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Cardiff Local Development Plan 2006-2026: Preferred Strategy Consultation 2012

On the 25th October at a meeting of Full Council the Cardiff Council approved its Local Development Plan: Preferred Strategy (hereinafter called the LDP for the sake of brevity) According to correspondence I have received from the LDP team, *‘the Preferred Strategy shows how key current environmental, economic and social issues and trends affecting the city will be addressed*

The plan identifies the areas of the county where development can take place between now and 2026.

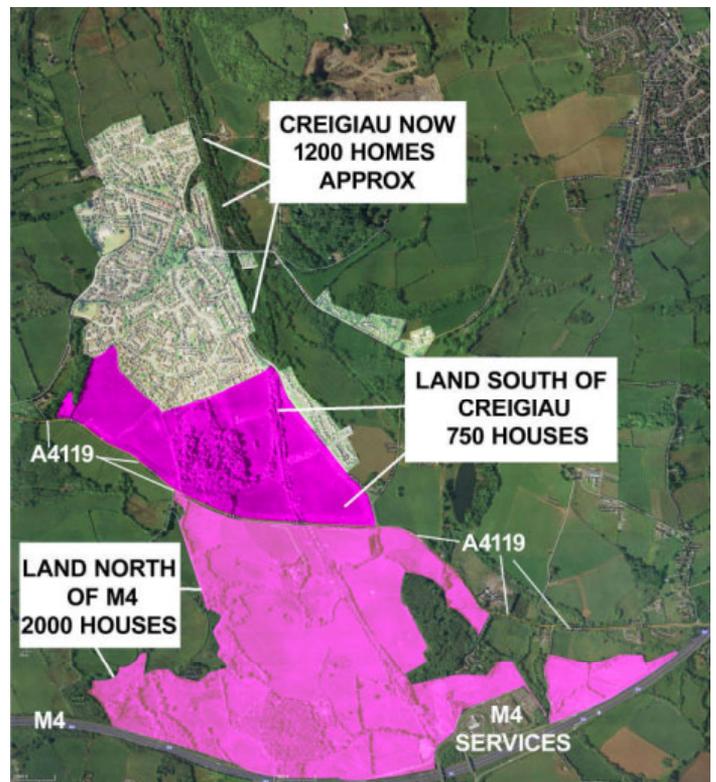
- It looks to provide for a growth of some 45,400 dwellings over the plan period to 2026
- 18000 dwellings are planned for “Brown” field sites
- 18000 dwellings are planned for “Greenfield sites” which are cheaper to develop
- On the site described as land “South of Creigiau” 750 properties are planned
- On the site described as “Land North of Junction 33 of the M4” there are plans for 2000 residential properties. plus Business & Retail developments.
- On land between Rhydrafer, Radyr Pentrebanne & St Fagans there are plans for 7500 properties
- In the technical papers the plan acknowledges these sites have
 1. The lack of community facilities
 2. Poor transport infrastructure
 3. Limited existing utility provision

A six week consultation period will now follow running from 1st November to 14th December 2012.

- The consultation documents will be on the CCC LDP website at www.cardiff.gov.uk.
- A series of public events have been arranged by the County Council to give the public a chance to view and comment on the pre-deposit documents One of these is in Creigiau Church Hall on Thursday 29th November, 1pm - 6pm.

Making Comments

- You can fill in a survey on the Council Website
- Download a response form from the Cardiff LDP Webpage
- Email your comments to ldp@cardiff.gov.uk



Aerial view of Creigiau as it is now plus the Site “South of Creigiau & Land North of M4 Junction 33

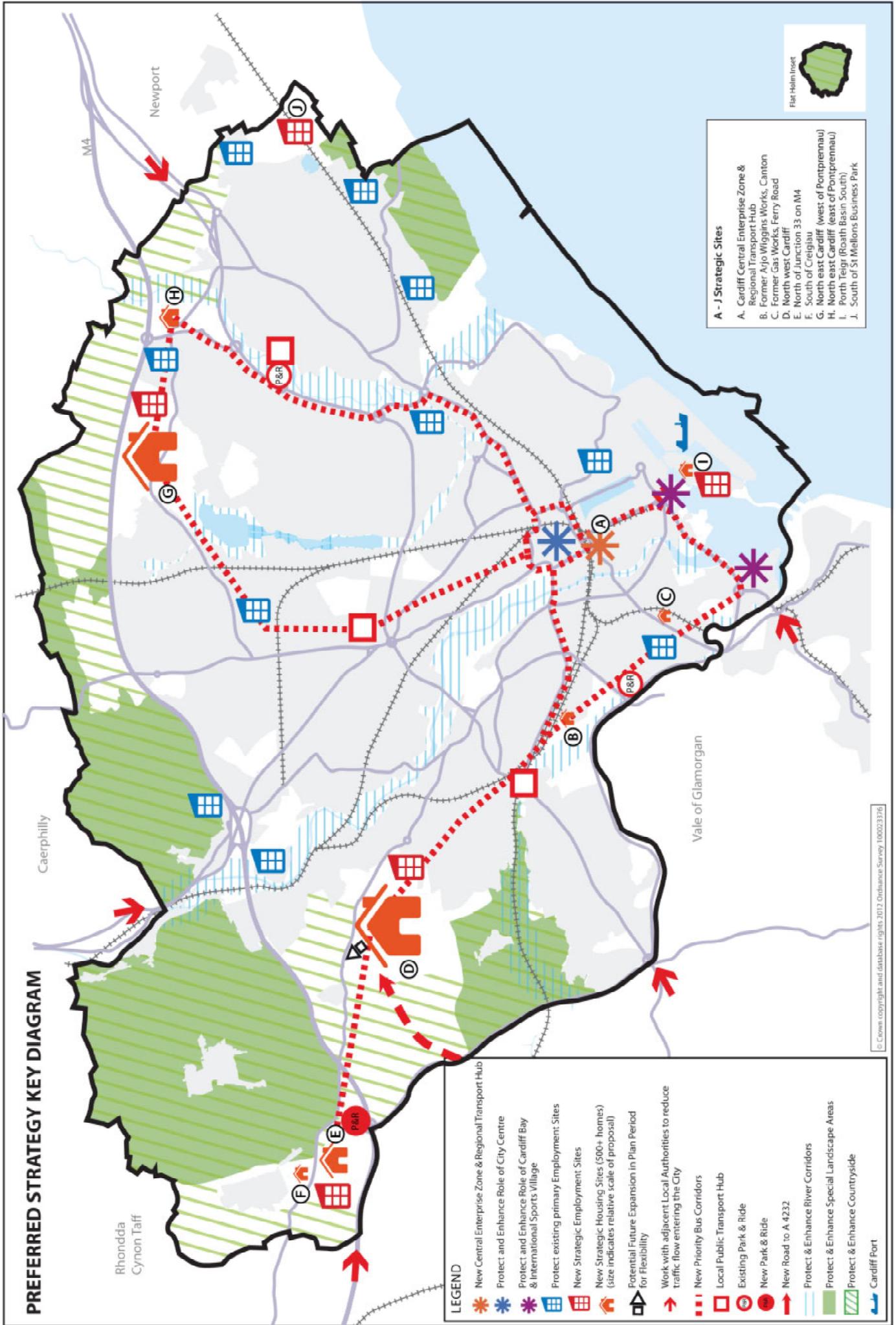
If you do nothing then these proposals will be accepted but if you act they may not.

At a public meeting in Creigiau on the 2nd November there was unanimous support to oppose the plan proposals. Residents are being asked to sign a petition, Posters have been put up and a petition is being circulated for all those who object to the proposals to sign

A website www.savecreigiau.co.uk has been set up and this has a lot more details of the plans, a survey and help on **how to make you comments known**

The threat to Creigiau and the local villages of Pentyrch and Groesfaen is that the plan identifies two sites which are described as individual sites even though they are only separated by the A4119 a point which seems to have been overlooked.

