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PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

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This photograph shows Charles Middleton Garth Rotary and Amanda Thorpe representing PCC opening the first public De-fibrillator to be located in Creigiau. The De-fibrillator is situated in the old Phone box opposite the Creigiau Inn. It was provided by Garth Rotary Club and installation supported by PCC. The work done by Charles Middleton in achieving this is greatly appreciated.

WELCOME TO NEW LLANILLTERN VILLAGE RESIDENTS
 The members and staff of the Pentyrch Community Council extend a warm welcome to all the new residents of Llanilltern Village. We wish you every good luck and hope that you will be very happy in your new homes. The Community Link is circulated quarterly to keep residents aware of the activity of the council and also includes various reports from Clubs and Societies within our community

Under direction of our current chairman Norman Mathias we have continued in an informal, friendly manner, whilst focusing on helping the local community and having a bit of relaxed fun where we can..
 Foodbank - We have funded and provided a large plastic bin in the front of the PCC offices, 1 Penuel Road, Pentyrch for providing food for the homeless and the underprivileged. These products are taken to a centre in Pontyclun on a weekly basis. There it is sorted and taken to various distribution centres within RCT. Please, please continue to support this worthwhile initiative. A huge thank-you goes to the numerous people who have already donated tins, coffee, cleaning products etc. with special mention to Global Bites who personally donate plus continuing to make a sizeable weekly addition of items purchased from funds made by local people on their food ordering website.

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We are a group of 10 trustees working to improve the facilities provided at the Creigiau recreation ground. Our progress with constructing the perimeter path has not been as fast as communicated but we hope the hurdles will soon be overcome and will keep you informed of our progress along with details of other potential projects. We are keen to ensure that our ideas are supported by you, as it is you that will use and enjoy the facilities. To get more details about the projects please visit our bilingual website www.creigiaurec.com where you can also see how to get involved with the groups that currently access the recreation grounds regularly and help us deliver our plans. We want to send out a big thank you to everyone who supported Colin's 'Captain Tom 100 challenge'. Colin walked 100 laps of the perimeter of the field over 4 days. He was joined



on various days by supporters from Creigiau 23 and the Creigiau Carnival committee and managed to raise over £1,500. We have more fund-raising activities in the pipeline including a golf day, quiz night, and the friends of the field project. Please follow us on social media or look at our website to keep updated with this and more events throughout the year. If you have an idea for a fundraising activity or

would like to run one for us, please get in contact us on the email below. We are looking for two more residents of Creigiau who can give some of their time and energy to work with us and help support us improve the facilities our village and the surrounding areas they deserve. Please contact us on via email if you would be interested in becoming a trustee. Email info@creigiaurec.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to Covid-19, PCC now holds meetings online via Microsoft Teams. Meetings are held under the Local Government Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The public and press are welcome to attend and the Teams link is on the bottom of each agenda. You will find the agenda on the PCC Meetings page of our website. Pentyrch Community Council holds its main monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month except August.

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SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE COMMUNITY LINK

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

- Articles should not exceed more than 250 words. If your submission is longer than this it may well be summarised or have to be omitted.
- Articles must not be submitted as pdf files as they cannot easily be adjusted to suit the column sizes.
- Photographs should be submitted as photographs (jpg files).
- The photographs should not be reduced in size or definition.

Stuart Thomas Editor

Cwlwm Bro

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Nid yw safbwynt y Cyngor bob amser yn cyd-fynd a'r hyn a fynegir yn 'Cwlwm Bro'.



Community Council Highlights

Welcome to Spring – albeit a chilly one. Here’s hoping that we have a lovely summer and can spend time with friends and family indoors and out. PCC worked with you last autumn to plant more spring bulbs that we all enjoyed recently. We hope to be doing more of that later this year.

We continue to let you know when we hear anything official that affects our local area. For those of you who can, please keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website www.pentyrch.cc where there are links to Cardiff and Welsh Government websites that are regularly updated.

Under new legislation from Welsh Government, all Councils in Wales now have the permanent right to hold their meetings online and, when safe, hold hybrid meetings with some people present in person and some online. PCC will continue to hold its meetings online via Microsoft Teams and you will find a login link at the bottom of each agenda should you wish to join us. You are always welcome.

The office staff continue to work from home and while the office is closed to the public we are sorry that the library has to remain closed. We have thought about re-opening the library but cannot guarantee to keep users safe and to provide a safe way to manage the movement of books. We are keeping up the supply of recycling and food waste bags at the office.

I would like to thank our staff for all they have done to continue to look after the community as best they can in these difficult times.

PCC WORKING GROUPS

These are informal groups made up of PCC Members and local people with a particular interest and knowledge in the issue. Formal PCC meetings have to meet various legal requirements around when and how they meet which constrains community involvement. The groups we have so far are: Wellbeing and Climate Change: this was the first of these groups and works to improve our environment. Transport: this is the newest and will be looking at public transport in our communities and other related issues.

If you would like to participate in these groups, particularly if you have expertise in any of the areas, we would be delighted to hear from. Please email clerk@pentyrch.cc.

PCC NOTICEBOARDS GWAELOD Y GARTH

New PCC noticeboards have been installed by us in two places in Gwaelod y Garth: at the Garth Olwg turning and on the Main Road, beside the bus stop. We were very disturbed to find that the bus stop board had been vandalized and will need to be repaired. These boards are bought with your money to give you what we hope is useful information. We will be repairing the board as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY ASSET SPONSORSHIP

PCC has just approved and published on its Policies tab of the website a new policy to help us all plan new assets like benches and planters, particularly where community members want a memorial to a loved one. If you are interested in sponsoring an asset or want to discuss a memorial please contact us. We will be looking at locations for quiet reflection later in the year.

FROG POND BENCH



PCC is delighted to have been able to install a new highly decorative bench at the Frog Pond in Creigiau and you seem to like it! We hope you enjoy using it.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

PCC fully supports the current community campaigns in Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth. We are contacting GoSafe to request a van visit Heol y Pentre, Pentyrch. PCC are in touch with Cllr Gavin Hill-John and Cardiff Highways to request a speed table to control speed and a safer crossing point for school pupils. The SafeSchools initiative may help in Gwaelod y Garth. Community Speed Watch will start back in a few weeks. It can only operate where approved by Police. More places in the local areas will be risk-assessed.

Ancient Monuments on The Garth

The Ancient Monuments on Garth Mountain are on PCC land. We have reported our concerns about soil erosion to Cadw, who are responsible for monitoring ancient monuments and ensuring they are protected. PCC and Cadw will be keeping an eye on the eroded areas over the summer and hoping that as lockdown eases, the grass has a chance to recover. Should works be needed, we will let you know.

We do ask that visitors to the Garth keep their dogs on leads and take their litter home. We have installed some new signs recently as a reminder. The area has been heavily used in the past year and while we are delighted to be able to share that with the public we also ask that you play your part in helping us keep the area in good condition. It is especially important that dogs are kept on leads during lambing and bird nesting season - particularly to protect the skylarks which nest on the ground.

FAIRMEADOW

While PCC is considering possible uses of Fairmeadow in Pentyrch we are arranging an earlier first grass cut than usual. This should happen during May and make the area easier to use. A further cut will take place in late summer. In the autumn, we will arrange for the bramble to be reduced, leaving some for blackberrying and a shelter for wildlife.

CARDIFF'S WASTE COLLECTIONS

PCC is aware of the problems our community has had with refuse/green bin collection since the collection date changed and we have made many representations to CCC on your behalf.

CREIGIAU QUARRY

You will see elsewhere in this edition information on the opening of Creigiau Quarry to commercial operations. This will bring considerable change to Heol Pant y Gored and travel in and out of Creigiau via Station Road. Footpaths around the quarry have been closed temporarily and some of these closures will become permanent in due course. PCC is a member of the quarry's liaison committee and keeps up to date with these significant changes.

PCC AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

PCC has a Welsh Language policy that was adopted at a time when there were several Welsh speakers on the Council. That is no longer the case and we cannot meet all the commitments in the policy. We are therefore revising the policy to bring it up to date and will be liaising with the Welsh Language Commissioner

ASH DIE-BACK

I'm sure you are aware of the nationwide problem of ash die-back – a disease that kills ash trees within about three years of infection. PCC has already felled some trees with, I'm afraid, many more to come over the next few years. Please be assured that we only fell trees on the advice of our professional tree surgeon.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Our office remains closed due to the pandemic and we continue to work from home. We still go to the office every Friday morning to replenish recycling sacks and food waste bags, to check the post and any phone messages. The best way to contact the council is by email clerk@Pentyrch.cc.

Subject to the corona virus regulations, we are in the process of organising a litter pick with CCC's support, for Pentyrch and Gwaelod. Please pencil in Saturday 5th June and we will confirm this date by posters and Facebook messages. In Creigiau, Keep Creigiau Tidy also intend to organise a litter pick as soon as the regulations allow.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Residents in Gwaelod have been asking about a problem with drains. Cllr Gavin Hill-John advises he's aware of an ongoing problem and will be able to update residents on progress. See his report in this Link.
- PCC has received many complaints regarding the condition of the road on Heol Goch, residents hitting huge pot holes and damaging tyres etc. Cllr Hill-John advises that this road will be resurfaced as soon as drainage works are complete.
- Play Wales are eager to create play groups within the school holidays. We will keep you posted by Facebook and posters in our noticeboards.
- Litter still seems to be a problem, and residents are asking for additional bins. PCC are considering the purchase of some additional litter bins for all 3 wards. We have also been asking CCC for a new bin to replace the burnt out one just beneath the Garth.
- New noticeboards have been purchased for all 3 villages to replace old, broken ones. It is sad to see a new noticeboard that was erected in Gwaelod Y Garth was damaged within two days! We are arranging for this to be repaired but would ask for resident help that if you see anyone damaging any facilities that you report it to the council straight away. At the end of the day, it is your community charge that has to pay for the repairs. The more we spend on repairs the less we can spend on other things.
- We have had a number of complaints about street signs broken, dirty or faded. These have been reported to Cardiff CC. In light of the pandemic, it is understandable why there is a likely delay on these matters being attended.
- The new houses at Llanilltern village have now started to be occupied and the Link will be distributed to them from now on. There are 65 new households so far. The Pentyrch Rugby Club have kindly offered to distribute the Link to the new houses. This is a great opportunity for all clubs and societies to promote themselves to all the new residents via the Link.
- Garth Rotary have installed a storage bin outside PCC office for food items and this has been a great success. It is emptied once a week and it's full every time. Items are taken to local food banks. There were lots of Easter eggs donated in April and these were taken to various homes and children's hospital wards. Thank you for all who make these donations which shows the amazing generosity from our residents.

HEDGES AND BUSHES

We continue to get several concerns about hedges and bushes that over-grow from gardens and make it difficult to walk along pavements or the footpaths linking roads.

Individual householders are responsible for any trees and hedges that overhang into public highways. You should make sure your hedges are cut back and tidy up any trimmings. Where there is a significant obstruction Cardiff Council can enforce the cutting back any offending growth. They can (and have) fined householders who have not had the work done. Please keep your hedges and bushes in good order. Consider that if your hedges are overgrown how this will affect somebody with a pushchair, in a wheelchair or with a visual impairment. This is especially important with more of us out and about in our local communities during the lockdown

- The council expect to replace the bench on Lon-y-Fro, Pentyrch in the near future
- Residents have been asking when will the felling of trees at Goed-y-Gedrys be complete, following emails back and forth to the RCT Councillor he confirmed this work is now complete.
- Peter Smith our local farmer has concerns about walkers not keeping to footpaths. He has put several posts on the community Facebook pages about this. Please respect the country code.
- Residents in Pentyrch and Creigiau are asking why can't the Fflecsi bus be introduced to cover all our areas? The Fflecsi bus is a pilot scheme under Cardiff Council. Any changes to public transport are obviously delayed at present due to the pandemic. If PCC are made aware of any changes, we will provide updates via our social media posters and of course the Community Link.
- PCC have had many compliments on how lovely the spring flowers planted last autumn are looking. We intend to continue with the program of bulb planting and are always pleased to learn of residents who can assist us with this project in all villages. To meet with requests from residents we are seeking permission from Cardiff CC to enable us to plant bulbs on their land at various locations
- We have been chasing CCC regarding the refuse collections since Cardiff changed the day for collections. We are told it is down to teething problems and staff sickness. If you experience a problem with collections you can report the issue on your phone or tablet using the Cardiff's app or you can contact CCC on the website at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Rubbish-and-recycling/Pages/default.aspx
- PCC are pleased to accept at the office the foil strips from tablets for recycling. You can also take them into Pentyrch Pharmacy.
- We have spoken with Welsh Hearts who will be happy to organise some CPR training when regulations allow There is a new defibrillator in the old telephone box in Creigiau opposite the Creigiau Inn.
- Creigiau Quarry intend opening the quarry for operations in early June. Please see the quarry's piece elsewhere in this Link.



Croeso i'r Gwanwyn - er yn un oer. Dyma obeithio y cawn ni haf hyfryd ac y gallwn dreulio amser gyda ffrindiau a theulu y tu mewn a'r tu allan. Gweithiodd CCP gyda chi y llynedd i blannu mwy o'r bylbiau gwanwyn y cawsom i gyd yn eu mwynhau yn ddiweddar. Rydyn ni'n gobeithio plannu mwy yn ddiweddarach eleni.

Rydym yn parhau i roi gwybod ichi pan glywn unrhyw beth swyddogol sy'n effeithio ar ein hardal leol. I'r rhai hynny ohonoch sy'n gallu, cadwch lygad ar ein tudalen Facebook a'n gwefan www.pentyrch.cc lle mae dolenni i wefannau Llywodraeth Caerdydd a Chymru sydd wedi'u diweddarau'n rheolaidd.

