwll Broga mae llwybr marchogaeth yn torri trwy ganol y Pwll Broga o'r gilfan at y nant. Erfyniaf ar y rhai sy'n defnyddio'r llwybr marchogaeth i ddefnyddio dim ond y llwybr ceffylau a ddim i fynd ar eich ceffyl dros y borfa gyfagos gan ei fod yn achosi tywarch enfawr sy'n niweidiol i'r peiriant torri lawnt mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn defnyddio. Yn yr un modd yn Lôn y Fro, mae wedi dod i'n sylw bod marchogion yn credu eu bod yn cael mynd ar draws yr ardal laswelltog rhwng Lôn y Fro a Penuel Road. Nodwch na chaniateir marchogaeth ar y tir hwn ac nid oes ffordd marchogaeth ar ei draws. Unwaith eto mae hyn wedi achosi problemau ar gyfer torri gwair a bydd arwyddion yn cael eu rhoi i fyny i'r perwyl hwn yn y dyfodol agos.

## Caroline Morgan

Roedd Caroline Morgan wedi ymddeol o'i dyletswyddau fel cynorthwydd gweinyddol gyda Chyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn union ar ôl i'r Cwllwm Bro fynd i'r wasg ym mis Tachwedd 2011. Roedd Caroline wedi gweithio i'r Cyngor am bron i 15 mlynedd a byddwn yn colli ei harbenigedd a gwybodaeth yn fawr. Y sicr mae hi wedi bod yn angor cyson yn ystod fy amser i gyda'r Cyngor a hefyd y rhan fwyaf o amser fy rhagflaenydd yn ogystal. Pan fyddaf yn defnyddio'r gair 'wedi ymddeol' dylwn egluro nad yw hyn yn golygu ei bod yn awr yn derbyn pensiwn henaint ond mae hi wedi gorffen gwaith i roi mwy o amser i ofalu am ei rhieni a'i wŷr bywiog. Mae Caroline yn parhau i chwarae rhan bwysig ym mywyd cymdeithasol Creigiau ac nid yw wedi ymddeol o'i hoff weithgareddau sef Clwb Pêl-rwyd Creigiau, Clwb Criced Creigiau a Thîm Pêl-droed Dinas Caerdydd; er nad o reidrwydd yn y drefn honno.

## Cŵn oddi ar ei dennyn

Yr wyf wedi ysgrifennu o'r blaen am gŵn oddi ar ei dennyn mewn ardaloedd lle mae anifeiliaid fferm yn pori neu adar yn nythu ar y ddaear. Mewn rhan arall o'r cyhoeddiad hwn mae Sue

Williams, ysgrifennydd y Grŵp Cominwyr, yn cyfeirio'n benodol at y gorchymyn cyfreithiol i gŵn fod ar dennyn rhwng dyddiadau penodol oherwydd adar yn nythu ar y ddaear ond mae cŵn yn crwydro'n rhydd yn peri pryder cyson i anifeiliaid fferm. Roedd digwyddiadau yn union ar ôl y Nadolig ym Mhentyrch wedi gwneud un ffermwr yn rhwystredig iawn ac wedi achosi iddo adael llwyth o dail dros giât llwybr ar Bronllwyn i atal cerddwyr cŵn rhag mynd i mewn i'r llwybr troed, gan ei fod wedi cael dau achos o gŵn ddim ar dennyn yn poeni ei ddefaid. Rwy'n gallu deall ei rwystredigaeth ac mae'r perchnogion cŵn yn ffodus ei fod yn datgan ei rwystredigaeth yn y fath fodd; mae ffermwr o fewn eu hawliau i saethu cŵn sy'n poeni anifeiliaid fferm.

## Archebiant

Roedd disgwyl i'r sesiwn o osod y gyllideb yng nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Ionawr fod yn broblem oherwydd disgwylir i incwm ostwng yn y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf, tra bod gwariant yn debygol o gynyddu. Nid yw hyn yn arwydd da ac mae diffyg posibl o tua £ 6,000 y flwyddyn o archebiant o £71,000 yn ganran sylweddol. Fel y Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol gofynnais am gynydd o £ 5,000 i gymryd yr archebiant i fyny i £76,000 ac roedd hyn wedi ennyn trafodaeth fywiog iawn. Cytunwyd yn y pen draw y byddai cynnydd yn yr archebiant am y tro cyntaf mewn pedair blynedd ac y byddai'r cyngor yn gofyn am £73,000. Mae hyn yn cynrychioli cynnydd o 2.68%, sy'n is na chwyddiant, ac mae'n golygu y bydd angen i ni fod yn fwy gofalus gyda'n gwariant yn y flwyddyn sydd i ddod.

## Etholiadau Cyngor Cymuned

Bydd yr Etholiadau yn cael eu cynnal ar 3 Mai 2012. Mae 5 sedd cynghorydd yn ward Creigiau a Llanilltern, 6 sedd cynghorydd yn ward Pentyrch a 2 sedd cynghorydd yng Ngwaelod-y-garth. Mae Papurau Enwebu ar gael gan Gyngor Sir Caerdydd a'r dyddiad cau ar gyfer enwebiadau yw 4 Ebrill 2012.

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# Garth Gardeners

Since its launch in June last year, Garth Gardeners has attracted an enthusiastic audience to its monthly meetings at Pentyrch Village Hall. We now have 111 paid up members, a mix of expert and novice gardeners, from villages across the Garth and beyond.

Our meetings usually include a themed presentation and discussion, followed by an informal session with refreshments, raffle, and opportunities to buy, sell or swap garden equipment, plants and seeds. Through our links with Dynevor Gardening Association (Creigiau Allotments), members are also able to take advantage of bulk buying fertilisers and similar items.