The aerial map shows Creigiau as it exists now with the →



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planned sites identified in different colours. The planners comments are that they view the 750 houses as a natural extension to Creigiau and the land North of the M4 junction 33 as "Unlikely to be any significant compatibility issues with surrounding land uses. If developed they will completely destroy Creigiau as we know it and make it into a town not a rural village.

The 2001 census showed 95 % of work trips are to destination outside the ward and of that 83% of work trips are by car.

The construction on all of these 10,250 properties in this locality will undoubtedly mean a long term difficulty on the roads even long after the construction traffic has ceased. Indeed the plans for Creigiau are a development in the furthest reaches of Cardiff on the boundary to Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan. It will mean considerable extra travelling most of which will be by car with the negative environmental impact that will have.

There is also a possibility that if this

Gestures

You may remember earlier this year that the media was intently focussed on the handshake that took place between the Queen and Martin McGuinness the Stormont's Deputy first minister and former IRA commander. On the surface it was just two human beings respectfully greeting each other, but of course it was an enormously symbolic moment representing another milestone on the journey towards healing and greater reconciliation between two communities with a long and troubled history. Whether you approved of that handshake or not, as we draw closer to Christmas a season that symbolises hope, peace and goodwill, these gestures should be welcomed and encouraged. Yes, it was only a handshake but still it was a genuinely important milestone in the story of our Nation as it seeks to grow beyond the troubles of the past and to a happier and more peaceful future.

So apparently small gestures are genuinely important us and often have a greater significance as we spend time reflecting on them. A little while ago I told the story in Church of the moment when a

level of construction goes ahead the quarry will also be brought back in to production.

It is vitally important that as many residents as possible make their comments known to the County Council during the consultation period.

It may be of help to read the papers that examine the pros and cons of each site. The can be found by following the LDP link on the www.cardiff.gov.uk website and then follow the link for the Preferred Strategy. On this page scroll down to the topic Item 8 Summary of Candidate Site Assessments.

Part 1 page 160 covers the Land North of Junction 33 (4 Pages) and Part 2 page 352 examines the proposals for the "Land south of Creigiau"(4 Pages). Objections and questions on these papers are likely to have a far greater effect than just an "I don't like it letter".

The public's views and comments will help in form the preparation of a more detailed plan called the **Deposit Plan** which is due to be considered by Cardiff County Council in Sept. 2013.

young white Anglican priest called Trevor Huddleston simply raised his hat and said 'good morning' to a black woman and her child many years ago in South Africa. So affected was the child by this gesture of respect from a white man to his mother that he decided to offer himself to God as a priest and to work tirelessly alongside others in the fight against apartheid in his country. The child's name was Desmond Tutu.

There have been some tragedies in our community in recent times and Christmas is a time when people will most acutely feel the loss of people whom they have loved.

When we see our friends or neighbours grieving or suffering in any way we often feel at a loss, not knowing what to do or say. We fear that any gesture we offer will look like an insignificant token to someone who is hurting deep within. In my experience most people who are sorrowful, grieving or lonely generally welcome any kindness that is genuinely offered. Something as simple as a card or short letter, a gentle squeeze of the arm can have a big impact on people at a time of sadness.

'THANK YOU SO MUCH'

£335.00 was raised at this years Macmillan coffee morning - WOW ! We were overwhelmed! We would like to thank all those who made a donation.

That's a fantastic amount of Macmillan time to give people affected by cancer. Hope you enjoyed your cake and cuppa. Thanks again for making the time and showing your support, see you next year. Best wishes from Deb Hunt and family. Our thoughts are with our dad David Rogers and to anyone who's lost someone or those suffering with Cancer.

Coed y Bedw Woodland

I recently unearthed a quite beautiful film entitled '**Coed y Bedw - a year in a nature reserve**'. An area which I have walked on countless occasions, but have never really 'seen'. This film, made by local resident Robin Rollinson, illustrates the breathtaking natural beauty which surrounds us in the village of Gwaelod-y-Garth, and is further enhanced by the accompanying script and musical score.

May I urge readers to view this at <http://vimeo.com/17145423>

Derek Thomas

I remember whilst living in the Rhondda as a child, in our street there were two or three ladies who, when anyone in the street suffered a loss, would bake a cake and give it to the person or family involved. Perhaps for those people eating cake would have been the last thing on their minds, but the sheer kindness and thoughtfulness, the symbolic value of the gesture was always welcomed. It was a practical way of saying 'you are not alone'.

Since being inducted as Vicar of the Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern back in April of this year I have been impressed with the thoughtfulness and sensitivity of the people of this area and I and my family have been the recipients of many small gestures of kindness. It's clear that every day numerous small unconditional gestures of care and affection are made throughout our communities, but however small individual gestures may be, they always make a real difference to someone. So whether it's a simple handshake, an unexpected doff of a hat, or a gift of a cake, never underestimate the power of a kind gesture especially as we approach Christmas. Rev. Michael John

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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.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings

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When submitting an entry for inclusion in the Community link contributors are requested to take note of the following:-

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- The text of articles should be submitted either as a Microsoft Word document i.e. doc files or in rich text format i.e. rtf files or even as the main body of an email. Articles in other formats may well not be compatible and therefore lost.
- Articles should not be submitted as pdf files. Although these may be smaller to email they cannot easily be adjusted to suit the column sizes.
- Photographs should be submitted as photographs (jpg files) and attached to the emailed article. This is to try to ensure that we can provide our printers with the best available images to print from. The photographs should not be reduced in size or definition. They should never be submitted as part of a word file nor as a pdf.

Your co-operation in submitting articles in this way will be much appreciated. *Stuart Thomas Editor*

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Golygydd Stuart Thomas Editor

Last date for entries in the next issue is

6 March 2013.

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

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Community Council Highlights

Grants

Since the last edition of the Community Link grant applications, from within the Community Council area, were considered at the September meeting and the only successful applicant was Radyr & District Good Neighbours, who were awarded £100. The next grant consideration will be at the December meeting and any applications preferably by email should be made to me, (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

PACT meetings in Pentyrch

PACT meetings for Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth will, in future, be held at the Council offices in 1 Penuel Road, Pentyrch. This is because the Police expect halls for PACT meetings to be provided free of charge and the Rugby Club used to facilitate them, however they now have paying customers who are prepared to rent the room so the Police have had to look elsewhere. This Council have allowed them back, for free, into the building they vacated because they would not pay the rent on it anymore!

Re-surfacing Work

Most of you will have noticed lots of re-surfacing work being carried out to roads in the Council area, as announced by County Councillors Graham Thomas and Craig Williams and as reported in the Community Council minutes, (available to all discerning readers online at www.pentyrch.cc) Robin Hill, Heol Pant y Gored, Station Road, Maes y Sarn, to mention but a few have all benefitted from the largesse of the Local Authority. Am I the only person who wishes a little more thought had been given to advising the residents of the work? The first I knew of all the works being carried out was when I was denied access to go along a road, although no explanation as to what was going on just a 'road closed' sign and a barrier. Come on Cardiff County communicate with your residents!