O dan ddeddfwriaeth newydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, mae gan bob Cyngor yng Nghymru bellach yr hawl barhaol i gynnal eu cyfarfodydd ar-lein a, phan fyddant yn ddiogel, cynnal cyfarfodydd hybrid gyda rhai pobl yn bresennol a rhai ar-lein. Bydd CCP yn parhau i gynnal ei gyfarfodydd ar-lein trwy Dimau Microsoft ac fe welwch ddolen fewngofnodi ar waelod pob agenda pe byddech yn dymuno ymuno â ni. Mae croeso i chi bob amser.

Mae staff y swyddfa yn parhau i weithio o gartref a thra bo'r swyddfa ar gau i'r cyhoedd mae'n ddrwg gennym fod yn rhaid i'r llyfrgell aros ar gau. Rydym wedi meddwl am ailagor y llyfrgell ond ni allwn warantu cadw defnyddwyr yn ddiogel a darparu ffordd ddiogel i reoli symudiad llyfrau.

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Hoffwn ddiolch i'n staff am bopeth maen nhw wedi'i wneud i barhau i edrych ar ôl y gymuned orau ag y gallant yn yr amseroedd anodd hyn.

Chwarel Creigiau

Fe welwch mewn man arall yn y rhifyn hwn wybodaeth bod Chwarel Creigiau yn bwriadu ail agor a masnachu unwaith eto. Bydd hyn yn dod â newid sylweddol i Heol Pant y Gored ac yn effeithio ar deithio i mewn ac allan o Creigiau trwy Ffordd yr Orsaf. Mae llwybrau troed o amgylch y chwarel wedi cau dros dro a bydd rhai ohonynt yn cau'n barhaol maes o law. Mae CCP yn aelod o bwyllgor cyswilt y chwarel ac yn cael y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y newidiadau sylweddol hyn.

Nawdd Asedau Cymunedol

Mae CCP newydd gymeradwyo a chyhoeddi ar ei dab Polisïau ar y wefan bolisi newydd i'n helpu ni i gyd i gynllunio asedau newydd fel meinciau a phlanwyr, yn enwedig lle mae aelodau'r gymuned eisiau cofeb i goffau rhywun annwyl. Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb mewn noddi ased neu am drafod cofeb, cysylltwch â ni. Byddwn yn edrych ar leoliadau i fyfyrion'n dawel yn ddiweddarach yn y flwyddyn.

Mainc Pwll Broga



Mae CCP yn falch iawn o fod wedi gallu gosod mainc newydd, hynod addurniadol, ym Mhwl y Broga yn Creigiau - ac mae'n ymddangos eich bod chi'n ei hoffi! Gobeithio y gwnewch chi fwynhau ei ddefnyddio.

Gweithgorau CCP

Mae'r rhain yn grwpiau anffurfiol sy'n cynnwys Aelodau CCP a phobl leol sydd â diddordeb a gwybodaeth benodol yn y mater. Rhaid i gyfarfodydd ffurfiol CCP fodloni amrywiol ofynion cyfreithiol ynghylch pryd a sut y maent yn cwrrd, sy'n cyfyngu'n aml ar allu'r gymuned yn gyffredinol i gyfrannu. Y grwpiau sydd gennym hyd yn hyn yw:

Lles a Newid Hinsawdd: hwn oedd y cyntaf o'r grwpiau hyn ac mae'n gweithio i wella ein hamgylchedd.

Trafnidiaeth: dyma'r diweddaraf a bydd yn edrych ar drafndiaeth gyhoeddus yn ein cymunedau a materion cysylltiol eraill.

Os hoffech chi gymryd rhan yn y grwpiau hyn, yn enwedig os oes gennych arbenigedd mewn unrhyw un o'r meysydd, byddem yn falch iawn o glywed gennych. E-bostiwrch clerk@pentyrch.cc.

Casgliadau gwastraff Caerdydd

Mae CCP yn ymwybodol o'r problemau gyda chasglu sbwriel / biniau gwyrdd ers i'r dyddiad casglu newid ac rydym wedi cyflwyno llawer o'r pryderon rheini ar eich rhan i CSC.

Henebion ar y Garth

Mae'r Henebion ar Fynydd Garth ar dir CCP. Rydym wedi riportio ein pryderon ynghylch erydiad pridd i Cadw, sy'n gyfrifol am fonitro henebion a sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu gwarchod. Bydd CCP a Cadw yn cadw llygad ar yr ardaloedd sydd wedi erydu dros yr haf ac yn gobeithio, wrth i'r cloi leihau, fod y glaswellt yn cael cyfle i wella. Os bydd angen gwaith, byddwn yn rhoi gwybod i chi.

Gofynnwn i ymwelwyr â'r Garth gadw eu cŵn ar dennyn a mynd â'u sbwriel adref. Rydym wedi gosod rhai arwyddion newydd yn ddiweddar i'ch hatgoffa. Defnyddiwyd yr ardal yn helaeth yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf ac, er ein bod yn falch iawn o allu rhannu hynny gyda'r cyhoedd, gofynnwn hefyd i chi chwarae eich rhan i'n helpu i gadw'r ardal mewn cyflwr da. Mae'n arbennig o bwysig bod cŵn yn cael eu cadw ar dennyn yn ystod y tymor wyna a nythu adar - yn enwedig i amddiffyn yr ehedydd sy'n nythu ar y llawr.

Hysbysfyddau CCP yn Gwaelod y Garth

Mae hysbysfyddau newydd CCP wedi'u gosod gennym mewn dau le yn Gwaelod-y-Garth: wrth dro Garth Olwg ac ar y Brif Ffordd, wrth ymyl yr arhosfan bysiau. Cawsom ein cynhyrfu'n fawr i ddarganfod bod yr hysbysfwrdd wrth yr arhosfan bysiau wedi'i fandaleiddio ac y bydd angen ei atgyweirio. Mae'r hysbysfyddau hyn yn cael eu prynu gyda'ch arian chi i roi gwybodaeth, rydyn ni'n gobeithio, sy'n ddefnyddiol i chi. Byddwn yn atgyweirio'r hysbysfwrdd cyn gynted â phosibl.

Goryrru traffig

Mae CCP yn llwyr gefnogi'r ymgyrchoedd cymunedol cyfredol ym Mhentyrch a Gwaelod y Garth. Rydym yn cysylltu â GoSafe i ofyn am fan i ymweld â Heol y Pentre, Pentyrch. Mae CCP mewn cysylltiad â'r Cyngorydd Gavin Hill-John a Phrifyrdd Caerdydd i ofyn am fwrdd cyflymder (*speed table*) i reoli cyflymder a man croesi mwy diogel i ddisgyblion ysgol. Efallai y bydd y fenter SafeSchools yn help yn Gwaelod y Garth. Bydd Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yn cychwyn yn ôl mewn ychydig wythnosau. Dim ond pan gaiff ei gymeradwyo gan yr Heddlu y gall weithredu. Gobeithiwn y bydd mwy o leoedd yn yr ardaloedd lleol yn cael asesiad risg.

CCP a'r Iaith Gymraeg

Mae gan CCP bolisi Cymraeg a gafodd ei fabwysiadu ar adeg pan oedd sawl siaradwr Cymraeg ar y Cyngor. Nid yw hynny'n wir bellach ac ni allwn gyflawni'r holl ymrwymadau yn y polisi. Felly rydym yn adolygu'r polisi i'w ddiweddarau a byddwn yn cysylltu â'r Comisiynydd Iaith Cymraeg.

Ash-die-back

Rwy'n siŵr eich bod chi'n ymwybodol o'r broblem hon ledled y wlad - clefyd sy'n lladd coed ynn o fewn tua thair blynedd o gael eu heintio. Mae CCP eisoes wedi torri rhai coed i lawr gyda llawer mwy i ddod dros yr ychydig flynyddoedd nesaf, mae gen i ofn. Rydym yn eich sicrhau, mai ond ar gyngor llawfeddyg coed proffesiynol yr ydym yn torri'r coed hyn.

Fairmeadow

Tra bod CCP yn ystyried y ffordd orau i ddefnyddiau Fairmeadow ym Mhentyrch rydym yn trefnu toriad glaswellt cyntaf yn gynharach na'r arfer. Dylai hyn ddigwydd yn ystod mis Mai a gwneud yr ardal yn haws i'w defnyddio. Bydd toriad pellach yn digwydd at ddiwedd yr haf. Yn yr hydref, byddwn yn trefnu i'r mieri gael ei leihau, gan adael rhywfaint ar gyfer mwyar duon a loches i fywyd gwylt.

ADRODDIAD Y SWYDDOG YMGYSYLLTU CYMUNEDOL

Mae ein swyddfa yn parhau i fod ar gau oherwydd y pandemig ac rydym yn parhau i weithio o gartref. Rydyn ni'n dal i fynd i'r swyddfa bob bore Gwener i ailgyflenwi sachau ailgylchu a bagiau gwastraff bwyd, i wirio'r post ac unrhyw negeseuon ffôn. Y ffordd orau i gysylltu â'r cyngor yw trwy e-bost clerk@Pentyrch.cc.

Yn ddarostyngedig i'r rheoliadau firws corona, rydym wrthi'n trefnu casglu sbwriel gyda chefnogaeth CSC, ar gyfer Pentyrch a Gwaelod. Nodwch os gwelwch yn dda ddydd Sadwrn 5 Mehefin a byddwn yn cadarnhau'r dyddiad hwn trwy bosteri a negeseuon Facebook. Mae Keep Creigiau Tidy hefyd yn bwriadu trefnu casglu sbwriel yng Nghreigiau cyn gynted ag y bydd y rheoliadau'n caniatáu.

MATERION / PRYDERON CYMUNEDOL CYFFREDINOL

- Mae trigolion Gwaelod wedi bod yn holi am broblem sydd wedi codi gyda draeniau. Mae'r Cynghorydd Gavin Hill-John yn dweud ei fod yn ymwybodol o'r broblem, sy'n un barhaus, ac y bydd yn gallu diweddarau trigolion ar y camau sydd wedi'u cymryd hyd yn hyn. Gweler ei adroddiad yn y Cwllwm Bro hwn.
- Mae CCP wedi derbyn llawer o gwynion ynghylch cyflwr y ffordd ar Heol Goch - trigolion yn taro tyllau pot enfawr ac yn niweidio teiars ac ati. Mae'r Cynghorydd Hill-John yn cynghori y bydd y ffordd hon yn cael ei hail-wynebu cyn gynted ag y bydd y gwaith draenio wedi'i gwblhau.
- Mae'r cyngor yn disgwyl cyfnewid am un newydd y fainc ar Lon-y-Fro, Pentyrch yn y dyfodol agos
- Mae'n ymddangos bod sbwriel yn broblem o hyd, ac mae trigolion yn gofyn am finiau ychwanegol. Mae CCP yn ystyried prynu rhai biniau sbwriel ychwanegol ar gyfer pob un o'r 3 ward. Rydym hefyd wedi bod yn gofyn i CSC am fin newydd yn lle'r un sydd wedi'i losgi nid nepell o ben y Garth.
- Prynwyd hysbysfyrdau newydd ar gyfer pob un o'r 3 phentref i gymryd lle'r hen rai oedd wedi torri. Mae'n drist gweld bod yr hysbysfwrdd newydd a godwyd yng Ngwaelod-y-Garth wedi'i ddirodi o fewn dau ddiwrnod! Rydym yn trefnu i hyn gael ei atgyweirio ond byddem yn ddiolchgar am gymorth trigolion – eich bod yn riportio i'r cyngor ar unwaith unrhyw un y gwelwch yn niweidio unrhyw gyfleusterau. Ar ddiwedd y dydd, eich tâl cymunedol sy'n gorfod talu am yr atgyweiriadau. Po fwyaf yr ydym yn ei wario ar atgyweiriadau, y lleiaf y gallwn ei wario ar bethau eraill.
- Mae gan Peter Smith, ffermwr lleol, bryderon ynghylch cerddwyr yn methu â chadw at lwybrau troed. Mae wedi rhoi sawl postiad ar dudalennau Facebook cymunedol am hyn. Parchwch reolau cefn gwlad os gwelwch yn dda.
- Mae'r tai newydd ym mhentref Llanilltern bellach wedi dechrau cael eu meddiannu a bydd y Cwllwm Bro yn cael ei ddsbarthu iddynt o hyn ymlaen. Mae 65 o aelwydydd newydd hyd yn hyn. Mae Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch wedi cynnig yn garedig i ddsbarthu'r Cwllwm Bro i'r tai newydd. Dyma gyfle gwych i bob clwb a chymdeithas hyrwyddo eu hunain i'r holl drigolion newydd trwy'r Cwllwm Bro.