In November, Pentyrch's own garden expert, Lyn Davies, answered a wide variety of questions on *Autumn and Winter in the garden*. We held a Christmas social at the December meeting, and Pip Hill-John, of Rolles the Florist, showed us how to make stunning festive flower arrangements, using cuttings from garden or hedgerow. Rob Parry from the Wales Wildlife Trust gave a fascinating talk in January, when he managed to persuade at least some of us that even slugs have their place in the scheme of things. In February, Claire Jenkins from Bordervale Plants described how to choose the right plants for the right conditions, and brought some unusual perennials and shrubs for members to buy.

The 2011/2012 programme continues with monthly meetings at Pentyrch Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Future dates are:

**16 March: Wales in Bloom & Spring Hanging Basket Demonstration.** With Jim Goodwin, Chair, Wales in Bloom

**20 April: Growing Vegetables**

**Bedding Plants – questions and answers.** With Ivor Mace, champion exhibitor and retired lecturer

**13 May: Day trip to Malvern Spring Horticultural Show**

**22 June: AGM and Social**

We are also hoping to plan another day trip either in the summer or the autumn.

Plans are already underway for the 2012/2013 programme. We aim to include a variety of topics ranging from *unusual long-blooming plants to beekeeping and a celebration of bulbs*. If any members have ideas for topics or speakers we would love to hear from you.

New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, and to keep up to date on our activities, visit our website

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## Cwis Llyfrau

Dydd Gwener, y 10fed o Chwefror, fe aeth 8 o blant yr Adran Gymraeg i gystadlu yn Nghystadleuaeth y Cwis Llyfrau yng Nganolfan Howardian yng Nhaerdydd. Roedd 2 dîm - tîm blynyddoedd 5 a 6 sef Ffion, Elin, Betsan ac Aled a tîm blynyddoedd 3 a 4, Cadi, Sion, Alys a Beca. Dewisodd tîm Blynyddoedd 3 a 4 i drafod y llyfr "Gwen fy Mrawd" gan Jacqueline Wilson. "Sais Ydy O Miss!" gan Brenda Wyn Jones oes dewis tîm Blynyddoedd 5 a 6. Cafodd y ddau dîm farciau uchel iawn ac meant wrthi yn paratoi cyflwyniadau ar gyfer y rownd nesaf. Diolch yn fawr i Mrs Kirkman a Mrs Evans am hyfforddi'r plant oherwydd fe gafodd pawb lawer o hwyl.

## Book Quiz

Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 8 pupils from the Welsh Section competed in a book quiz in the Howardian centre in Cardiff. They were awarded very high marks by their adjudicators and are now busy preparing presentations for the next round.

## Pêl-droed

Yn anffodus, gohuriwyd twrnament pêl-droed yr Urdd i'r bechgyn yn gynt yn y tymor oherwydd y tywydd oer a gwlyb. Roedd y bechgyn i gyd yn siomedig, ond ail drefnwyd y twrnament ar ddyddiad diweddarach. Chwaraeodd y tîm 6 gêm i gyd gan lwyddo i gyrraedd y rownd derfynol. Er na lwyddodd y tîm i ennill, fe gafodd pawb amser gwych!

Fe gymrodd tîm pêl-droed y merched ran mewn twrnament i ysgolion Caerdydd yn ddiweddar hefyd. Roedd yn ddiwrnod blinedig ond difyr dros ben. Diolch Mr Balbini!

## Football!

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 10 boys were supposed to be attending an Urdd football tournament in Sophia Gardens but unfortunately due to the cold weather it was cancelled. The boys were really disappointed but luckily it was rescheduled to 7<sup>th</sup> February. On that day they finally got to play football. They played 6 matches in the group stage. They won their group and qualified for the semi-finals. They won the game on penalties and the score was 3-2. In the final they lost 0-2 to Eglwys Newydd. They all had an amazing time but were all disappointed because they lost in the final.

The girls' football team also participated in a tournament between Cardiff Schools recently. It was a very tiring but exciting day! Both teams would like to thank Mr

Balbini for arranging everything.

## Parti Mr.Urdd

Ar y 27ain o Ionawr, roedd Mr. Urdd yn dathlu ei benblwydd yn 90 mlwydd oed. Daeth pawb i'r ysgol yn gwisgo lliwiau Mr.Urdd.

Bu plant yr Adran Iau yn brysur yn coginio cacennau gwyn, coch a gwyrdd i'w gwerthu yn ystod y dydd ac fe gafodd yr ysgol gyfan lawer o hwyl a sbri yn dawnsio dawns Mr Urdd.

Llwyddwyd i gasglu £200 ac aeth yr arian at elusen Tŷ Hafan. Roedd pawb wedi mwynhau yn fawr! Diolch Mr. Urdd!

## Mr. Urdd's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On 27<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated Mr. Urdd's birthday. Children came to school dressed in white, red and green. Urdd Gobaith Cymru was established by Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards in 1922. His aim was to protect the Welsh language. In the afternoon the junior section children sold cakes that they had made at home. They raised £200 for Ty Hafan. Everybody enjoyed. Thanks Mr. Urdd!

## Class 6

In January, two JP's visited Class 6 to tell us about Magistrates Courts and Crown Courts. Magistrate Courts deal with mostly minor offences whereas Crown Courts deal with more serious crimes. The maximum sentence in Magistrates Court is 6 months, but they can refer to the Crown Courts if they feel a longer punishment is required. For three mornings Class 6's classroom was turned into a Magistrate Court scene. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you very much Mr. David Cargill and Mr Brian Evans.

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**Dathliadau Dydd Gwyl Dewi**

Cawsom hwyl a sbri yn dathlu Dydd Gwyl Dewi gyda Eisteddfod Ysgol. Roedd cystadlaethau canu, adrodd a dawnsio.

Longyfarchiadau mawr i Joe Lagorio Price a ennillodd y gadair a chafodd ei gadeirio yn Fardd yr Eisteddfod.



**St Davids Day Celebrations**

We celebrated St Davids Day with a fun filled Eisteddfod. There were singing, reciting and disco dancing competitions.