Broadband Speeds

The Council were asked to approach Welsh Government in order to try and put pressure on BT/OpenReach to bring the rural areas, such as the outlying villages of Cardiff and the Vale, within the radar of the BT 'Infinity' programme. The request emanated from a Creigiau resident who as a radiologist was regularly being sent scans and x-rays via email to assess. Unfortunately his broadband speed was so slow that it was quicker to drive to the hospital, assess the scans/x-ray and drive home again than it would be to download some of the data he could have received. His download speed, in the middle of Creigiau, is 2.07 mb and upload 0.29mb. By contrast the Council office broadband speed is 6.1mb download and 0.4mb upload, whilst my home download speed, in the rural Vale, is 0.5mb download and 0.2 mb upload. Clearly this sort of disparity does little to encourage people to work from home or set up small businesses in rural areas. I have written to Mark Drakeford AM and received a swift and positive response from him, although I am still waiting for a response from Kevin Brennan MP. It is up to residents to register their interest in the new fibre optic broadband as BT will not install where there is no interest. All you need to do is go onto BT.com, click on 'Phone, Broadband & TV'; click on 'Broadband' then click on the left hand side on 'Superfast BT Infinity'. You will then get an option saying 'Can I get BT Infinity' so enter your telephone number and click 'Check now'. If you live in this Council area you will get the following response. **'Sorry, you're not currently able to get BT Infinity. This may be because your area has not been enabled yet, or your individual line does not support super-fast broadband. Register your interest and we'll let you know if this changes.'** It will then ask you to register your interest. Please do this as the more interest generated the more likely this area will be included in a roll-out programme! Alternatively you can go directly to the right page at the web address www.productsandservices.bt.com/consumerProducts/displayTopic.do?topicId=29017

Terrier Map

When I first started in this role I was advised to draw up a Terrier map of the Council's property portfolio. I confess I had never heard this expression previously and had to resort to my trusty dictionary to find out what it meant. The expression conjured up this picture in my head of a large map with lots of pictures of small dogs all over it. In fact, despite now knowing what it means, this is still the first image that leaps to the fore-front of my mind. So the word 'terrier' as a noun has three distinct meanings. It can be 'a member of the British Army's Territorial and Volunteer Reserve'; or 'a small lively dog belonging to any of the breeds originally developed to hunt animals living in underground burrows' or 'in English legal history, a land register or survey'. It is, of course, the last of these definitions that we are seeking to achieve and bring to the attention of the residents. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, you need only go to our web-site www.pentyrch.cc and click on 'Minutes, Polices & Estates', then click on 'Estates' to, not only understand what the Council owns on your behalf, but also see maps and pictures of each area. Ah the relentless march of progress.....!

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Planning Applications to 19th November 2012

12/00817/DCO Mr & Mrs O'Leary, Pinecroft Cattery, Pinecroft, Mountain Road, Pentyrch, applied for a bungalow extension at Pinecroft Cattery. Permission was granted on 7/8/2012.

12/01015/DCH Mr Lee Bateman, C/O Agent, applied for the removal of outbuildings & construction of a two storey extension to the rear at 57 Heol Berry, Gwaelod-y-Garth. Permission granted on 28/9/2012.

12/00885/DCO Mr G Rowley, The Gables, Station Road, Creigiau, applied for the conversion of a garage into one bedroom dwelling at The Gables. Planning permission was refused on 15/8/2012

12/01066/DCH Mr I. Cambridge, 10 Maes y Nant, Creigiau, applied for a single storey extension to the rear at 10 Maes y Nant. Permission was granted on 14/8/2012

12/01025/DCH Mr S. Grewal, Silverbrook, Efail Isaf Road, Pentyrch, applied for a two storey extension to side of the property. Permission was granted on 14/8/2012.

12/01033/DCH Mr Anthony, Tyn Waun, 43 Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch, applied for a classically styled orangery to the rear of the property. Permission granted on 10/8/2012.

12/01038/DCH Mr & Mrs Lake, 19 South Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a ground floor side extension. Permission was granted on 03/8/2012.

12/00777/DCO Mr Harmer, 28 Heol Nest, Whitchurch, applied for a new build dwelling on land at Garth Hill, Gwaelod y Garth. On 22/8/2012 this application was withdrawn by the applicant

12/01063/DCH Mr Oliver, Candover, Garth Hill, Gwaelod y Garth, applied to extend an existing parking layby to provide turning area and additional parking area. Permission granted on 24/8/2012.

12/00760/DCH Mr N Hicks, 28 Bronhaul, Pentyrch, applied for a flat roof dormer extension to the front elevation. Permission was granted on 17/10/2012

12/01162/DCH Mr Anderson, Glan y Nant, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for the demolition of an existing single-storey conservatory and to construct a 2-storey side extension & single-storey

rear extension. Permission was granted on 3/9/12.

12/01168/DCH, Mr O'Keefe, c/o Agents, applied to demolish an existing play room and conservatory and construct a new single storey rear extension; conversion of garage and internal alterations at Beechleigh, Main Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth. Permission was granted on 5/10/2012

12/01126/DCH Mrs Graham, 8 Panteg, Pentyrch, applied for a lean-to conservatory to rear of the property. at 8 Panteg, Pentyrch. Permission granted on 21/8/2012.

12/01245/DCH Mr & Mrs Cuff, 60 Parc Y Felin, Creigiau, applied for a first floor side dormer at 60 Parc Y Felin, Creigiau. Permission was refused on 17/9/2012

12/01164/DCH Mr & Mrs Price, 50 River Glade, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for an extension at first floor level above the existing garage. Permission granted on 20/9/2012.

12/01259/DCH Mr Angell, c/o Agents, applied for the construction of a 2-storey extension to the existing dwelling to provide kitchen/living area, bedroom & link to the existing dwelling, at The Cottage, Garth Hill, Gwaelod-Y-Garth. Permission was granted on 17/9/2012

12/01315/DCH Mr Gary Adsett, 35 River Glade, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for a two-storey side extension. Permission was granted on 11/9/2012.

12/01324/DCH Miss Carpenter, c/o Agents, applied for the construction of a pre-fabricated timber framed summerhouse/store within the garden at 17 Bronhaul, Pentyrch. Permission was granted on 19/10/2012

12/01326/DCO Mr Harries, 2 Heol Danyrodyn, Pentyrch, applied for the demolition of the existing bungalow and the construction of a new house at 42 Heol-Y-Pentre, Pentyrch. Permission was granted on 24/9/2012.

12/01412/DCO Conservation Area Consent Mr Griffiths, Castle Cottage, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for the demolition of a single storey dilapidated chapel hall building at Castle Cottage.

This is still under consideration.

12/01460/DCH Mr & Mrs Sutton, Rose Cottage, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for the alteration and extension works to the rear of the property. Permission was granted on 23/10/2012.

12/01448/DCH Mr Landon, 10 Castle Close, Creigiau applied for a replacement lean-to utility room, new windows/ doors to kitchen and dining-room; new bathroom and bedroom in a loft conversion. Permission was granted on 17/10/2012.

12/01483/DCH Mr Paul Button, 62 River Glade, Gwaelod Y Garth, applied for a single storey side/rear extension. Permission was granted on 19/10/2012.

12/01547/DCO Mr G Rowley, The Gables, Station Road, Creigiau, applied for the conversion of a garage into a one bedroom dwelling at The Gables. This is still under consideration.

12/01596/DCH Mr A. Gould, The Old Rectory, Church Road, Pentyrch, applied for an access drive to facilitate disabled access to the existing house. **This is still under consideration.**

12/01635/DCH Mr Jones, 27 Parc-y-Felin, Creigiau, applied for a single storey side extension. This is still under consideration.

12/01685/DCH Mr & Mrs N King, Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod y Garth, applied for the retention of a garden shed erected during construction works and extension and the re-roofing of an existing wood store at Rocky Bank, Garth Hill, Gwaelod y Garth. This is still under consideration.

12/01738/DCH Ms Lock, 10 Parc Y Fro, Creigiau, for the demolition of a garage, the construction of a two storey extension & single storey garden room to the rear. **This is still under consideration.**

12/01808/DCH Mr Bartley, 14 Parc Castell y Mynach, Creigiau applied to replace and enlarge the conservatory to the rear. **This is still under consideration.**

12/01813/DCH Mr Trainer, 18 Garth Olwg, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for a single storey rear extension, internal re-design and terraced area. **This is still under consideration.**

Decided Applications from previous Link

12/00776/DCH Mr Davies, Dwrlyn Cottage, Llantrisant Road, Creigiau, applied for alterations to the existing 'out buildings' and a conservatory extension. Permission granted on 12/6/2012.