- Mae Garth Rotary wedi gosod bin storio y tu allan i swyddfa CCP ar gyfer eitemau bwyd, ac mae hyn wedi bod yn llwyddiant mawr. Mae'n cael ei wagio unwaith yr wythnos ac mae'n llawn bob tro. Cludir eitemau i fanciau bwyd lleol. Rhoddwyd llawer o wyau Pasg ym mis Ebrill ac aethpwyd â'r rhain i wahanol gartrefi a wardiau ysbty plant. Diolch i bawb am y rhoddion hyn - sy'n dangos haelioni anhygoel gan ein trigolion.
- Rydym yn parhau i dderbyn cwynion ynghylch coed / gwrychoedd sy'n crogi drosodd mewn gwahanol leoliadau a chaiff y manylion hyn eu trosglwyddo i CSC, sef yr awdurdod cyfrifol.
- Mae trigolion wedi bod yn gofyn pryd y bydd y cwmpo coed yn Goed-y-Gedrys yn dod i ben, yn dilyn e-byst yn ôl ac ymlaen at Gynghorydd yn RhCT, cadarnhaodd fod y gwaith hwn bellach wedi'i gwblhau.
- Mae trigolion ym Mhentyrch a Creigiau yn gofyn pam na ellir cyflwyno bws Fflecsi i gwmpasu ein holl ardaloedd? Mae bws Fflecsi yn gynllun peilot o dan Gyngor Caerdydd. Mae unrhyw newidiadau i drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus yn amlwg yn cael eu gohirio ar hyn o bryd oherwydd y pandemig. Os daw CCP yn ymwybodol o unrhyw newidiadau, byddwn yn darparu diwed-dariadau trwy ein posteri cyfryngau cymdeithasol ac wrth gwrs yn y Cwllwm Bro Cymunedol.
- Rydym wedi cael nifer o gwynion am arwyddion stryd wedi torri, yn fudr neu wedi pylu. Adroddwyd am y rhain i CSC. Yng ngoleuni'r pandemig, mae'n ddealladwy pam y bydd oedi tebygol cyn delio â'r materion hyn.
- Mae Chwarae Cymru yn awyddus i greu grwpiau chwarae yn ystod gwyliau'r ysgol. Byddwn yn eich diweddarau am hyn drwy Facebook a phosteri yn ein hysbysfyrdau.
- Mae CCP wedi derbyn llawer o ganmoliaeth am ba mor hyfryd y mae blodau'r gwanwyn a blannwyd yr hydref di-wethaf yn edrych. Rydym yn bwriadu parhau â'r rhaglen o blannu bylbiau ac rydym bob amser yn falch o glywed am drigolion a all ein cynorthwyo gyda'r prosiect hwn ym mhob pentref. Er mwyn cwrdd â cheisiadau gan drigolion rydym yn ceisio caniatâd CSC i'n galluogi i blannu bylbiau ar eu tir mewn gwahanol leoliadau
- Rydym wedi bod yn cwyno i CSC ynglŷn ag anwadalrwydd y casgliadau sbwriel ers i Gaerdydd newid y diwrnod ar gyfer casgliadau. Dywedir wrthym mai problemau cychwynnol a salwch staff sy'n gyfrifol am hyn. Os ydych chi'n profi broblem gyda chasgliadau gallwch riportio'r mater ar eich ffôn neu dabled gan ddefnyddio ap Caerdydd neu gallwch gysylltu â CSC ar y wefan yn <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/CYM/preswlydd/Sbwriel-ac-ailgylchu/Adrodd-problem-sbwriel-ac-ailgylchu/Pages/default.aspx>
- Mae CCP yn falch i dderbyn yn y swyddfa'r stribedi ffoil o dabledi i'w hailgylchu. Gallwch hefyd fynd â nhw i Fferyllfa Pentyrch.
- Rydym wedi siarad â Chalonnau Cymru a fydd yn hapus i drefnu rhywfaint o hyfforddiant CPR pan fydd rheoliadau'n caniatáu Mae diffibriliwr newydd yn yr hen flwch ffôn yng Nghreigiau, gyferbyn â Thafarn Creigiau.
- Mae Chwarel Creigiau yn bwriadu dechrau gweithio'r chwarel ddechrau mis Mehefin. Gweler darn am y chwarel mewn man arall yn y Cwllwm Bro hwn.

County Council Notes

Councillor Gavin Hill John
Pentyrch & Gwaelod y Garth

The last few months have been very busy dealing with a few major projects in the area.

It's clear that the changes to the waste collection service have not gone as planned. The Council are still determined to implement the changes and are working to resolve the issues. I continue to challenge the Council on an almost daily basis to ensure that all the issues get resolved. Please continue to feedback any issues you have with waste collections using the Council website or emailing me directly and I will return the feedback.

The other area of major focus has been the flooding issues in Gwaelod Y Garth, I've been working on these issues for the past two years and I'm pleased to say that significant progress has been made.

ALLEVIATION SCHEME FOR HOUSES ALONG HEOL BERRY

Over recent years there have been occasions when the houses along Heol Berry have been affected by water running off the playing field. We have now been successful in obtaining funding from Welsh Government to undertake a scheme to alleviate this flooding. Initial discussions have been held with residents and it is hopeful that work will begin this summer.

Salem Terrace Flooding

Currently there is a significant blockage in the main carrier drain which is causing the current issues. The solution to this is extremely complicated as significant machinery is required to clear the blockage. The Council are currently working on the options as there will be a need to close roads, redirect traffic etc. Hopefully a suitable solution can be found in the next few months to allow the work to be completed this year. The Council will be engaging with residents and the Community Council throughout this process.

Main Road

There has been a long-standing issue along main Road regarding water run-off from the hillside. Prior to resurfacing works a survey was carried out on the drainage system and several issues identified. As you will be aware there has been a lot of work carried out to resolve the issues and improve the drainage along Main Road. Once this is completed the road will be resurfaced and if all goes according to plan we will see significant improvements in both the drainage and the surface.

DEBRIS SCREEN REPLACEMENT AT THE CULVERT ON MAIN ROAD

The new debris screen which includes a camera, and a remote monitoring device has been fully installed and is now operational. This means that the water level is constantly being monitored by the flood risk team. This means that if the water level rises to a level that poses a risk a team will be sent to deal with the issues.

There have been reports that residents have been cleaning the screen, this is not necessary as there is a risk to safety and the screen is on private land. The remote monitoring will ensure that any issues are identified and rectified.

If you have any questions about these works or any queries in general, please drop me an email gavin.hill-john@cardiff.gov.uk

PENTYRCH TERRACYCLE

We have stopped over 135kgs of waste from going to landfill, that's over 60,000 items of snack packaging!

Terracycle is a scheme where you can recycle your crisps, nuts, popcorn, confectionary and home hygiene packaging. The council do not accept these in the weekly collections and they go directly to landfill. Terracycle then recycle the packaging, forming it into playground equipment, park benches and lots more!

- We have also started collecting foil tablet strips (blister packets), so you can drop these off outside PCC offices or at Pentyrch Pharmacy!
- We have collection bins outside the Premier shop in Pentyrch and a bulk drop-off wheelie bin outside the PCC offices. Why don't you start a collection at your work place and drop them off here!?
- It's really helpful and saves so much time when you separate the packaging and put them in the correct bins!
- If you would like to find out more or get involved, please find me on Facebook @ Pentyrch Terracycle and like the page to keep up to date.

Finally, thank you everyone for taking part and making this scheme so successful!

**Please get in touch if you have any large cardboard boxes!!
07432409161**

CELTS EXPLORER SCOUTS ZOOMING THROUGH 2020



In March 2020, the A to Z of Scouting had a new word added to it.... Zoom. The weekend before lockdown we were due to head to London for one of our favourite annual activities, The Alternative Monopoly Run (AMR). AMR is a real-life game of Monopoly, navigating through London visiting the places on the Monopoly board and completing other challenges along the way. But due to Covid cases starting to rise in the Capital, the Unit Leaders decided not to risk going, a wise move.

On 17th March all face-to-face Scouting activities were suspended until further notice. "Be prepared" is the Scouting motto, and prepared we were to embark on a way of providing fun activities and learning the all-important skills for life that Scouting brings. That new way was digital Scouting. The Scout Association arranged Zoom licences for Scout groups, ensuring that online activities were safe and easily managed.

From March 2020 to April 2021 we have provided weekly meetings online, doing quizzes, learning knots and doing online scavenger hunts. We've cooked together, safe at home in our own kitchens, but still sharing the banter and interaction as we would if we were together at the Scout Hall. We also undertook craft projects, and participated in UK Parliament Week amongst other things. Explorer Scout Dan commented "Scouting online gave me something to look forward to in the weeks of endless boredom"

On 15th April we returned to face-to-face activities outside, with Covid safety precautions in place. Assistant Unit Leader Graham said "It was amazing to see all the young people again, and to go home stinking of camp fire!!"

Fingers crossed that as restrictions continue to ease, so we can get back to Scouting as normal.

Explorer Scouts are aged 14 to 18, if you have a young person interested in joining in with the adventure or taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please email celts@cardiffwestscouts.org.uk.

Planning Applications

The Community Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications. These applications are discussed at our monthly Planning Committee meetings and as a part of our monthly Council meetings. Members of the public are able to attend these meetings as observers. The minutes of the planning meetings are published on our website..Pentyrch.cc/Committees. Where PCC has objected or commented on an application you can see full details of comment / objection within the meeting minutes.

Details of the Cardiff County Council weekly applications and decided planning lists can also be seen www.pentyrch.cc/Planning You can view pending planning applications on the County Council website www.cardiff.gov.uk/planning and follow the appropriate links Use the 'View Planning Applications' to lodge comments on current applications

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn ymgynghorai statudol ar gyfer ceisiadau cynllunio. Trafodir y ceisiadau hyn yng nghyfarfodydd misol y Pwyllgor Cynllunio ac fel rhan o'n cyfarfodydd misol o'r Cyngor. Gall aelodau o'r cyhoedd fynychu'r cyfarfodydd hyn fel arsylwyr. Cyhoeddir cofnodion y cyfarfodydd cynllunio ar ein gwefan.. Pentyrch.cc/Committees. Lle mae CSP wedi gwrthwynebu neu wneud sylwadau ar gais gallwch weld manylion llawn y sylwadau / gwrthwynebiad yng ngherfyddiadau'r cyfarfod.

Gellir gweld manylion ceisiadau wythnosol Cyngor Sir Caerdydd a rhestrau cynllunio y penderfynwyd arnynt hefyd www.pentyrch.cc/Planning Gallwch weld ceisiadau cynllunio sydd ar y gweill ar wefan y Cyngor Sir www.cardiff.gov.uk/planning a dilyn y dolenni priodol Defnyddiwch y 'Gweld Ceisiadau Cynllunio' i gyflwyno sylwadau ar geisiadau cyfredol

Continued From Page 1 Garth Rotary

Boomerang – We have continued our involvement with this Charity who supply household items to the underprivileged and re-homed, previously homeless people. They will pick up unwanted working white goods and household items, furniture etc directly from your home, just ring 02920 497724.

Members are looking to continue our support for local students to attend the Rotary RYLA outdoors pursuit programme. We are also looking at arranging some events at Pentyrch Cricket Club and Pentyrch Rugby Club over the forthcoming months. Our Zoom meetings have provided a chance for some social interaction, with a superb talk on the evolution of Creigiau over the last 100 years by Malcolm Charnley, quizzes, and really interesting talks on life experiences from members Peter Jones and Jim Martin.

Gwrychoedd a Lwyni

Rydym yn parhau i gael sawl pryder a chwestiwn am wrychoedd a llwyni sy'n gor-dyfu o erddi ac sy'n gwneud hi'n anodd i bobl gerdded ar hyd palman-tau neu'r llwybrau troed sy'n cysylltu ffyrdd.

Mae deiliaid y tai unigol yn gyfrifol am unrhyw goed a gwrychoedd sy'n goryffwrdd â phriffyrdd cyhoeddus. Dyl-eich sicrhau bod eich gwrychoedd yn cael eu torri yn ôl a thacluso unrhyw docio. Lle mae rhwystr sylweddol, gall Cyngor Caerdydd orfodi eich bod yn torri'n ôl y tyfiant troseddol. Gallant (ac maent wedi) dirwyo deiliaid tai nad ydynt wedi cael y gwaith wedi'i wneud. Cadwch eich gwrychoedd a'ch llwyni mewn trefn dda. Ystyriwch, os yw'ch gwrychoedd wedi gordyfu, sut y bydd hyn yn effeithio ar rywun sydd â cha-

20/02090/DCH Ground And First Floor Rear Extensions 13 Lon-Y-Fro, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9TE
PCC Comments

20/02132/DCH, 50 Parc-Y-Felin, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9PA Raising Of Ridge Line And Construction Of Dormer Roof Extensions. **PCC Comments**

20/02604/MNR Regenerate Derelict Land By Means Of Landscaping And Developing One.

PCC Objected

21/00144/DCH Demolition Of Existing Garage And Construction Of A Double Storey Side Extension 42 Parc-Y-Felin, Creigiau, Cardiff, **PCC Comments**

21/00219/DCH Double Storey Side Extension And Single Storey Rear Extension 37 Heol Berry, GwaelodyGarth **PCC No Comment**
21/00425/MNR Erection Of A 24-Hour Prescription Dispenser With Surrounding Structure, With Steel Ram Raid Security Bollards To Be Erected To The Front Of The Building 69 Parc-Y-Bryn, Creigiau, Cardiff, **PCC No Comment**

21/00506/DCH Retention Of Existing Works, Proposed Creation Of New Vehicular Access And Associated Works | The Granary, Main Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, Cardiff. **PCC No Comment**

21/00432/DCH Double Storey Side Extension And A Single Storey Rear Extension 19 Lon-Y-Fro, Pentyrch, Cardiff, **PCC Objected**

21/00460/DCH Rear Single Storey Conservatory Extension Cae Glas, 42 Cardiff Road, Creigiau, Cardiff, **PCC No Comment**

21/00502/DCH, Is Y Coed, Star Lane, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF5 6JH. Provision Of An Implements Garage And Potting Shed/Workshop..**PCC Objected**

21/00505/DCH Single Storey Extension To Front Elevation Lyndhurst, Heol-Y-Parc, Pentyrch, Cardiff, **PCC No Comment**

21/00541/DCH Two Storey Rear Extensions, Construction Of Side Porch, Extension To Existing Garage And Resurface Of Driveway Pentir Hir, Heol-Y-Pentre, Pentyrch, Cardiff. **PCC No Comment**

21/00592/DCH Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) Of 20/00652/Dch To Increase The Depth Of The Single Storey Rear Extension 47 Parc-Y-Bryn, Creigiau, Cardiff **PCC Objected**

21/00685/MNR Demolition Of The Existing Dwelling With The Construct Of A New Traditional Fronted Dwelling House And Associated Car Parking Garage Hawthorn, Main Road, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, Cardiff, **PCC Comments**

21/00731/DCH Discharge Of Condition 7 (Drainage Scheme) Of 20/00652/Dch 47 Parc-Y-Bryn, Creigiau. **PCC No Comment.**

21/00817/DCH Proposed Dormer To Front Elevation 58 Parc Castell-Y-Mynach, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NZ. **PCC No Comment**

21/00841/DCH Conversion Of Garage Into Home Office, Exercise Room And Storage Bron Y De, Heol -Y-Parc, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9NB. **PCC Comments**

21/00848/MNR Retention Of Lean-To Facility Over An Existing Patio Area At The Rear Of The Clubhouse Creigiau Golf Club, Heol Creigiau, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NN. **PCC No Comment**

dair wthio, mewn cadair olwyn, neu â nam ar ei olwg. Mae hyn yn arbennig o bwysig gyda mwy ohonom allan yn mwynhau cerdded yn ein cymunedau lleol yn ystod y cyfnod clo.

