

COMMUNITY LINK CWLWM BRO

www.pentyrch.cc



PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH
Gwanwyn Spring 2022
Rhif No. 115

working to improve our communities

PENTYRCH SKIER - INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

January saw 14 year old, Ffion Lewis from Creigiau being selected to the GB Children's Alpine Ski Team to compete at the 47th Pokal Loka youth international skiing event in Slovenia. Young athletes from all over the world are expected to race in both the slalom and GS disciplines over 2 days in February.

Ffion started skiing when she was just 3 years old whilst on family holidays to Austria. She joined Cardiff Ski Club a few years later and now spends most of the winter attending a race Academy in Austria, where she



combines ski race training with her studies, supported by Radyr Comprehensive School.

This is certainly a step closer to an Olympic selection in years to come, which would be a dream come true for Ffion and is testament to her hard work and commitment to the sport.

SANTA VISITS PENTYRCH



See more of Santa and his Elves on page 16.

I WANT TO STAND IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN MAY 2022 – WHAT DO I DO?

Cardiff Council runs the elections and has a website with all the information you need.

On the PCC's Elections page of its website is information about being a Councillor: www.pentyrch.cc

If you want to stand either as an independent or as a political party candidate in the Community Council elections in May 2022 the Electoral Commission has produced a booklet with guidance and a nomination form. This form has to be submitted following the key dates shown below.

- You can find this booklet at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/community-council-elections-wales.
- You can download the booklet from the Elections page of PCC's website.

You can use this QR.  If you are thinking of standing for election to Cardiff Council the information you will need can be found at www.beacouncillor.wales/how-do-i-become-a-councillor. PCC's Clerk will try to answer any queries – don't hesitate to ask.

Key Election Dates

Notice of Election	Friday 18 March 2022
Nomination period	Monday 21 March 2022 – Tuesday 5 April 2022 (9am – 4pm)
Deadline to appoint election agents	Tuesday 5 April 2022 – 5pm
Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated	Wednesday 6 April 2022
Publication of Notice of Poll and Situation of Polling Stations	Tuesday 26 April 2022
Deadline to register to vote	Thursday 14 April 2022 (midnight)
Deadline to apply or amend an existing postal vote	Tuesday 19 April 2022 (5pm)
Deadline to apply for a proxy vote	Tuesday 26 April 2022 (5pm)
Deadline to appoint polling and counting agents	Wednesday 27 April 2022
First date electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	Thursday 28 April 2022
POLL DAY	Thursday 5 May 2022
Deadline to apply for an emergency proxy	Thursday 5 May 2022 – 5pm
Verification and Count	Friday 6 May 2022

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.

CYFARFODYDD Y CYNGOR

Oherwydd Covid-19, mae CCP bellach yn cynnal cyfarfodydd ar-lein trwy Microsoft Teams. Cynhelir cyfarfodydd o dan Ddeddf Etholiadau Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2021. Mae croeso i'r cyhoedd a'r wasg ddod ac mae'r Teams link ar waelod pob agenda. Fe welwch yr agenda ar dudalen Cyfarfodydd CCP ein gwefan. Mae Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn cynnal ei brif gyfarfodydd misol ar y 3ydd dydd Llun o bob mis ac eithrio mis Awst.

Argraffwyd Printer

Xpedient Print Services, Princess

Community Link

Last date for items in the next issue is

03 May 22. 9:00am

Items submitted will only be included subject to available space on a first come basis. Articles should be limited to 250 words where possible and should be sent to the Council Clerk or to any Councillor.

e-mail: office@pentyrch.cc

The Council is unable to give any guarantee of a delivery date. When placing articles or adverts please take into account the time it takes to prepare print and distribute the magazine

The views expressed in the Community Link are not necessarily those of the Community Council.



PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH

1 Penuel Road Pentyrch Cardiff CF15 9LJ

Community Councillors Cyngorwyr Cymuned

Mrs Helena Fox Clerk to the Council

Creigiau

Cllr Stuart Thomas	10 Parc y Felin	2089 1812	stuart.thomas@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Mike Sherwood	28 Maes Y Nant	2089 0055	mike.sherwood@pentyrch.cc

Vacancy

Cllr Jena Quilter	31 Parc y Felin	2089 1417	jena.quilter@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Amanda Thorpe	2 The Terrace,	07968705309	amanda.thorpe@pentyrch.cc

Pentyrch

Cllr Sara Pickard	5 Bryn yr Eglwys	2089 2124	sara.pickard@pentyrch.cc
-------------------	------------------	-----------	--

Vacancy

Cllr Simon Roberts	18 Troed y Garth,	2089 1417	simon.roberts@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Karen Thomas	Braeside, Pen y Waun,	2089 1417	karen.thomas@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Ian Jones	7 Bronllwyn,	07946834735	ian.jones@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Gary Dixon	3 Clos Goch,	07774244835	gary.dixon@pentyrch.cc

Gwaelod y Garth

Cllr Sandie Rosser	Brynteg Main Road	2081 1811	sandie.rosser@pentyrch.cc
Cllr Teresa Fillipponi	13 Heol Gam,	2089 1417	teresa.fillipponi@pentyrch.cc

HYSBYSEBWCH YN CWLWM BRO

Dosberthir Cwlwm Bro i 2800 o dai yn yr ardal ac mae'n gyfrwng ardderchog i rannu gwybodaeth

Hysbysebion

6 cm x 9 cm	£15
9 cm x 13 cm	£30
Colour	£60

Ffôn: 029 2089 1417

ADVERTISE IN COMMUNITY LINK

Community Link is delivered to 2800 homes in the area and is a valuable source of information.

Adverts

6 cm x 9 cm	£15
9 cm x 13 cm	£30
Colour	£60

Tel: 029 2089 1417

www.pentyrch.cc

Minutes of meetings of Pentyrch Community Council as well as back-numbers of Community Link are available on the Council's website.

www.pentyrch.cc

Mae cofnodion cyfarfodydd Cyngor Cymuned Pentyrch yn ogystal ag ôl-rifynnau o Cwlwm Bro ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor.

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

Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

03 Mai 22. 9:00am

Dim ond ar sail y cyntaf i'r felin y bydd yr eitemau a gyflwynir yn cael eu cynnwys. Dylir cyfyngu erthyglau i 250 gair os yn bosib a dylid ei danfon i Glerc y Cyngor neu unrhyw Gynghorydd.

e-bost: office@pentyrch.cc

Wrth gyflwyno erthygl neu hysbyseb ar gyfer y cylchgrawn, byddwch yn ymwybodol o'r amser sydd eisiau i'w baratoi, ei argraffu a'i ddosbarthu. Ni fedr y Cyngor roi unrhyw sicrwydd y bydd yn cael ei ddosbarthu cyn rhyw ddyddiad arbennig.

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



Community Council Highlights

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 have regular updates.

PCC continues 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 – and have the legal right to attend.

In line with Welsh Government recommendations the office staff continue to work from home and while the office is closed to the public. We are keeping up the supply of recycling and food waste bags at the office.

PCC COUNCILLORS

Two of our longest-serving Councillors resigned from PCC recently. We are very sorry to see them go but are enormously grateful for their public service and the years of work freely given to the community.

Wynford Ellis Owen represented the Creigiau Ward and, during my terms of office as Clerk, was especially helpful on financial and personnel matters. He helped us think through ways to make PCC meetings, and operations generally, more efficient. John Harrison represented the Pentyrch Ward and has been both Chairman and Vice Chairman of PCC over the years. He had a particular interest in planning issues and improving the local environment. We will miss them both.

HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

PCC is working on ideas for the Jubilee in June. We hope to light a beacon on the Garth – not a bonfire which can be dangerous to wildlife and the environment. We are working with Cardiff on their Coed Caerdydd project to plant more trees and contribute to HM The Queen's Green Canopy project.

GWAELOD-Y-GARTH POST OFFICE MOBILE VAN

The new time for the Post Office Mobile Van will be from 1pm - 2pm on Monday's in the GwaelodyGarth Pub car park.

CARDIFF'S REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2036

PCC has a webpage on the RLDP where you will find links to Cardiff's website and information on the latest consultation. The RLDP process is a long one and will take several years with adoption of the RLDP planned for October 2024.

The consultation on strategic options closed on February 8 and focussed on future housing and jobs levels.

The next important consultation will be in October 2022. This will look at what's called the Preferred Strategy – which is another way of saying a draft LDP. This will include a lot of detail.

In October 2023 there will be consultation on the Deposit Plan – which is another way of saying the final draft LDP.

In March to September 2024 the Deposit Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors for examination. The public can take part provided they have contributed to previous consultations and asked to be listed as a representor.

PCC will represent its community throughout this long process. We will keep you informed and encourage you to submit your responses to consultations. We know from experience that some of the consultation documents can be long, technical and hard to follow.

We will work with Cardiff to run online meetings or, preferably, face/face events where you can find out more about what the RLDP means for Cardiff and our communities.

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. The Wellbeing and Climate Change Group and Transport Group are up and running. 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 LIBRARY

The PCC library is open again on Fridays between 10am – noon where possible.

GRANTS FROM PCC

So far this year, PCC has awarded the following grants:

Gwaelod y Garth Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure

Creigiau Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure

Pentyrch Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure

GwaelodyGarth Tuesday Club £125

Pentyrch Sports Association £200

Pentyrch Cricket Club £488

Pentyrch Bowls Club £250

For many years PCC has included money in each year's budget for grants to community groups and organizations. We don't have a formal application. The sums we have are not large but we can generally help a little. We need to know what the money is needed for, who and how many people will benefit from any grants we make to you. We also need to see a copy of your last audited accounts.

PCC set up a Community Support Fund to provide extra funding to local projects following all the problems created by Covid-19. We encourage you to write to the Clerk at clerk@pentyrch.cc with an expression of interest. Projects funded from the CSF should bring benefits to the community and include community involvement.

BUS ROUTE 136

PCC has complained to Stagecoach South Wales about the appalling service on Route 136. We would like to gather information on your experiences of the 136 bus service and with the Stagecoach App so that we can report to Stagecoach how you have been affected. Please send your comments to us at office@pentyrch.cc

THE OLDER PEOPLES COMMISSIONER

The Older Peoples Commission publish a quarterly newsletter on the website www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/home.aspx.

Keeping well this winter

New publication from Welsh Government with 'Top tips for getting out and about again'

<https://phw.nhs.wales/publications/publications/1/keeping-well-this-winter/>



REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER-

We continue to report a number of residents concerns to the appropriate CCC departments. Some examples are

- Road Surface on Cardiff Road, Creigiau is reported to have deteriorated to a dangerous condition.
- Footpath 51, Field Terrace, Pentyrch is in a very poor repair, uneven, slippery and dark, dangerous.
- Bins not emptied in general. We are advised that this was down to staff from CCC annual leave or sickness. They have since been emptied the beginning of the New Year.
- Bridge/Path from Gwaelod Y Garth over to Taffs Well is very slippery from leaves.
- Vehicles blocking pathway to memorial park. Residents are requested to please keep path clear so prams/pushchairs/wheelchairs can pass.
- Problem parking at Creigiau School, an enforcement officer will attend and issue penalty charges if necessary
- The lamp post was knocked down by trees on Heol Y Parc has not been replaced
- Concerns about pot holes by Canada Lodge & Lakes.
- Path in poor repair 1 – 6 Villas, Gwaelod. Residents have to walk on the road.
- Edges encroaching onto roads towards Craig y Parc School, Capel Llanilltern,
- A very bad dip just past the entrance to the quarry off Heol Goch is getting worst.
- Street sign posts broken, dirty or faded completely. One sign at High Corner, Pentyrch has been replaced.
- Large potholes appearing on the zig zag path, Gwaelod,

Bus Service. We have received numerous complaints about the current 136 Bus Service i.e. buses not turning up at various times without notice. PCC is following up on this issue with the bus company, with Cardiff Council our A.M.s and the Traffic Commissioner

Litter Collections

We would like to thank all those volunteer litter pickers who have been working hard to keep our community streets clean. The next scheduled Litter picks are
Pentyrch Sat. 5th March 10 – 11 a.m. Meet outside the Village Hall.

Gwaelod 12pm – 1pm Meet at Primary School.

Creigiau Keep Creigiau Tidy are organising this

Creigiau Quarry

The liaison group involving Tarmac Quarries, CCC Cllr Gavin Hill John resident representatives and Community Councillors continue to hold meetings quarterly to address any concerns. One issue that has come forward is the need for caution signs in the vicinity of the junction at Pantygored Farm. Cllr Gavin Hill-John has met up with Highways Department and they didn't deem them necessary they would look into it and also ensure vegetation around the junction area would be sorted.

South Wales Police/PCSO Richard has agreed to visit local groups this year to introduce himself should you have any issues you would like to bring to his attention. Be careful when shopping on line- scams etc.

RNIB Did you know your stamps can be recycled? Please save them, put them into an envelope and pop them into our post box, 1 Penuel Road. I will send them on

Recycled Phones Please feel free to drop your old mobile phones to us, monies raised for recycled phones can go to Ty Hafan charity

Deb Hunt Community Engagement Officer:
office@pentyrch.cc

WANTED

WHITE GOODS & ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Must be in working order



Garth Rotary

in conjunction with Boomerang Charity and Cardiff City Council operate a scheme to recycle and distribute unwanted appliances to homeless families being rehoused, who need help and support.

boomerang Cardiff

If you are wondering how to dispose of any of the items illustrated

Please call Cardiff (029) 20497724

An Appointment will be made to collect appliances from your home. How simple is that and how satisfying? Knowing your unwanted items can be utilised and placed into a new home

AD
COMPUTERS

which? Local
AD Computers
Regional Winner - Wales
2010

Which?
Trusted trader

If your Computer is playing up,
DON'T PANIC!

Call me

Andrew

No Fix, No Fee.

Contact Andrew on
02920892959 or 07803619266
support@adcomputers-wales.co.uk
www.adcomputers-wales.co.uk

**10% OFF WHEN YOU PRESENT
THIS ADVERT.**



Uchafbwyntiau CCP

Rydym yn parhau i roi gwybod ichi pan glywn unrhyw beth swyddogol sy'n effeithio ar ein hardal leol. I'r rhai 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.

Mae 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 - ac mae gennych yr hawl gyfreithiol i fod yn bresennol.

Yn unol ag argymhellion Llywodraeth Cymru, mae staff y swyddfa yn parhau i weithio gartref a thra bo'r swyddfa ar gau i'r cyhoedd. Rydym yn cadw'r cyflenwad o fagiâu ailgylchu a gwastraff bwyd yn y swyddfa.

CYNGHORWYR CCP

Ymddiswyddodd dau o'n Cynghorwyr sydd wedi gwasanaethu hiraf o CCP yn ddiweddar. Mae'n ddrwg iawn gennym eu gweld yn mynd ond rydym yn hynod ddiolchgar am eu gwasanaeth cyhoeddus a'r blynyddoedd o waith a roddir yn rhydd i'r gymuned.

Cynrychiolodd Wynford Ellis Owen Ward Creigiau ac, yn ystod fy nghyfnod yn y swydd fel Clerc, roedd yn arbennig o ddefnyddiol ar faterion ariannol a phersonél. Fe helpodd ni i feddwl trwy ffyrdd o wneud cyfarfodydd a gweithrediadau CCP yn gyffredinol yn fwy effeithlon. Cynrychiolodd John Harrison Ward Pentyrch ac mae wedi bod yn Gadeirydd ac yn Is-gadeirydd CCP dros y blynyddoedd. Roedd ganddo ddiddordeb arbennig mewn materion cynllunio a gwella'r amgylchedd lleol.

Byddwn yn gweld eisiau'r ddau ohonyn nhw.