12/00929/DCO Craig y Parc School, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied to erect a greenhouse. On 27/6/2012 it was decided that Permission was not required

12/00930/DCO Craig Y Parc School, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, applied for the erection of a greenhouse. Permission was granted on 24/7/2012.

12/00756/DCH Mr Esyllt, 3 Penuel Road, Pentyrch, applied for a single storey rear kitchen extension. Permission was granted on 02/8/2012

12/00824/DCH Mr Huw Jenkins 13 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, applied for the retention of single storey side extension roof alterations including dormers to provide first floor accommodation & alteration works. Permission was granted on 15/8/2012.

12/00909/DCO Mr Peters, Maesteg House, Tyn y Coed Road, Pentyrch, applied for the conversion and extensions too the former dwelling and redundant agricultural buildings at Graig Gwilym, Efail Isaf Road, Pentyrch, to create a new dwelling, detached garage/store/office and stable block, plus associated works. Permission was granted on 10/10/2012

12/01656/DCO *Listed Building Consent* Mr Mulcahy, Scope, Craig-y-Parc School, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch. **The proposal is for** Fire safety improvement works including minor internal and external alterations at Craig-y-Parc School, Heol y Parc, Pentyrch.

12/01848/DCH Mr J Davies, Greenhurst, Heol-y-



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Pentre, Pentyrch. **The proposal is to** demolish the existing conservatory and rebuild extending the size at Greenhurst, Heol-y-Pentre, Pentyrch.

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12/00760/DCH Mr Hicks, 28 Bronhau, Pentyrch, applied for a dormer extension to the front elevation. Permission was granted on 17/10/2012

12/01491/DCO Rhondda Cynon Taff Council requested observations on land adjacent to Cowbridge Road and the A473, Talbot Green CF72 8XU. On 25.10.12 no objection were raised.

12/01460/DCH Mr Sutton, Rose Cottage, Main Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, applied for alterations and extension works to the rear of property. Permission was granted on 23/10/2012.



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Mark Drakeford AM

With the summer long over, the Assembly is now well advanced into its autumn session. Passing a budget for the next financial year is the main issue facing the Assembly Government. In an era of cutbacks it is even more important than ever to be able to give as early a warning as possible to all those organisations, big and small, which depend on Assembly decision-making, and the Finance Minister, Jane Hutt, has set a December deadline for bringing the process to a conclusion.

More locally, on 13th October I spent an enjoyable couple of hours in Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch carrying out street surgeries. As well as issues raised by individuals, there were lively discussions of parking and safety issues along Main Road at the school and village hall in Gwaelod. In Pentyrch, a public meeting about the future location of the Doctors' surgery was held on the same day, and it was good to be able to discuss the latest position on the spot. I've since taken up the issue with the chief executive of the Local Health Board.

On Monday 15th October I was able to attend one of the monthly meetings of the Community Council, with its usual lively discussion of a wide range of issues, from the very local to matters which affect the future of the whole of the City of Cardiff.

As ever, Kevin Brennan M.P, and I hold weekly surgeries each Saturday, between 10 and 12 noon, at Ely Library, Grand Avenue, Ely. No appointment is necessary.

If you would like to get in touch our address is 33 - 35 Cathedral Road. The office is open between 9 and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. The telephone number is 029 20 223207.

Frosty Bottom Farewell.

When we first opened up (in 2000) to raise money for the Taffs Well United Church, little did we know that a precedent was being set for a number of years to come – the name 'Frosty Bottom' had not then been given to our home, and we were simply 4 Nantygarth.

Initially we were very apprehensive about exposing our ideas and limited skills to the scrutiny of others who were far more professional and knowledgeable in the field of horticulture and garden design than we could ever hope to be, however, every gardener has something different to say, and every garden has something new to enjoy.

Our garden was never laid out to a master plan but, we were fortunate in that the previous owners had laid a nice lawn (with a concrete path down the middle), and had planted some small azaleas on the bank at the top of the lawn, and by 2000, it had a more settled appearance. Despite our apprehension the event was a success and the following year, we were asked if we would repeat the performance.

We had begun to visit other gardens on Open Days, and became increasingly aware of the limitations and the multiple gaps in ours. 'Opening-up' was a catalyst for the development of many of the features which we now enjoy and visiting other gardens is a wonderful way of developing ideas.

The event has become a part of the village calendar – especially the teas and cakes provided by the ladies of the Gwaelod W.I. and the village Senior Citizens. Local business people, and other well-wishers, generously made donations, raffle prizes, etc, and visitors came from well outside the immediate vicinity. The popularity of the event increased, and in 2007, our takings exceeded £1000 for the first time, compared with the initial sum of just over £400 at our opening in 2000. Over the years we have made donations to ten different charities and good causes – all of this money has been donated by the kindness of our visitors, and to date is in excess of £12,000. Reluctantly, we have decided to call it a day. The advancing years, and our ever-increasing expectations of what we want our garden to look like, do not make ready bedfellows. Before we depart we must say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to a memorable twelve years, particularly to our daughter Claire and her family, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Many thanks to you all!

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What a Waste!

As part of the 'Keep Wales Tidy' campaign, now in its fortieth year, Year 4 and Year 6 undertook a litter pick around Creigiau Village. Three groups, supported by a number of parent helpers, roamed the village looking for litter. The pupils were pleased with their effort, as you can see from the photograph below!



Buddy Can You Spare the Time?

To help the pupils of Year 2 move into the Junior Section of the school two Year 6 'Buddies' were allocated two Year 3 pupils. The intention was to give the new members of the Junior Section a 'friendly face' to go to if any problems arose. The system worked well and the new Year 3

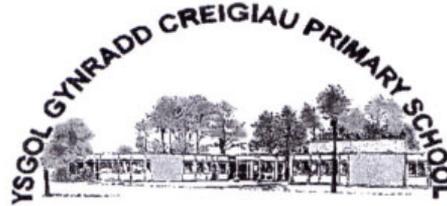


Llangrannog 2012

The Year 6 Class has recently returned from the Urdd Centre in Llangrannog. The activities included: quad-biking, climbing, high and low ropes, swimming, horse riding, skiing and tobogganing. The class visited a 'Honey Farm' and had a chance to go to the beach at Llangrannog and Newquay where we all ate a delicious ice-cream. The pupils also got to attack the new adventure trail getting very dirty in the process!

European Language Day

The pupils of Year 6 celebrated European Language Day by researching a country of their choice, looking at the language, cuisine and customs, before giving a presentation. The pupils were given the opportunity to dress-up and a number took the opportunity to do so.



Blwyddyn 6 yn Llangrannog

Ar y 24ain o Fedi 2012 fe aeth Blwyddyn 6 i Llangrannog am bedair noson. Roedd y diwrnodau'n brysur ofnadwy yn llawn gweithgareddau. Dydd Llun fe adawon ni'r ysgol yn gynnar yn y bore. Roedd pawb yn llawn cyffro. Rhannon ni fws gydag Ysgol Coed Y Gôf. Roedd y daith yn eithaf hir ond hedfanodd yr amser wrth i ni sgwrsio am yr wythnos o'n blaenau ac wrth ganu - roedd Mrs Evans yn hapus iawn gyda'n lleisiau! Ar ôl cyrraedd, ein gweithgaredd cyntaf oedd sgio. Roedd yn hwyl. Ar ôl swper aethom am dro i draeth Llangrannog. Gwelom olygfeydd hyfryd.

Dydd Mawrth deffron ni'n gynnar cyn y larwm brecwast. Fe aethom ni i farchogaeth a nofio. Dysgon ni sut i wneud saethyddiaeth a buom yn gweithio fel tîm. Yn anffodus roedd yn glawio'n drwm dydd Mawrth ond ni rwystrodd hyn ni i wneud unrhywbeth! Ond roedd y ceffylau braidd yn wlyb!