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REVEREND MICHAEL JOHN

The Reverend Michael John has been asked by the Bishop to take up an appointment at Llancafarn. His last service in the Parish was on Sunday 23 May. Reverend Michael, known affectionately to everyone as Michael, was installed into the Parish of Pentyrch on 24th April 2012; the parish was later to incorporate St Ellteyrn's Church, Capel Llanilltern into the parish.

"Call me a Rhondda/Pontyclun boy" was a very experienced priest when he and his family were installed into our parish. Coming from Tenby, where he was the Vicar, he had previously served as a chaplain at Gartree Prison in Leicestershire, a parish in Tredegar, and his first appointment as a curate in a parish in Barry.

Michael believes strongly in the church being involved in the community. None of our churches were conducive to serving the community other than as a church, so, understanding the general mood of the congregation in St Catwg's steps were undertaken to ensure that the church building could be used for community activities, so out went the pews, the ancient font (one of the few items from the previous building) was relocated to the east end of the nave and a refreshment and meeting area was constructed at the west end. Comfortable chairs replaced the pews and the church was now able to serve the community in the way it would have done in times past.

Before the pandemic struck, Bacon Butties - playtime for under fives and their parents, a mother and toddler group, and a Wednesday coffee morning where those of an older vintage were able to meet, and for those in between, a Sunday evening Youth Club: these events are highly popular, and will continue now that Michael has left. A number of concerts were held: the Sine Nomine Singers use the church as a rehearsal and concert base, professional instrumentalists have held concerts and several professional recordings have been made in church. At St David's Church, the Ty Bach Dewi programme brought much needed toilet facilities, and a building that can be used more for village activities, while St Ellteyrn's is looking to improve its hall. All these have flourished under Michael's watch.

A man of great energy and charisma Michael is a priest for whom his faith is at the centre of his being. Many of you will know his involvement in bringing a refugee Syrian family to Cardiff, and his encouragement for all the church buildings to have its Food Bank collections.

To Michael, we wish him well in the continuation of his ministry in Llancafarn; and to his family a very happy future.

He and his family will be greatly missed, but we must look forward to welcoming a new incumbent sometime in the future. John Gough

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21/00851/MJR Discharge Of Conditions 2 (Tree Pit Details For Feature Square Tree Planting), 3 (Build Out Landscaping), 4 (Raised Table Ramp), 5 (Emergency Access Feature Build Out), 6 (Materials), 7 (Block Paving Material) And 8 (Public Right Of Way Footpath) Of 19/02289/Mjr **PCC No Comment**

21/00986/DCH Rear Dormer Roof Extension 15 Trem Y Coed, St Fagans, Cardiff, **PCC No Comment**

21/01027/MNR Conversion Of Existing Barn To 3 Self Contained Tourism Units Elm Cottage, Heol-Y-Parc, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9NB. **PCC Objected**

PENTYRCH ACTIVE RECREATION COMMITTEE (PARC)

We've loved seeing so many people enjoying themselves in Memorial Park throughout the lockdowns.

We are not quite finished with the improvements yet, we hope you'll see a few more finishing touches appear in the coming months.

We're working with PCC to sort out the provision of seating and bins and hopefully one or two other items to complete the project. Facebook: PentyrchMemorialPark
Email pentyrchmemorialpark@gmail.com
Twitter: @PentyrchPark

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS IN PENTYRCH

During the last year, there has been a big increase in the public exploring green spaces and the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network. This has been fantastic to see, as there are many forests, open countryside and trails for the public to use and enjoy. This also brings the need to improve access along these routes.

The majority of the path network crosses private land and in Pentyrch and Creigiau, the majority of paths cross working farms. The PRoW Team is working with farmers to improve access by replacing stiles with gates where appropriate and installing additional waymarking.

While enjoying the path network, remember these paths cross private land and working farms.

- Take your litter home or use a public bin.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do. Remember, dog foul is very harmful to livestock and horses and causes diseases.
- Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space. Their behaviour can be unpredictable, especially when they are with their young and you could get hurt.
- Do not feed livestock, horses or wild animals as it can cause them harm.
- Leave gates and property as you find them or follow instructions on signs.

To report a problem on the Public Rights of Way network, contact Cardiff Council General Enquiries online or phone Connect to Cardiff (C2C) 029 2087 2087 Cymraeg 029 2087 2088. Provide details to help Officers find the location of the query such as location references: www.what3words.com or a Grid Reference if known.



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PETER DAVIES

Peter Ernest Curwen Davies was born on the 28th July 1938 at home in Ridgeway, Newport

The family moved to Abertillery in 1954. Peter finished school shortly afterwards and then worked for Woolworths as a trainee manager working in several branches over the years. It proved to be an excellent apprenticeship

In 1960 the family moved to Whitchurch in Cardiff and Peter, aged 22 opened Park stores with the incorporation of Peter Davies stores limited in 1962

In 1964 the family moved to Kelston Road in Whitchurch. Peter bought a house in St Fagans, and in the early 1970's Peter bought his home at Llwynglas, Heol-y-Parc, Pentyrch, where he lived for the rest of his life. Peter loved that house - especially his garden.

Peter retired from the grocery business firstly from Whitchurch in 1988, then from Pentyrch stores in 1993 when he was 55.

In Pentyrch Peter was a much-respected member of the community in particular as a supporter and committee member of Pentyrch sports association and becoming a community councillor for many years

He had many interests, a member of Llandaff rowing club, of Cardiff RFC and Cardiff Blues and a keen supporter of Henley royal regatta for over 50 years.

A keen rally driver as a young adult, Peter always loved his cars, which were immaculate - the Range rover, the rovers, his Jaguar and of course the Rolls Royce.

He loved a laugh with the family and enjoyed their silly games

Peter Davies passed away on the 27th December 2020 at Home Towers Penarth aged 82 after a short illness. His family say - Peter you were a character, we loved you, we looked up to you. - we will miss you and our lives will now be a little less colourful.



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PENTYRCH CRICKET CLUB

An exciting season is now in prospect. Having missed out on promotion by the finest of margins last time the main objective for the club is to gain promotion to the South Wales Premier League whilst emulating last season's excellent run in the National Village Cup. We have also entered the Welsh Cup this year. You can keep an eye on our progress on the usual social media platforms.

A great development this season is the launch of our Women's Softball team who will be involved in multi-team tournaments during the year – we host ours on Sunday 27th June. Plans are also in place to hold a Cricket Festival Week during w/c Sunday 4th July with all sorts of matches and events planned each day.

Our junior section is thriving – again another positive development is the launch of our under 12 Girls' Softball team and a new under 17s team. Friday nights will be fun BBQ nights at the ground with the marvellous All Stars (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (8-11 year olds). Junior Summer Schools are also planned, the first on w/c 31st May.

We now have over 100 social members supporting the club (£15 per family or £10 pp). Our Year Book with the fixtures and interesting articles is now available for collection from the pavilion for new and existing members. We are proud members of the Pentyrch Sports Association along with our partner clubs. The village is indeed very fortunate to have such active and well-managed sporting facilities at the lovely Parc -Y -Dwrllyn.

CLWB Y DWRLYN

Trist yw cofnodi marwolaeth un o aelodau hyna' Clwb y Dwrllyn. Bu farw Hilary Lewis o'r Creigiau yn ddiweddar a hithau'n 91 oed. Un o Bontypridd ydoedd yn wreiddiol a bu hi a'i diweddar w'r y Parchedig Hywel Lewis yn amlwg iawn ym mywyd yr ardal. Cofiwn amdani fel cymeriad serchog a gweithgar a fu'n gefnogol iawn i'w gŵr yn ei swydd fel prifathro Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth ac fe gweinidog yn Sardis Pontypridd. Cydymdeimlwn â'r meibion Huw ac Owen a'u teuluoedd.

Creigiau Pottery

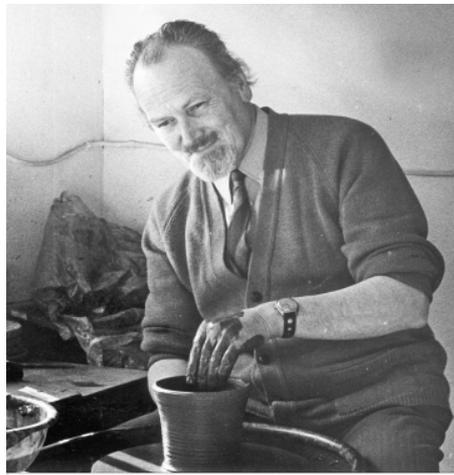


Creigiau Pottery was founded in 1947, by Mr R G Southcliffe, located close to the Caesars Arms Creigiau.



1950s Early Employees

In the early days, local workers were trained to make and decorate a variety of pots which were fired in a coal oven, stoked overnight for high temperatures, then allowed to cool before the bricked-up opening could be removed. This was time consuming and unreliable, so more efficient electric kilns replaced this old method.



Mr Reg Southcliffe

During the 1950's and 60's output and variety increased, many of the Pottery's interesting and beautifully glazed designs being exported all over the World including Canada and Australia.



A popular contemporary range known as 'Olaf' ware, a high gloss stone grey glaze, was introduced in the 1960's which was designed to complement the modern home of the time.

The later and probably best known pottery produced was the Creigiau Welsh Copper Luster, with its warm coppery finish contrasting with the Swansea blue interior.

The pottery continued into the 1980's after Mr Southcliffe's death, but did not survive. Now, although nothing remains of this once thriving local workplace and industry, there is an amazing legacy of wonderful, collectible pottery and the local history contained within the photographs.



Pottery laid out to cool - Note the age of the car

Some of these photographs are shared possibly for the first time, as many of us might not be aware of the cultural, craft heritage that was on our doorstep.



There are some fantastic examples of Creigiau Pottery in the offices of Pentyrch Community Council as part of its local history collection.

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A MOUNTAIN OF MYTHS

Oral history tells us local ministers would try out sermons on the Garth - but there are shadier stories. In the 1700s William Nicholl, who farmed Garth Uchaf, was accused of two murders - one with a knife, the other a gun. It seems he fled to Ireland. Then there was Enoc Dafydd, an 1890's waterman, who reported meeting up on the Garth with Gwr Drwg, the Devil himself -claiming he chased him headlong until the Devil returned to his home - the local Inn! The stories that fascinate most are of Mari Ann Cabistain - Mary Ann Cabbage. Her stone can be found on the Garth, the inscription no longer decipherable. The late Don Llewellyn said in his childhood he could work out c, h and a, thinking it part of the word gwrach - witch. So was Mari a 16c witch with a stone to mark her burial point - she had apparently done dreadful deeds and suffered appalling punishment. Or was Mari a Puritan girl who misbehaved, working against the repressive regime? Is it her burial spot after being murdered in the barn? Was she buried outside the bounds for stealing a sheep? Or had Mari walked to Merthyr to buy a Bible and perished on the mountain on the way home? Or does the stone mark a spot in memory of the young girl lost on the mountain and never found? Or is it the spot where a small child had a vision of Mari half a century after her death? So many enticing stories! I could only find a Pheobe Ann Cabbage in census research. (1823 - 1923). I wonder if it is Mari's mother?
Norma Procter



Mari Ann Cabistain



CREIGIAU QUARRY - PROGRESS UPDATE

I would like to provide you all with an update for the current progress of the planned re-opening of Creigiau Quarry. Following Tarmac obtaining planning permission for the site re-opening, we have been busy putting our plans in place to ensure the site is ready to re-open. This has involved a number of remedial works and developments to ensure we are ready to re-open safely and to the standard that is expected of all Tarmac locations.

Progress We have currently re-commenced Quarrying operations at the site, and have begun development works to allow us safe access to the working area, that we intend to begin our production.

We have begun civils works in terms of reconnecting our office, weighbridge and wheel wash facilities. This is critical for us to ensure we can effectively manage our operation to the standard we require.

We have been undertaking extensive improvement works to the boundary of our Quarry. This has involved raising the heights and robust nature of our fence lines, to ensure we have safely guarded our working areas.

I hope this article has been informative and helpful, but if you have any queries or issues with the Quarry going forward then please speak to your community contact or please contact me using the attached email address.

Kind Regards, Daniel Jones—Creigiau Quarry Manager
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PENTYRCH ART GROUP

Due to ongoing restrictions, the Art Group still haven't been able to meet. We are hoping to do so once further easing of the restrictions are announced.

In the last Community Link we announced the launch of our website www.pentyrchart.wordpress.com and has proved popular, resulting in several sales. We plan to add more paintings soon. Look out for announcements on Facebook. In the meantime, we hope to be able to hold an exhibition in 2022- probably in the Spring.
Ann Peebles

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PARC Y FRO GREENSPACE PROJECT

Around Creigiau Village, there is a collection of small greenspaces, the largest of which can be found running from Parc y Fro Road to the paved walkway which comes out opposite the golf course.