DATHLIADAU JIWBILÏ PLATINWM EM Y FRENHINES

Mae CCP yn gweithio ar syniadau ar gyfer y Jiwbilï ym mis Mehefin. Gobeithiwn gynnau goleufa ar y Garth - nid coelcerth all fod yn beryglus i fywyd gwyllt a'r amgylchedd. Rydym yn gweithio gyda Chaerdydd ar eu prosiect Coed Caerdydd i blannu mwy o goed a chyfrannu at brosiect Canopi Gwyrdd y Frenhines.

CYNLLUN DATBLYGU LLEOL AMNEWID CAERDYDD 2021-2036

Mae gan CCP dudalen we ar y RLDP lle byddwch yn dod o hyd i ddolenni i wefan Caerdydd a gwybodaeth am yr ymgynghoriad diweddaraf. Mae'r broses RLDP yn un hir a bydd yn cymryd sawl blwyddyn wrth i'r mabwysiadu'r RLDP gael ei gynllunio ar gyfer Hydref 2024.

Daeth yr ymgynghoriad ar opsiynau strategol i ben ar Chwefror 8 ac roedd yn canolbwyntio ar lefelau tai a swyddi yn y dyfodol.

Bydd yr ymgynghoriad pwysig nesaf ym mis Hydref 2022. Bydd hwn yn edrych ar yr hyn a elwir yn Strategaeth a Ffeirir - sy'n ffordd arall o ddweud CDLI drafft. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys llawer o fanylion.

Ym mis Hydref 2023 bydd ymgynghori ar y Cynllun Adnau - sy'n ffordd arall o ddweud y CDLI drafft terfynol.

Ym mis Mawrth i fis Medi 2024 bydd y Cynllun Adnau yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Arolygwyr Cynllunio i'w archwilio. Gall y cyhoedd gymryd rhan ar yr amod eu bod wedi cyfrannu at ymgynghoriadau blaenorol ac wedi gofyn am gael eu rhestru fel cynrychiolydd.

Bydd CCP yn cynrychioli ei gymuned trwy gydol y broses hir hon. Byddwn yn eich hysbysu ac yn eich annog i gyflwyno'ch ymatebion i ymgynghoriadau. Gwyddom o brofiad y gall rhai o'r dogfennau ymgynghori fod yn hir, yn dechnegol ac yn anodd eu dilyn.

Byddwn yn gweithio gyda Chaerdydd i gynnal cyfarfodydd ar-lein neu, yn ddelfrydol, digwyddiadau wyneb / wyneb lle gallwch ddarganfod mwy am yr hyn y mae'r RLDP yn ei olygu i Gaerdydd a'n cymunedau.

LLWYBR BWS 136

Mae CCP wedi cwyno i Stagecoach De Cymru am y gwasanaeth echrydus ar Lwybr 136. Hoffem gasglu gwybodaeth am eich profiadau o'r gwasanaeth bws 136 a chydag Ap Stagecoach fel y gallwn ni Stagecoach sut yr effeithiwyd arnoch. Anfonwch eich sylwadau atom yn office@pentyrch.cc

LLYFRGELL CCP

Mae llyfrgell CSP ar agor eto ar ddydd Gwener rhwng 10am - hanner dydd lle bo modd.

GRANTIAU GAN CCP

Hyd yn hyn eleni, mae CCP wedi dyfarnu'r grantiau canlynol:

Gwaelod y Garth Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure
Creigiau Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure
Pentyrch Primary School: £50 for Christmas expenditure
GwaelodyGarth Tuesday Club £125
Pentyrch Sports Association £200
Pentyrch Cricket Club £488
Pentyrch Bowls Club £250

Am nifer o flynyddoedd mae CCP wedi cynnwys arian yng nghyllideb pob blwyddyn ar gyfer grantiau i grwpiau a sefydliadau cymunedol. Nid oes gennym gais ffurfiol. Nid yw'r symiau sydd gennym yn fawr ond gallwn helpu ychydig yn gyffredinol. Mae angen i ni wybod pam a phwy a faint o bobl fydd yn elwa o unrhyw grantiau a roddwn i chi. Mae angen i ni hefyd weld copi o'ch cyfrifon archwiliedig diwethaf.

Sefydlodd CCP Gronfa Cymorth Cymunedol i ddarparu cyllid ychwanegol i brosiectau lleol yn dilyn yr holl broblemau a grëwyd gan Covid-19. Rydym yn eich annog i ysgrifennu at y Clerc yn clerk@pentyrch.cc gyda mynegiant o ddiddordeb. Dylai prosiectau a ariennir o'r CSF ddod â buddion i'r gymuned a chynnwys

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 CCP ffurfiol fodloni gofynion cyfreithiol amrywiol ynghylch pryd a sut y maent yn cwrdd sy'n cyfyngu ar gyfranogiad cymunedol. Y grwpiau sydd gennym hyd yn hyn yw: Grwp Lles a Newid Hinsawdd a'r Grwp Trafnidiaeth ar waith.

Os hoffech gymryd rhan yn y grwpiau hyn, yn enwedig os oes gennych arbenigedd mewn unrhyw un o'r meysydd, byddem yn falch iawn o glywed oddi wrth. Anfonwch e-bost at clerk@pentyrch.cc.

Advicelink Cymru

For debt and money advice and further information on any additional financial support you may be entitled to, you may wish to contact Advicelink Cymru. Please call Freephone 0800 702 2020 (9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri) or email advicelinkcymru@citizensadvice.org.uk

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND WHAT CAN IT DO?

Democracy isn't easy – we have to be part of the process for it to work. Community Councils are the most local level of local government in Wales. They have existed since 1974 following the Local Government Act 1972 which still underpins much of what we do and how we do it.

Before 1974 Parish Councils in Wales and England could do very little and had almost no money to do it with. From April 1974 Community Councils in Wales (still Parish Councils in England) were given the power (meaning a bit of legislation said they could) to raise money (the precept) through taxation (now council tax). That changed everything. They were able to buy and lease land and buildings on behalf of the public, to make grants, to install play and sports areas, to have allotments. The range of things a Community Council can spend money on is surprisingly varied – from bathhouses to village clocks to CCTV.

A Community Council is a corporate body meaning it is a legal entity and would continue to exist if all its councillors resigned elections would be advertised and new councillors would take their place. Because it is a corporate body, decisions can only be taken by a majority vote. Council Chairs have a casting vote and that is the only extra power that they have. No individual councillor can take a decision on behalf of a council – ever.

As with everything, there are pros and cons of being a councillor. It's not for everyone. Coming from a business background you might be amazed at the relatively slow speed a council operates, you might wonder at the old-fashioned language of our Standing Orders and Finance Regulations. But, things are changing and improving and one thing is for sure: there is no easier way of raising money to improve your community than having a Community Council.

Once a Community Council exists, it can levy its precept by setting a budget, deciding how much the community should contribute and telling its unitary authority (Cardiff, in PCC's case). The unitary authority then acts as a tax collector: everyone eligible has to pay their council tax and the requested precepts are paid to Community Councils each April, the start of the financial year. There is no cap on what a Community Council can charge and its residents cannot refuse to pay it. The only practical remedy to a precept a community doesn't like is to vote the councillors out at the next election. Your vote matters. In extraordinary cases, a council could be taken to judicial review.

Because it is so easy for a council to raise public money from and for its community, there are many legal controls on how that money is spent, managed and accounted for. Only the full council can set the budget and precept and approve the accounts; the accounts must be approved by the end of June. The council must have a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and must appoint an Internal Auditor who carries out a detailed check of the council's systems, procedures, invoices, accounts, website, Minutes, policies, bank statements and more at least once a year. A council must submit specific documents to the External Auditor (Audit Wales) by a set date each year. It must act on any recommendations or actions the auditors make in their written reports. Those reports and other documents must be on the website.

Most councils do a good job in managing their money – but not all. It takes time and knowledge and resources. Often the Clerk is also the RFO and does all the management and prepares all the financial documents for the council and auditors to consider.

So, if you can work within local government systems, you can make real positive change in your community. That is getting easier as Community Councils are given more



powers to do more things more easily. The Covid regulations changed how Councils could meet and these changes are now brought into The Local Government Elections (Wales) Act 2021 along with some other important changes:

From May 1 2021

- we can continue to hold remote or hybrid meetings
- within 7 working days of a council meeting we have to publish Minutes online – and if not all the Minutes, at least: attendees, absences, declarations of interest, any decisions and votes

From April 2022 we will have to publish an annual report as soon as practical that includes the council's priorities, activities and achievements

From May 5 2022:

- members of the public will be given the right to make representations about any item of business
- councils must publish a training plan for councillors and staff
- qualifying councils may use the General Power of Competence (see below)

The details of how some of this will work is awaited from Welsh Government.

The General Power of Competence (GPoC) has been introduced by the Welsh Parliament to help councils be more effective, capable and innovative. Eligible councils will more easily be able to act in their communities' best interests. They will be able to raise money by charging for discretionary services and to trade and will be able to be more innovative because it will be assumed they can do something unless the law says they cannot.

The conditions which councils must meet in order to decide for themselves if they are eligible to use the GPoC are:

- at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been elected at an ordinary election or at a by-election
- the clerk to the council is qualified
- there are two years of clean audit

Promoting democracy is part of a council's role, so we encourage you to vote in the May 2022 local government elections where you can vote for PCC Councillors and Cardiff Councillors - and we encourage you to consider standing for election.

Please see the article: PCC Frequently Asked Questions for details about the elections.

**If you have any questions about becoming a Member of PCC, please contact me at clerk@pentyrch.cc.
Helena Fox, Clerk to PCC**

**PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

What area does PCC cover?

The PCC area is divided into three wards: Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, and Creigiau with Capel Llanilltern. Confusingly, Cardiff Council Wards are different. Under the new Cardiff Ward boundaries recommended by the Boundary Commission, there will be three Cardiff Councillors for the Ward of Pentyrch (covering the whole PCC area) and St Fagans. There will be 79 Cardiff Councillors instead of 75.

What is a Community Council?

It's the most local level of local government in Wales. There are 735 Community and Town Councils in Wales. Town Councils operate in the same way as Community Councils, but tend to be larger.

Are Community Councillors volunteers?

No – they are elected representatives with the power to make decisions on behalf of the communities they represent – in exactly the same way as your MS or MP or Cardiff Councillor. With that official role comes responsibilities for the overall governance of the council, its finances and the decisions the council takes. The Clerk and other staff carry out the day-to-day management and functions of the council.

What's the difference between Councillors, Members and Officers?

Councillors are elected Members of their Council. Officers are employees of the Council. The simplest division of the roles is that Councillors make decisions and Officers carry them out.

Why is it called Pentyrch Community Council? That was the name given to it when PCC succeeded the parish councils in 1970s but it covers the communities of Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, Creigiau and Capel Llanilltern.

Are Community Councillors paid a salary?

No - they receive a mandatory payment of £150/year (which they can refuse) and mandatory contributions towards care costs (on presentation of invoices) to enable a councillor to attend council business. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales sets the rates for payment of mandatory and discretionary allowances and expenses. All allowances and expense payments must be published on Council websites. You will find PCC's on the Councillors page of our website.

How much time does it take?

PCC has one full council meeting a month, except August. It starts at 6:30pm and lasts about 2 hours. Papers are sent out the week before to give you plenty of time to read them.

We also have a Finance Committee and Planning Committee which meet every month. Other committees meet quarterly or as needed.

Meeting	When / month	Number /year
Main and Annual Meeting	3 rd Monday (except August)	12
Finance Committee	2 nd Monday	12
Planning Committee	1 st Wednesday	12
H&S Committee	Quarterly in 4 th week	4
Staffing Committee	As needed	2
Building & Estates Committee	As needed	2
Business Plan Committee	Once/council term	1
Total		45

Membership of committees is agreed at each Annual Meeting and then as needed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are members of every committee.

Is there an age limit for Councillors?

You have to be 18 or over and there is no upper limit. Councils should reflect their communities so we encourage people of all ages to apply.

Equality and diversity

The Equality Act 2010 applies to Community Councils. PCC would like its Councillors to reflect the demographics and diversity of its communities and all who are eligible can stand for election or co-option.

How often do PCC elections take place?

The national local government elections in Wales now run on a 5-year cycle: 2017, 2022 and then 2027. It used to be every 4 years.

By-elections may be held in the PCC area if a seat becomes vacant between national elections when a councillor moves out of the area, resigns or, sadly, dies.

Who runs elections for PCC Councillors?

All elections are run by Cardiff Council and PCC's role is to advertise the election across its whole area or for the Ward if it is a by-election.

What is the difference between a contested and uncontested election?

If more than two people stand for election for the same seat, that is a contested election and a vote is held, votes are recorded, counted, and the winner is elected.

If only one person stands for election for a seat, then they are elected unopposed ... because no one opposed them. No vote needs be held. The winner is declared before election day, after the deadline for opponents to stand is reached.

Continues on page 8.....

What is Co-option?

If the Council has a vacant seat after the May 2022 election, PCC can advertise the vacancy and encourage eligible people to apply and complete an application form. Applications are then discussed at a full public PCC meeting and a vote taken on which candidate(s) to co-opt.

A similar process takes place if a vacancy (called a casual vacancy) arises after a Councillor resigns, moves away from area, or dies. First, Cardiff will advertise for an election (unless it is less than six months before the next national elections). If no one comes forward, then PCC can advertise to co-opt a new Councillor. Co-option is a way of filling council vacancies if no one comes forward for election but it must be carried out transparently and fairly.

Do I need special knowledge to be a Councillor?

No – provided you are eligible you can stand for election or apply for co-option. You should be willing to participate in the Council's work and, most importantly, attend meetings.

PCC will pay for you to attend training. A wide range of training subjects is available for Councillors, and you will be expected to attend.

As of May 2022, all Community and Town Councils must publish a training plan for both Councillors and Officers, identifying knowledge gaps and showing how the gaps will be filled.

Do new Councillors have less of a role than experienced?

Every Councillor has an equal voice in a meeting, whether it's your 1st or your 100th! It's part of the Chair's role to give everyone an opportunity to take part. Every Councillor has a vote and the Chairman also has a casting vote in case of equal votes for and against a proposal.

The meetings have a formal framework, but PCC tries to keep a balance between the formal and friendly.

Why do PCC meetings have a formal framework?

The way all councils operate is governed by a legal framework and there are things that councils must and must not do. It's part of the Chair's and Clerk's roles to oversee that.

Councils are spending public money – sometimes a lot – so it's important that the decisions made are lawful and public.

For example, PCC must hold an Annual Meeting in May and must elect a Chair as the first item on the agenda. It must publish all agendas online in advance to give the press and public time to decide if they want to attend. The press and public have the legal right to attend and ask questions – except for confidential matters such as staffing issues. Councils must have a website and the Clerk and Councillors must be available on email.

Do I have to attend online meetings?

Under new legislation, Welsh Councils can meet online and must provide for online attendance if they return to face/face meetings.

If you become a Member of PCC you will be given a PCC email address and be sent all the meeting papers by email.

Meetings in normal times have been in person in halls in Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch and Creigiau, but now we meet online using Microsoft Teams. We can help you set up Teams. The mandatory allowance of £150/year is paid partly to cover any costs you might incur.

What does PCC do?

Our website www.pentyrch.cc has years of minutes of previous meetings, and lots of other information. We also have a PCC Facebook page.

Email the Clerk on clerk@pentyrch.cc to ask any

questions, or any Councillors you may know.

Come along to a meeting as a member of the public: it's your legal right to be able to attend and ask questions.

What does the Clerk do?