Dydd Mercher aethom am wibdaith i'r ffarm fêl a gwelom ni sut oedd gwenyn yn byw a sut oedden nhw'n creu mêl. Buon ni'n ffodus iawn i gael cyfle i greu kannwyll allan o gwyr - mae nhw'n gwynto'n neis iawn! Wedi hynny aethom ni i'r traeth yng Nhei Newydd i gael hufen iâ, roedd yn flasus iawn! Wedi hynny aethom i Gwm Tydu i weld y morloi. O am olygfa fendigedig. Gwelsom dri morlo, y tad, a'r fam a babi bach. Roedd pawb wrth eu boddau.

Dydd lau oedd y diwrnod mwyaf prysur: rhaffau uchel, go cart, ceirt modur, cwrs antur, wal ddringo a gwibgartio. Yn y nos cawsom ni ddisgo. Buodd pawb yn dawnsio drwy'r nos! Hyd yn oed Mr Balbibi a Mrs Evans! Yn anffodus roedd hi'n amser dweud hwyl fawr wrth Llangrannog ar fore dydd Gwener. Roedd pawb wedi joio mas draw. Hoffwn ddiolch i Mrs Evans a Mr Balbini am fynd â ni i'r gwerysll ger y lli. Roedd yn hwyl a sbri!



Goodbye!

In the summer, 'The Friends of Creigiau', put on a great 'Leaver's Disco' for the pupils of Creigiau. The Hawaiian theme was taken up by a number of people (see above!) but others took the opportunity to put their 'glad rags' on. It is always a pleasure to celebrate with the pupils as they move on to the various high schools they are attending. We trust they have all settled and hopefully they won't forget to call in and tell us how they are doing!



Yr 6 on their visit to Radyr Comp'.

Triptastic!

Trips are costly but their value is incalculable and the classes of Creigiau have enjoyed a number of trips to develop their skills and knowledge of the world around them. Year 3 visited a chocolate factory in Swansea - lucky them! Year 4, Dosbarth 3, 4 and 5 have visited Techniquest. Year 5 visited Cog Moors and Dosbarth 6 Slimbridge. Year 6 received an invitation from Radyr High School to view the dress rehearsal of their new production, 'Return to Forbidden Planet' which they really enjoyed.

What's Cooking?

Well quite a lot, actually. The school garden has been raided and the apples and marrows put to good use. The pupils made apple and marrow chutney, which was delicious! The pupils were given a sample and the remainder will go on sale at the upcoming Christmas Fayre. The apples were also turned into a crumble and the Eco-Committee got to have a BBQ in the garden, rounded off with toasted marshmallows.

Hilltop Theatre Company Celebrate Ten Years With 'The Vicar Of Dibley'



Hilltop Theatre Company has now completed a successful TEN years of high quality theatre at Pentyrch Village Hall. We pride ourselves on bringing a wide range of productions including; comedy, drama, panto's, musicals & revue's to the community. We look forward to the next ten years, beginning with the hilarious comedy "The Vicar of Dibley".

All royalties for this production are going to Comic Relief. 'The Vicar of

Dibley' will take place at Pentyrch Village Hall from Thurs 6th - Sat 8th December 2012, 7.30pm.

Tickets (£8 / £7) are available from 01443 202 959.

Looking further ahead into 2012-13, our 32nd production and this year's musical will be 'Guys and Dolls', a musical comedy described as a 'fable of Broadway'. This musical paints the colourful picture and feverish atmosphere provided by New York life, and gives insight into the strange impulses and unique motivations governing some of the city's more picturesque characters, with plenty of romance along the way! 'Guys and Dolls' will take place from Weds 10th April to Sat 13th April 2013, 7.30pm.

Our summer production for 2013 is 'Calendar Girls', the famous story of a group of extraordinary women, who are members of a very ordinary Yorkshire WI, and spark a global phenomenon by persuading one another to raise money for leukaemia research by posing for a charity calendar with a difference! This is a very British story, with a very British heart, 'Calendar Girls' is based on an uplifting and very inspiring true story that is quirky,



County Councillor Craig Williams on his visit to Gwaelod y Garth School to discuss Walking Routes to School

poignant and hilarious. 'Calendar Girls' will take place from Thurs 27 June to Sat 29 June 2013, 7.30pm. Hilltop welcomes new members. To join, just come along on any Thursday or Sunday from 7:30pm. Or you can e-mail us at info@hilltoptheatre.co.uk.

If you would like to see all 3 shows we have a 'Friends of Hilltop' scheme offering a pair of tickets to each of our three main productions for a discount of up to 22%. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or ring 01443 202959.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

On a perfect November night, Gwaelod y Garth was again treated to a fabulous display of fireworks. Set against the back-drop of the Taff Gorge, the sky above village green was transformed to spectacular galaxy of stars.

Residents send thanks to our local fire-works expert, whose artistry and skill never ceases to amaze, and to his team of willing helpers, who make this an annual spectacle possible. It makes living in this village special. Memories are made of this.

Norma Procter

December Disaster Gwaelod y Garth. 1875

On December 6th, 1875, the Lan pit in Gwaelod y Garth was the scene of a massive explosion that killed 16 men and boys, injuring many more. One of the dead was a boy of just twelve years old. It was described as the most serious pit disaster of the year. The cause of the explosion was said to be defective ventilation. The Overman, Abraham Phillips, was declared negligent. The pit, which was opened in 1872 by TW Booker, employed 300 people- some walking to work from Taffs Well, Tongwnlais, Pentrych and Radyr. The anguish and grief of the village has now faded from memory. There is no memorial to the men who died that day.



Bringing up the men.
From a series of paintings
Norma Procter

There is a chance for us to put right this omission. The entrance to the Lan drift mine is extant and in reasonable condition, as are the remains of the Guibal fan-house. If these were tidied-up we would have a site of historic interest within the village that would serve as a memorial to those who died. To this end, a group of residents has met to discuss this idea, put forward by Georgetown resident, Arthur Welsby. In July, local historian, Derek Thomas, Tom Procter and Alex Thorne met with CC Craig Williams in Wood Cottage, which was at the time of the disaster the house of Abraham Phillips. Reg Malpass, formerly a mining engineer, also attended. Since then, Dr

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Brian Davies of the Pontypridd Heritage Centre and Ceri Thomas from The Big Pit have also expressed interest in the project. CADW is interested, too, and has sent us the appropriate forms to apply for grant aid. Matthew Seymour, from CCC Estates Division, is looking into current ownership of the site.

Are there any residents who would like to be involved in this project? We welcome support. Please phone 02920 813346 if you can help in any way. Norma Procter

Grants from the Rest Centre Monies



Following on from my article in the last Link only the grants made to Pentyrch School [Outdoor Play area] and Pentyrch Tennis [Floodlights] remain unpaid and it is my understanding that tremendous strides are being made by both organisations to bring their plans to fruition. On a very positive note the below photograph of the newly tarmacked car-park at Pentyrch Sports Association is the best concrete example (pun fully intended) of how this money has been distributed for the benefit of a large number of residents.

Right of Way



Cardiff County Council and The Conservation Volunteers have made significant improvements to the registered right of way, Pentyrch footpath No. 28, accessed from Pen-Y-Cwm, off Mountain Road.

The stream is now crossed by an environmentally friendly footbridge and the boggy ground is now traversed by non-slip boardwalk, providing a safe all weather access between Mountain Road and right of way Pentyrch footpath No. 27.

Please be aware that the access through the gap in the hedge in the centre of the field is private land and walkers must stick the alignment of the right of way, designated by waymarker posts. Finally, Cardiff Council wish to thank the land owners involved for their cooperation throughout the ground work.

David Brain CCC Footpaths

Floristry Workshops

Update on the floristry workshops taking place at Pentyrch village hall. This month we moved into the realms of the more modern arrangements, with beautiful results. Learning different ways to use greenery. Next we start thinking about Christmas arrangements !!!!! Contact Pip 07971622196 for more details.