A big congratulations to Joe Lagorio Price who won the Chair and was crowned Bard of the Eisteddfod.



**Healthy Week**

During our Healthy Week this year we decided to raise money for ChildLine and the NSPCC. The Foundation Phase children held a Mini Olympics and the Juniors competed in a Cross Country race and Dodgeball. We are very proud to have raised an amazing £1400 for the charity thanks to a fantastic response from parents, friends and families.

**Twnnel Helyg**

The children from the Eco Club had a great day working with experts to plant a willow tunnel and circle on the school field. The end result is fantastic and we are now waiting patiently for signs of the first leaves!

**Willow Tunnel**

Cafodd plant y Cwb Eco diwrnod bendigedig yn gweithio gyda arbennigwyr i greu twnnel a chylch helyg ar gae yr ysgol. Mae'n edrych yn fendigedig ac rydym yn aros yn amyneddgar nawr am y dail cyntaf.

**Y Clwb Eco**

Rydym wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed yn llenwi'r bocsys blodau gyda pridd yn barod i'w plannu. Buom hefyd yn mwynhau gwneud tan yn ein cylch coed yn y goedwig a choginio 'Marshmallows'!



**Cystadlueth Pêl-droed yr Urdd**

Cawsom lwyddiant mawr yng nghystadlaeath pêl-droed yr Urdd gyda timau y merched a'r bechgyn. Da iawn chi!



**Urdd Football competition**

We enjoyed a successful day at the Urdd football competition. Well done all!



**Codi Arian**

Rydym hefyd wedi bod yn brysur iawn yn casglu ar gyfer yr achosion da yma yn ystod y flwyddyn: Anfonwyd 55 bocys i Operation Christmas Child. Casglwyd £307.12 ar gyfer Plant Mewn Angen. Casglwyd £103.12 i Apêl y Pabi

**Fundraising**

We have also been very busy collecting for other good causes this year: 55 boxes were sent to Operation Christmas Child. £307.12 was raised for Children in Need. £103.12 was raised for the Poppy Appeal

**TECHNIQUEST**

Today (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February), Techniquest came to school to talk to us about space.

We had a big surprise when we saw the dome. Next we got inside a tunnel which led into the dome. When we got in it was really dark. We learnt about the sun and we learnt about Mercury. On Mercury when you are facing the sun you fry when you are facing away you freeze. Four inner planets are made of rock and the four other planets are made of gasses. We saw loads of stars. Old stars are red and young stars are blue and all the middle aged stars are yellow. Stars can form a pattern also known as constellations. There are lots of constellations in the sky like the Plough, Orient and the Bear. On Jupiter there is a huge hurricane which looks red. This storm is so large that you could fit nine planet Earths in it.

Saturn's rings are made from rock and ice. Venus is a very dangerous planet because it sucks all the heat in. Mars is known for its red landscape and is sometimes called the Red Planet. When the man had finished talking to us we crawled out through the tunnel and we all asked questions.

Lydia 3E

**Ymweliad yr Injan Dan**

Daeth dynion tan o'r Eglwys Newydd i weld plant y Meithrin a'r Derbyn. Diolch yn fawr iawn am adael i ni ddal y bibell ddwr ac am cael tro yn yr Injan Dan. Dewch yn ol eto!



## Pentyrch Art Group

Pentyrch Art Group will be holding their 17th Annual Exhibition on Sunday, May 20th at Pentyrch Village Hall. The exhibition is open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. Admission is still free, and we will be serving free refreshments as usual. Members are busy painting in preparation for the exhibition, which is the highlight of our year. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to the exhibition, which has become an enjoyable event on the Pentyrch social calendar.'

Anne Peebles

## Pentyrch Village Hall

What, no snow! The hall looks so white! Friends of the Hall were delighted to find new lighting has been installed, which has not only made the hall much brighter, but also energy efficient. So far this year the hall has seen a fundraising event take place once a month. As always, we are indebted to the many groups and individuals in the village who join in these activities, not only to have fun, but also to help maintain PVH as an attractive venue for community and private functions. The Hall Management Committee expressed their appreciation of your generous and enthusiastic support for the hall. The Christmas fair had a fantastic turnout, supported by many individual hall groups and outside traders, who enjoyed this annual event.

Thanks to Phil Davies and his "Grease night" put on in January. The costumes were wonderful, have you ever seen so many pink ladies? Thanks to Carol and Stewart Saint, who put on the popular Queen Tribute concert in February. This proved to be a most successful concert, which we would welcome back to the hall every year.

### Dates for your diary:

#### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> June Garth Mountain Walk 11 - 2

2<sup>nd</sup> June Jubilee Dance 7.30

3<sup>rd</sup> June Jubilee picnic with Victorian fair and children's entertainment 12 - 4

All forthcoming events are displayed on our website which can be found at: [pentyrchvillagehall.co.uk](http://pentyrchvillagehall.co.uk)

#### Shop Online and Raise Funds

Easy fundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and over 500 others. Just use the links on the easy fundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple! Join the hall's "200 Club" (for just £12 per year, you're entered in the monthly draw to win prizes of £40, £20 or £15).

For further information about fundraising activities,  
Secretary Sue Gambarini, [pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com)  
Bookings Secretary - Ellie Rawlings at  
[pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com)

Eric Priday, Chairman

## Pentyrch Gardens

The Annual Plant Sale organised by Pentyrch Open Gardens will be held at the Village Hall on Sat May 12th at 10am promptly. As many will know, this is a very popular event, and to get the best deals you MUST be there at the start.

As agreed at their AGM in September 2011, the Pentyrch Open Gardens weekend will not be held this year, due to an overabundance of competing attractions – namely the Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics. We will be back in 2013!

However, a group of six Pentyrch gardens will open their gates to visitors under the auspices of the National Garden Scheme (the famous "Yellow Book") on Sunday June 18th. We will be raising money for NGS to distribute to various (mainly) cancer charities and will be delighted to welcome allcomers.