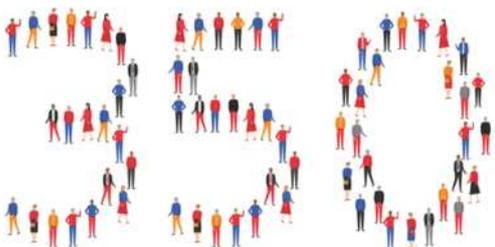
The Clerk is employed by PCC and provides administrative support to the Council, advising on the development and implementation of policies and procedures and implementing PCC's decisions. It is a complex role which includes project and personnel management, public relations officer and finance administrator. The Clerk supports Councillors and gives advice on legislation, Code of Conduct and generally to help Councils make the best decisions for the community.

The Clerk is not just a secretary and is not at the beck and call of the Chair or individual members of the Council; the Clerk is answerable only to the Council as a whole. Councillors may question the Clerk's advice but must do so in a constructive and objective manner.

Democracy comes from ancient Greek and means power to the people.

Pentyrch Community Council works in the community using people power – why not join us?

Rydym angen 350 o roddwyr i ddod ymlaen bob dydd er mwyn cyflenwi gwaed i ysbytaï yng Nghymru.



We need 350 donors to come forward every single day to supply hospitals in Wales.



Appointments to give blood are available on the dates given at these locations You can book your appointment by using the QR code above

Thu 17 Feb 22	Coleg y Cymoedd, Nantgarw .
Tue 22 Feb 22	City Hall, Cardiff
Wed 23 Feb 22	City Hall, Cardiff
Wed 02 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Thu 03 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Mon 07 Mar 22	University South Wales, Treforest .
Mon 07 Mar 22	UHW
Tue 08 Mar 22	University South Wales, Treforest .
Tue 08 Mar 22	UHW
Wed 09 Mar 22	University South Wales, Treforest .
Fri 11 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Mon 14 Mar 22	UHW
Tue 15 Mar 22	Cardiff University
Tue 15 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Thu 17 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Mon 21 Mar 22	Park Inn (Cardiff City Centre)
Tue 22 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Mon 28 Mar 22	Hawthorn Leisure Centre
Mon 28 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green
Tue 29 Mar 22	Welsh Blood Service Talbot Green

ADRODDIAD GAN Y SWYDDOG YMGYSYLLTU CYMUNEDOL

Rydym yn parhau i adrodd am bryderon nifer o drigolion i adrannau priodol CSC. Mae rhai enghreifftiau yn

- Dywedir bod Wyneb y Ffordd ar Ffordd Caerdydd, Creigiau wedi dirywio i gyflwr peryglus.
- Mae Llwybr Troed 51, Field Terrace, Pentyrch mewn cyflwr gwael iawn, yn anwastad, llithrig a thywyll, peryglus.
- Biniâu heb eu gwagio yn gyffredinol. Fe'n hysbysir bod hyn oherwydd staff o wyliau blynyddol neu salwch CSC. Ers hynny maen nhw wedi cael eu gwagio ddechrau'r Flwyddyn Newydd.
- Pont/Llwybr o Waelod y Garth draw i Ffynnon Taf yn llithrig iawn o'r dail.
- Cerbydau'n rhwystro llwybr i'r parc coffa. Gofynnir i breswylwyr gadw'r llwybr yn glir fel y gall pramiau/cadeiriau gwrthio/cadeiriau olwyn fynd heibio.
- Parcio problemus yn Ysgol Creigiau, bydd swyddog gorfodi yn mynychu ac yn cyflwyno taliadau cosb os oes angen
- Cafodd y polyn lamp ei ddymchwel gan goed ar Heol Y Parc ac nid oes un newydd wedi'i osod
- Pryderon am dyllau yn y ffordd gan Canada Lodge & Lakes,.
- Llwybr mewn cyflwr gwael 1 – 6 Villas, Gwaelod. Rhaid i drigolion gerdded ar y ffordd.
- Ymylon yn tresmasu ar ffyrdd tuag at Ysgol Craig y Parc, Capel Llanilltern,
- Mae pant gwael iawn ychydig heibio mynedfa'r chwarel oddi ar Heol Goch yn mynd ar ei waethaf.
- Arwyddbyst stryd wedi torri, yn fudr neu wedi pylu'n llwyr. Mae un arwydd yn High Corner, Pentyrch wedi ei newid.
- Tyllau mawr yn ymddangos ar y llwybr igam ogam, Gwaelod,

Gwasanaeth Bws. Rydym wedi derbyn nifer o gwynion am y Gwasanaeth Bws 136 presennol h.y. bysiau ddim yn cyrraedd ar adegau amrywiol heb rybudd. Mae PCC yn mynd ar drywydd y mater hwn gyda'r cwmni bysiau , gyda Chyngor Caerdydd, ein ACau a'r Comisiynydd Traffig

Casgliadau Sbwriel

Hoffem ddiolch i'r holl godwyr sbwriel gwirfoddol hynny sydd wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed i gadw ein strydoedd cymunedol yn lân. Y sesiynau casglu Sbwriel nesaf sydd wedi'u hamserlennu yw

Pentyrch Sad. 5ed Mawrth 10 – 11 a.m. Cyfarfod tu allan i Neuadd y Pentref.

Gwaelod 12pm – 1pm Cyfarfod yn yr Ysgol Gynradd.

Creigiau Cadw Creigiau'n Daclus sy'n trefnu hyn

Chwarel Creigiau

Mae'r grŵp cyswllt sy'n cynnwys Tarmac Quarries, aelod o'r Cyngor Sir Gavin Hill John, cynrychiolwyr trigolion a Chynghorwyr Cymuned yn parhau i gynnal cyfarfodydd chwarterol i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw bryderon. Un mater sydd wedi dod gerbron yw'r angen am arwyddion rhybudd yng nghyffiniau'r gyffordd ar Fferm Pantygored. Mae'r Cynghorydd Gavin Hill-John wedi cyfarfod â'r Adran Briffyrdd ac nid oedden nhw'n ystyried bod angen iddyn nhw edrych i mewn iddo a hefyd sicrhau bod llystyfiant o amgylch y gyffordd yn cael ei ddiolli.

Mae Heddlu De Cymru/SCCH Richard wedi cytuno i ymweld â grwpiau lleol eleni i gyflwyno ei hun os oes gennych unrhyw faterion yr hoffech eu dwyn i'w sylw. Byddwch yn ofalus wrth siopa ar-lein - sgamiau ac ati.

RNIB Wyddech chi fod modd ailgylchu eich stampiau? Cadwch nhw, rhowch nhw mewn amlen a rhowch nhw yn ein blwch post, 1 Ffordd Penuel. Byddaf yn eu hanfon ymlaen

County Council Notes

Councillor Gavin Hill John
Pentyrch & Gwaelod y Garth

Proposed Expansion of Pentyrch Primary School

In my role as the Chair of the Pentyrch Primary School Governing body I'm excited to be working with the Local Authority and the Community to deliver this project.

The expansion of the school will provide security for the future and ensure that we are able to continue delivering an excellent standard of education in the local community. The nursery provision means that children will get the best possible start to their life in education and the school community will continue to grow.

At this stage I'm working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that the concerns raised by the community, teachers and the children are considered if this project moves forward.

Clearly the impact of the increased number of pupils on local traffic and parking will need to be carefully managed and appropriate solutions put in place. I will be working alongside the Local Authority to make sure these solutions are workable.

The impact on the current village nursery must also be considered and myself, the school leadership team, the Local Authority, and the nursery owner are working together to ensure that any proposals work for all parties. I'm sure everyone will agree how important it is to keep our School open and secure its future. This investment with mean that we will be able to provide excellent education for the children of Pentyrch for many years to come.

May Elections

The Council elections are fast approaching, and I would like to take this opportunity to inform residents that I will not be standing for re-election. It has been a privilege to serve Pentrych and Gwaelod Y Garth over the past 7 years.



'WE NEED YOUR HELP'

Pentyrch Community Council along with CCC have organised a litter-pick for

Saturday 5th March

We will meet outside the Pentyrch Village Hall @ 10 a.m.
and

Outside Gwaelod Primary School at 12 noon

WE DO HOPE YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR SO TO HELP

Litter picks will be sanitized by CCC

Would you bring your own gloves

Ffonau wedi'u Hailgylchu Mae croeso i chi ollwng eich hen ffonau symudol atom, gall arian a godir ar gyfer ffonau wedi'u hailgylchu fynd i elusen Ty Hafan Deb Hunt Swyddog Ymgysylltu Cymunedol: office@pentyrch.cc

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 planning meetings minutes 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

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

I joined the community council mostly as a result of engaging previously in the Cardiff LDP consultation and hearing process as a representor, while doing this I became aware of and an affiliate of the North West Cardiff Group of which PCC remains a member.

The work of the council probably falls into 4 major areas. Working to maintain the assets owned by PCC on behalf of the community, responding to the concerns of residents, improving the assets owned by PCC and management of the council, although much of the last part is done by the Clerk to the council.

Full council meets monthly and any councillor is required to attend these meetings, much detail work is done through committees of councillors and the two committees that meet most regularly are Finance and Planning.

Luckily there is a lot of training support available, some of which is specialist. All councillors need to undergo Code of Conduct training and ideally to absorb the lessons about predetermination and doing the best to meet the needs of the whole community, this is perhaps the hardest aspect of the job. It would be easy to give in to, often small, pressure groups and make decisions which do not meet the needs of the whole community or to bring a single view of what is thought best into a council meeting. A lot of the job is representing the community needs and concerns to the local authority, Cardiff in our case and working with them to find solutions (which always seems to take an age to outside observers). I've certainly developed a greater perspective on the laws that govern what we can and cannot do locally and who is responsible for doing what including what it takes to get things done.

21/02177/DCH Lower Existing Flat Roof And Provide Roof Terrace And Balcony With External Staircase 2 The Grove, Cardiff Road, Creigiau, **PCC commented. CCC refused**

21/02367/DCH Two Storey Rear Extension 11 Bronhaul, Pentyrch, **PCC no comment. CCC granted**

The time commitment is not insignificant, there is a wealth of information to absorb on a daily basis, interaction with constituents and of course attendance at council meetings. The job is, however, rewarding and I'd encourage those with the inclination to give it a go for a term as I have. For all that it can be a pressure release, posting on social media achieves little meaningful change for the community. Putting yourself forward as a councillor offers a real chance to affect change locally. It's not a job for life and neither should it be as refreshing the council every five years with new (and hopefully some younger) faces is needed to keep a new flow of ideas and energy for improving the community.

Potential candidates are sometimes reluctant to put their names forward for election but this is actually the preferred way to join the council. In the future, if PCC wishes to retain a power of competence, then it is essential that two thirds of the council is elected rather than co-opted.

The power of competence provides the scope for the community council to do more in the local community in terms of grants, partnering with local groups for community benefit and generally being able to work to develop facilities for community benefit. Besides the election criteria the council also needs to maintain a clean external audit record and have a properly qualified Clerk.

Please do give some thought to standing in the upcoming elections and helping to make a real difference locally.
Cllr M. Sherwood

PRAP21/00054/MNR Construction Of A Prefabricated Agricultural Barn Graig Gwilym, Efail Isaf Rd, Pentyrch. **PCC commented CCC - Prior approval granted**

21/02333/MNR Install Floodlights On Tennis Courts 1 & 3 Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau **PCC no comment. CCC granted**

21/02560/DCH Two Storey Side Extension, Single Storey Extension To Front With Accommodation In Roof Space, Rear Dormer, Conversion Of Garage To Garden Room And Raised Balcony At Rear 41 Clos Goch, Pentyrch **PCC: Objects Withdrawn by applicant**

21/02550/DCH Proposed 2 Storey Extension To The Rear 19 Lon-Y-Fro, Pentyrch, **PCC: no comment**

20/02351/MJR, Taffs Well Quarry, Heol Goch, Pentyrch, **PCC commnt**

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 **PCC: Objects**

21/02719/DCH Conversion Of Existing Bungalow Into A 2 Storey 4 Bed House Samantha, Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau, **PCC commented**

21/02999/MNR Change Of Use To A Secure Dog Walking Field Land At Tyla Morris Farm, Church Road, Pentyrch The proposal appears to include on-site parking and the construction of vehicular access. **PCC no comment.**

21/02712/MNR Construction Of Two Dwellings Land At Mountain Road, Pentyrch. **PCC commented**

22/00063/MNR Demolish Existing Outbuildings, To Extend & Internally Reconfigure The Main Lodge Building Red Oak Creek, Canada Lake Lodge, Heol Pant-Y-Gored, Creigiau, **PCC no comment.**

22/00051/DCH Side And Rear Single Storey Extension 65 Parc-Y-Felin, Creigiau, **PCC no comment.**

BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

I am writing about my experience to hopefully encourage more people to consider becoming a Community Councillor. I have been active in the local community for many years now, which includes being involved in the Creigiau Quarry liaison group amongst many other groups and projects. It is through this that I became interested in becoming a Community Councillor, as I felt being a Councillor will help me to further contribute to my local community as well as helping to improve where I live.

I was elected in 2018 just after I turned nineteen and instantly became involved with many of the committees also becoming a school governor, as education is an area that is very important to me. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to help make changes and to support all of the work of the local community groups. It really helps fill you with an increased sense of pride in where we live, as well as expanding the different groups of the people that you will meet in this role.

You quickly learn that everyone has their own story and have the aim to also help where they live. This makes it even more rewarding when you get to help them to make a difference.

In addition to all of this, there are many training sessions on offer, allowing you to build your skills as well as sessions that will help support you in your role of being a Councillor.

In your role as a councillor, you will attend full council meetings which are where the main decisions are made. However, it is the external meetings and events that will allow you to connect more with the public providing you with a wealth of different experiences as well as giving you the chance to hear the concerns and suggestions from the public in a more informal setting. The council itself is welcoming to all types of people, irrespective of age, gender or political persuasion. Furthermore, the work load involved is what you make it. If you are able to only contribute a small amount of time, for example, just attending the main Council meetings, then that is more than fine, as this role is about the community coming together and doing your part to make a difference to the villages where we all live.

If you are wanting to get more involved in the community including

SMASHING PRECONCEPTIONS



Community Councillor Sara Pickard, was recently the feature in The Sun newspaper along with actress Dr Sarah Gordy MBE and triathlete Jade Kingdom as three women who are smashing preconceptions about living with the condition of Down's syndrome..

The article reflects on some of the public mis-conceptions they have experienced. It talks of the roles Sara has taken on and how she has travelled the world

In school Sara mentions that she had lots of friends and achieved an A in Welsh as a part of her 10 GCSEs. From school she went onto study IT and business at college. She started work for the charity Mencap in 2007 where her role has been doing a variety of tasks from encouraging people with learning disabilities to get involved with politics, to recording the oral histories of older people with disabilities for a museum exhibition.

projects or goals that you would like to achieve, then I would really recommend considering becoming a Community Councillor, as it is very rewarding and the people you meet and the work that you are able to do for the community is what makes the role so rewarding. By Jena Quilter

In 2011, Sara was elected as an independent community councillor on the Pentyrch Community Council a role she has actively followed. She has confirmed that she will stand for re-election in May this year.

In February 2020, Sara started a one-year career break to take up a role with the Welsh government. She is a Disabled People's Employment Champion working with businesses to encourage them to employ more people with disabilities.

In 2019 Sara was nominated to attend the 'Women of the Year' awards ceremony where she met Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Tamzin Outhwaite, Angela Rippon, former Prime Minister Theresa May, as well as awards judge Lorraine Kelly. Prior to the pandemic, Sara was lucky enough to do lots of travelling in her other role with Inclusion International, a global network for people with learning disabilities. She visited Kenya, the USA, where she spoke at the United Nations, as well as several European countries.

Sara also has a full social life including dance classes and she is an active member of Hijinx Theatre. It was there she met her boyfriend Simon. She also loves eating out.

Commenting on her disability Sara says, I feel proud to be a woman with Down's syndrome. It's not a weakness, nor has it held me back. It's made me a strong and empathetic person with a determination to change attitudes through how I live my life.