BLWYDDYN 6 YN GADAEL YEAR 6 LEAVING



Pob hapuswydd a phob dymuniad da i blant Blwyddyn 6 gadawodd Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth ar ddiwedd tymor yr haf. We wish every success and happiness to the Year 6 pupils who left Gwaelod y Garth School at the end of the summer.



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Healthy Week 2012

Danger Danger or Marvellous Medicines

Everyone had a fantastic week learning about keeping healthy and making good choices. Children in the foundation phase learned about medicines that keep them well, foods that keep them healthy but also dangers in the home and outside like cleaning fluids, cigarette butts. Key stage 2 all learned about drugs and substance misuse and enjoyed visits from many people throughout the week. A huge thank you to all that helped make the week so special and beneficial for the children.

Yr 3 – Introducing drugs, medicines and risk –

Visits – Governor, Nurse Powell

Yr 4 – Smoking –

Visits - PC Emma, Nurse Powell

Yr 5 – Alcohol -Visit – Nurse Powell

Yr 6 – Drugs – Visits – Inroads (drugs charity), PC Emma, Nurse Powell

Ysgol Gwaelod Y Garth

Daeth Jon House, Prif Weithredwr Cyngor Sir Caerdydd, a'r Cynghorwr Craig Williams i ymweld â'r ysgol yn ddiweddar. Daeth Mr. House i'r ysgol ar ôl derbyn gwahoddiad gan y Pwyllgor Eco i drafod gwella llwybrau cerdded i'r ysgol. Bu'n trafod gyda rhai o aelodau y Pwyllgor Eco ac fe aeth am dro l lawr School Lane ac yn ôl i'r ysgol ar hyd y Brif Ffordd gyda Mr. Ellis i weld pa mor anaddas a pheryglus yw'r llwybrau cerdded i'r ysgol. Gobeithiwn yn fawr y bydd yr ymweliad yn gwneud gwahaniaeth ac y bydd gwaith yn dechrau yn fuan ar wella llwybrau cerdded i'r ysgol.



Wythnos Iach 2012

Moddion Hudol neu Defnyddiau Drwg /

Cafodd bawb wythnos wych yn dysgu am gadw'n iach a gwneud dewisiadau da. Mae plant y Cyfnod Sylfaen wedi dysgu am foddion a bwydydd sy'n ein cadw'n iach ond hefyd peryglon yn y cartref a'r tu allan fel hylifau glanhau, bonion sigarêts. Mae Cyfnod Allweddol 2 wedi bod yn ddysgu am gyffuriau a chamddefnyddio sylweddau. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn i'r holl ymwelwyr sydd wedi bod yn yr ysgol yn ystod yr wythnos ac sydd wedi cyfoethogi dysgu'r plant.

Bl 3 -

Cyflwyno cyffuriau, meddyginiaethau a risg - Ymweliadau - Llywodraethwr, Nyrs Powell

Bl 4 - Ysmygu - Ymweliadau - PC Emma / PC Julia, Nyrs Powell

Bl 5 – Alcohol –Ymweliadau - Nyrs Powell

Bl 6 - Cyffuriau - Ymweliadau - Inroads (elusen cyffuriau), PC Emma / PC Julia, Nyrs Powell

Walking Routes to School

Mr. Jon House, Chief Executive of Cardiff Council, and Councillor Craig Williams visited the school recently. Mr. House visited Gwaelod after the Eco Committee invited him here to discuss improving walking routes to school. He discussed with some members of the Eco Committee and went for a walk down School Lane and back to school along Main Road with Mr. Ellis to see how unsuitable and dangerous the walking routes to school are. We hope that the visit will make a difference and that work will start soon to improve walking routes to school

Stondin Lyfrau / Book Stall

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The School Council organised a book fair recently to raise money to purchase a bike stand for the school. £184.85 was raised. Thank you very much to the School Council for their hard work and thank you everyone for your support.

Charity Cake Stall

On Friday October 12th Rhiannon Wyn and her friends held a cake stall and lucky dip to raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer UK Charity in memory of her father. Rhiannon Wyn and her friends made all of the arrangements and sold the cakes on the day raising a fantastic £350.



Ysgol Iach

Daeth ymwelwyr i'r ysgol yn ddiweddar i asesu'r ysgol ar gyfer trydydd cam Ysgolion Iach Caerdydd. Roedd yr aseswyr wrth eu boddau gyda'r gwaith gwyh sydd yn cael ei wneud yn Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth a doedd ganddynt ddim amheuaeth ond i gadarnhau ein bod wedi pasio trydydd cam Ysgolion Iach Caerdydd.

Healthy School

Assessors came to school recently to assess the school for the third stage of the Cardiff Healthy Schools Scheme. They were very impressed with all the fantastic work going on in Gwaelod y Garth and had no hesitation in confirming that the school has passed the third stage of Cardiff Healthy Schools Scheme.

School Council Election

The election for the School Council was held recently. Here is a list of the children representing their class next year:

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Carwyn Hammett	Awena Rees
Gruffudd Ellis	Carys Thole
Morgan Jones	Sarah Owens
Coel Norval	Lydia Vanstone

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Alun Guy oedd y siaradwr yng nghyfarfod agoriadol Clwb y Dwrllyn ddiwedd Medi yng nglwb rygbi Pentyrch. Roedd yr ystafell yn llawn a gwych oedd gweld cymaint o wynebnewydd wedi dod i ymuno â'r gymdeithas. Rhoddodd Alun ddarlun o'i fywyd wrth fynd â ni ar daith lawr yr afon o'r cyfnod yn ystod y rhyfel pan symudodd y teulu i Ferndale nes iddo gyrraedd glannau'r Taf yn swyddfeydd CBAC yng Nghaerdydd. Cawsom gipolwg ar athrawon llym, troeon trwstan yn Llangrannog a Glanllyn, rygbi, athletau, disgyblion disglair, y cyw arweinydd a'r cyfnod pan oedd modd llenwi tanc y car am 10 swllt. 'Roedd y chwerthin iach yn brawf o'r mwynhad a gafwyd. Diolch i Alun am agor y tymor mor llywyddiannus.

Tro Clwb y Dwrllyn oedd trefnu cyfarfod Cylch Cadwgan mis Hydref a braint oedd cael gwrandio ar yr actores Sharon Morgan a hithau newydd ennill gwobr BAFTA am y trydydd tro. Trafod ei hunangofiant "Hanes Rhyw Gymraes" wnaeth Sharon gan sôn yn benodol am y broses o fynd ati i ysgrifennu hunangofiant – proses a gymerodd dair blynedd wrth iddi hel achau, dethol a didoli cynnwys ei dyddiaduron, ymchwilio a thrafod gyda'r golygydd. Cawsom olwg ar gyfnod cyffrous yn hanes Cymru, yr iaith, y theatr a chyfartaledd i fenywod.

Bee Swarm

It's been a strange summer ! And on a rare sunny afternoon in July the skies suddenly darkened over Troed y Garth in Pentyrch . Colin and Mel Davies and son Ollie were enjoying lunch with some visitors when the back garden was invaded by thousands of bees – turning the sky black in an instant.

Within minutes an estimated two thousand worker bees had followed the Queen Bee and settled in a big fat ball on one of their trees. Swarming is the natural means of reproduction of honey bee colonies but the Davies's weren't keen to acquire a colony in their garden !

With bee numbers plummeting – and concern about the shortage of bees in Wales - there was no shortage of bee keepers happy to come and take them away.

A quick phone call to the Welsh bee keepers association – and within half an hour a keen bee keeper from Bridgend arrived . He cut the laden branch so the ball fell into a cardboard box and off he went the

Garth Gardeners

Summer might have been a washout this year but the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is now truly upon us and so is *Garth Gardeners*.