## Pentyrch & District Local History Society

The History Society started the new year on February 24th with an address "William Edwards, Bridge Builder" by Brian Davies, Curator of the Pontypridd Museum. To a large audience Brian Davies showed a series of slides about the famous bridge and the paintings it inspired.

Meetings are held at 7.30 at Pentyrch Village Hall. The Society has organised a full programme for the year:

March 30th: "Medieval Herbalism" by Adrienne Jones.

May 4th: AGM.

May 25th: "What The Postman Saw" by David Salter.

June 29th: "Bringing Home the Bacon" by Rosemary Scadden.

Sept 28th: "Murray the Hump, a Welsh Mobster" by Don Llewellyn.

Oct 26th: "Ghosts" by Val Williams.

Nov 30th: "Roman Origins of our Christmas Customs" by Mark Lewis.

## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2nd – June 3rd



**Children:** You are invited to a  
"Royal Theme" Disco

at the Village Hall, Pentyrch on May 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 3.30pm - 5pm for infants (up to 6years)  
and 5pm to 6.30pm for juniors (7to 12 years)

Small entry fee of £2

We would like to find Pentyrch's own Royal family for the  
Jubilee celebrations.

All are invited; however anyone unable to attend the disco,  
who still wishes to put their child's name forward, would they  
please contact the Jubilee Committee on:

Tel: 029 2089 1748 or 029 2089 9600 or 029 2089 2493

**Face book group :**

**"Pentyrch queens diamond jubilee"**

**Email :**

**[pentyrchqueensdiamondjubilee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pentyrchqueensdiamondjubilee@yahoo.co.uk)**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup> June – Garth Walk 11am – 2pm

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Jubilee Village Hall Dance "Beyond the Blues"  
7.30pm cost £5

3<sup>rd</sup> June Jubilee Queen's Picnic at the Rugby club grounds  
12pm – 4pm

**Contact:** Pentyrch Village Jubilee Committee: Eric Priday,  
Anthony Smith, Sue Gambarini, Helen Edwards, Elaine  
Stockdale, Claire Clancy, Bev Liney, Harry & Jen Rees,  
Clare Bath, Eileen Boddington, Gareth Williams  
Tel: 029 2089 1748 or 029 2089 9600 or 029 2089 2493 for  
tickets or information on any of the above events

**One request: Would anyone like to donate materials for us  
to make bunting?**

# CREIGIAU CARNIVAL 2012.

The theme for the 2012 Carnival is "TV COMMERCIALS". With this year being the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carnival (according to my sources!), we hope that you can dredge your memories for some of the most colourful, comical, and memorable TV commercials of the past 30 years and turn these into fantastic floats and fancy dress!

The Carnival week dates for 2012 are:

**Fun run: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**King and Queen Disco: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Carnival: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

If you need a lorry for your float, as with last year's event, we are hoping that we can help out. Contact me at the e-mail address below or give me a ring on 20890459 if you are interested in going for it this year!

Looking back at last year's Carnival, despite a mainly damp and drizzly day, local people turned out once again in force to support the event. We saw some great floats and fancy dress, more stalls than ever before, and the usual array of entertainment and activities on the field. Thanks to everyone for your support. The Carnival raised some £5000 in total, including the Creigiau 23 bar and BBQ. Cheques have been presented to CRAMC and Creigiau 23 for £1850 each, to be used locally in the village for the upkeep and development of sports and recreation facilities, and to help our clubs, associations and other village groups.



A big thanks to all who spend their money, support and help organise the Carnival, it's a big team effort and very much appreciated. A special mention to Mike Amadeo for making his lorries available for floats, to Jen McDonald for organising the popular Creigiau Open Gardens as part of the Carnival celebrations, and to all the Carnival Committee for giving so much of their time during the year to organise the Carnival.

Finally, one of the ways in which money is raised is through the production of the Carnival programme, which also acts as a ticket to the Recreation field on the day. The programme is packed with local services information, and handy to keep in the drawer for essential local contacts and services. If you have advertised in the past, we will automatically write to you again this year. If you haven't advertised before, but wish to do so, e-mail me.

Finally, if you want to help as a member of the Carnival Committee, or in other way, please do get in touch.

**Chris Jones  
Chair**

**Creigiau Carnival Committee**  
[cjonesboy@aol.com](mailto:cjonesboy@aol.com)

## Display of Paintings at Gwaelod Village Hall

Vernon Hill, a well know local artist from Gwaelod y Garth, is displaying some of his recent work in Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall. He specialises in water colour and regularly paints scenes of the locality.

This small exhibition of paintings will be updated on a regular basis and it is also hoped that paintings by children from Gwaelod school will soon be put on display.

The display is in the main entrance of the village hall and can be viewed most weekday evenings whenever the hall is open for an activity/class.

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# Planning Applications to 2n March 2012

**11/01869/DCH** Mr Jones, Brynglas, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau applied for a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 9/12/2011.

**11/01902/DCO** Mr Peters, Maesteg House, Tyn y Coed Road, Pentyrch applied for the conversion and extension of a former dwelling and redundant agricultural buildings to a dwelling and granny annexe at Graig Gwilym, Efail Isaf Road, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**11/01937/DCH** Mrs Sian Bassett, Pentre Hir, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch applied for a small single-storey extension to the rear. Permission was granted on 21/12/2011

**11/01964/DCH** Mr Hacknell, Garth House, Penywaun, Pentyrch, applied for a single storey extension to the side and rear, with material alterations. Permission was granted on 13/02/2012.

**11/01990/DCH** Mrs Gryg, 63 River Glade, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 17/1/2012.

**11/02016/DCO Request for observations** from Rhondda Cynon Taff Council, in relation to a proposal is for the development of new town centre at: land adjacent to Cowbridge Road and A473 (incl Leekes Dept Store, the former Purolite Works and Staedtler). On 17/2/2012 CCC raised no objection to the proposals.