For the past forty years plus, this greenspace has existed only to be occasionally mowed. It has been left neglected; the ground too wet to play on, build on or often, to walk across and with no pro-active planting for the benefit of wildlife or the community.

We have been campaigning to gain a licence for this green space from Cardiff Council (its current owners,) so that it may be developed and managed to enhance our village & improve its biodiversity value, instead of deducting from it. We would like to see a space which benefits both the community and nature, a quiet sanctuary for all.

The thought is to section the space into a variety of areas: an orchard, a wild meadow, a pond, natural seating area, and perhaps a small community garden full of herbs and other fruit and vegetables. We would, however, like to offer Creigiau community the chance to decide what we want for our village; we therefore encourage everyone to be creative and come up with their

own ideas for the space so that we may make the space functional for everyone. If we manage to gain a licence over Parc y Fro green space, we would ask that it becomes a community project, utilising the skills of Creigiau community to build and develop the space.

Please get in touch with Rachel Innes, Amanda Thorpe or the Creigiau Community Instagram page if you would like to be involved with this project.

Rachelelnnes@outlook.com

Amandathorpe@btinternet.com

To follow the process of this green space, go to our Instagram account: @CreigiauCommunity

MAN GWYRDD PARC Y FRO

Man gwyRDD Parc y Fro yw'r lle mwyaf gwyRDD allan o lawer sydd o amgylch pentref Creigiau. Mae'n rhedeg o stryd Parc y Fro at y llwybr gyferbyn a'r cwrs golff.



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CHILDREN and PLAY

CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY



Many of us remember playing very freely and easily outdoors all day long, only returning home to eat. However, in recent times, there have been concerns that the current generation of children may not be experiencing the same level of free play opportunities and that we may have trained them a bit too well to 'keep off the grass'.

Cardiff Council has given us the signs above to place on some key open public spaces to make it clear that children have the right to play. That is not an invitation to cause disturbance or a nuisance, but it is to be an encouragement to families and children that they have a right to play.

So please look out for these signs going up. We are the first Cardiff area to receive them. It is an experiment and is simply meant to be a gentle encouragement that it is OK to be playing on the public grass and not meant to offend in anyway.

PLAYDAY

Playday is the national day for play in the UK, traditionally held on the first Wednesday in August.

Playday 2021 will be celebrated on Wednesday 4 August.

The theme for this year's Playday is Summer of Play.

The Playday 2021 theme recognises the challenges children and young people have faced over the past year and the need to enjoy time for play free of restrictions, with their friends, having fun.

Whilst Playday is the national day for play in the UK, this year, Play Wales is encouraging families, carers, and communities to help children enjoy a Summer of Play.

To discuss creative ways you can celebrate a Summer of Play and Playday in your community, or for information about establishing a local Play Forum please get in touch with Paula at Play Wales – communityplay@playwales.org.uk

COMMUNITY COUNCIL WORKING WITH PLAY WALES

A Zoom meeting was held by Community Councillors from Creigiau, Gwaelod and Pentyrch, in early April with Play Wales and representatives from local children's organisations to discuss issues and initiatives for children and young people in 2021. Play Wales are going to be running their Play Ambassador programme in our community this summer. This is an introductory training course for those wanting to gain a better understanding of the importance of children's play and how playworkers work with children. This course is accredited and is aimed at:

- Staff working with children and would like to build their knowledge about play
- Volunteer in a play setting
- Parents

Play Wales gave a presentation on their latest project which could be very topical for our communities. Play Wales are wanting to encourage and support parents and other community members to campaign for good neighbourhood-based play opportunities.

Play Wales will provide help and practical information about how to campaign for play in our local areas.

For further information on both the Play Ambassador Scheme and setting up a play campaign, please contact Paula Harris at paula@playwales.org.uk

COMMUNITY PLAY AMBASSADORS PROJECT

Campaigning for play in your area Play Wales is the national charity for children's play in Wales. We raise awareness of every child's need – and right – to play.

Our Community Play Ambassador project will soon be working with partners to deliver staffed outdoor play sessions for children in your area. As part of the project, we want to help parents and other community members to campaign for good neighbourhood-based play opportunities.

We are hoping to work with you to establish a Play Forum to enable neighbourhoods to be play friendly by providing training, help and practical information about how to campaign for play in your local area.



CREIGIAU PLAYGROUND

There has probably been disappointment and frustration with the minimalist nature of the recent upgrade of the play equipment in Creigiau (and at the time of publishing, some of which has already been removed and not yet returned).

With thanks to Gavin Hill John and the Head of Cardiff Parks, Cardiff Council have stated that they would be receptive to a partnership approach should the community in Creigiau wish to help fundraise for additional play equipment.

The model for this has already been successful in Pentyrch where grants and community events helped to fundraise for additional play equipment. This is something we have wanted for some time, and although not ideal that it is the community that might have to help raise the finances, we are the sort of village that is more than capable of making this happen.

Thoughts, enthusiasm and volunteers needed: please contact amanda.thorpe@pentyrch.cc

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KEEP CREIGIAU TIDY

WILD & POLLINATING FLOWERS

Working safely and apart, we have begun the task of sowing and planting a range of flowers in a number of beds in verges within the village. Not an easy task, but hopefully, we and the insect community will see the benefits in a few months' time.



Within Cardiff, there has been a lot of interest in asking Councils to mow and spray less to help boost biodiversity in a very easy, low-cost manner. We hope our beds will help, in a small way, with this albeit, Cardiff Council seemed to have sprayed our flower beds with weedkiller the week before. Any other organisations wanting to get involved with more community gardening, please do not hesitate as the more flowers the better, surely.

DROP OFF POINT FOR FOOD BANK DONATIONS AT CHURCH HALL

Thanks to a lovely resident, Heather, we have a lovely waterproof chest for the foodbank donations outside, at Creigiau Church Hall.

In the past few months, Keep Creigiau Tidy volunteers have been donating all the collected food and toiletries to Feeding Fairwater, a local, neighbouring community foodbank who say, that sadly, there is still a high demand from local residents.

With thanks as always, to the Church Hall team for allowing us to use their grounds as it is a lovely central location.

LINKING IN WITH RADYR

Keep Wales Tidy acted as a match maker and linked us with a group of residents who want to form a Keep Radyr Tidy group and were wanting 'top tips' in terms of administration, insurance and self-organisation of litter picks. In keeping with the current times, a Zoom video meeting was held and as well as meeting fellow pickers in Radyr, good discussions were held on the litter problem along Llantrisant Road that travels along both our communities.

SAVING THE FOOTPATHS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The footpaths group have continued documenting issues with paths within the wider PCC area. Now, more than 40 Condition Reports have been submitted to Cardiff Council highlighting issues & providing photographic records of the footpath infrastructure and problems.

A TEAMS meeting was held with Ramblers Cymru who have offered to support us with the ambition of documenting some of our useful footpaths in a guided walk booklet similar to those done elsewhere in Llantrisant and Pontyclun. When lockdown measures ease, we have an even bigger ambition of working with Ramblers Cymru to repair those footpaths that are in need of a little community volunteer action.

Several people have contacted us through llwybrtoed@gmail.com with footpath concerns, and more are welcome.

We continue to work with Penrhys Pilgrimage Way Project team with their aspiration of installing heritage information boards along the route, including Creigiau.

REPURPOSING THE PHONE BOX

With thanks to Garth Rotary, BT, Community Heartbeat Trust and Pentyrch Community Council for helping the community 'upcycle' the redundant phone box in the village into a defibrillator station. It has been deep cleaned (thank you) and bilingual signs deployed to bring an unloved asset back into critical use,

LITTER PICKING

We are still doing small solo and household litter picking and hopefully keeping on top of the worse of the mess. Our group community picks are still paused, but the increasing optimism and easing of lockdown rules means that we will be looking to resume the community picks in the summer. In the meantime, anyone wanting to do a litter pick and in need of equipment, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us (amanda.thorpe@btinternet.com). We are currently noticing an increase in broken glass in key play areas and the dog poo bags remain a blight.

A big thank you, diolch, to all the volunteers who are currently litter picking for us all. It would be so much worse if not for you.

SPRING BULBS



Last Autumn, we planted a large volume of bulbs, some purchased by ourselves and some donated by the Community Council and from local community networks.

Hopefully, during the Spring, the increase in spring flowers in the village has been a pleasing sight from daffodils at the Recreation field to irises, grape hyacinths and tulips in the community planters.



Any ideas or help with continuing the programme to increase the volume of spring flowers in the community, especially for new locations, please don't hesitate to say and/or get involved.

CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

To all Companions, I say look forward with great fortitude. The pandemic will end, and we will once again be able to meet with an interesting programme to stimulate and entertain us. As difficult as it is, we must be patient. Even when our political leaders give us the nod that meetings can begin again, there may well be a delay, as matters such as sterilising furniture and tables after meetings will need to be resolved. But meet we will, and, hopefully, become stronger for what we, like all others, have experienced during the pandemic.

Unfortunately, a few of our members have died, and we will remember them when we meet again.

John Gough

CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

On 21st October 2019, Pentyrch Community Council unanimously agreed to join with Welsh Government and other councils across the UK in declaring a global climate emergency. The Community Council has a core purpose to protect the wellbeing of its community, and this includes a responsibility to be proactive in responding to the threats posed by climate change as well as enabling real and meaningful reductions in carbon emissions.

What do you do in the face of an emergency? The Covid pandemic has certainly been the greatest emergency the UK has faced since the Second World War. Governments in London and Cardiff responded to the pandemic by taking unprecedented powers to control the population and spending vast sums of money to meet the challenge. So how does their response to the 'climate emergency' compare?

That question was the focus of a recent discussion hosted by the Community Council's Wellbeing and Climate Change Group. It brought together councillors and individuals with a common concern but sometimes different perspectives. Councillor Amanda Thorpe was the driving force behind the declaration of a climate emergency and is keen to encourage cooperation between the community council and the wider community in Creigiau, Capel Llanilltern, Gwaelod y Garth and Pentyrch.

Greta Thunberg, the young Swedish climate campaigner sees it very clearly. She says, 'The house is on fire' and demands action to save the planet for her own and future generations. For her and many others the stark fact is that humanity is facing a climate & ecological emergency.

Faced with this global emergency and dependence on the world's governments to take action, what does it mean for a small local body such as Pentyrch Community Council to 'declare' a climate emergency. And what can people living in that community do in response to this global challenge – either jointly or as individuals?

At the recent April online meeting, a range of possible initiatives were discussed, which could involve the council, the community and individuals in positive action to improve the local environment and support the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill. The Community Council and its Wellbeing & Climate Change Working Group would welcome suggestions and wants to encourage more people to get involved. If you are interested or have ideas to put forward, or would be interested in an online community meeting, please get in touch (amanda.thorpe@pentyrch.cc) and we would welcome contributions to subsequent editions of the Community Link.

PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE FROM SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS

James Stewart

James Stewart has lived in Gwaelod y Garth for the last 12 years, after moving back to the Cardiff area from Pembrokeshire. While in the west he was involved with Transition Bro Gwaun, a group focusing on local action to address the climate challenge. They have achieved a lot in the last 15 years and their landmark project is the community wind turbine which stands on a hill above Fishguard generating clean electricity and funds for other environmental initiatives. It's a group in the tradition of local, self-help ventures in Wales from chapels to miners' institutes, from the national university to Caerphilly Miners Hospital. Another inspirational project, which might be relevant to the Garth area, is Welcome To Our Woods, based on community woodlands in the Rhondda.

Other community initiatives that we could consider include:

- Reducing traffic and emissions - encouraging car sharing (especially on school runs); improved local bus services; traffic calming and full 20mph zones to encourage walking and cycling; provision of a 'Next Bike' pick-up (perhaps at Taffs Well station); establishment of Amazon 'drop-off' lockers in the villages to cut down on van traffic.
- Energy – solar panels on schools; possible hydro generation on mountain streams; explore potential for community wind generation; sharing information on reducing air pollution (e.g. from wood stoves).
- Waste & recycling – press for separation of recyclables; mobile skips to villages to cut traffic to distant recycling centres.
- Conservation – opportunities in council-owned woodland (see Welcome To Our Woods) and on Garth Mountain; promote planting for pollinators on common ground and in gardens.

Stephen Axe

Stephen Axe from Pentyrch has been actively involved in the local environment litter picking and more recently, focusing on the state of local footpaths, which are so important for people's physical and mental health – especially during the pandemic.

Stephen believes that action in response to the Climate emergency must be an individual, local and a National responsibility. Individuals must become conscious of the carbon footprint of their own actions and choose to reduce this. For example, choosing rail travel to their ski resorts rather than flying, or selecting an energy provider that supports only renewable energy resources. We can influence the National response through our votes and making our elected representatives know what we want them to do and tell them when they make the wrong choices. We cannot complain about what they do if we are not willing to engage at the time when decisions are being made. At a local level, we can work together to implement changes. So let's get the conversation started and work together.

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NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

On Tuesday, 23rd March, we observed a minute silence at 12pm. The National Day of Reflection served to mark one year since the country first went into lockdown. This day of thought and consideration was organised by the charity Marie Curie and invited people to come together to remember those who have died during the coronavirus pandemic and to give thanks for their lives, and to support those who've been bereaved. It was also a day of hope, in which we looked ahead together towards a future beyond the pandemic. Many classes made some beautiful craft work to mark this special day.



DIWRNOD CENEDLAETHOL O FIFYRDOD

Ar y 23ain o Fawrth cawsom funud o dawelwch am 12yp. Cymeron ni ran mewn Diwrnod Cenedlaethol o Fyfyrdod i nodi union flwyddyn ers i bobl gael eu cynghori i aros adref wrth i gyfyngiadau llym gael eu cyflwyno i'r wlad. Yr elusen Marie Curie drefnodd y diwrnod hwn o feddwl a myfyrdod gan wahodd pobl i ddod ynghyd i gofio'r rhai a fu farw yn ystod y pandemig ac i ddiolch am eu bywydau, ac i gefnogi'r rhai sydd mewn profedigaeth. Roedd hefyd yn ddiwrnod o obaith, lle edrychwn ni ymlaen gyda'n gilydd tuag at ddyfodol y tu hwnt i'r pandemig. Creuodd llawer o ddisbarthiadau waith crefft hyfryd i nodi'r diwrnod arbennig hwn.