We have already held two meetings this autumn; in September *Richard Fishbourne* from *Bugs & Beasties* gave us a worm's eye view of the garden and, in October, *Roger Crookes* shared his passion for all kinds of bulbs.

We have also completed our second trip, this time to Westonbirt Arboretum to see the autumn colours. It was a gloriously sunny day despite the cold start and we walked the ancient Silk Wood in the morning and then enjoyed a guided tour of the old arboretum after lunch.

The season continues with topics ranging from bee keeping to Christmas tree growing. We meet at Pentyrch Village Hall usually on the third Friday of the month, doors open at 7.15 pm. Our guest speaker is followed by refreshments and informal conversation. The "Trading Post" also allows members to swap plants, seeds or gardening equipment. Thanks to all the committee and helpers who work so hard to make each meeting go so smoothly.

We are always keen to welcome new members and visitors. For more information, contact Bill Rodd (Chairman) on 029 2089 1584 or Tessa Hartog (Secretary) on 029 2089 0467.

Alternatively you can email us at garthgardeners@btinternet.com or visit our web site at <https://garthgardeners.wordpress.com/>

First Prize – Cardiff in Bloom 2011

My garden was filmed by the BBC this year (2012) for a new programme called "A Welsh Summer", which started in September on BBC 1 Wales.

The garden, is in the Yellow Book, and has collected lots of money for various charities and Pentyrch.

Hopefully the more people who will know about this will attract more visitors next year, which will raise more money for the village.

Stephen Evans.

happy and proud owner of a whole new colony .

Peace and harmony was restored to Troed y Garth

Melanie Davies (Doel)

Creigiau Companions, The Retired People's Club.

Creigiau Companions have had another very successful period, with increasing numbers and an average attendance at meetings of about 34.

Following a very successful Summer Term which included a trip to Evesham and lunch at Porthcawl, this Autumn Term we have welcomed several good speakers followed often by lively debate, while, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to our Christmas activities and a Christmas lunch.

Newcomers are welcome to come to our meetings. A signing on fee there is not, but we ask for £1.50 a meeting to cover costs of speakers and tea and biscuits. We meet every other Thursday in the Parish Hall, Creigiau at 2.15 p.m.

Details are available from Margery Richards 02920890685, or John Gough 02920891721

Return of the Village Seat



It was in 2006 that the Gwaelod y Garth bus stop seat was removed from its position adjacent to the brook at the top of Heol y Nant - a position it had occupied since 1959. Due to the continuous efforts of Mr Keith Roberts, the seat has now been restored to the community. Mr Roberts is in the process of transferring the ownership of both the seat and the land on which it is sited back to the Council. He had previously offered to donate the entire parcel of his land down to the stream to the Community Council, or to Cardiff County Council, for use by the public, but the Adverse Possession claim precluded both Councils from accepting the land. Mr Roberts has now sold his parcel of land to the Claimant on the understanding that the seat be replaced. More than 100 residents had written to protest the loss of the seat. We are most grateful to see it back in place and thank Mr Keith Roberts for his considerable effort on behalf of residents. Norma Procter - Community Action.

Police Update

I would first like to thank PCSO Tori Miller for her help in the area over the last year. She has now handed over to PCSO Jess Southam who used to work in the area before leaving to have her children.

Myself and Jess are now working hard in the area and Jess is keen to set up initiatives in the area with schools. She has set up the Junior PCSO scheme in Llandaff North when she worked there and she is now linking up with Cardiff Council to set up schemes in Gwaelod y Garth and Radyr.

Crime is low however there are a few things residents can do to make it harder for the criminal

- 1 Make sure doors and windows are locked and secure.
- 2 Place car keys away from the letter box of doors.
- 3 With Christmas coming, hide away presents and don't leave them on display in cars.

The next PACT meetings are to be held on the 8th and 9th January 2013. Creigiau PACT will be held at the Creigiau Primary school at 1900 hrs and the Pentyrch Gwaelod y Garth meeting will be at 1900 hrs in the Community Council Office. This meeting will be run along with the Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch.

I would like to thank the Community Council for the use of the house for the PACT meeting as without their help there would be no meeting.

If anyone has any issues to discuss please pop along or let me know in advance what you want discussed.

We also run a police surgery at the meeting room of the Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall. Come along for a chat and a coffee. The dates are every other Tuesday, with one meeting in the afternoon and the next in the evening.

Meetings as follows

Tue 4 Dec	1800 — 1900
Tue 18 Dec	1300 — 1400
	Last before Xmas
Tue 1 Jan	No meeting
Tue 15 Jan	1800 — 1900
Tue 29 Jan	1300 — 1400

Meetings then alternate every two weeks. These meetings are subject to operational necessity.

Finally I would like to thank the residents of Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth for their continued support in the areas.

PC Huw Thomas 07584004472

Capel Bethlehem, Gwaelod-y-garth

Bydd oedfa arbennig i ddatlu fod y capel (yr adeilad) yn 140 oed pan bydd Peter Wynn Thomas yn traddodi a rhoi blas y cyfnod a hanesion difyr eraill ar y 18fed o Dachwedd. Mae'r achos ei hun yn hŷn na hynny wrth gwrs, ac yn mynd a ni nôl i 1832 ar safle gwahanol, ond eto yn ngwaelod-y-Garth.



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Introducing Wales' Premier Chamber Orchestra To Pentyrch

Almost one year ago, Sinfonia Cymru relocated to the grounds of 'Acapela', the old converted 'Capel Horeb' in Pentyrch, owned and managed by Catrin Finch and Hywel Wigley.

Sinfonia Cymru is the premier chamber orchestra in Wales and was formed in 1996 by Musical Director Gareth Jones and Honorary Chairman Michael Salter. The orchestra maintained a clear mission; to support young musicians at the start of their professional careers and to tour exceptional chamber orchestral music around Wales.

Over the past sixteen years, Sinfonia Cymru has remained entirely committed to that mission, harnessing the next generation of orchestral musicians by providing exceptional orchestral, ensemble, outreach and educational opportunities to the very best young musicians from Wales and beyond. They also regularly tour around Wales, recently performing concerts in Caernarfon, Mold, Presteigne, Neath, Cardiff and Newport, to name a few!

Moving from the orchestra's previous office based in Cardiff, to the Acapela Studio was an easy decision for General Manager Sophie Lewis, *“Catrin and Hywel have always been fantastic supporters of Sinfonia Cymru, and with all the great resources available at Acapela Studio, (as both a wonderful venue and a busy recording studio) it made perfect sense to base the orchestra here in Pentyrch. We have settled in to our office (the little white building!) next door to the chapel and we are now looking forward to a bright collaborative future for both organisations. We hope to programme many classical music events at the studio and become a great artistic asset to the local communities.”*

Sinfonia Cymru recently recorded with Catrin and renowned composer John Rutter at the Acapela Studio, for Catrin's new Deutsche Grammophon CD 'Blessing'.

If you would like to know more about the orchestra, and upcoming events, visit the website at www.sinfoniacyrmu.co.uk



Acapela to Host Monthly Music Events in Pentyrch

Acapela recording studio in Pentyrch has announced that during 2013 it will begin hosting live community-oriented music events on the last weekend of every month.

According to Hywel Wigley, co-owner and manager of Acapela Studio, these events will generally focus on classical and acoustic music mostly performed by members of Sinfonia Cymru, a 16-year-old Cardiff-based orchestra that promotes young professional Welsh musicians. Also involved will be famous harpist Catrin Finch, who is married to Hywel and co-owner of Acapela Studio.