You can read the whole article about Sara, Dr Sarah Gordy MBE and triathlete Jade Kingdom online at <https://www.thesun.co.uk/fabulous/17223575/downs-syndrome-amazing-lives/>



DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL

-  Spring cleans, deep cleans, one off cleans
-  Daily and weekly office cleaning – to suit your budget, needs and requirements
-  Carpet, Upholstery, leather cleaning with anti-bacterial shampoo and rapid dry system
-  Property Management & Maintenance Service
-  Wedding dress and gown cleaning

VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES

LADYBIRDS CLEANING SERVICES

1 Cardiff Road, Taffs Well, Cardiff, CF15 7RA

02920 811311 07800 872282

info@ladybirdscleaning.com www.ladybirdscleaning.com

SPECIALISTS IN:

-  Regular cleaning – weekly, fortnightly, monthly
-  Moving house cleans and landlord / agency reports
-  Washing, drying and ironing services – 'Drop & Go' or 'Collection & Delivery'
-  Commercial Laundry Service
-  Dry cleaning, alterations and repairs

RELIABLE, TRAINED, UNIFORMED STAFF

FREE ADVICE – ESTIMATES – INSPECTIONS

With just one call, we do it all...

SIZE OF WALES COMPETITION WINNERS

A few weeks before Christmas our Year 5 pupils participated in an online Size of Wales workshop based on Climate Change. During the workshop, schools across Wales were invited to submit their ideas for a Christmas e-card. Before the Christmas break Laura, from Size of Wales, visited Dosbarth 5 to announce the winners. Congratulations to Betrys for winning the competition and to Wil, Lea and Evie who were runners-up. Excellent work Dosbarth 5!



Size of Wales Competition Winners

ENILLWYR CYSTADLEUAETH MAINT CYMRU

Rhai wythnosau cyn y Nadolig, cymerodd disgyblion Blwyddyn 5 ran mewn gweithdy Maint Cymru am Newid Hinsawdd. Yn ystod y gweithdy gwahoddiwyd ysgolion ledled Cymru i gyflwyno eu syniadau ar gyfer e-gerdyn Nadolig. Ar ddechrau mis Rhagfyr ymwelodd Laura o Maint Cymru â Dosbarth 5 i gyhoeddi'r enillwyr. Llongyfarchiadau i Betrys am ennill y gystadleuaeth ac i Wil, Lea ac Evie a ddaeth yn ail. Gwaith ardderchog Dosbarth 5!

DUSTY FORGE PANTRY

As part of their Context for Learning last term Class 1 and Dosbarth 1 pupils asked our families to contribute food to the Dusty Forge Pantry in Ely. Our Year 1 pupils sorted, counted and grouped the foods before they were delivered to Dusty Forge Pantry. The donations were distributed to local families over the Christmas period.

PANTRI DUSTY FORGE

Fel rhan o'u cyd-destun dysgu y tymor diwethaf gofynnodd disgyblion Dosbarth 1 a Class 1 i'n teuluoedd gyfrannu bwyd i Bantri Dusty Forge yn Nhreflái. Roedd disgyblion Blwyddyn 1 wedi didoli, cyfri a grwpio'r bwydydd cyn iddynt gael eu danfon i Bantri Dusty Forge. Dosbarthwyd y rhoddion i deuluoedd lleol dros gyfnod y Nadolig.



Everyone Celebrating Urdd 100!

URDD 100

Ar Ionawr 25ain ymunodd y disgyblion, ynghyd â 95,000 o blant eraill, yn nathliad pen-blwydd mwyaf yr Urdd. Uwchlwython ni ein fideo o'r disgyblion yn canu 'Hei Mistar Urdd' i'n cyfrif Trydar a helpu'r Urdd i gyflawni dau deitl GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

- Y mwyaf o fideos o bobl yn canu yr un gân i gael ei uwchlwytho i Twitter o fewn awr – y record oedd 250 – uwchlwythodd Yr Urdd a'i ffrindiau wedi uwchlwytho 1176
- Y mwyaf o fideos o bobl yn canu yr un gân i gael ei uwchlwytho i Facebook o fewn awr.

Gwych Bawb!



Meithrin in Urdd Colours

KERBCRAFT TRAINING

Before Christmas Class 2 and Dosbarth 2 pupils had four sessions of Kerbcraft training. Kerbcraft is a national strategy funded by the Welsh Government which teaches children in Year 2 how to be safer pedestrians. All enjoyed and learned how to make the right decisions to keep themselves safe when crossing the road.



Kerbcraft Training for Class 2

URDD 100

On January 25th our pupils, along with 95,000 other children, joined in the Urdd's biggest-ever birthday celebration. We uploaded our video of the pupils singing 'Hei Mistar Urdd' to our Twitter account and helped the Urdd achieve two GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS:

- The largest number of videos of people singing the same song uploaded to Twitter in one hour - the current record was 250 — The Urdd and its members uploaded 1176!
- The largest number of videos of people singing the same song uploaded to Facebook in one hour.

Da iawn bawb!

HYFFORDDIANT KERBCRAFT

Cyn y Nadolig cafodd disgyblion Dosbarth 2 a Class 2 bedair sesiwn o hyfforddiant Kerbcraft. Strategaeth genedlaethol yw Kerbcraft a ariennir gan Lywodraeth Cymru sy'n dysgu disgyblion Blwyddyn 2 sut i fod yn gerddwyr mwy diogel. Roedd pob un wedi mwynhau ac wedi dysgu sut i wneud y penderfyniadau cywir er mwyn cadw eu hunain yn ddiogel wrth groesi'r ffordd.



Hyfforddiant Kerbcraft i Ddosbarth 2

GWEITHDY STEM

Cymerodd disgyblion Dosbarth 6 a Class 6 ran mewn Gweithdy STEM. Nod y gweithdy oedd dylunio cwch a oedd yn gallu arnofio. Cawsant brofiadau a sgiliau STEM gwerthfawr. Diolch i Richard o Raglen Peirianeg Forol am gyflwyno'r sesiynau gwych.

SESIYNAU IAITH ARWYDDO

Yn ddiweddar cafodd Disgyblion Blwyddyn 3 i Flwyddyn 6 gyfle i gymryd rhan mewn sesiynau iaith arwyddo. Roedd pob un wedi dysgu sgiliau newydd ac wedi mwynhau'r profiadau'n fawr.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

Our Year 3 to Year 6 pupils had an opportunity to participate in British Sign Language sessions in the school hall. They all learned new skills and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.



Dosbarth 5 yn mwynhau Sesiwn iaith Arwyddo

BUOYANCY STEM WORKSHOP

Class 6 and Dosbarth 6 pupils participated in a Buoyancy STEM Workshop. The aim of the Workshop was to design a boat that had to float. They gained valuable STEM experiences and skills. Many thanks to Richard from the Marine Engineering Pathway Programme for delivering the fantastic sessions.



Class 6's Buoyancy STEM Workshop

BBC NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF WALES

Our Year 2 to Year 6 pupils participated in a BBC National Orchestra of Wales 'Connecting the Dots Digital School Educational Session'. They all thoroughly enjoyed the session.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised £549.60 for Children in Need last term. The pupils had a choice to dress in yellow clothes, spotty clothes, fancy dress or in their own clothes. It was a fun day for all!



Nursery enjoying Children in Need

PLANT MEWN ANGEN

Fe godon ni £549.60 i Blant Mewn Angen y tymor diwethaf. Cafodd y disgyblion ddewis o wisgo dillad melyn, dillad smotiog, gwisg ffansi neu eu dillad eu hunain. Roedd yn ddiwrnod llawn hwyl i bawb!

CERDDORFA GENEDLAETHOL GYMREIG Y BBC

Cymerodd disgyblion Blwyddyn 2 i Flwyddyn 6 ran mewn Sesiwn Addysgiadol Rhithwir gan Gerddorfa Genedlaethol Gymreig y BBC. Mwynheun nhw'r sesiwn yn fawr.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As part of Year 6's Context for Learning last term the pupils enjoyed studying Black History Month. At the end of term, they had an opportunity to celebrate their knowledge and understanding of the impact of black heritage and culture with our Year 1 to Year 5 pupils by sharing their presentations on Black History Month with them. Excellent work Year 6!



Black History Month with Class 6

MIS HANES POBL DDUON

Fel rhan o Gyd-destun Dysgu Blwyddyn 6 y tymor diwethaf mwynheudd y disgyblion astudio Mis Hanes Pobl Dduon. Ar ddiwedd y tymor, cawsant gyfle i ddathlu eu gwybodaeth a'u dealltwriaeth o effaith treftadaeth a diwylliant pobl dduon gyda'n disgyblion Blwyddyn 1 i Flwyddyn 5 drwy rannu eu cyflwyniadau ar Fis Hanes Pobl Dduon gyda nhw. Gwaith rhagorol Blwyddyn 6!

YEAR 1's VISIT TO CREIGIAU ALLOTMENTS



Class 1 visiting Creigiau Allotments

There was much excitement in school recently because Class 1 and Dosbarth 1 pupils were visiting Creigiau Allotments. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had lots to talk about on their return to school at lunchtime. The children explored different plants that were growing in the allotments and helped the gardeners to plant some seeds and to take care of their plots. Excellent gardeners Year 1! Many thanks to all the gardeners for their warm welcome.

YMWELIAD Â RHANDIROEDD CREIGIAU

Roedd llawer o gyffro yn yr ysgol yn ddiweddar gan fod disgyblion Dosbarth 1 a Class 1 yn ymweld â Rhandiroedd Creigiau. Mwynheudd y disgyblion y profiad yn fawr ac roedd ganddynt lawer i drafod ar ôl dychwelyd i'r ysgol. Bu'r plant yn edrych ar wahanol blanhigion oedd yn tyfu yn y rhandir a hefyd yn helpu rhai o'r garddwyr i blannu hadau ac i ofalu am eu plot. Garddwyr gwych blant! Diolch o galon am y croeso cynnes gan y garddwyr.



Dosbarth 1 yn mwynhau yn Rhandiroedd Creigiau

YEAR 2'S ENTERPRISE VENTURE

As part of their context for learning work last term, Dosbarth 2 and Class 2 pupils were very busy working on an exciting business venture. Our Year 2 pupils have been enrolled in this year's 'Enterprise Troopers Competition'. Class 2 pupils sold hand-crafted greeting cards to their parents and the school community and Dosbarth 2 pupils sold decorated slates to their families. Well done Year 2 - watch out Alan Sugar!



Year 2's Enterprise Venture

MENTER FUSNES BLWYDDYN 2

Fel rhan o'u gwaith cyd-destun y tymor diwethaf, bu dysgwyr Dosbarth 2 a Class 2 yn gweithio ar fenter fusnes gyffrous. Mae disgyblion Blwyddyn 2 wedi cael eu cofrestru yng 'Nghystadleuaeth Y Criw Mentrus' eleni. Gwerthodd disgyblion Class 2 gardiau cyfarch i'w rhieni ac i'r gymuned leol a gwerthodd disgyblion Dosbarth 2 lechi wedi eu haddurno i'w teuluoedd. Gwych Blwyddyn 2 - Alan Sugar y dyfodol efallai!

TOGETHER WITH MUSIC

We have joined the Together with Music (TwM) project which unites schools and settings with care homes through music. We uploaded Christmas songs and carols performed by various classes on the TwM platform - and shared these with the residents at Ty Hafod Care home on Llantrisant Road. The school has been awarded both Bronze and Silver Awards and we are now working towards the Gold Challenge.

TOGETHER WITH MUSIC

Rydym wedi ymuno â'r prosiect 'Together with Music' (TwM) sy'n uno ysgolion a lleoliadau gyda chartrefi gofal drwy gerddoriaeth. Fe wnaethom uwchlwytho caneuon a charolau Nadolig a berfformiwyd gan ddosbarthiadau amrywiol ar lwyfan TwM, a rhannwyd y rhain gyda thrigolion cartref gofal Ty Hafod ar Ffordd Llantrisant. Mae'r ysgol wedi derbyn Gwobrau Efydd ac Arian ac rydym nawr yn gweithio tuag ar y Wobr Aur.

CRUCIAL CREW

Recently Class 6 and Dosbarth 6 attended 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. They all thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



Year 6 in Crucial Crew

CRIW HANFODOL

Yn ddiweddar mynychodd disgyblion Class 6 a Dosbarth 6 weithdai Criw Hanfodol. Dull aml-asiantaeth yw Criw Hanfodol o drosglwyddo negeseuon diogelwch i ddisgyblion Blwyddyn 6 cyn iddynt symud ymlaen i addysg uwchradd. Mwynheuodd pob un y gweithdai yn fawr.

FIRST AID COURSE

This term our Year 5 and 6 pupils were very fortunate to be able to undertake a First Aid course. They all learned many important skills.



First Aid Skills for Dosbarth 6

HYFFORDDIANT CYMORTH CYNTAF

Y tymor hwn bu disgyblion Blwyddyn 5 a 6 yn ffodus iawn i gael Hyfforddiant Cymorth Cyntaf. Dysgon nhw lawer o sgiliau pwysig iawn.

READING CHALLENGE

33 pupils were awarded with certificates and medals for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done everyone!



Reading Challenge Success

ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

Class 6 and Dosbarth 6 participated in an Engineering workshop by Renishaw as part of Open Your Eyes Week. Open Your Eyes Week is designed to ignite and inspire pupils' interest in a wide range of occupations. Open Your Eyes Week has been held in schools for a number of years but this is the third time the initiative has moved into the virtual arena enabling even more children than before to be involved. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt new skills.

GWYLIO ADAR GARDD YR RSPB

Bu disgyblion Dosbarth 5 a Class 5 yn brysur yn arbrofi gyda lard i weld sut mae blwber yn helpu anifeiliaid yr Arctig yn y môr rhewllyd. Ailddefnyddiwyd y lard i greu bwydwyr adar ar gyfer 'Gwyllo Adar Gardd' yr RSPB ddydd Gwener, Ionawr 28ain. Aeth y disgyblion â'r bwydwyr adref er mwyn iddynt ddenu adar i'w gerddi eu hunain.



Dosbarth 5 participating in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Class 5 and Dosbarth 5 pupils have been busy experimenting with lard to see how blubber helps Antarctic animals in the icy water. The lard was then reused to make birdfeeders for our RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch' on Friday, January 28th. The pupils took their feeders home to help attract birds to their own gardens.

GWEITHDY PEIRIANNeg

Cymerodd Dosbarth 6 a Class 6 ran mewn gweithdy Peirianeg gan Renishaw fel rhan o Wythnos Agor Eich Llygaid. Dyluniwyd Wythnos Open Your Eyes i danio ac ysbrydoli diddordeb disgyblion mewn ystod eang o swyddi. Mae Wythnos Agor Eich Llygaid wedi cael ei chynnal mewn ysgolion ers nifer o flynyddoedd ond dyma'r trydydd tro i'r fenter symud i'r arena rithwir gan alluogi hyd yn oed mwy o blant nag o'r blaen i gymryd rhan. Mwynheuodd y disgyblion y profiad a dysgon nhw sgiliau newydd.

GARTH
Rotary



Donated Christmas Toys for Distribution to Dis-advantaged Children.

Thankfully, the Covid restriction have eased allowing us to have real get-togethers again, and get various projects off the ground for Christmas 21 and beyond. The above photo. shows some of the 272 Christmas Toys donated by kind individual and corporate entities: Tarmac, Pritchards and Giggles Toys Barry. The Christmas toys were distributed by Cardiff Boomerang Charity and enriched the Christmas of numerous disadvantaged families.

We erected and decorated a lovely large Christmas tree at Pentyrch shops kindly donated by Niki Lyons, the electricity kindly provided by Del and Roma Beard.