**11/02043/DCH** Mr Nickolas Lukaris, Tregarth Lodge, Creigiau applied for a single storey extension and garage conversion to a habitable room. Permission was granted on 26/01/2012.

**11/02051/DCH** Dr Alan Edwards, Thornfield, Heol Pant y Gored, Creigiau applied for a single storey extension. Permission was granted on 11/01/2012

**11/02154/DCH** Mr & Mrs Lloyd, 21 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension. Permission was granted on 26/01/2012

**12/00033/DCO** Mr Burt, C/O Agents, applied for the renewal of planning permission **08/00251/W** [ to erect 5 log cabins for holiday accommodation] at the west part of Pantycaerau Nurseries, Church Road, Pentyrch. This is still under consideration.

**12/00047/DCH** Ms Anna Llywela Jones, 22 Parc y Fro, Creigiau, applied for the renewal of planning permission **07/00040/W** [a ground floor extension to front and rear two storey extension to side].  
14 Permission was granted on 13/2/2012.

**12/00135/DCO** Mr & Mrs Williams, Pencoed House, Llantrisant Road, Capel Llanilltern applied for a change of use of the detached old hall for weddings and functions with no physical alterations to the building together with temporary use of one partly lawned/hardstanding garden area for a marquee and temporary car parking within the garden curtilage. This is still under consideration.

**12/00126/DCH Variation of conditions** Mr James King, 10 Tyn-Y-Coed, Pentyrch, applied for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission **10/01966/DCH** to allow part obscure glazing and part solid boundary fencing to ensure privacy. This is still under consideration.

**12/00223/DCH** Mr Angel, via Agents, applied for the construction of a 2-storey granny annex extension to the existing dwelling, to provide kitchen/living area, bedroom, bathroom & a link to the existing dwelling; with a roof conversion to the existing dwelling to provide additional bedroom & first floor balconies at The Cottage, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth. This is still under consideration.

**12/00245/DCH** Mr Roberts, 15 Maes y Nant, Creigiau, applied for a 2-storey front and rear extension & single storey rear extension & porch extension. This is still under consideration.

**12/00271/DCH** Mr Chris Lewis, 7 The Terrace, Creigiau, applied for a single storey rear extension. This is still under consideration.

**12/00288/DCH** Mr Davies, Vale View, Heol Pantygored, Pentyrch, applied for a two and single storey extensions and alterations to the existing house. This is still under consideration.

## **Decided Applications from Previous Community Links**

**11/01699/DCH** Mr Easterbrook, 90 Parc-y-Coed, Creigiau, applied for a single storey extension. Planning permission was granted on 9/11/2011

**11/01499/DCO** Mr Pritchard applied for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission [09/01509/W] for the demolition of the Rest Centre, Mountain

Road, Pentyrch and the construction of a single detached dwelling. Permission was granted on 10/11/2011.

**11/01755/DCH** Mr Jones, Tryfan, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, applied for a ground floor sitting room extension. Permission was granted on 21/11/2011.

**11/01623/DCH** Mr Boundy, Cysgol y Graig, Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau,

applied for a first floor extension to the existing dwelling to create an additional bedroom and en-suite, removal of the existing pitched garage roof to create a terrace at the existing garden level and re-profiling of land. Permission was granted on 24/11/2011

**11/00435/DCO** Mr Courtney and Ms Wilson, Elm Cottage, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch applied for the conversion of the barns south of Elm Cottage for Barn 'A' to residential and Barn 'B' to form a stable/store. Permission was granted on 25/11/2011.

**11/01335/DCH** Mr Brooks, Graig Bungalows, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied for an extensions and alterations including the raising of the ridge height to the existing bungalows and a new detached garage. Permission was granted on 1/12/2011.

**11/01760/DCH** Mr Andrew Howell, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a retaining wall to rear boundary of property adjacent to school lane. Permission was granted on 28/11/2011.

**11/01589/DCH** Mr James King, 10 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, applied for a variation on Condition No 2 to planning permission 10/01966/DCH to allow part obscure glazing and part solid boundary fencing to west facing side elevation. Planning permission was refused on 2/12/2011.

**11/01333/DCO** Rhondda Cynon Taf (request for observations) regarding land at Moy Road, Taffs Well, which it was proposed for redevelopment to provide B1 offices, residential (mainly family housing), a care home, public house/restaurant, an extension to park and ride, all with associated access parking and landscaping. Matter was withdrawn by the applicant on 7/12/2011.

**11/01846/DCH** Mr Thomas Garrett, 45 Parc-y-Bryn, Creigiau, applied to remove an existing flat roof and replace with a new pitched roof to the front elevation of the building. Permission was granted on 21/12/2011

**11/01359/DCO** Mr Gass, Tyla Morris Farm, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for the retention of use of land for recreational paintball games, together with erection of ancillary structures. Permission was granted on 12/01/2012.

**11/01792/DCO** Mr Roberts, 1 Penmaes, Pentyrch proposed a single storey dwelling with a double garage. Planning permission was refused on 19/1/2012

**11/02142/DCO** Mr Angel, The Cottage, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for change of use, conversion & extension of a garage/workshop to a micro-brewery.

**11/01458/DCH** Mr King, Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, applied for the construction of a two-storey granny annexe extension to side and two-storey extension to rear of the existing dwelling, a link to the existing dwelling and associated engineering and retaining works. Permission was granted on 10/2/2012.

## Creigiau Recreation Field

Lots of you will be aware that the area is owned by Pentyrch Community Council, but did you realise that the sports field and the pavilion is managed by volunteers on behalf of the sports clubs and the community?

Creigiau Recreational Area Management Committee (CRAMC) would like to involve more people in the way the facilities are managed. We would like to hear your opinions and get you involved in helping. In particular we are looking for someone to offer a couple of hours a month and become our Treasurer.

The recreation field is a wonderful facility, please help us to maintain it.