"Sinfonia Cymru is an excellent and popular group that Catrin and I are thrilled to be working with," said Wigley. "For the past five years, Acapela's music recording business has been based here at Capel Horeb in Pentyrch. Then last year Sinfonia Cymru moved to our site as well. Now our two organisations are starting to make some really good

Cantorion Creigiau

Your local choir (Cantorion Creigiau) has been in existence for over 40 years. We are a mixed choir and have been lucky enough to have had Mair Roberts to conduct us for all that time. Over the years we have sung in many prestigious venues such as St David's Hall, Port Meirion, The Peak Restaurant in Hong Kong and many more. Also we have sung for the Queen and been winners of the National Eisteddfod and appeared on TV.

music together – both live and recorded."

Their first collaboration was a chamber music evening in early October at Capel Horeb's intimate performance venue, which seats 180 people. "We were very pleased with the vigorous music and enthusiastic audience that night," said Wigley.

A further collaboration occurred in mid-November when Catrin and ten Sinfonia Cymru musicians did a 3-venue tour to launch "Blessings", her new CD with John Rutter, one of the UK's most celebrated living classical composers. The television documentary about this CD recording session, on the prestigious Deutsche Grammophon record label, can be seen on ITV in

We have spaces for new members and will welcome anyone to join us at 7.30pm on Sundays in Creigiau Primary School (no auditions). At the moment we are rehearsing our Christmas repertoire for local concerts. Please come and join us with your families for a Christmas Concert with many carols to sing in Creigiau Church Hall on Sunday 16th Dec at 6.30pm and stay on after to share some festive fayre.

December 2012. This documentary will also include Catrin performing her new harp composition called "Celtic Concerto".

"I'm proud," says Wigley, "that the premiere performance of Catrin's concerto was right here in Capel Horeb in mid-November. That's the kind of live classical music that we went to deliver on the last weekend of every month during 2013. Frankly, it's time that both of our organisations – Acapela Studio and Sinfonia Cymru – started reaching out to the residents of Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth."

Wigley also invites individuals, schools and other groups to tour the site's venue and sound engineering equipment. Acapela's phone number



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NUMPTY idea not NIMBY attitudes

The proposal to build close to 3,000 homes on greenbelt surrounding the village of Creigiau has been overwhelmingly rejected at a packed public meeting held at Creigiau Church Hall. Chaired by Councillor Wynford Elis Owen, residents who attended the meeting voted against building thousands of new houses around Creigiau, as proposed in Cardiff County Council's Local Development Plan.

The public meeting was addressed by the former Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Professor Delme Bowen, Councillor Stuart Thomas and by the leader of Plaid Cymru on Cardiff County Council, Councillor Neil McEvoy.

The meeting concluded that residents objected to the inclusion of Sites E (to the North of Junction 33 on the M4) and F (South of Creigiau) in Cardiff's Local Development Plan 2006 – 2026 as it stands on the grounds that:

- The projected population growth of 42% is unrealistic and is not founded on robust and credible evidence.
- These particular sites are an inappropriate intrusion into a green belt – the size of which does not benefit from a sustainable infrastructure.

- This sizeable development does not take into account the heritage and rural nature of the village of Creigiau.
- The village is at the farthest reaches of Cardiff County Council and the additional build would extend travel time and further impact negatively on the environment.

Cllr. Elis Owen, who is chairman of Pentyrch Community Council, said, "Everyone accepts there is a need to provide an answer to Cardiff's housing shortage but this Plan represents an excessive overdevelopment that would destroy the village and we will fight it" .

"We are not your NIMBY types, but whoever came up with this ludicrous plan can only be considered as NUMPTIES. The proposal as it stands needs to be shelved in favour of a fairer and more sensible approach to Cardiff's long term sustainable development".

"An action committee has already been formed and a petition set in place to help save Creigiau village."

For further information contact Councillor Wynford Ellis Owen on 02920 892323 or 07796464045

**Creigiau Capel Llanilltern
Pentyrch Gwaelod y Garth**



Museum

**The Museum and Visitor Centre
at the Council Office,
1 Penuel Road, Pentyrch
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9.30 - 11.30**

Please telephone before travelling

029 20891417

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.

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A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM CREIGIAU NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Now that the long winter nights are upon us, we urge you to exercise usual common-sense in order to keep yourself and your property safe from crime and accident.

- Leave lights on if you are out for the evening. If you go away, use timer switches.
- Install outside movement-detector lights. Put one by your front door so you can see any callers clearly, and one in any dark or vulnerable area
- During the festive season, don't leave piles of gifts around your Christmas tree if they can be seen easily from the outside.
- Dispose of gift packaging carefully; a burglar would be very interested to know that you had just acquired a new computer or a state-of-the-art television.
- Always try to park your car in a well-lit spot, and never leave belongings on show. Even an unimportant item on the back seat screams out to a thief, 'My boot is full!'
- Avoid walking alone in unlit areas after dark.
- Wear something light or reflective at night in so that you can be seen by car drivers. Make sure your dog does, too.
- Going to a Christmas or New Year party? Plan how you will get home before you even set off. Book a taxi, or have someone reliable who will not be drinking give you a lift.
- If we have cold, snowy or icy weather, spare a thought for the elderly or disabled. Check on vulnerable neighbours, and perhaps offer to shop for them if you are more able to get out than they are.

**We wish you a very happy and safe season.
Creigiau Neighbourhood Watch
creigiaunw@googlemail.com**



Pentyrch Summer Festival

Following the success of our Village Jubilee celebrations we are planning an annual Summer Festival. We will be producing a brochure outlining all the interesting fun activities our village has to offer.

We hope that all groups within the Village will get involved and promote their activities within the Festival Brochure.

On the 6th May, 2013, we plan to open the festival with a Village walk. The W.I are happy to provide tea and cakes again as everyone enjoyed last year. Also planned is an evening dancing the night away to a live band.

Open Gardens will be running their weekend which is most enjoyable and has always been a very

Clubs & Societies

We would like to compile and publish an extensive list clubs and societies which includes a list of contacts telephone and email addresses.

Please email the details of your group to the link at clerk@pentyrch.cc

Useful Telephone Numbers

Age Concern Cardiff	2052 7197	Recycling	2087 2087
NHS Direct Wales	0845 4647	Shop Mobility	2039 9355
Traveline	0871 200 2233	Street Lighting	2078 5200
Cardiff Council- All departments	2087 2087	Electricity Emergency	0800 052 0400
Consumer Advice Centre	2039 7781	SWALEC	0800 052 5252
Community Health Council	2037 7407	Trustmark (Approved tradesmen)	01344 63 0804
Community Care Services	2053 6444	Care & Repair (Assistance on repairs & adaptations for older people)	2047 3337
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Help the Aged Information Line	0808 800 6565	Train Information	08457 48 4950
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Fire Service, advice re free smoke detectors	0800 328 1830	Welsh Water	0800 052 0130
Radyr Library	2084 2234	Reduce unwanted phone calls	0845 070 0707
Libraries Housebound Service	2076 3849	Reduce junk mail	0845 703 4599
Meals on Wheels	2056 6533	Prepared with the assistance of Radyr and District Good Neighbour Scheme	
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successful fundraising event, that has given considerable donations back to the village over the years.

Hilltop Theatre Company will be performing the inspiring, true story, "Calendar Girls," starring our own local talent.

The finale will be a family fun day at the Rugby Club on the 14th July. This will give all participating groups a great opportunity for fundraising. Pentyrch Festival Association are a group of volunteers who are part of

other community organisations. We would love to have a representative from each group to join us at forthcoming meetings.

We hope to provide opportunities for participation and celebration encouraging local groups to support and enjoy our Village!

For further information, contact:

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Golden Congratulations



Congratulations to Jess Horsey, Clara Holley, Gwen Thomas, Megan Owen, Bethan Jones & Angharad Rosser who each received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards at St James Palace.

Grateful Thanks

We would like to thank all the residents of Pentyrch for their most generous and heartfelt donations for Sally and her family who experienced an horrendous fire at their home in Penmaes losing the majority of their possessions. **Over £3000 was donated. Thank You**

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time, delivered leaflets, made the collection and counted the donations.

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