Class 5 enjoying the Scooters



SCOOTERS

Recently we received a set of 10 scooters and a set of scooter lesson plans from Cardiff Council's Road Safety & Training Team. Year 5 had an opportunity to trial the scooters and lesson plans. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Each class will in turn have the opportunity to use the scooters on the school yard.

THE FRUITFUL ORCHARDS PROJECT

After the Easter holiday Dosbarth 4 and 5 went out onto the school field to plant fruit trees. We have signed up to National Resources Wales' The Fruitful Orchards Project. They sent us free fruit trees to create our own orchard. The project provides opportunities to improve children's connection with nature while also increasing biodiversity by creating new habitats with food for birds and insects. We look forward to seeing our trees grow.



PROSIECT PERLLANNAU FFRWYTHLON

Ar ôl i ni ddychwelyd i'r ysgol wedi gwyliau'r Pasg aeth Dosbarth 4 a 5 allan ar gae'r ysgol i blannu coed ffrwythau. Rydym wedi ymuno â Phrosiect Perllannau Ffrwythlon Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru. Derbyniwn ni goed ffrwythau am ddim i greu ein perllan ein hunain. Mae'r prosiect yn darparu cyfleoedd i wella cysylltiad plant â natur, tra hefyd yn cynyddu bioamrywiaeth drwy greu cynefinoedd newydd gyda bwyd i adar a phryfed. Edrychwn ymlaen at weld ein coed yn tyfu.

PC CERI CROSS

Dosbarth 3 pupils enjoyed an Online Safety session with PC Ceri Cross, our School Community Police Officer. The pupils all agreed that the lesson was very useful and informative.

SGWTERI

Yn ddiweddar cawsom set o 10 sgwter a set o gynlluniau gwersi sgwter gan Dîm Diogelwch a Hyfforddiant Ffyrdd Cyngor Caerdydd. Cafodd Blwyddyn 5 gyfle i dreialu'r sgwteri a'r cynlluniau gwersi i ddechrau. Mwynheuon nhw'r profiad yn fawr. Bydd pob dosbarth yn eu tro yn cael y cyfle i ddefnyddio'r sgwteri ar iard yr ysgol.

RED NOSE DAY

We had a bright and colourful day in March celebrating Red Nose Day/ Comic Relief. We also had a lot of fun and laughed a lot at everyone's jokes! We raised an amazing £504.18 for the charity.



Class 1 on Red Nose Day!



Dosbarth 3 looking colourful on Red Nose Day!

DIWRNOD TRWYN COCH

Cawsom ddiwrnod lliwgar a llachar ym mis Mawrth yn dathlu Diwrnod Trwynau Coch. Cawsom lawer o hwyl a buon ni'n chwervthin llawer ar jôcs pawb! Casglon ni £504.18 i'r elusen - gwych!



Dosbarth 1 on Red Nose Day

CINDERELLA'S BALL

Reception and Derbyn classes celebrated the end of Spring term by holding a Cinderella Ball! They all had lots of fun!



Reception Class enjoying Cinderella's Ball!

HAVING FUN ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

As the weather improved and the sun shone the pupils have enjoyed playing with their classmates on the school field. They are kept safely in their class bubble due to the generosity of our parents and carers donating to the Friends of The School fundraising activities. We have purchased dividers/barriers which we have used to divide the field into five zones. Many thanks to the Friends of the School and all our families.



Having fun on the school field!

HWYL A SBRI AR GAE'R YSGOL

Wrth i'r tywydd gynhesu mae'r disgyblion wedi bod wrth eu boddau yn chwarae gyda'u cyd-ddisgyblion ar gae'r ysgol. Fe'u cedwir yn ddiogel yn eu swigen dosbarth oherwydd haelioni ein rhieni a gofawyr yn cyfrannu at weithgareddau codi arian Cyfeillion yr Ysgol. Rydym wedi prynu rhwystrau er mwyn rhannu'r cae yn bum parth. Diolch yn fawr i Gyfeillion yr Ysgol a'n holl deuluoedd.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS

Since returning to school in March many classes have participated in virtual workshops and presentations. Year 6 pupils participated in the annual Crucial Crew workshops. Crucial Crew is a multi agency approach to passing on safety messages to Year 6 pupils prior to their progression to secondary education; Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating in a Henry Tudor workshop; Year 3 pupils enjoyed Celtic and Roman workshops presented by St. Fagans' Learning Department.

GWEITHDAI/CYFLWYNIADAU RHITHWIR

Ers dychwelyd i'r ysgol ym mis Mawrth mae llawer o ddosbarthiadau wedi cymryd rhan mewn rhith-weithdai a chyflwyniadau. Cymerodd disgyblion Blwyddyn 6 ran yn y gweithdy Criw Hanfodol blynyddol. Dull aml-asiantaeth yw Criw Hanfodol o drosglwyddo negeseuon diogelwch i ddisgyblion Blwyddyn 6 cyn iddynt symud ymlaen i addysg uwchradd. Mwynheuodd disgyblion Blwyddyn 4 weithdy Harri Tudur a mwynheuodd disgyblion Blwyddyn 3 weithdai Celtaidd a Rhufeinig gan Adran Addysg Sain Ffagan.

DAWNS SINDERELA

Dathlodd dosbarthiadau Derbyn a Reception ddiwedd tymor y Gwanwyn trwy gynnal Dawns Sinderela. Am hwyll!



Derbyn having fun in Cinderella's Ball!

CARDIFF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

In April many classes participated in Cardiff Children's Literature Festival. Cardiff Children's Literature Festival is an exciting, annual event aimed predominantly at children from ages 3-12. Since 2013, the festival's goal has been to help create lifelong readers and so, each year they put together a packed programme of authors, illustrators and workshops to entertain and enthuse children about reading. Class 3 and Dosbarth 3 enjoyed a session with the author and comedian Ben Miller who read and discussed his book 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale'. Class 6 and Dosbarth 6 enjoyed a session with the author Cath Howe who discussed her books 'Ella on the Outside' and 'How to be Me'. Class 1 joined other schools across Cardiff in an online session with the author Simon James Green and illustrator Garry Parsons. Class 1 asked them where they got their story ideas from for 'Llama Glamarama' and they told them that ideas are all around us. Class 1 just have to look and listen out for them! Class 1 pupils were also the first children in the world to hear their new story 'Fabulous Frankie' which is being released in June. Many thanks to Cardiff Children's Literature Festival for giving our pupils these valuable experiences.

Gŵyl Llenyddiaeth Plant Caerdydd

Ym mis Ebrill cymerodd nifer o ddosbarthiadau ran yng Ngŵyl Llenyddiaeth Plant Caerdydd. Mae Gŵyl Llenyddiaeth Plant Caerdydd yn ddigwyddiad cyffrous, blynyddol sydd wedi'i anelu'n bennaf at blant rhwng 3 a 12 oed. Ers 2013, nod yr ŵyl fu helpu i greu darllenwyr gydol oes ac felly, bob blwyddyn maent yn llunio rhaglen orlawn o awduron, darlunwyr a gweithdai i ddifyrru ac ennyn brwdfrydedd plant am ddarllen. Mwynheuodd disgyblion Dosbarth 3 a Class 3 sesiwn gyda'r awdur a'r digrifwr Ben Miller a ddarllenodd a thrafododd ei lyfr 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale'. Fe fwynheuodd Dosbarth 6 a Class 6 sesiwn gyda'r awdur Cath Howe a drafododd ei llyfrau 'Ella on the Outside' a 'How to be Me'. Ymunodd Class 1 ag ysgolion eraill ledled Caerdydd mewn sesiwn ar-lein gyda'r awdur Simon James Green a'r darlunydd Garry Parsons. Disgyblion Class 1 hefyd oedd y plant cyntaf yn y byd i glywed eu stori newydd 'Fabulous Frankie' sy'n cael ei rhyddhau ym mis Mehefin. Diolch i Wyl Llenyddiaeth Plant Caerdydd am roi'r profiadau gwerthfawr yma i'n disgyblion.

NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK 2021

Many classes participated in New Directions' biggest ever online sign language lesson to support National Sign Language Week 2021. The pupils spent an hour learning basic sign language and the lesson finished with everyone signing Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World'.



IT has been brilliant to have all our children back at Pentyrch Primary School! It's been an incredibly busy few weeks with lots of wellbeing activities to ease children back into school life. There's been lots of fun and laughter and a hugely enjoyable Red Nose Day. Well done to everyone!



DAFAD made an incredible discovery when they unearthed three dragon eggs when they came back to school. They took their golden find inside to keep warm and waited patiently for mummy and daddy dragon to return! Children have also been busy painting colourful pebbles to take pride of place on the school's new Snake Trail!



CREATIVE juices have been flowing as Maes found out all about Wales on their return to school. Children researched famous Welsh people and produced art work based on Susie Grindey! The class have been also celebrating their achievements again this term, identifying what has gone really well for them. Well done everyone, you have been working so hard!



BRONLLWYN have also been getting to know each other again after the lockdown with lots of team building exercises and outdoor activities! Children have also been using directional language to navigate their classmates around the school using compass points!

CATWG just couldn't wait to get back in class when Key Stage Two returned to school! After catching up on their lockdown experiences, Mrs Bates challenged children with team-building tasks to test their resilience!



GARTH was full of excitement when children returned to school! Imaginative minds soon created literary tales and solved mathematical puzzles! Year 6 also undertook a Cycling Proficiency course, even riding around Pentyrch village to test their new-found safety skills!

More information on our website:- pentyrchprimary.com

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- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
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- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available
- **Protect the environment**
- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- take care with BBQs and do not light fires
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance
- **Enjoy the outdoors**
- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

Y COD CEFN GWLAD

Eich canllaw ar gyfer mwynhau ein parciau a'n dyffrydd, ein harfordir a'n cefn gwlad.

Parchwch bawb

- byddwch yn ystyriol o'r rhai sy'n byw yng nghefn gwlad, yn gweithio ynddo ac yn ei fwynhau
- gadewch giatiau ac eiddo fel yr oeddent
- peidiwch â rhwystro mynediad i giatiau neu dramwyfeydd wrth barcio
- byddwch yn gyfeillgar, dywedwch helo, rhannwch y gofod
- dilynwch arwyddion lleol a chadwch at lwybrau wedi'u marcio oni bai bod mynediad ehangach ar gael

Diogelwch yr amgylchedd

- ewch â'ch sbwriel adref – peidiwch â gadael unrhyw ôl o'ch ymweliad
- cymerwch ofal gyda barbeciws a pheidiwch â chynnau tanau
- cadwch gŵn dan reolaeth ac yn y golwg bob amser
- baw cŵn – bagiwch a biniwch – bydd unrhyw fin gwastraff cyhoeddus yn gwneud y tro
- gofawch am natur – peidiwch ag achosi difrod nac aflonyddwch

Mwynhewch yr awyr agored

- cadarnhewch eich llwybr a'r amodau lleol

CREIGIAU TENNIS CLUB

Well at last groups, coaching, team matches, can all resume again. Brilliant news.

We have started a mix in morning on Thursday mornings between 10am to 12pm, this is for both men and women, please come and join us.

We have Ladies evening on Tuesdays and Men's on Thursday evenings.

Tom our coach has pay and play on Wednesday at 6pm until 7pm and Squad training at 7pm until 8pm.

He runs after school group lessons, and is available for group and single lessons.

We have a Ladies Summer and Winter Team, a mixed Team, and for the first time in a long time we have entered a Mens summer league team, so we will be looking for men who want to play league tennis. We are a friendly club, looking for new members, so come and give us try.

If you have any questions or for membership Contact Trudi on 029 20890036 / 07768386119

Tom for coaching information on 07702788713 Trudi Evans Chair/Membership Secretary.

- cynlluniwch eich antur – dylech wybod beth i'w ddisgwyl a beth allwch chi ei wneud
- mwynhewch eich ymweliad, gan gael hwyll a chreu atgofion



All Stars
Gymnastics Club

ALL STARS GYMNASTICS CLUB

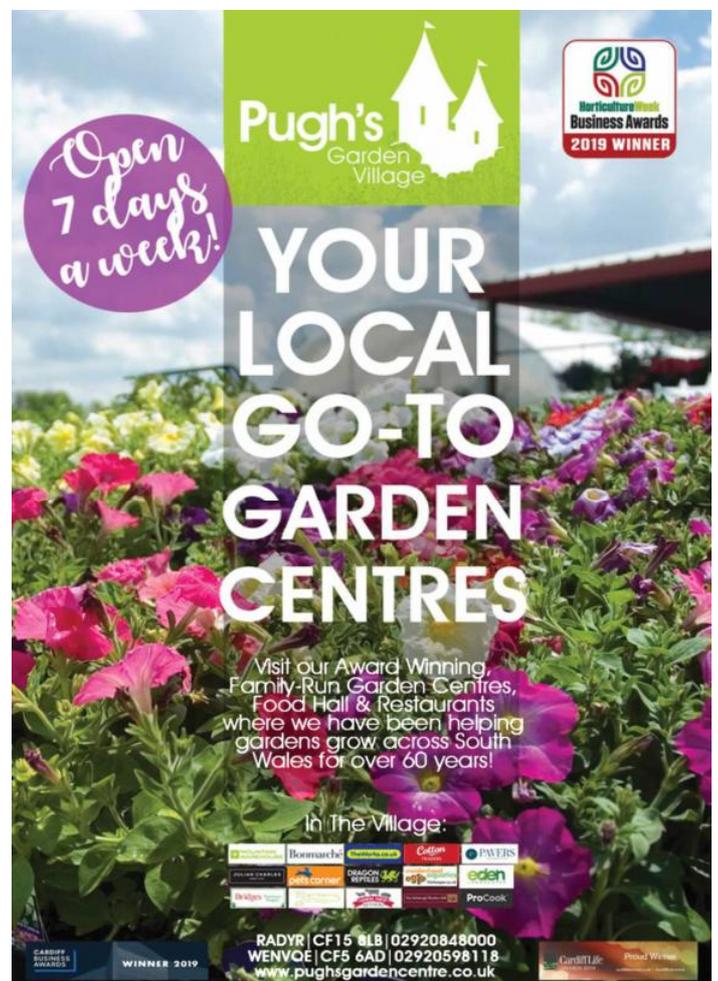
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- PRE-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS - MON AND FRI DAYTIME**
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QUARRY DANGERS



Since recommencing activities at the quarry we have observed a significant amount trespass at the site and have had to turn around mainly teenagers but also a number of dog walkers. The quarry is not a safe place to play or walk through and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the hazards that exist inside the quarry boundary.