Anyone interested in helping or giving their views please contact me via [peter.morgan77@virgin.net](mailto:peter.morgan77@virgin.net)

If you are interested in joining any of the sports clubs please contact:

Archery –  
[secretary@cambriabowmen.org](mailto:secretary@cambriabowmen.org)

Cricket – Arthur Cook Secretary  
07958-577312 [cook3603@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cook3603@tiscali.co.uk)

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Petanque – Drummond Chorlton 029 2089 0409

Tennis – Trudi Evans 02920 890036/07768386119

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mr Frank Terrell, a great CRAMC supporter. Frank moved to Creigiau in the late eighties and immediately became involved with the Football Club, firstly by playing as part of the Sunday team and then in 1992 starting the Saturday side where he was player manager for some 15 years. Under his guidance the team gained several promotions taking them from Division 5 to Division 1 of the Cardiff and District League. The success he initiated has continued with the side now playing in the Premier Division. During this time Frank represented the football club on CRAMC and was also Chair for several years ensuring that the voluntary organisation continued to provide the best facilities for all the member clubs. Frank was a true gentleman and his friendship, experience and advice will be sorely missed by us all.

## Junior Cricket Clwb Criced Creigiau Cricket Club

Interested in starting cricket?

Why not come to a fun session for under 9s – school years 2, 3 & 4 from 10am to 12 noon Thursday 19 April and Friday 20 April at Creigiau Recreation field. Cost is £1 per session, please pay on the day (no booking required but subject to limit on overall numbers).

Creigiau Cricket Club has all the facilities, coaches and equipment to enable you to take up junior cricket at any level from Under 9 (softball) to Under 15.

This coming season we will have junior teams at Under 9 (softball), Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15. So why not come along, learn new skills and have some fun. Junior Membership for the year is £25 (under 9s £10).

For more information about joining contact Peter Morgan – Junior Organiser Telephone 20890828 or e mail [peter.morgan77@virgin.net](mailto:peter.morgan77@virgin.net)

## Creigiau Netball Club

Creigiau Netball Club, following on from the Welsh Netball “Club of the Year” award, continue their success story by providing netball for all ages and abilities. Currently we are running 4 adult teams plus a youth team in the Cardiff & District League plus 7 junior teams in the Cardiff & District Junior league.

A number of our youth players now assist with the junior section of the club providing vital support for our coaches and in return having the opportunity of gaining coaching qualifications and experience.

Most sections are running to capacity, however the club always welcomes newcomers. We are especially seeking new members for our u11 section. This covers girls aged 7 up (school years 3,4,5&6). This group currently trains on a Tuesday from 5.30-6.30pm at Radyr School Sports Hall. Anyone interested in taking part can just turn up for a free taster session.

For further details contact Sandra Popple on 07792892865.

## Assembly Member

Issues which are of importance to residents in Pentyrch and Gwaelod-y-Garth come regularly to the attention of both my colleague Kevin Brennan, Member of Parliament for Cardiff and West and myself. We were pleased to be able to hold a special surgery in Pentyrch in order to hear directly from local residents on any matters of particular importance.

In that context it was also very good to have a chance to attend a meeting of the community council and to hear these issues discussed by councillors and members of the public. Partly as a result, I was glad to have the opportunity to arrange a site visit to the village hall and school at Gwaelod-y-Garth earlier in the year, in order to see

at first hand some of the issues of travel and parking in this part of the village. It was good to have senior staff and members from the local authority along to discuss potential solutions. We now await a formal response from Cardiff council to the areas for action which were identified at the site meeting.

If you would like to contact us, weekly surgeries take place each Saturday, between 10 and 12 noon, at Ely Library, Grand Avenue, Ely. No appointment necessary.

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## The Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern

Our new incumbent cometh ...

As most of you will know by now, Revd Michael John has been offered and has accepted the post of Vicar in the Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern.

Michael is married with school-aged children, and is currently the Vicar in the Team Benefice of St Mary's Church, Tenby (St Catwg's choir sang evensong in St Mary's Church about 12 years ago when the choir was so much stronger than it is now.)

Michael, who grew up in the Rhondda and Pontyclun, will have to work out his resignation in Tenby, and will be inducted into our Benefice, on Tuesday 24th April with a service in St Catwg's Church at 7.30 p.m. followed by a reception in the Parish Hall Creigiau. Michael will bring with him an experienced background in the ministry. A graduate of University of Wales, Lampeter, he trained for the ministry in the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield, becoming a Deacon in 1989 and a Priest in 1990.

His first curacy was served in Coity with Nolton until 1991 and his second in Merthyr Dyfan until 1994. If we combine the Rhondda and Pontyclun with Coity and Merthyr Dyfan, then it is very much a matter of "Coming Home" for Michael. From Merthyr Dyfan he was appointed Vicar of St George's Tredegar before becoming a Prison Chaplain at H.M. Prison Gartree between 1999 and 2004 when he took up his present appointment as Team Vicar in the Team Benefice of Tenby, where the team of three clergy serve five churches and, in addition to the population of the districts served by the churches, the many thousands of visitors to the town.

The following is taken from the Tenby Benefice website. I thought you may appreciate it:

Benefice Prayer  
Almighty God  
we commit to You

the work of this Benefice  
and all who worship and serve You here  
May our five churches work together as  
one

to proclaim Your crucified Son  
as the Risen Way, the Truth and the Life  
and may we go forth joyfully  
to proclaim His message  
and serve You in Your world  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

John Gough

From the Magazine of the Parish of  
Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern



Revd Michael John

### Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern Services for Holy Week and Easter Day

#### St. Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

Palm Sunday 1st April Service of  
Readings and Music for Holy Week  
6.00 pm

Wednesday 4th April Holy Eucharist  
10.00 am

Maundy Thursday 5th April Holy  
Eucharist  
followed by the watch of the Passion  
7.00 p.m.