This year we built a Sleigh which was mounted on the PCC trailer and carried Santa around the streets to the delights of numerous youngsters. Various organisation such as WI helped by providing elves who accompanied the sleigh and collected £400 for Ty Hafan Hospice.

We are continuing to collect food for the homeless and disadvantaged in Rhondda Cynon Taff in the food cabinet outside the Pentyrch Community Office, 1 Penuel Road. Also combined with our Pentyrch Tin on the Wall food collection every last Friday of the month. The collection on 28th January amassing 235Kg. However much of this was donated by only a handful of contributors such as Global Bites. If you have any ideas on how we can better publicise this and get more people to contribute ring Norman 07841 590470 he will be pleased to chat with you.

To donate unwanted working white goods and furniture to re-housed homeless and underprivileged Cardiff families please ring Cardiff Boomerang 029204977240 who will collect directly from your home.

Rotary is a non-political, charitable organisation and at Garth Rotary we try to be as informal and friendly as possible, much different from the stuffy perception many have of

PENTYRCH ART GROUP

Pentyrch Art Group have continued to meet regularly. We have not had our usual varied programme due to the pandemic, however we have managed to enjoy painting together, and also had a Christmas Dinner at The Old Post House, St Fagans, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

We haven't made any plans for the programme this term yet, as things are still a bit uncertain. We had hoped to arrange our Annual Exhibition for some time in the Spring, but that is looking doubtful now. Perhaps we might try to arrange it for the Autumn.

Our online exhibition is proving successful, with several paintings sold. The website address is pentyrchart.wordpress.com .

We still have a small exhibition at the King's Arms, which has been well received. Thanks Dan!

Rotary. We have loads of exciting plans for the future, Our motive is to have as much fun as possible whilst helping others, We cover the area encompassed by Pentyrch Community Council (PCC) and are particularly eager to recruit new members with similar motives especially from Creigiau and Gwalod y Garth.



**We supply and fit loft products
To the public & trade.**

**Loft Ladders - Loft Hatches -
Loft Boards - Loft Insulation
and more...**



029 22800 998 or 07514 795000

By appointment only

**Unit 15 Fairfield Industrial Estate,
Gwaelod-y-Garth, Cardiff, CF15 8LA**



**L J Griffiths
Wealth Management**

**DON'T MISS THE 21/22 TAX YEAR END
DEADLINE - 5th APRIL 2022**

**I've been in financial services for over
20 years and still find people leave their
contributions until the last minute
- is this you?**

- £20,000 per person can be invested in an Individual Savings Account (ISA)
- £9,000 can be invested in a Junior ISA (JISA) as a parent/grandparent
- Depending on your annual income, up to £40,000 can be added to a personal pension plan
- Tax relief on pension contributions at your highest marginal rate - e.g. for basic rate taxpayers every £1,000 becomes £1,250 and for higher rate taxpayers £1,666



Don't lose this years allowance and contact me to arrange a no obligation full financial review:

**07471 080210 /
02922 520178**

**www.ljgriffiths
wealth.co.uk**



The value of an investment with St. James's Place will be linked to the performance of the funds selected and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than the amount invested.

The level and bases of taxation and reliefs from taxation can change at any time and are generally dependent on individual circumstances.



L J Griffiths Wealth Management is an Appointed Representative of and represents only St. James's Place Wealth Management plc (which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) for the purpose of advising solely on the Group's wealth management products and services, more details of which are set out on the Group's website www.sjp.co.uk/products/

100 YEARS OF CREIGIAU TENNIS CLUB

By AMANDA POWELL

On June 12 1922, 15 people met in Creigiau to form a village tennis club.

Beautifully-handwritten minutes record how Colonel Mervyn Wingfield (owner of the Great Barrington Estate in the Cotswolds and a Creigiau landowner) became the club's first president.

The chairman was Rev. T Williams. The club was originally called St David's Tennis Club.

Over the next century, through the Great Depression, World War Two, the swinging sixties and of course, a global pandemic, the club has had its shares of ups and downs.

From keeping the grass courts playable to terrible weather and coming close to extinction several times, the club is now in better shape than ever.

In 2022 Creigiau Tennis Club welcomes players of all ages, including to our thriving junior section.

We have plans for floodlights on all three courts and there'll be celebrations throughout this very special year.

The party starts with a centenary buffet at Creigiau Golf Club on Saturday, March 26.

What do we know about the history of Creigiau Tennis Club?

Four original books of handwritten minutes are a compelling illustration of the club's past.

They paint a vivid picture of life in Creigiau.

In the early years, there's more talk of genteel fundraising dinners, dances and card games known as whist drives than tennis itself.

A pianist played the music for those 'roaring 20s' dances and we can

only imagine the Creigiau Tennis club ladies performing the Charleston in their flapper dresses.

Today, the club combines social events with plenty of sport for all ages and Creigiau Tennis Club had a very successful summer season in 2021, despite the pandemic.

The women were runners-up in Division 1 in the South Wales League and the men won Division 8 (It was the first time Creigiau had had a men's team for around 15 years).

The current winter season sees two mixed teams, a men's team and a women's veterans' side.



Tennis club minutes go back to 1922



In 2022, Creigiau Tennis club members young and old are looking forward to celebrating our centenary

Where were the tennis courts in the 1920's?

Players originally hit balls over the net on grass courts behind Creigiau Church Hall.

But, once the club had been formed, the committee was looking for more land, and built courts on "a small portion of Hotel field" – in other words, a field near what is now the Creigiau Inn off Cardiff Road.



Tennis being played in Creigiau in the early years of the club



The club was able to lease the courts from the hotel for a "generous" price of two guineas (the equivalent of £2.10 or £122.10 with inflation since then).

There's no mention in the minutes of actual tennis competition until 1925



Creigiau Tennis Club's historic trophies

when "the question of a club tournament was discussed." A Miss Seale and a Mr Christopher won the ladies' and gentlemen's singles competitions that year.



Hadyn Davies, a club champion in the pre-war period. Picture courtesy of Colin Davies

How much was membership in 1922? And how much 100 years later?

Membership was 10/6 in 1922 (about 53p in today's money, or £26.55 allowing for inflation in the last 100 years).

By July 1923, this modest amount wasn't enough and the club was in debt.

"It was passed that we get up a prize-drawing in aid of the Tennis Club," say the minutes from 20 July 1923.

A century later, adult membership for the 2021-22 season was £80.

Where did the tennis club committee and players meet?

What was the impact of World War 2?

Many of the meetings were held in "the hall" which we presume was Creigiau Church Hall, built in 1913.

By 1939, it's obvious World War 2 has started as the committee decided to donate the proceeds of the whist drive to a soldiers' and sailors' charity.

In January 1940, the hall had been blacked-out because of the war (to make sure no light could escape to

Continued on page 17.....

help enemy bombers find their targets).

This meant the tennis club couldn't have an annual dance there, but they still planned afternoon teas on the courts.



Creigiau Tennis Club players and officials, probably in the late 1930's. Picture courtesy of Colin Davies

Food rationing started in January 1940, and the minutes from April that year thanked a Mrs Evans who had "kindly promised to give 1lb of sugar for next Saturday's tea".

There's actually very little talk of the war itself in the minutes from these years of conflict.

The club decided to allow members of HM Forces to play for free and the minutes note they'd only managed to play one match in the troubled 1940-41 season.

At this point, it's clear the village of Creigiau was growing bigger.

The 1941 Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes say: "It was quite possible there would be many applications for membership for people newly come to reside in Creigiau."

Those who turned up for the AGM discussed "whether they should be allowed to join and enjoy all the club privileges paying the same as old members or whether an entrance fee should be charged."

They decide to leave the decision to the committee who'd carefully consider each application and vote on whether newcomers would be accepted as members.

Minutes also record how applicants were turned down while other members banned for life for not paying their subscriptions.

In 2022 we welcome all new members to Creigiau Tennis Club – details of how to join are at the end of this article.

In the 1946 AGM, the club congratulates itself on how it kept going during World War 2.

"The Chairman... thought we had gone through the season successfully and mentioned that Creigiau Tennis Club was one of the few clubs in the county which had carried on continuously though the war years," say the minutes.



Some of the women players today – L-R Wendy Cuttler, Chrissie Luke, Jan Brown, Chris Hanson with Trudi Evans (front)

How the club almost folded – several times

While it managed to survive the war, keeping Creigiau Tennis Club going for 100 years hasn't always been easy.

In 1946-47, the committee decided the club would be wound up because they only had 13 playing members.

They wrote to Ely Brewery (responsible for the land the courts were on, behind the Creigiau Inn) to say they were giving up the lease. By December 1947, the committee held a public meeting and decided they'd carry on, but in 1950 they were talking about winding up the club again.

This time it was because they didn't have a groundsman to keep the grass courts playable.

They eventually found a groundsman they were happy with. All the groundsmen would have been challenged by the work - atrocious weather conditions during the short summer grass tennis season come up time and again in the club's minutes.

But in 1965 and 1967 they were again warning the club would have to close because of a lack of members but managed to bring in more players and donations to keep going.



Men's singles winner Jeff Davies and club president David Padfield on the grass courts off Cardiff Road in 1978

The hot summer and the hosepipe ban of 1976 brought fresh challenges – this time the courts were in a poor condition because of the lack of rain, no groundsman, and

price inflation which hit a whopping 16.54% that year.

Perhaps the biggest crisis came some 50 years after the club had started – when Castell Mynach Estates wanted to build houses on the land the club was on.

By now, the club had 100 members. More than 1,000 villagers signed a petition to object against the plans which Taff Ely Council Borough Council initially turned down.



Creigiau Tennis Club women team players in the late 1970's

Although the club won that battle, Castell Mynach trustees didn't renew the lease and the council asked the club to move to where it is now – Creigiau's recreation ground.

The club's home at Creigiau Recreation Ground

Pictures from the 1980's and afterwards show courts and players at the 'Rec'.



Creigiau Tennis Club women team players in the mid- 1990's



And some of the women from that picture now: L-R Jan Brown, Trudi Evans, Lynne Davies; Angela Armitt

Hard courts replaced the more difficult- to-maintain grass surface and in 1982, Creigiau's pavilion

Continued on page 18..

Creigiau Tennis continued :-

opened, managed by volunteers from the tennis club and other sporting organisations who used the 'Rec'.

Fun fact – the pavilion had the date 1981 put on it because the builders found it too difficult to create 1982 in brick.

Creigiau Tennis Club is looking forward to its centenary celebrations this year.

To join the club, play tennis and be part of the fun, contact Trudi on 07768 386119 or email trudi1951@btinternet.com ©Amanda Powell Media

PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

A belated Happy New Year from Village Hall Committee.

Pentyrch Village Hall reopened their doors in August 2021 following the lifting of Welsh Government restrictions, although at the present time, there is still a requirement to wear face coverings in an indoor setting. Our village hall is at the heart of our community – we're a place where people can meet neighbours and friends, as well as take part in all sorts of clubs and activities.

September 2021 saw the return of a number of bookings from regular users including WI, Sunday morning Yoga Classes. Bookings have also

been received in respect of new classes such as Pilates. Hopefully life will begin to return to some normality with the hall being busy again.

Like all businesses this last two years income has been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and the Hall has been unable to run fundraising events. Please consider supporting us by becoming a member of our 200 Club, only £12 per year, paid by Standing Order. A draw takes place

every month with chances of winning 1st prize of £40, 2nd prize of £20 and 3rd prize of £15. A "200 Club Form" is available via the Pentyrch Village Hall Website or our Facebook page.

A painless way to support the hall is by making online purchases via the easyfundraising.org.uk. Links to all major holiday companies and retailers can be found on the website and a percentage of the purchase prices comes to the hall.

BNi

In the last 12 months our members have shared in £8.71M worth of referred business

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS?

ARE YOU LOOKING TO NETWORK WITH LIKE-MINDED BUSINESSES?

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A STRONG SUPPORT NETWORK?

GROW YOUR BUSINESS TODAY

Email Now For More Information

info@bnisouthwales.com

www.bnisouthwales.com

029 2209 3030

Yoga Flow with Stef

Why choose to practice Yoga with me ?

My yoga classes are a form of low impact exercise that will build strength, flexibility & stamina, protecting your mobility.

Through movement and mindful connection to the breath, yoga reduces stress & helps you find calm in your busy day.

Come to my yoga classes and find a moment when you can disconnect from the world with a therapeutic connection between the mind and body – a moving meditation.

Choose between:

SLOW FLOW/HATHA – YOGA FLOW/VINYASA

CONDITIONING YOGA – SUNRISE STRETCH & FLOW

******NEW: KIDS YOGA – ROCKET YOGA *****

Classes are held 7 days a week in Pentyrch, Miskin, Taffs Well, Treforest and Canton

Yoga Flow with Stef

For details and to book visit www.yogaflowwithstef.com

**COED CAERDYDD
PENTYRCH BULLETIN**

Coed Caerdydd is a new pilot project from Cardiff Council to increase tree canopy coverage as part of the One Planet Cardiff climate emergency response.

By working with communities to plant new trees and care for existing woodlands, we want to increase coverage across the city from 18.9% to 25%.

The pilot project will run until summer 2023.

Our main focus this year will be growing the network and scoping sites, with the bulk of tree planting activities taking place next season (November 2022 to March 2023).

We have already been able to work with a few communities during National Tree Week (27.11-04.12.21) to plant trees in local parks

(for more details see: Cardiff-wide tree-planting drive marks National Tree Week (cardiffnewsroom.co.uk)).

We will be releasing details of our February and March 2022 planting events soon, so please join our network using the contact below to get involved.

Opportunities within Pentyrch, Gwaelod, Creigiau

The north west Cardiff wards have extensive areas of open land and community parks that lend themselves well to tree planting and have many active community groups already involved in caring for the environment.

The Coed Caerdydd team met with ward councillors and members of Pentyrch, Gwaelod, and Creigiau community councils in December 2021 and January 2022. These meetings introduced the project and provided an



Cllr Amanda Thorpe talks with Chloe Jenkins of Coed Caerdydd for ideas of what are the best trees to plant in the Terrace Woodland Creigiau

opportunity to discuss sites for tree planting and management. The members were very enthusiastic about the project and keen that community orchards should be explored as part of new planting.

The team has also analysed site suggestions from a public consultation on trees which ran in autumn 2021. Over 1,700 responses to the consultation were received and of those, 7% were from the CF15 postcode which includes Creigiau, Pentyrch, and Radyr.

Some of the suggested sites for tree planting and management include:- Parc Y Coed, Parc Y Fro The Terrace Heol Gam, Troed Y Garth, Ael-Y-Bryn Fairmeadow, Land around the Garth and Morganstown Quarry

There are also opportunities in several school grounds, private land holdings, and within the new housing developments.

Please let us know if you have any comments about these or other sites.

The project team will be investigating these and other sites further to determine suitability, potential planting designs, and management options from spring 2022. If suitable then the team will work with local community groups and residents to finalise planting options and set up planting and aftercare events for autumn 2022 – spring 2023.

Get involved:

Please join our network if you would like to get involved in suggesting sites for new trees, tree planting and aftercare events, and/or promoting the project.

We have a mailing bulletin and social media pages to keep everyone informed of upcoming planting events.

Please get in touch if you have any queries and/or would like to join our network: Phone: 07970 407227

Email: coedcaerdyddproject@cardiff.gov.uk

Facebook: @CoedCaerdydd Twitter: @CoedCaerdydd

Webpage: Coed Caerdydd - Outdoor Cardiff

Pentyrch Pharmacy

"Committed to healthcare and you"

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

We can order and collect from all surrounding surgeries:
Pentyrch, Creigiau, Radyr, Taffs Well and Danescourt.

FREE Delivery service is also available!