Many people are unaware of the hazards associated with open water such as quarry lagoons and reservoirs. Every year members of the public are killed in water related accidents at quarries, predominantly these are teenagers or young adults engaging in what they perceive as harmless fun. They do not understand 'cold water shock' the reflex inhalation when plunged into cold water or the impact that the cold water in quarries will have on their ability to swim. 'Cold water shock', deep water, sudden changes in depth, the difficulty in exiting water when there are steep or unstable sides, hidden obstacles beneath the surface are some of the hazards that result in people getting into difficulty. Please ensure that if you have teenagers or children, they are not going to sites like Creigiau Quarry there are other places where people

can enjoy water-based activities safely. Please take notice of warning signs that are there to help protect you, ensure that you do not enter the site unauthorised and never leave children unsupervised. Share the water safety messages on the websites of RNLI, RLSS and the Stay Safe Stay Out of Quarries Facebook page. Remember if you do get into difficulty in water that floating on your back is a lifesaving technique and allows time for others to get help to you.

<https://www.facebook.com/StaySafeStayOutOfQuarries/>
Security around the quarry is being improved as part of the ongoing development of the site, I would appreciate any assistance that can be provided in getting the message out that the quarry is not a safe place to play.
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PENTYRCH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY, CYMDEITHAS HANES LLEOL, PENTYRCH A'R CYLCH

I don't think any of us expected this time last year that we would still be unable to hold meetings but there is light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully we will be able to reconvene in the autumn, if not sooner. It will be wonderful to see everyone again in person.

If you are interested in the history of our local area and have any queries, please feel free to contact us. Our website is: www.pentyrchlocalhistory.wordpress.com where you will find full details of our publications the Garth Domain which are a series of booklets compiled by our sorely missed late Chairman Don Llewellyn describing local people and places as they were. Copies of all of these are available digitally and we have hard copies available of most of the editions.

We also have copies of our book of old photos of Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth.

Contact us via the website or email pentyrchistory@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!

GOOD TO BE BACK

We are proud to have been recognised by the National Lottery for our efforts to make the Club more environmentally sustainable. The National Lottery produced a short video to showcase our work. If you haven't seen it, please take a look on our website www.pentyrchrugby.co.uk. A flurry of media interest followed, including interviews with Radio Cymru, commercial radio, and a handful of articles published across the UK.

It's also been great to see friends new and old enjoying rugby training and patio drinks after such a long hibernation.

Particular thanks to the coaches and team managers, from U7s to Seniors, that have been doing a great job of delivering engaging, safe, and enjoyable training sessions.

Friday and Saturday evening have been highlights. Brilliant to see many of our M&J parents having a well earned Friday night drink after training.

On 1 May, our Saturday touch rugby players tucked into locally sourced burgers alongside a refreshing drink or two.

All in all, it's great to be back at the Club. It's been a good start to what we hope will be a special summer. Further details of some of the events

DA BOD YN ÔL

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Mae hefyd wedi bod yn wych gweld ffrindiau hen a newydd yn mwynhau ymarfer rygbi a diodydd patio ar ôl gaeafgysgu mor hir.

Diolch yn arbennig i'r hyfforddwyr a'r rheolwyr tîm, o'r plant dan saith i'r dynion hyn, sydd wedi bod yn gwneud gwaith gwych o ddarparu sesiynau hyfforddi deniadol, diogel a difyr.

Mae nos Wener a nos Sadwrn wedi bod yn uchafbwyntiau. Gwych gweld llawer o'n rhieni M&J yn cael diod nos Wener haeddiannol ar ôl hyfforddi.

Ar 1 Mai, mwynhaodd ein chwaraewyr rygbi cyffwrdd fyrgyrs o ffynonellau lleol ochr yn ochr â diod neu ddau adfywiol.

Ar y cyfan, mae'n wych bod yn ôl yn y

we have planned will be released soon - keep an eye on the website and social media.

Thanks to everyone that's been supporting us - see you again soon.

Clwb. Mae wedi bod yn ddechrau da i'r hyn rydyn ni'n gobeithio fydd yn haf arbennig. Bydd manylion pellach am rai o'r digwyddiadau rydyn ni wedi'u cynllunio yn cael eu rhyddhau cyn bo hir - cadwch lygad ar y wefan a'r cyfryngau cymdeithasol.

Diolch i bawb sydd wedi bod yn ein cefnogi - gwelwch chi eto yn fuan.

CANTORION CREIGIAU SINGERS

Cantorion Creigiau Singers like many other choirs and music groups are patiently waiting for the day when restrictions are lifted and they can safely meet together again to sing, rehearse and socialise.

The Committee continue to meet monthly on Zoom and are hoping for a possible social outdoors gathering with safety distancing when restrictions allow.

If you are new to the village- we are a mixed choir and before Covid restrictions we met Sunday evenings 7.30pm-9.00pm in Creigiau Golf Club (upstairs room) with the option of socialising in the bar downstairs afterwards. We have given many concerts to raise money for charity and hope to continue to do so. New members are welcome- no auditions -just a desire to sing! When we return to rehearsals at the Golf Club just arrive by 7.30pm and you will be welcomed. A further update will be in the next Community Link.

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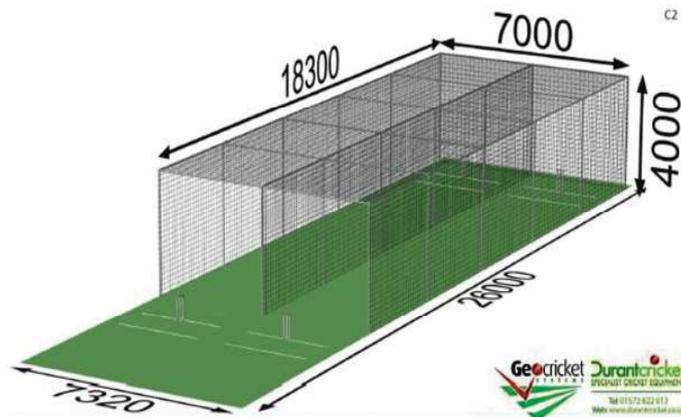
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**Creigiau Cricket Club:
Fundraising For New Training Facilities**



Creigiau Cricket Club have been busy during the winter putting plans in place for Cricket to return to the Recreation Ground from May onwards. The club, an early adopter of All Star and Women's soft ball cricket has seen membership swell recently as new members have enjoyed sunny evenings learning the game. Due to the increased membership, the clubs training facilities have come under strain and require long-term investment to expand capacity. The club have received a significant grant from Sports Wales with the backing of Cricket Wales to develop a brand-new, two-lane training facility. The project will be majority funded by the Sports Wales grant and the club will be crowdfunding the balance through our Just Giving page. If you would like to support the cricket club and the wider community through donating to our brand new England and Wales Cricket Board accredited facility, please visit our link



(www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/creigiaucricketclub) or contact Chairman Ben Taylor (bentaylor_45@hotmail.com). We hope to see many new and returning faces come the Summer with Girls Dynamo (8-11 age) and Women's training on Wednesday evenings and All Star (5-8 age), U9s, U11s and Senior training on Friday evenings. If you would like to join and play, please contact club captain Tomos Innes (tomosinnes28@gmail.com).

GWAELOD RANGERS FC

As youth football was able to resume as of March 2021, Gwaelod Rangers have been back in full swing training on Heol Berry in Gwaelod-y-Garth. Our teams have been playing their first friendly games for 2021, and getting ready for what will hopefully be a normal season for 2021/22, fingers crossed!



Our club is looking for new players to join from U6s to Youth Level, both boys and girls, as well as new volunteers to come and join us.

Being a volunteer, whether it is in a coaching capacity or just as a helper, is a great opportunity to give back to your local community. We have funding opportunities for volunteer coaches to do their FAW coaching qualifications. Whether you are looking for a volunteer opportunity for your Duke of Edinburgh Award, or recently retired and are looking for something to do, we are interested in hearing from you!

If you want to find out more about how you can get involved with the club, please contact our club secretary, Rhys Vanstone, at contact@gwaelodrangers.wales or come and check out our new website at www.gwaelodrangers.wales.

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I am getting ready to redo the pots and planters around the village – I know they go through an untidy phase but that is nature and we have to accept that. The photo

MERCHED Y WAWR

Mae ein cyfarfodydd rhithwir yn parhau ac rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn i'n hysgrifenyddion gweithgar am ddarparu ar ein cyfer. Ein gobaith yw y bydd modd i ni cyn bo hir gwrdd wyneb yn wyneb unwaith eto ond yn y cyfamser rydym yn elwa o allu ymuno mewn gweithgareddau lleol a rhanbarthol yn ogystal â chael cwmni aelodau canghennau eraill. Ddechrau'r flwyddyn braf oedd gallu croesawu Awen Iorwerth sy'n llawfeddyg orthopaedig a darlithydd clinigol atom a chlywed am ei gyrfa lwyddiannus a'r dylanwadau a fu arni. Cawsom gyfle yn ddiweddarach i gael cipolwg ar fywyd diddorol Lowri Roberts a Catrin Heledd sy'n ohebwy'r chwaraeon i'r BBC. Aeth Adam â ni i'r ardd a chawsom dreulio orig ddifyr yn clywed am ei ddull o arddio'n eco gyfeillgar ar ei randir toreithiog yng Ngorlas Sir Gaerfyrddin. A ninnau'n wynebu cyfnod anodd o ran cyfyngiadau, braf oedd cael

CREIGIAU W.I.

The members of Creigiau WI were delighted to discover that we are now allowed to have organised meetings of up to 30 people outdoors, and following strict Covid guidelines.

We are planning regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. We started with a social afternoon in our President's garden on May 11th. June 8th will be a friendly Boules match in the Creigiau Recreation Ground 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and July 13th will be a lunchtime bar-b-q in the President's garden. All fingers and toes are crossed for some nice warm weather!!!

shows the plants awaiting their final planting – I only have a small garden and they take up most of the space so believe me when I say we do try to get everything done as soon as we can. We are hoping to do limited refreshments over the open gardens weekend – this may be in the form of takeaway if we cannot use the hall inside as a cafe. Many of the gardens have a seat where you can have your lunch and enjoy your surroundings. Cake donations will be very welcome. Sue Cragg is running Pop up plant sales in her garden in Cefn Bychan -these will be advertised on the Pentyrch Buy and Sell hub. Please contact me on 07787890284 if you want to join us or want more information. Helen Edwards

sesiwn Pilates gyda Mike Ebbsworth. Cawsom ein hatgoffa o bwysigrwydd cadw'n cyrff yn gryf a chytbwys a chynghorion gwerthfawr am ffyrdd syml o wneud hynny. Adweithgydd clinigol yw Nia Jones ac roedd ei chynghorion hithau'n amserol iawn. Cawsom awgrymiadau ar sut i gliro'r meddwl ac ymlacio'r corff er mwyn helpu i leihau tensiwn. Diddorol hefyd oedd gwranddo ar Cadi Matthews yn sôn am beth i'w wisgo wrth ddod allan o'r clo mawr a dechrau meddwl am ein wardrob ddiplad unwaith eto. Yn ogystal â hyn i gyd cawsom gyfle i ymuno mewn sesiynau crefft a gweithdai celf a dysgu sgiliau digidol gwerthfawr. Buom yn dathlu Dydd Gŵyl Dewi gyda the prynhawn rhithwir a chafwyd cyfle i ddathlu Diwrnod Rhyngwladol y Merched. Yn ogystal cawsom ein hannog i gadw'n heini drwy gofnodi'n camau yn yr ymgyrch Curo Corona'n Camu. Mae'r ddarpariaeth yn eang ac amrywiol iawn!

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER

Covid 19 means not a lot going on in organised village groups this summer, but when I was a boy, carnivals were a big part of Gwaelod's summer.



I've got a photo dated 1949 with a back-of-the-wagon-display of children dressed for the carnival queen's float. I look at them, happy as the sunny day, dangling their hands and legs over the edge, no rails apart from a bit of bunting, no thought of health and safety... and no one fell out! I'm wondering if anyone has memories of this carnival. I can't even remember the names of the children.



There's an old newspaper cutting in my family of another Gala. It was a Saturday afternoon, according to the paper. The photo shows the royal float as the Gwaelod y Garth Queen and her court pass in procession. Julie Wells was the Queen, my sister, Dawn Castle and Susie Jones stood on either side of her, Rosemary Roberts at the fore. It was a real Gwaelod day, organised by the Village Hall Trust. We've saved the picture but not the date. All part of our village history. We don't have a carnival now ... no one has the time - and expensive insurance is needed. Sad really. Childhood memories were made by those village events. Summers were always special. Never mind! We've got the Lan woods to walk through. Another kind of history. Doug Castle

PENTYRCH TENNIS CLUB

The new tennis season is underway and new members of all abilities will be made very welcome at the Pentyrch Tennis Club. Membership fees for 2021/22 have been reduced by 25% to compensate members for the court closure necessary at the last Covid Lockdown. This discount will also be extended to new members so if you are thinking of starting or resuming playing now is a good time to do so. Please visit our website at pentyrchtennis.co.uk for more details.