Good Friday 6th April Devotions before  
the Cross 2.00 pm

Easter Day 8th April Holy Eucharist  
9.00 am

#### St. David's Church, Groesfaen

Palm Sunday 1st April Holy Eucharist  
8.00 am

Tuesday 3rd April Holy Eucharist 10.00  
am

Good Friday 6th April Devotions before  
the Cross 11.00 am

Easter Day 8th April Holy Eucharist  
10.30 am

#### St. Ellteyrn's Church Capel Llanilltern

Palm Sunday 1st April Holy Eucharist  
10.30 am

Easter Day 8th April Holy Eucharist  
10.30 am

Parish Church Hall, Creigiau

Palm Sunday 1st April Family Service  
10.30 am

## Plygain at St Catwg

At seven o'clock on Thursday, January 12th, St Catwg's Church was full for a traditional Welsh Plygain. People of all ages were present to celebrate in song, the stirring words and melodies of traditional old Welsh carols. From the children's choir, who were accompanied by keyboard, flute, and glockenspiel, to the groups and soloists of male and female unaccompanied voices, the carols were presented as an act of choral worship, coming directly from the heart. Both soloist melodies and marvellously rich harmonies resounded in a church that, re-built in 1857 on an ancient religious site, served the completely Welsh community of Pentyrch and its environs.

The origin of the Plygain was to sing these carols early on Christmas morning between 3 and 6 am, or at Cock Crow. The word Plygain is derived from Latin meaning 'The time of the Cockerel's Crow' which in Welsh is 'Caniad y Ceiliog'.

Plygain originated as an early monastic service and continued into church – and eventually chapel – services. It was only after the Protestant Reformation that carols were included as part of the service.

Ciwb Y Dwrllyn, the local Welsh Society, brought this inspiring act of worship to St. Catwg's Church, and in so doing produced a feast of Welsh poetry and song heard through the singing of these original Welsh carols. Every moment of the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by a very appreciative and receptive congregation.

The retiring collection raised over £300 for the Church's Christmas Charity. Thank you for such a wonderful evening. Please come again. Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi. Roedd e'n ardderchog!

Sue and Andrew Dodd

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## Christian Aid Week 2012 13 – 19 May 2012

Last Year, thanks to the generosity of the local community in Creigiau, Groesfaen and Pentyrch, the sum of £ 3398 – 93 was raised for Christian Aid. To this was added a further £262 – 00 received from the government under the Gift Aid Scheme making a grand total £3,660 - 93. This year our target is £4,000. Can you help us reach this target?

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To achieve this target we need to be able to collect in those areas which we were unable to visit last year as we did not have enough collectors.

Being a collector need not be an onerous chore. We would be very grateful to receive offers from individuals who could collect from as little as just ten or a dozen neighbours, even if they live in an area where we are already collecting. All such offers would relieve our regular collectors, enabling them to move to areas which we currently are unable to cover. Collectors are especially needed in Groesfaen and Rhydlafar, as well as in some parts of Creigiau and Pentyrch.

**Please help us with this Good Work**



Chwaraewr a wnaeth y cynnydd mwyaf o dan 13 D a f y d D Dodson.

## Clwb Criced Creigiau

Er bod y tymor criced wedi hen orffen, daeth y chwaraewyr ynghyd ar ddiwedd Tachwedd i ddathlu llwyddiannau'r flwyddyn. Roedd yn gyfle i edrych yn ôl ar y tymor ac i wobrwyo unigolion am eu perfformiadau canmoladwy. Tom Lloyd, capten y tîm cyntaf, fu'n cyflwyno'r gwobrau i Adran Iau'r Clwb. Dyma sut y gwobrwywyd yr oedrannau gwahanol:

O dan 11 oed: Chwaraewr y flwyddyn: Gareth Powell.

Chwaraewr a wnaeth y cynnydd mwyaf: Gwyn Robins.

Aelod newydd mwyaf addawol : Dylan Rigby.

O dan 13 oed: Cyd-chwaraewyr gorau'r flwyddyn: Tom Adsett ( bowliwr gorau). Rhys Powell ( batiwr gorau ).

Chwaraewr a wnaeth y cynnydd mwyaf: Dafydd Dodson.

O dan 15 oed: Chwaraewr y flwyddyn: Callum Bassett-Jones.

Yn ogystal, gwobrwywyd aelodau o'r timoedd hŷn. Ar ôl tymor llwyddiannus, Alex Moore oedd chwaraewr haeddiannol y tîm cyntaf gyda Wynn Innes yn fowliwr a Martin Powell yn fatiwr gorau'r flwyddyn. Glyn Thomas oedd chwaraewr y flwyddyn o'r Ail dîm gyda Seth Griffiths yn fatiwr a Rhys Thomas yn fowliwr gorau'r flwyddyn.

Braf yw gweld bod hyd yn oed yr 'hen fois' yn dal i berfformio yng nghanol y criw ifanc sy'n gwneud eu marc! Edrychwn ymlaen nawr at dymor arall llwyddiannus yn 2012.



Enillwyr gwobrau o dan 11 oed. Dylan Rigby, Gwyn Robins, Gareth Powell.



Cyd- chwaraewyr y flwyddyn o dan 13. Tom Adsett a Rhys Powell.

## Merched y Wawr

Yng nghyfarfod mis Ionawr o Ferched y Wawr cafwyd cyflwyniad diddorol gan Penri Williams am hanes Pentyrch a'r ardal, ac am rai haneswyr lleol. Dangoswyd rhaglen Don Llywelyn - "Dan Sylw" - a oedd yn tanlinellu pa mor Gymreig oedd y pentref, wrth weld a gwrando ar rai o'r hen gymeriadau a siaradai Gymraeg mewn cyfnod cynharach.

Mae sefydlu amgueddfa Pentyrch wedi cyfoethogi ein gwybodaeth am hanes Pentyrch a'r ardal.