We offer other services such as:

- **FREE** Blood pressure check, no booking needed
- **FREE** medicine waste disposal
- **FREE** medicine blister packing for patients

Opening Times

Mon-Fri: 9am - 6PM
(Closed 1-2pm for lunch)
Sat: 9am - 12pm



For further information call in or contact us on

02920 891051

Email: pentyrchpharmacy@aah-n3.co.uk

www.pentyrchpharmacy.co.uk

SANTA'S VISIT TO PENTYRCH



On Sunday, 19 December Santa managed to land his new Sleigh at Parc y Dwrllyn in foggy conditions. He was welcomed by a host of Elves who accompanied him on a tour around the village, which was lined by an excited crowd of parents and children. The Elves collected Christmas present lists for Santa from the children and £400 was collected for Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

This community event was arranged by Garth Rotary, W.I. and lots of residents.

COMMUNITY ACTION



It started like this

Arthur Welsby, David Jenkins & Norma Procter

The committee members of Community Action have decided to draw a line under the group and close its bank account. Remaining funds will be shared between the 'Tuesday Club' for older residents and 'Gwaelod Rangers' for young people.

Community Action was formed in the Village Hall in 1988/9 when the village was threatened by a quarry extension that would have taken the top third of the Lesser Garth, decimated the ancient beech forest and destroyed the historic iron workings. I was appointed to head the action. Perhaps this was our most important campaign - it took years - but we saved the Lesser Garth, its forest and archaeology and got the heavier traffic off the hill. Over the years, many other campaigns of local concern were fought by team members. I have now thrown out our twelve bin bags of letters, reports and petitions.



It became this

The community in action

As we formally close the group, we pay tribute to a village who trusted us to work for them and to the loyal committee who turned up week after week over years to fight. We achieved so much with the backing of the village.

Some of our core members have died or moved away. We pay particular tribute to Malcolm Harris, to David Jenkins and Lynn and Yvonne Wall, who, like others, never missed a meeting. We also have a debt of gratitude to people like Swampy who offered to sit in the trees to save them, to the late Queen Mother, who lent her support, to Kim Howells who took our concerns to Westminster, to Chris Priday, who spoke up for us, to the journalist from the 'Independent' who we smuggled in to photograph the iron workings, to the late Rhodri Morgan, who loved this village, and to the Echo that printed our stories and even our banners when we fought the installation of an Asphalt plant.

Many of our committee members also worked with Community Concern, which successfully opposed the shipping-in of Low Level Radioactive waste, and the daily radioactive discharges from the Amersham plant. To the loyal Committee - you know who you are - and to the village - our thanks for your involvement as we formally say goodbye to Community Action.

The end of an era. Norma Procter

ANYONE FOR TENNIS

The new tennis season is underway and new members of all abilities will be made most welcome at the Pentrych Tennis Club. Annual membership starts from April 1st and fees are very reasonable - please visit our website at www.pentrychtennis.co.uk for more details. You can come along once or twice free of charge on club nights to try out the facilities before joining, Club night are on:-

Tuesday evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm for Ladies

Wednesday evenings 5.30 - 7.30pm mixed night

Thursday evenings 5.00 - 8.00 pm for Men

The courts are located immediately behind the Pentrych Rugby Clubhouse and floodlights have been installed on all 3 courts which enables year round playing. Ladies and Mens teams are entered in the LTA South Wales Leagues.

The Club Coaching programme has resumed for 2022 and continues on a Monday evening with Will Croft and Emily Jordan from the Tennisquad Coaching Academy. Sessions run from years 1 - 7 on a rolling monthly basis in line with the popular LTA Youth Scheme which helps to develop both tennis skills and all round physical literacy. The Coaches also run 90 minute holiday camps on wednesdays during school holidays, Individual coaching for children and adults is also available.. Visit www.tennisquad for more details,

G. B Garden & Grounds GARDEN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

07398672050 / 02920219825

E-mail: gbgardening@live.co.uk

www.gbgardenandgrounds.co.uk

Qualified, Experienced & Local Gardening
& Grounds Maintenance Service

All aspects of gardening undertaken

- ✓ Lawn mowing
- ✓ Weeding borders & Flower beds
- ✓ Hedge Cutting
- ✓ Driveways, Patios & Paths
- ✓ Leaf clearance & Litter picking
- ✓ Cutting back & Pruning
- ✓ Tree work including Branch Felling
- ✓ Pressure Washing
- ✓ Fencing
- ✓ Rubbish Clearance



Contact Gary

07398672050



✓ Regular Maintenance or Single Services Provided

Registered Waste Carrier - Full Licences, Permits & Insurance Cover

UPDATE FROM PARC

By the time you read this, there should be a new fence erected around Pentyrch Memorial Park. We have been waiting for this to be completed so that we can finish off our project - so look out for more improvements soon.

Daffodils should also be bringing some colour to the park, thanks to PCC for the bulbs and to our volunteers for planting them.

As we come to the final stages, we'd like to again thank all of our supporters - it wouldn't be possible without a huge amount of help from the local community.

GWAELOD RANGERS FC

Gwaelod Rangers FC are a local football club that was formed in 2008 by a group of enthusiastic parents with the aim of providing opportunities for all children in Gwaelod y Garth, Tongwynlais, Taffs Well and surrounding areas to play organised football. 13 years on and the club has gone from strength to strength, and we now have more than 150 children registered with the club over nine different age groups, from u5s all the way up to Youth. This year we achieved another milestone by forming the first girls team in the area, and are well on our way to forming another. We are affiliated to the South Wales Football Association, the Football Association of Wales Trust and the Cardiff and District Football League. Children play non-competitive mini-football whilst in primary school (U6s through U11s), before progressing to competitive football in the Cardiff & District League when in secondary school (U12s through to Youth). We train every Thursday evening on the playing fields in Gwaelod-Y-Garth during the spring and summer, and then move to suitable all weather pitches during the autumn and winter. The Club is managed and administered by voluntary effort alone; in all cases coaches and officers of the club are DBS checked and



A specialised construction company based in Creigiau with a solid reputation for delivering quality workmanship



COVERING ALL BUILDING WORKS & SPECIALISING IN:
EXTENSIONS RENOVATIONS NEW BUILDS
 Call Matt today for a FREE quotation
 07792 474415 or 02922 210478
 or visit abuilderscardiff.co.uk

attend the relevant First Aid and Football Coaching courses as required by the FAW.

The club is always open for new players of any age. As such, if your son or daughter has an interest in football and you would be interested in joining the club, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please direct any enquiries to the Club Chairman, Simon Hammett, via email at grfchair@gmail.com

CANTORION CREIGIAU SINGERS

Cantorion Creigiau Singers our local mixed choir are pleased to say that we will be returning to choir rehearsals on **SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM--9.00PM in CREIGIAU GOLF CLUB**

downstairs dining area. We are looking forward to meeting again to enjoy singing with each other --and former members are also welcome to join us again.

If you are new to the area-we are a mixed choir who formerly (before covid) performed in many concerts to raise money for charity. New members will be greeted with a warm welcome, just arrive by 7.30pm, -no auditions are needed just a desire to sing with the option of socialising in the bar afterwards.

As we emerge from a long winter it's a great way to come out again and enjoy singing which improves your mental and physical well being. Why not give it a go? If you do arrive (at time of writing) please bring a facemask for entering the Golfclub and in the corridor but not needed in the bar area.

As part of our risk assessment we will still be maintaining some distance and ventilation in the rehearsal room as required. We look forward to seeing you as we move forward to enjoying some "normality" again. See you there!

Rehearsals will then be every following Sunday evening 7.30PM -9.00PM in Creigiau Golf Club.

APPEARING SOON AT ACAPELA YMA YN FUAN

 Peatbog Faeries 10/03/22	 Hue and Cry 11/03/22	
 Rusty Shackle 12/03/22	 Paul Potts 15/03/22	
 Flock of Seagulls 16/03/22	 Kate Bush-Ka 18/03/22	
 Chris Difford 30/03/22	 Toploader 19/03/22	 Beth Rowley 26/03/22

Coming Soon Steve Harley, Tom Robinson, Altered Images, Dean Friedman, Dervish, Jesus Jones, Laura Veirs, Lau, Oysterband and many more

BOOK ONLINE ARLEIN www.acapela.co.uk BOX OFFICE SWYDDFA 029 2089 0862



PCSO Jen called in to meet and say hello to our Knit and Natter ladies.

PARTIAL HOUSE CLEARANCE

We have enjoyed forty two years in Pentyrch and found we had an excess of household items. Disposal into a skip can be wasteful. Discussion with Pentyrch Open Gardens resulted in agreement for us to offer the items to the community for donations to Pentyrch Open Gardens, who pass this on to local community projects and charities. This raised over £400. It was agreed that lessons we learned would be useful to other households in the same situation, which is the purpose of this article. Details and Methods

1. Allow weeks to establish contacts/ details of people who can help.
2. Avoid peak holiday periods.
3. Allow sufficient time - it took us over 2 months to complete the project.



RED MAPLE
TREE SERVICES CARDIFF





Tree care • Fencing services • Grass cutting services • Grounds maintenance
Garden care • Forestry • Site clearance • Property maintenance

M: 07925 821854 T: 02920 632 788
E: redmapleforest@outlook.com | www.redmapleforestry.co.uk

4. You may still need a skip, as we did. Check with skip firm. If skip is on road, will the firm organise a licence, passing cost on to customer? We used Caerphilly Skip Hire. They were good.
5. Advertise on Pentyrch Buy & Sell (Facebook) pages

Contact Details

Pentyrch Open Gardens:

Chris and Helen Edwards
Tel: 07787890284
Email: chrisedwards1955@icloud.com

Pentyrch Community Council:

Deb Hunt
Tel: 02920891417
Email: office@pentyrch.cc

Boomerang:

A Cardiff-based organisation distributing donated items to disadvantaged people in Cardiff communities:

www.boomerangcardiff.org.uk

Garth Rotary:

normanloydmathias@gmail.com
Nigel and Chris McLeish

Pugh's Food Halls, now in Radyr, Wenvoe & Rogerstone



Fresh fruit and veg | Frozen meals | Deli counter | Milk | Eggs | Bread | Cupboard essentials | Takeaway drinks and cakes | Gift hampers | Butchers | Zero waste options



Open seven days a week!

Radyr CF15 8LB | Wenvoe CF5 6AD | Rogerstone NP10 9EJ

GRC Plumbing and Heating

Gas Safe Registered

Graham Clements.
Radyr.
Cardiff.

029 20842798 07525 265354
grcplumbing@hotmail.co.uk

- ◆ LANDLORD SAFETY CERTIFICATES
- ◆ REPLACEMENT BOILERS
- ◆ BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS
- ◆ FULL TILLING SERVICE
- ◆ FULL CENTRAL HEATING INSTALLATIONS
- ◆ BOILER SERVICING
- ◆ WARM AIR REPAIRS AND SERVICING
- ◆ ALL PLUMBING WORK
- ◆ NO CALL OUT CHARGE
- ◆ FREE ESTIMATES

CLWB Y DWRLYN

Our last meeting of the year was held on Zoom when we were entertained by Huw Llewelyn Davies and the popular singer & broadcaster Elin Fflur.

Our annual Christmas dinner was held at De Courcey's – a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. It was however decided not to go ahead with the Plygain service at Pentyrch Church & the Mari Lwyd visit to the King's Arms.

Hopefully our next meeting will be at the Rugby Club in February followed in March by our St David's Day dinner at Radyr Golf Club.

CREIGIAU COMPANIONS

To all our faithful members desperate to meet again, and sup those beautiful cups of tea with Tesco's special biscuits, amongst congenial company, be patient, we may be almost there. With the Church Hall being used more regularly, now, the committee can monitor progress and, hopefully, come to a decision on restarting in the not too distant future. As I have said in times past, all our members fall into the vulnerable category, so we, as a committee want to be cautious, if not ultra cautious. But, hopefully, restarting will not be too far ahead. John Gough

MERCHED Y WAWR

We were fortunate in December's meeting to have Dr Heledd Jones' company. She is a GP in Butetown but a former resident of Pentyrch. We were enlightened and humbled to hear of her voluntary work in the refugee camps of Calais.



**JW CYCLES - Bicycle
Servicing & Repairs**

07843 656618

LOCAL COLLECTION DROP OFF AVAILABLE (small fee may apply)

BICYCLE SERVICING & REPAIRS,

covering Pentyrch, Radyr, Creigiau also CF14/15 and CF72 surrounding areas

£50 OFF

WHEN YOU BOOK
BLOSSOM VENUE
DRESSING PACKAGE
ABOVE £799

*EXCLUDES OTHER OFFERS



Find Us on Facebook
@ElynBoutiqueUK

**FREE
BUTTONHOLE
UP TO 5**

WHEN YOU BOOK
WEDDING FLOWERS
ABOVE £299

*EXCLUDES POSTAGE. CONDITIONS APPLY

Realistic Wedding Flowers

Visit us at 8 Church Street, Pontypridd Town CF37 2TH
Open Wednesdays / Fridays / Saturdays 10am - 4pm

CLWB Y DWRLYN

Mae cyfarfodydd y gymdeithas wedi parhau ar Zoom ond ein gobaith nawr yw dychwelyd i gwrdd a chymdeithasu wyneb yn wyneb yn y Clwb Rygbi ym mis Chwefror.

Ddechrau Rhagfyr cafwyd "Sgwrs dan y Lloer" yng nghwmni Elin Fflur wrth i Huw Llewelyn Davies ei holi am ei magwraeth a'i gyrfa fel darlledwraig a chantores. Cafwyd ymateb hwyliog ganddi i gwestiynau treiddgar a diddorol Huw a phawb wedi mwynhau noson hyfryd yng nghwmni'r ddau.

Er gwaetha'r cyfyngiadau llwyddwyd i ddathlu'r Nadolig gyda chinio yng ngwesty De Courcey's. Daeth criw da ynghyd i fwynhau'r gwledda a'r cymdeithasu. Yn anffodus eleni oherwydd y cyfyngiadau penderfynwyd peidio â chynnal gwasanaeth y Plygain yn Eglwys Pentyrch nac ymweliad y Fari Lwyd

a thafarn y King's.

Bydd ein cyfarfod nesaf ar Chwefror 17eg a'r bwriad yw cynnal noson ar y thema "Fy nhysor i" lle bydd cyfle i unigolion sôn am gefndir gwrthrych sy'n bwysig iddyn nhw.

Ar Fawrth 6ed edrychwn ymlaen at giniawa yng Nghlwb Golff Radur a gwahodd Deian Hopkin yn westai.

Os am fwy o wybodaeth am weithgareddau'r gymdeithas cysylltwch ar clwbydwrlyn@pentyrch.cymru.

CREIGIAU COMMUNITY MARKET

Creigiau Community Market will be returning in the Spring 2022.

Keep an eye out for our distinctive yellow banners around the area and call into **Creigiau Parish Hall** for the much anticipated return of an even

**Bigger And Better Creigiau
Community Market 2022.**

Helen Davey

Covid precautions will be observed.

MERCHED Y WAWR

Mae cyfarfodydd yn mudiad yn parhau ar Zoom ar hyn o bryd ac ym mis Rhagfyr buom yn ffodus i gael cwmni Dr Heledd Jones a fu ar un adeg yn byw ym Mhentyrch. Meddyg teulu yn Nhrebute yng Nghaerdydd yw Heledd ond mae hefyd yn treulio llawer o'i hamser yn tiwtora darpar fyfyrwyr ac yn gwneud cryn dipyn o waith gwirfoddol. Cawsom glywed am ei phrofiadau yn gweithio gyda'r ffoaduriaid yn Calais. Roedd hi newydd ddychwelyd ar bod yn Ffrainc yn cynnig cymorth i'r trueini-aid yn y gwerylloedd yno ac er bod eu sefyllfa mor echrydus roedd clywed am ymdrechion Heledd a'r gwirfoddolwyr eraill i leddfu ychydig ar y dioddefaint yn codi calon.