The three courts located immediately behind the Pentyrch Rugby Clubhouse have floodlights installed enabling all year playing, Doubles teams take part in the LTA South Wales Summer and Winter Leagues., The Summer Leagues will be held this Summer on a more localised basis with no promotion or relegation due to the Coronavirus but we anticipate the Winter Leagues will resume as normal in September,

The Pentyrch Tennis Coaching Programme with Tennisquad has also resumed following the easing of restrictions in Wales. Spearheaded by new lead coach Will Croft, junior sessions run on a Monday evenings during term times with players ranging from 5 - 17 years old. Some of the new sessions on offer include daytime Tots Tennis for age 3-4, and LTA Youth Start courses where children new to the game can try a 6 week course with an equipment pack of a racket, balls and t shirt included. Children's tennis camps are taking bookings for Whitsun half -term which are suitable for ages 6-11 of all tennis backgrounds and 1-1 coaching for both children and adults is available. For more information please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PentyrchLTC> or email Pentyrch@tennisquad.net.

The club and coaching team would also like to congratulate junior members Twm and Math Rogowski who represented Pentyrch at the recent LTA Junior Team Challenge event and performed with distinction.

GARTH GARDENERS, SPRING INTO SUMMER



Spring colour carpeted in forget-me-nots

Every year nature gives us a gentle progression of colours to lead us into the bright and colourful months of summer.

The excitement of seeing the first primroses, their yellow flowers shining out as harbingers of good things to come. Then the glossy celandines, popping up all around the garden, the mahonia flowers and the euphorbias and of course the daffodils, planted everywhere to lift the spirits.

White is also a spring colour, the woods are full of wood anemones and ramsons, the hedgerows white with blackthorn blossom (promising sloes later in the year). In our gardens apple trees are in blossom and magnolias in full flower. Then the bluebells arrive carpeting the woods, with forget-me-nots, muscari and camassia in the garden. In the hedgerows the first champions are showing deep pink and wisteria is starting to flower purple.

DYING GIANTS

I have a love hate affair with ash trees but it's a strange feeling watching a huge tree die. Ash die back must be a nightmare to cash-strapped councils - and our village has seen a fair amount of felling during past few months. I want to give a shout for the men who climb these diseased trees - bird men of sorts.



Watching from ground level it's a nerve wracking procedure. A recent felling adjacent to our boundary saw a tree surgeon getting ever higher climbing, cutting and hanging there in a dead tree for the entire day, not coming down for refreshment or rest. I take my hat off to him.

Ash die back is widespread. The fungal disease has spread across the country and is affecting many areas of Wales. Few of the ash trees in Georgetown are healthy now. Some fall, some await felling. The fungus attaches itself to the leaves and gradually spreads through the branches. Eventually the tree dies - but some fall before then. It's a source of concern where these trees are near foot paths or lanes. When I look at the ash handle of my hammers, my garden spades and woodworking tools, it's a real loss that the wood of felled ash trees is burned rather than used for tool making.

Tom Procter

PENTYRCH WI

As we have over 70 members, we have still not been able to meet all together since the pandemic began. However, we continue to keep in touch with our monthly newsletters and ZOOM meetings. The WI is all about Increasing knowledge and developing new skills, but who would have thought that even some of our oldest members would become technical experts! One of the advantages of ZOOM meetings is that we have been able to access interesting speakers from all over the country...including a facial Pilates class from Somerset and an insight into dairy farming from Leicestershire. We hope it won't be too long before we can resume our meetings at the village hall, but until then we shall continue to ZOOM on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in joining our vibrant organisation, please contact us at w.i.pentyrch@gmail.com

Although we have reduced our membership fee considerably this year, all members still have full access to WI LIFE (our national magazine) and the MY WI digital platform (for lifestyle content, news and resources) in addition to our own monthly meetings. As we emerge from these difficult times it would be lovely to see some new faces mix with our regular members.

Best wishes...Linda & Sue (presidents)

So, dig out your sunglasses, we will soon be into full colour summer glory after the more subtle colours of spring. We are now able to meet friends outside, so this is the time to make the most of our gardens.

We might not be able to meet as Garth Gardeners but the cycle of nature continues. Keep enjoying your (or somebody else's) garden and we hope to be able to meet before too long.

Don't forget to look at our website www.garthgardeners.wordpress.com, as a source of information and inspiration.

Denise James



Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch Summer Newsletter



CRIME

Lockdown has seen a distinct shift in the sort of crimes which occur. Whilst burglaries have declined Anti Social Behaviour has increased as have cases of domestic violence, a particularly distasteful crime. As we have gained more hard earned freedom so we have also seen a growth in off road motorbike offences. You are encouraged to report nuisance issues caused by off road bikers by contacting 101 or 'ORB'cardiff.gov.uk', opredmana@south-wales.pnn.police.uk. Please ensure you receive a crime reference number then tell us so we can try and follow it up.

CENOTAPH FOOTPATH

After 12 months of waiting, Cardiff Council has now responded to the request from the horse riding community to allow horses to access Pentyrch No 50 Footpath. This is the footpath behind the playground running between Cefn Buchan/Berthllwyd and Heol y Pentre. The (unsurprising) reasons given for rejecting the request are the inability to widen the footpath to allow walkers, dog walkers and horse riders to safely give way to each other. If a horse were startled and bolted there is insufficient space for 2 horses to pass each other and other users to move to a safe location. Another reason is the poor visibility for a horse rider to safely exit onto the pavement then Heol y Pentre. Given PNW has long argued that the 'new' footpath behind the cenotaph is considerably more narrow than Footpath No 50 it seems that we can now hopefully achieve another long awaited result of having the cenotaph footpath kept solely for walkers, dog walkers, young children and those using a buggy or mobility aid.

Car THEFTS

Car thefts or contents from a car are common. One car (not the same one) is stolen every 10 minutes. Shockingly 44% of cars are broken into via unlocked doors. 80% of car crime occurs during the evening or at night. We know that leaving valuables on display in a car is like a magnet to car thieves. Remember - leave your car locked, preferably near a light and empty.

SPEEDING

The volunteer speed safety team quickly established that Bronllwyn, Heol y Pentre and the less busy Lon y Fro are the worst roads for speeding in Pentyrch. We were very pleased to see that Pentyrch Community Council at its last meeting, agreed to write to County Councillor Gavin Hill John and GoSafe (the body responsible for speed checks) urging something to be done to remedy the problem on Heol y Pentre. No doubt at some stage villagers will need to show how strongly they feel about this.

FREE SCAM ALERTS

Fraudsters are bombarding the UK public with scams, ruthlessly exploiting events like the pandemic to catch us off guard. People are falling victim to scams by email, text, phone calls and social media. Scammers are stealing £billions. We need to stay alert. PNW is recommending you Google and sign up to the free 'WHICH? Scam Alerts' to receive regular email updates on the latest scams doing the rounds and, practical advice to keep you one step ahead of scammers. Friends and family can sign up too. This is a really worthwhile service.

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PARKING

The Lewis Arms new parking restrictions have certainly caught the attention of villagers. A key consequence of the change is where those visiting Acapela will now park. Pre Covid PNW had been seeking the installation of double yellow lines running from the Lewis Arms car park and around the bend where Acapela is located. This is because of cars parking on the pavement at the side of Acapela and on Heol y Pentre backing up to the corner with Heol Goch. This lazy, inconsiderate parking blocks the pavement and forces cars turning left out of Heol Goch onto Heol y Pentre into the middle of the road to avoid parked cars. Drivers are also unable to see oncoming traffic usually exceeding the 20mph limit as they pull out onto Heol y Pentre. We weren't successful in winning the support of our County Councillor on this issue but following a very helpful meeting with Acapela (pre Covid) we enlisted their support. Covid put a hold on things but as Cardiff Council moves towards working as 'normal', PNW and hopefully Acapela will be making representations to them to have the double yellow lines installed asap so reducing the risk of collisions.



A big effort by Chris Arnold and his team at Tyn y Coed woods clearing up broken glass and rusty metal.

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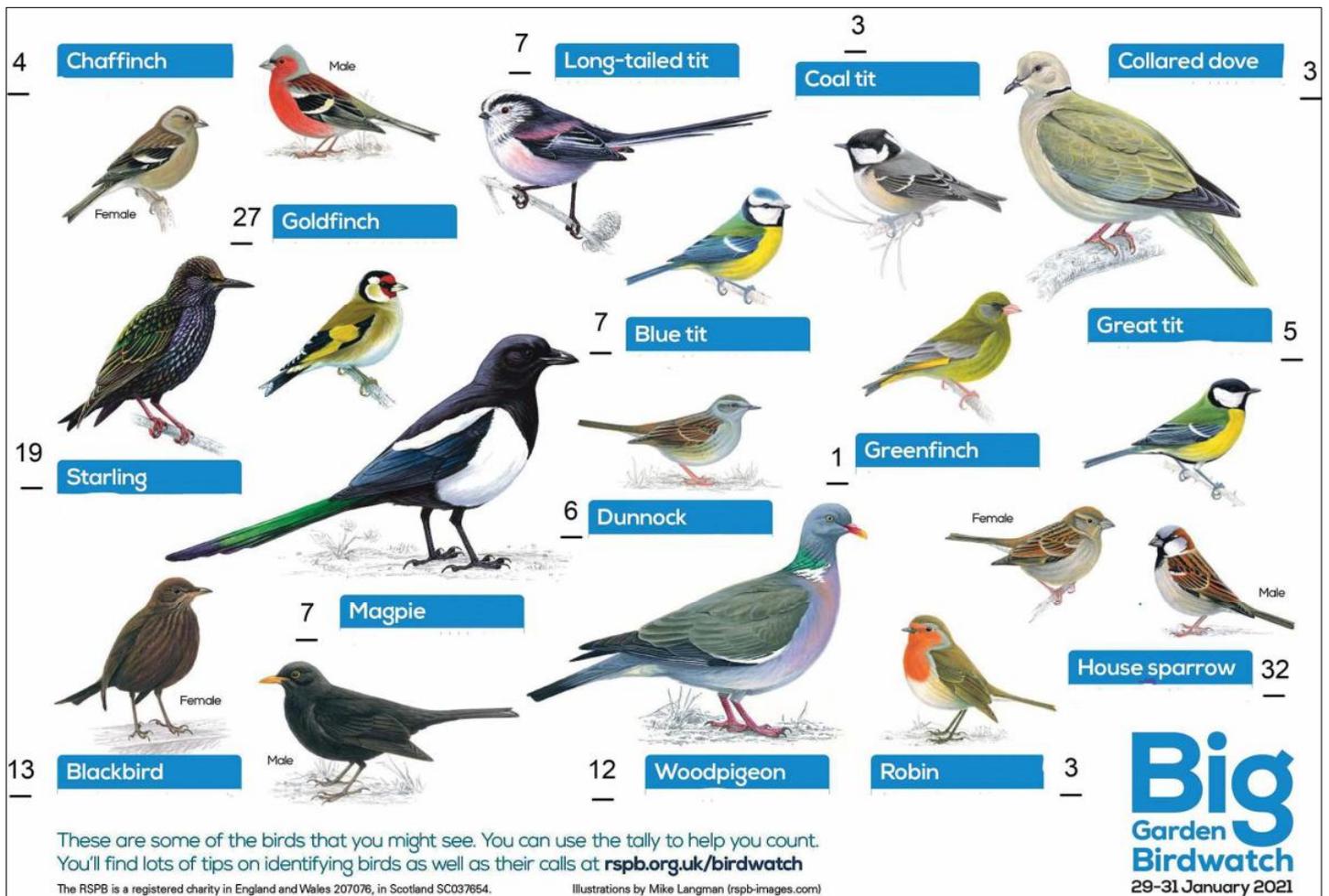
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THE RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH 2021

The Big Garden Bird Watch was held on 29th to 31st January. Between these dates' participants record the number of birds seen in their garden or from their balcony for one hour. This gives the RSPB valuable data of the welfare of birdlife in the UK. At present the RSPB has over forty years of information.

2021 has been an incredible year for Big Garden Birdwatch (BGBW). It comes as no surprise to learn that people across the UK are eager to find activities they can do from home, but the response has still been beyond all expectations. In April the final results showed that one million people took part across the UK with seventeen million birds being recorded!!

Nature has given us so much joy over a very difficult time and it has been uplifting to see people becoming captivated by the nature in their local areas.

Locally I have taken five reports from members in different locations in the Cardiff area to give you a snapshot of the different species seen.

From the illustration the most numerous birds are the House Sparrow at 32, followed by the Goldfinch at 27.

Other birds recorded were, 9 Jackdaw, 4 Carrion Crows, 1 Wren and 1 Song Thrush noted in various locations. Last but not least a Great Spotted Woodpecker seen in Caerphilly.

Viv Jenkins
RSPB Cardiff & District Group Leader

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Those of you who have been taking exercise in and around Pentyrch over the last few months will have seen these signs along your walks. Now as we come out of lockdown you can chuckle as you enjoy your walks. Thank you Dave Christopher for putting a smile on so many faces.



Dave said "It's been almost a year since I made the first one, a little extra to see if you've walked up the Garth Mountain. They are only a few pieces of old pallets, but they seem to make people smile which makes it worthwhile. Had I known then how many pictures were going to be taken I'd have thought of a hashtag to track them. I'm back to work full time now, so won't have enough time to make more.