## Clwb y Dwrllyn

Bu'n gyfnod prysur cyn y Nadolig. Cafwyd cinio blasus iawn a llawer o hwyl wrth ganu a chyfansoddi limrigau (sâl iawn yn ôl y beirniad Huw Llywellyn Davies) yn De Courcey's. Er gwaetha'r glaw aeth criw yn ôl yr arfer i ganu carolau – o gwmpas Creigiau tro yma. Casglwyd £100 tuag at Ysgol Craig y Parc.

Yna daeth cyfle i ddathlu'r flwyddyn newydd drwy gynnal Plygain yn Eglwys Sant Catwg, a hyn am y tro cyntaf yn hanes y gymdeithas. Bu'n noson llwyddiannus iawn. 'Roedd yr eglwys yn orlawn a phawb oedd yno wedi cael bod yn rhan o noson i'w thrysori . Gyda Geraint Wyn Davies yn llywio, pleser pur oedd gwrando ar gôr bach hyfryd Ysgol y Creigiau, yr unigolion a'r partion eraill. Mynegodd nifer fawr y gobaith y daw'r Plygain yn ddigwyddiad blynyddol o hyn allan, cymaint oedd y mwynhad. Casglwyd £325 tuag at elusen ddewisedig yr eglwys ar gyfer y cant o blant sydd yn dioddef o HIV Aids ac yn cael gofal yng nghanolfan "The Morning Star" yn ninas Welkom yn Ne'r Affrig.

Diolch i'r pwyllgor am drefnu ond yn arbennig i Eirlys Parry a Margaret Roberts am eu gwaith caled.

### Gyrfa Chwist

Treuliwyd noson ddifyr eto eleni yng Ngyrfa Chwist y Dwrllyn yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pentyrch. Diolch unwaith eto i Jim Morris am drefnu yn ei ddull dihafal ei hun. Rhiannon Llywellyn gipiodd wobwr y merched ac fe aeth hi a Ken Evans, pencampwr y dynion, adre'n hapus gan edrych mlân at bryd o fwyd blasus wedi iddynt ennill ffowlyn yr un.

Am ragor o fanylion am Clwb y Dwrllyn neu Merched y Wawr ffoniwch 029 20890040.

## Hilltop Theatre Company

After opening in September 2002, Hilltop Theatre Company is now in its tenth year and continues in its aim to provide high quality drama and entertainment to the village.

Our next production is the pop-rock-gospel musical 'Godspell', a rock opera that is a jubilant celebration of the life of Jesus, based on the gospel according to St. Matthew. This heart warming and contemporary approach to the bible is made up of a series of parables interspersed with ballad, pop and rock songs and contemporary dance / entertainment, set primarily to lyrics from traditional hymns, that explores the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. 'Godspell' will take place at Pentyrch Village Hall from Wednesday 21 March to Saturday 24 March 2012, 7.30pm at Pentyrch Village Hall. Tickets are available from 01443 202 959.

Our summer production is 'A Corn is Green', Emlyn Williams' classic semi autobiographical story about the difficulties faced by an English teacher's attempts to bring education to a small, poverty stricken Welsh mining village in late 19th century, in particular the attempt to guide a gifted pupil to achieve success and make his way in the world, despite his lowly background. This is an inspiring story that combines strong and dramatic themes with a good deal of wit and humour in exploring a serious issue. 'A Corn is Green' will take place at Pentyrch Village Hall from Thursday 28 June to Saturday 30 June 2012, 7.30pm at Pentyrch Village Hall.

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).

We very much hope that as many people as possible will be involved with Hilltop during this year, whether as members, helpers or customers, for what continues to be an exciting 10th year!

Richard Jones.

## Supporting Local Cancer Unit



On New Years Eve a charity raffle was held at Pentyrch Rugby Club on behalf of the Breast Cancer Care Unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

The prize was a framed Welsh Rugby jersey, signed by the Welsh 2011 World Cup Rugby team. The lucky winner was Mr. Jeff Lewis from Church Village. I would like to say how grateful I am to all the very generous people at Pentyrch Rugby Club and those around the local area who contributed to this charity raffle; we had a tremendous response to our appeal and raised a wonderful £825 for the Breast Care Unit.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Mr. Eifion Vaughan-Williams, Consultant Surgeon and Maria Jones, Nurse Practitioner from the Breast Care Unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital were presented with the cheque by Pentyrch RFC's President, Mr. Huw Llewellyn-Davies. Also present were Mr. Jeff Lewis, myself and my family.

Once again a huge thank you to everyone involved in helping me to raise this money which Mr. Vaughan-Williams assures me will go towards helping to fund training for his breast care nurses.

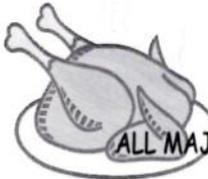
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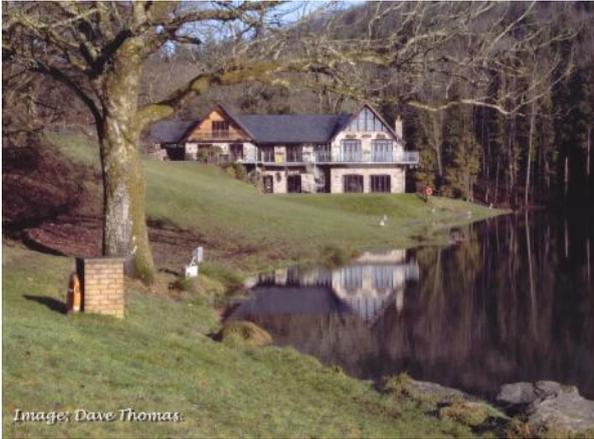


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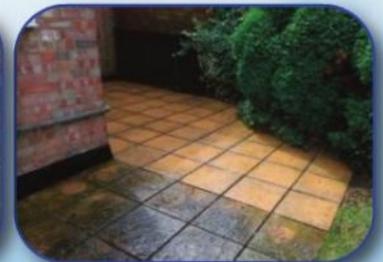
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