ISSUES FROM GWAELOD Y GARTH

I recently attended an online meeting with Rod King MBE, founder and director for the "20 is Plenty For Us" a campaign group who encourages 20mph speed limit on the roads; Rhys ab Owen AS, Ioan Bellin and Mike Deem his support staff, and Peter Hammett Chairman of GyG village Hall, The meeting was to discuss how we can bring the 20mph speed limit throughout GyG. Rod made a number of suggestions, some viable some not for our village. Overall a distinction needs to be made between driving in town and driving on country roads through villages.

Ideally, table speed reducing bumps would be effective, but cost is a consideration.

One suggestion which is achievable is planters through the village. Last year Cardiff Council agreed to provide us with planters. These are going to be placed on the verge by Heol Berry playing field and at the top of Garth Olwg. Hopefully these planters will help to remind drivers that they are in a village and slow down.

I also attended an online meeting along with other Cregiau Councillors and the Cardiff Council Coed Caerdydd Tree Community Officer who are enthusiastic about planting more trees in all the villages. Hopefully, in time there will be a more "country feel" to Gwaelod and drivers will be able to distinguish between town and country roads and slow down to admire our lovely village.

Cllr Sandie Rosser

Welsh Government: Winter Fuel Support Scheme

As part of a wider support package of over £50m to address immediate pressures on living costs, Welsh Government has made available over £38 million through a Winter Fuel Support Scheme.

From the 13 December 2021 to 18 February 2022 eligible people in Wales may be able to claim a one-off £100 payment from their local Council to provide support towards paying their winter fuel bills. For more information, <https://gov.wales/winter-fuel-support-scheme>

Anyone who requires financial assistance with off-grid fuel costs (such as oil, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) or coal) can consider applying to the Discretionary Assistance Fund for help.

Discretionary Assistance Fund

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible for support through the Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF). You can apply to the DAF via the website <https://gov.wales/discretionary-assistance-fund-daf/how-apply> or by Freephone telephone on 0800 859 5924

Warm Homes Scheme

The Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme offers a range of free, impartial advice and, if you are eligible, a package of free home energy efficiency improvements such as a new boiler, central heating or insulation. This can lower your energy bills and benefit your health and wellbeing. For more information, call freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit Nest | nest.gov.wales

Winter Fuel Support Scheme update

Welsh Government has announced the Winter Fuel Support Scheme Payment has been doubled to £200 per eligible household to put towards their on-grid fuel bills from 13th December 2021.

This will be available to new applicants and retrospectively paid to those who have applied already.

If you have already received a £100 payment, you do not need to do anything, you will automatically receive a further £100 by the end of March.

Find out if you're eligible and claim online: <https://orlo.uk/8ADhc>

PLASTIC RECYCLING

Plastic recycling can be confusing – there's so many different types! CCC advise the following information

In your green recycling bags:

✗ We cannot accept any plastic film.

Things like ready meal lids, yogurt lids, cling film, carrier bags, bubble wrap are made from materials that are so light they end up mixed in with our paper recycling, reducing the quality of the paper produced.

✗ We also cannot accept hard plastic

Things like children's toys, chopping boards, Tupperware, storage boxes. You can recycle these at our Household Recycling Centres or they can be reused.

✓ We can accept plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays

Plastic drinks bottles

Plastic milk bottles

Plastic ready meal trays

Cleaning bottles e.g. bleach, washing up liquid

Bathing packaging e.g. shampoo bottles, soap bottles, bubble bath

Plastic fruit punnets

Noodle pots

Yoghurt pots

Plastic take away tubs

Please make sure all items have been rinsed. Bottle tops and labels are fine to keep on.

If unsure, do the 'squeeze test'. As long as it's not a film type plastic give it a squeeze – if you can squeeze it, you can put it in your green bag.

If in doubt, check our A-Z of recycling on our website

<https://orlo.uk/WbcS1>

Download the Cardiff Gov app <https://orlo.uk/H3DxM>



MAKE 2022 A VERY SPECIAL YEAR

"Take your first musical steps..."

Call today on **02920 631340** to book your **FREE** taster lesson.

Limited spaces, so don't miss out!

Try one of our premiere music classes:



Jungle Music (6 months +)
Music is Fun (for 3 ½ - 5 years)
Junior Keys (for 5 – 7 years)
Piano Keys (for 8 – 10 years)

rockschool™

One to One Lessons available for:

Piano - Guitar - Ukulele - Drums
Percussion - Violin - Cello - Singing - Theory
Double Bass - Clarinet - Saxophone - Flute



fortecardiff@fortemusic.co.uk 02920 631340

4 Radyr Court Shops, Danescourt Way, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2SF

www.fortemusic.co.uk/cardiff

**CREIGIAU RECREATION CHARITY /
ELUSEN HAMDDEN CREIGIAU**

Despite the best efforts of Creigiau Recreation Charity (CRC) trustees, we are still waiting for the Pentyrch Community Council to complete the new lease. Though every effort has been made to enable the lease to be signed, we cannot push forward with our extensive plans - supported by the community - to improve the recreation area which has suffered with almost zero funding since the 1980s.

Dedicated trustees are, however, carrying on the ongoing everyday business of running the charity with fund raising and by contacting and exploring opportunities with major fund givers like the Community Lottery Fund, as well as engaging with local experts for advice, support and guidance.

As you may have seen via our website and social media sites, CRC ran a recent survey giving individuals and groups the opportunity to comment, propose ideas and suggest any improvements to the 'rec'. It was also an opportunity for feedback on our existing plans.

One key area of the 'rec' that needs enhancement and extending is the Pavilion (built in 1980). If there is someone in Creigiau or the surrounding area that has expertise and knowledge that they could offer CRC then please contact us via the website.

The results of this survey - thank you to those who responded! - will be collated and posted early in 2022.

There has been wide support and encouragement for progressing the existing plans and there have been a multitude of fantastic and innovative ideas for the future.

You can still give your opinion and ideas here:

<https://tinyurl.com/creigiau123>

Notwithstanding Covid-19, 2021 saw several new groups using the area, which is exactly what we want to see; a vibrant and well used 'rec'. With spring and summer ahead, we politely but firmly ask that all users respect each other's right to use the area and clear up after visiting, taking litter home and please ensuring that you clean up after your dog.

If you need further information on our plans, please check our web site or contact us via the email link with your questions or suggestions or if you wish to register your interest either to volunteer or perhaps to join us as a trustee.

CRC is determined to develop the facilities that our community needs. We hope the new lease will be ready by February 2022 so that we can drive forward with the rest of our work for the future of our village.

Please visit us at www.creigiaurec.com

**PENTYRCH HORTICULTURAL,
COOKERY AND CRAFT SHOW**

We are hoping to get the Pentyrch Show back up and running after a break of two years. However, Sue Cragg, who has been chairperson for the last few years is moving away and the committee is now looking for a new person to take the lead on the Show. Plenty of back up is available, as the remaining committee members are still willing to play their part.

Do you feel you could take on this role and take overall responsibility for the programme and the Show?

If so, please email :-

sue.cragg@btinternet.com.



Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch

Spring Newsletter



PENTYRCH SURGERY / PHARMACY

The mediation between the Health Board (HB) and Community Health Council (CHC) failed to provide a solution to the future of our surgery and, as a consequence, our much valued pharmacy. The CHC was left with no alternative but to refer the matter to the W. Gov. Minister for Health. However, perhaps because this seems to be the first referral of its kind in Wales, it is unclear firstly, what process will be followed, i.e. can representations be made in writing or in person to the Minister and secondly, what will the Minister be deciding upon? The questions are firstly, whether the HB has failed to comply with its legal obligations to properly consult and involve citizens in an open, fair and transparent process before making any decision? Both Pentyrch Save Our Surgery (PSOS) and the CHC have clearly demonstrated the HB's failures in this regard and that had the HB complied, the outcome would most likely have been very different? Secondly, will the Minister make a decision on where any new surgery should be located i.e. in accordance with the qualifying funding arrangements to finance a new surgery in Pentyrch? Or, will it be both issues? PSOS is trying to get clarity from the Minister. PSOS's position remains that wherever a new Pentyrch surgery is to be located that decision should only be made following the HB complying with the law and fully involving citizens in an open, fair and transparent process with due regard to ensuring health care access to everyone including those with no transport of their own. Villagers are encouraged to keep an eye on the 2 Facebook pages covering Pentyrch for PSOS updates.

HELPING TACKLE TERRORISM

Sadly we all need to play a part in this. Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) is encouraging communities across the UK to help police tackle terrorism by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity. The ACT Awareness E Learning is a free resource to help understand the role we can all play in helping prevent terrorism. It contains advice and interactive activities across 6 modules. The E Learning can be accessed at <http://ct.highfieldlearning.com/> using the Neighbourhood Watch Pin495635. Why not give it a go?

YOUR PNW NEEDS YOU

PNW is active in many ways but nearly always as a consequence of someone in Pentyrch raising an issue with us. We are always keen to encourage villagers to come along to our monthly meetings (usually the 2nd Monday of each month) at 6.30pm in the sun lounge of Pentyrch Rugby Club. We are especially keen in attracting young people to come along so we have a good cross section of the population expressing views but any and all villagers in Pentyrch are very welcome. You can speak on any agenda item and raise matters you think are important. You can even enjoy a drink whilst doing so ...and afterwards as well if you want to.

ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER SCAM

Scams are endless and highlighting them all almost turns people off. Whilst we publicise certain scams our approach has been to recommend certain basic principles.

1. Sign up to the free and ad free - Which? Scam Alert service via info@act.which.co.uk for news on all major scams and action to take
2. Always hover over the senders details in an email and if a different address appears then delete it
3. NEVER click on a link of any description in an email unless you are sure of the emails source.
4. NEVER EVER divulge your personal or financial details (especially your PIN No or passwords). No public body or bank etc will ever ask you to do so or ask you to transfer money. So ignore texts claiming to be for example from the Post Office wanting to reschedule deliveries but wanting payment no matter how small. The Post office NEVER delivers letters or parcels. This is the job of Royal Mail. Messages re charges for an NHS Covid Pass should be deleted. The NHS provides these free. DVLA scams seeking fees for over 70's renewing their driving licence should be ignored; these are free when applying direct to the DVLA. Software updates are an important part of staying secure on line as they contain bug fixes and security improvements. Out of date software is easy to hack into.

The views expressed in the Community Link are not necessarily those of, nor endorsed by the Community Council.

SELF HARM/SELF INJURY

Self harm/injury is often a physical response to emotional pain and/or intolerable experiences. It includes self neglect and risk taking behaviour. Stopping it is not easy even if the individual concerned wants to. Its reasons vary person to person. Often for young people it is a way of 'coping'. The NHS in 2018 identified that over 50% of suicides were people who had a history of self harm. The only way of identifying if a person is considering suicide is by asking them directly. This helps create a safe place for the person to say how they are feeling. Risk factors in self harming include sexual or physical abuse, family substance abuse, negative body image perceptions, neglect and lack of strong family connections. There is help and there is hope. The Charlie Walker Trust has a booklet called 'Coping with self harm – a guide for parents and helpers' accessed via <https://www.cwmt.org.uk> or, call Hopelineuk on 08000684141.

THANKS GO TO.....

In an earlier newsletter we asked those with loud motorcycle exhausts if they could please tone these down (and in some cases make them legal) because of the high level of noise these were making. We are grateful to the many who have responded in a positive way.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

This is just a polite reminder to those venturing into the countryside with their dogs that lambing time is just around the corner. Remember when crossing farmland not to stray off footpaths and dogs must be kept on a short lead, and must remain on the footpath also and under control at all times. Always clean up after your dog, especially where Livestock is grazing, and dispose of responsibly, thus avoiding the spread of disease, much of which proves to be fatal, in the sheep and cattle and within children and adults also.

Sheep and cattle will be back grazing the Garth Mountain very soon so please adhere to all the signs requesting dogs to be kept on a short lead there at all times.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as the countryside that you visit is our place of work. It will also avoid any needless suffering to livestock and heartache to the farmer and the dog owner.

To Slip On The Lead Is A Very Quick And Simple Preventative.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH CREIGIAU

Community Speedwatch in Creigiau have recorded the figures shown between the 2nd November 21 to 31st January 22. The team need more volunteers to man Creigiau Speedwatch. If you are interested and willing to give just a little time see the GoSafe information.

DATE	LOCATION	VEHICLES	25 MPH +	%
02/11/21	Ty Nant Road	100	4	4.00%
09/11/21	Pant Y Gored	100	15	15.00%
16/11/21	Cardiff Road	245	13	5.31%
23/11/21	Ty Nant Road	100	9	9.00%
30/11/21	Pant Y Gored	48	18	37.50%
07/12/21	Cardiff Road	150	17	11.33%
14/12/21	Ty Nant Road	73	7	9.59%
12/01/22	Cardiff Road	146	13	8.90%
18/01/22	Fford Dinefwr	44	5	11.36%
25/01/22	Pant Y Gored	73	9	12.33%

LUCKY

VALETING

CARDIFF & SOUTH WALES MOBILE VALETING SERVICES.

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR VALETING
PROTECTION DETAILS • HEADLIGHT
REFURBISHMENT • MACHINE
POLISHING • PET HAIR REMOVAL
REGULAR MAINTENANCE

RICHARD EDWARDS

07742 663 880

LUCKYVALETING@GMAIL.COM

@LUCKYVALETING

Gwaelod Decorator,

For all Painting & Decorating,

Please contact:

Phil Smith

07484852130.

Facebook@cardiffdecorate.

Community Speed Watch is an initiative from South Wales Police who will provide members of the public with equipment and training in order to carry out speed monitoring operations alongside Police Officers and Community Support Officers on roads within their local community.

Fairwater Neighbourhood Policing Team are currently looking to recruit additional volunteers to take part in active Community Speed Watch initiatives in Creigiau and Pentyrch, Peterston Super-Ely, Radyr and Morganstown, St Fagans and Whitchurch.

If you are interested in participating in the Community Speed Watch in these areas, or would like to know more about the scheme, please contact PCSO Richard Davies at richard.davies8@south-wales.police.uk

For any interest or queries outside the Fairwater area please contact CSW@south-wales.pnn.police.uk or visit the GoSafe website.



Mae Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yn fenter gan Heddlu De Cymru a fydd yn darparu cyfarpar a hyfforddiant i aelodau o'r cyhoedd er mwyn iddynt gyflawni ymgyrchoedd monitro cyflymder ochr yn ochr â Swyddogion yr Heddlu a Swyddogion Cymorth Cymunedol ar y ffordd yn eu cymunedau lleol.

Mae Tim Plismona yn y Gymdogaeth Y Tylgoed yn awyddus i recriwtio gwirfoddolwyr ychwanegol i gymryd rhan mewn ymgyrchoedd Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yng Nghreigiau a Phentyrch, Llanbedr-y-fro, Radur a Threforgan, Sain Ffagan a'r Eglwys Newydd.

Os oes gennych ddiddordeb mewn cymryd rhan yn yr ymgyrchoedd Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yn yr ardaloedd hyn, neu os hoffech gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y cynllun, cysylltwch â PCSO Richard Davies drwy e-bostio richard.davies8@south-wales.police.uk

Ar gyfer unrhyw ddiddordeb neu ymholiadau y tu allan i ardal Y Tylgoed, e-bostiwch CSW@south-wales.pnn.police.uk neu ewch i wefan GanBwyll.

PENTYRCH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

Speedwatch resumed in January following the Christmas period. Two of our most active volunteers - Julie and Mark Walters - left Pentyrch and we wish them all the best for the future. Their past efforts are greatly appreciated.

The team contacted Mark Drakeford last year in an effort to seek support for effective traffic calming measures in the village. His response from Caro Wild, Cabinet member for Strategic Planning and Transport was extremely negative and failed to grasp the basic issues with speeding in Pentyrch. Discussions were also held with Cllr Gavin Hill-John who has since advised that he has mentioned the concerns directly to Caro Wild.

The team approached Mr Wild directly again in order to seek to elicit support for effective measures to be put in place to reduce speeding and included a breakdown of the speeding statistics held by us. Mr Wild's response was again negative. He stated that "based on existing information, there are no specific highway concerns which require urgent attention. The Council targets its resources and gives priority to dealing with locations where the most serious problems are occurring."

It appears at least for the present, there is little or no political support to address the speeding issues here in Pentyrch.

DATE	LOCATION	25 MPH +	Vehicles	%
8.10.21	Bronllwyn School	8	439	1.8%
13.10.21	Heol Goch	5	606	0.8%
22.10.21	Heol y Pentre	50	270	18.5%
11.11.21	Heol Goch	11	424	2.6%
14.1.22	Heol y Pentre	27	135	20.0%
20.1.22	Bronllwyn School	9	360	0.3%
27.1.22	Heol y Pentre	28	150	18.6%
		138	2384	5.8%

**LLWYDDIANT AR AC ODDI AR Y CAE
YN CLWB RYGBI PENTYRCH I
DDECHRAU 2022**

Gan ddechrau gyda materion ar y cae, mae'r XV 1af wedi dechrau 2022 gyda thair buddugoliaeth sy'n golygu eu bod ar ben uchaf yr Adran. Mae ein XV leuenticid wedi bod yn cynnal rhai perfformiadau cryf. Mae'r adran Minis ac lau wedi bod yn diddanu ein dydd Sul, gyda phob grwp oedran ar waith. Mae'r grwp rygbi-cyffwrdd merched yn ymarfer'n wythnosol. Efallai mai'r mwyaf calonogol yw'r niferoedd sy'n ymarfer ac yn chwarae o wythnos i wythnos ar draws pob adran. Braf gweld y gêm yn ffynnu ym Mhentyrch!

Ar adeg ysgrifennu'r erthygl hon, rydym yn edrych ymlaen at Chwe Gwlad arbennig. Ar benwythnos gêm yr Alban, rydym yn croesawu ein ffrindiau o Ynys Bute i nodi 40 mlynedd ers eu taith gyntaf i Bentyrch. Diau y bydd straeon newydd i'w hychwanegu at hanes gwych ein dwy gymuned erbyn i chi ddarlenn hwn!

Ar 26 Chwefror, mae gennym ni ddiwrnod arbennig iawn ar y gweill i gofio Matty John. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys gêm elusennol, gweithgareddau i'r teulu, cyri, barbeci, a gêm Lloegr v Cymru ar y sgrin.

**PENTYRCH CRICKET CLUB
AN INVITATION NOT TO BE MISSED**

With the impressive playing fields that are enjoyed by all at Pentyrch, the maintenance and improvement is dependent not just on player subscriptions and volunteers labour.



The social membership support from the villagers is always important to us. It seriously contributes towards helping maintain our picturesque ground and traditional village pavilion. Family membership for the year is £15 and £10 just for you and this offers an invitation to our July music festival and on match days a free pot of tea and some award winning cake, and perhaps a chilled beer or Prosecco to enjoy in the little quaint bar - the BBQ hut and pizza oven might also tempt you.

Pentyrch Cricket Club dates back to 1882, a fine history of fellowship,

Mae ochr gymdeithasol y Clwb yn mynd o nerth i nerth, gyda raffl Clwb 200 yn dod yn digwyddiad fisol, nosweithiau cwis ar nos Fercher, pob prif sianel chwaraeon ar gael i'w gwyltio ar y sgrin, a chroeso bob amser i deuluoedd.

characters, love for the great game and a thriving social membership.

And last season our 1st X1 won promotion to the South Wales Premier League, the 2nd X1 played competitively in division five, bringing together loyal senior players and also encouraging our promising youngsters.

And for the excitable "bash" enthusiasts, T20 happens midweek - with a beer and a burger to enjoy the evening.

The Sunday X1 was fun with sunshine and cream teas, family enthusiasts and more junior players to come enjoy our special place for cricket.

But always, an open welcome to newcomers - the little beginners through to seniors and most importantly for the girls and ladies.

We have winter nets booked for juniors and seniors starting in the new year and continuing for 10 weeks.

Our Family Friday Nights were a huge success last year - All Stars then Dynamos followed by our womens softball team

To support, please offer me your email address and kindly consider payments to:-

PCC 30-96-91 account 02848736

Many, many thanks

John Moore MBE, Chairman

John.moore0947@gmail.com

It's your
HOLIDAY

Tailored to your personal needs, providing the best value for your money, and with total financial protection

Karen Williams
Your local Travel Counsellor

travel counsellors →

With us...it's personal

☎ **02920 891384**
📞 **07702 021103**
✉ **karen.williams@travelcounsellors.com**

www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/karen.williams

www.laurels.wales

laurels
DAY NURSERIES

*multi award winning
childcare provider*

Full daycare, school wrap around and holiday club for children aged 0-7 years

Open: 7:30am to 6pm, Mon-Fri
Call: 02920 814 353 | www.laurels.wales

THE LAN MEMORIAL 2021



The Lan Memorial 2021 was celebrated on the exact date of the fatal underground explosion on December 6th. 1875. In spite of rain, Selwyn Hughes welcomed those who attended, joining Sara Thorne, Marc Palmer and Gavin Hill-John in the re-telling the story of the disaster. Class five, Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth, acted out a presentation written by Norma Procter. The voices of the Taff's Well Community Choir rang out, while Gail Stewart, part of the re-telling, brought tears to the eyes with her solo singing. As the children placed candles and rosemary sprigs in memory of those who died, Ann Gray placed her wreath in dedication to her great uncle, Abraham Philips. Other wreaths were placed on behalf of the school, the PCC and Richard Morgan of South Wales Gardens, Taff's Well. Doug Castle placed a

PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS

Another year with better prospects for meeting with others in our gardens. The dates for this years Open gardens is Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd July, tickets and programme from the village hall – hopefully inside this year! If you want to join in and open your garden or help in anyway please contact me on the number below. This is NOT a competition just for people that enjoy



Snowdrops

wreath for the Lan team, and as ever, helped with the setting up of the event. Peter Hammett thanked everyone involved, welcoming them to the village hall for refreshment. Each child was given a chocolate Santa and presented with a certificate of gratitude for their impressive work, plus a Lan badge, and a special 'medal', made by Pete Anning.

We would like to thank everyone who took part or came to watch, with special thanks to Jill Hammett and the Tuesday Club for providing refreshments. Mr Jones, the class teacher, said the final prayer. We extend to him our thanks for his preparations with the children, who were a credit to him and the school. Truly a village coming together in memory of the men and boys who died.
Norma Procter

their garden and are happy to share with others and raise money for our community and the planters in the village. With regards to the planters the troughs appear to have suffered from some fungal problems so do not look as they should. I will try to rectify this as soon as the weather improves and new plants become available. The snowdrops are coming through and thanks go to Liz Davidson for planting them along the foot path from Heol Goch to Bryn y Eglwys – in years to come it will be the snowdrop path as they spread! They are spreading on the patch of grass where the covid snake was originally started. If you want to open your garden, bake a cake or help in any way please contact :-
Helen & Chris Edwards 2 Penmaes 07787890284.

S G Tree Services



N.P.T.C Certified and Fully Insured Tree Surgeon with 15years experience.

Services Offered

- Crown Raising
- Crown Reductions
- Pruning
- Tree Felling
- Hedge Cutting
- Stump Grinding
- TPO's and Conservation Areas
- Plus Other Services
- All Arisings Removed
- Green Waste Registered

I cover all areas of South Wales.

Please give me call/email for a free no obligation quotation.

Tel: 07739277233

Email: goodleff@hotmail.com

ROOM OUTSIDE
STUDIOS LTD

GIVING YOU THE ADDITIONAL SPACE YOU NEED TO WORK, RELAX AND PLAY

With a wealth of knowledge, **ROOM OUTSIDE STUDIOS** will provide you with the best advice on the design of your Garden Room right from the first encounter. Providing you with a complete service, our in-house specialist landscape team can also create beautiful gardens around your Garden Room and home.

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM IN PONTYPRIDD TO SEE HOW OUR GARDEN ROOMS CAN HELP YOU WORK, RELAX AND PLAY, WHATEVER SPACE YOU MAY HAVE

Upper Boat Trading Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 5BP
07890 371890 • dan@roomoutsidestudios.com

PENTYRCH BOWLING CLUB IN 2022

Buoyed by an influx of over 20 new members, Pentyrch Bowling Club is very much looking forward (COVID-permitting) to a full programme of lawn green bowls and social functions from April onwards.

We are a small bowling club, comprising men and women bowlers, but pride ourselves on being a very sociable group of friends. Both men and women play in local leagues - on Wednesdays/Saturdays and Tuesdays/Thursdays respectively. We also play mixed friendly matches and usually go on an annual bowling tour.

We continue to look for new members and will be offering

free 'taster' sessions again from the middle of April; these will be advertised on the local Facebook hubs. All you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes and we provide the rest. So, come along and have a go; you will soon find that bowls is a very enjoyable game. There is also a Monday 'club evening' (5.30 pm for 6 pm start), where both men and women play friendly bowls together.

You can find us on the Parc y Dwyrlyn sports complex in Pentyrch, next to the tennis courts, and read more about us on our website (www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk). Hopefully, our social functions will resume again with a coffee morning (open to all) on the last Friday of each month from March onwards (10.30 am to 12 Noon). Please contact Brian Ilbery, Membership Officer, on 07979 658481 for further information.

Fred's Fares

The Reliable Taxi Service

Luxury Travel

for up to 8 passengers in an air conditioned vehicle

Phone Fred on

07932 154122

There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy

Bag that poo – any rubbish bin will do

SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE FIELD AT PENTYRCH RFC TO START 2022

Starting with on-field matters, the 1st XV have started 2022 with three wins that see them at the top end of the Division. Our Youth XV have been putting in some strong performances. The Mini and Juniors have been entertaining our Sundays, with all age groups in action. The women's touch group is training weekly. Perhaps most encouraging are the numbers training and playing week in week out across all sections. It's great to see the game thriving in Pentyrch!

At the time of writing this article, we are looking forward to a special Six Nations. On the weekend of the Scotland match, we're welcoming our friends from the Isle of Bute to mark the 40th anniversary of their first tour to Pentyrch. No doubt there will be new stories to add to the great history of our two communities by the time you're reading this!

On 26 February, we have a very special day planned to remember Matty John. This will include a charity match, family activities, a curry, a BBQ, and the England v Wales match on screen.

The social side of Club-life is going from strength to strength, with the 200 Club draw becoming a monthly fixture, quiz night Wednesdays, all major sports channels available to watch on screen, and families always welcome.

Role Play Lane

CLASSES PARTIES SCHOOL TRIPS ROLE PLAY SESSIONS

'A role play village for growing minds'

Website: www.roleplaylane.co.uk
 Email: visitsatroleplaylane@gmail.com
 Phone: 01443 281 270



Unit 1B,
Newtown Industrial Estate
Llantwit Fardre
CF38 2EE



Pip's Pooches

PROFESSIONAL DOG GROOMING IN RADYR

CALL MANDY ON 07870 669169

GARTH GARDENERS, WINTER

At this time of year we need to be optimistic, it would be too easy to submit to the gloom and despondency of winter weather and covid (as well as all the other winter bugs, horticultural and personal).

In these uncertain times our committee will continue to keep you in the loop. The web site at garthgardeners@wordpress.com is kept up-to-date and we will e-mail members so that you don't miss any meetings or turn up when we have needed to cancel.

We have a full programme planned for this year, but will obviously have to play it by ear.

Being gardeners teaches us patience and the knowledge that the natural cycles of replenishment and renewal will continue.

The dead stalks in the herbaceous border need cutting down to allow the new growth to come through. The spring flowers will come up, tulips and daffodils will brighten our days, the sun will come out, we will sit in the garden drinking coffee and meet our friends and family.

So in the spirit of optimism: -

YES – the weather will improve

YES – Spring will arrive with new green shoots

YES – covid will abate, and

YES - we will meet you again at Garth Gardeners as soon as we are able.

After all the problems and losses, we have good things to look forward to, so hang on in there, until we welcome you all back. Denise James



Spring colour (Marite Hiatt)

CADWCH CREIGIAU'N DACLUS

KEEP CREIGIAU TIDY



**Ymunwch â ni am ein sesiwn
Cymunedol nesaf yn casglu sbwriel!**
**Join us for our next Community
litter pick!**

Sunday 20th March
10:00-12:00
Cwrdd/Meet:
Recreation Ground 09:45
(+ Caffi Pop-Up Café)

**Dilynwch ni ar Twitter/
Follow us on Twitter**
@TidyCreigiau

CREIGIAU WI

SMALL BUT BEAUTIFULLY FORMED!

Being a small group in a pandemic has advantages. With fewer than 30 members, Creigiau WI was able to resume monthly meetings in the Church Hall in September, and we now have a full programme of speakers activities for the year.

In November we were inspired by our speaker from the charity TWAM (Tools with a Mission) to search our garages and sheds and make a collection of old, but sound tools for them to spruce up and send to Africa. The tools are distributed as "kits" which will enable individuals to set themselves up as small businesses, which can bring income to whole villages. A big thank you to everyone (members and neighbours) who donated items.

In January we were finally able to have our annual "Birthday Meal" – 15 months late! We enjoyed a lovely lunch at Rhodri's, Canada Lake.

Future meetings include:-

Tues 8th March, 7.30pm Circle Dancing with Bett Jones
Tues 12th April, 7.30pm Annual Meeting
Tues 10th May, 7.30pm A talk on the Llandaff to Penrhys Pilgrims' Way (through Creigiau) by Helen Lloyd.
Besides our regular meetings the WI has much more to offer. Within Creigiau WI we have theatre visits, afternoon teas in various local hostelrys, companionable walks in local parks (usually ending up in a coffee bar), book club and an annual coach trip. Glamorgan Federation of WIs also offers a wide range of activities and events.

For more information contact creigiau.w.i@gmail.com



These are some of the tools we collected

**DROP OFF POINTS AT PENTYRCH
PREMIER SHOP AND PCC OFFICES**

@PENTYRCHTERRACYCLE

**PENTYRCH
TERRACYCLE**

**STOP PACKAGING
GOING TO
LANDFILL + EARN
MONEY FOR CHARITY!**

ANY BRAND OF:

HOME HYGIENE

FLEXIBLE CHEESE PACKAGING

CONFECTIONERY

**CRISPS, NUT +
POPCORN**

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to the Quiz teams at the Lewis Arms and those of you who bought cakes and Christmas decorations. An amazing £1400 was raised and presented to the Cardiff Salvation Army team in December when they joined us for a quiz! We have received a lovely letter from them thanking us for enabling them to support many families and several hundred children in Cardiff over Christmas.

Thank you Pentyrch!

PENTYRCH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We are hopeful of being able to hold meetings this year (Covid allowing). We will keep you informed via our website. We welcome everyone who wishes to join us. We are not a serious academic society, we like to enjoy ourselves and be entertained by a diverse range of speakers and subjects. Also we wish to keep you up to date about the plans for a memorial bench for Don Llewellyn. Gone but not forgotten, er diffodd y golau erys gwres y fflam. The Pentyrch History Society with the support of the Community Council and several other Pentyrch societies are planning to install a bench outside the village hall. We hope that the design will reflect the many aspects of his life and how he touched the lives of so many people in the village. We are at present fundraising to make this happen. We would like to extend this opportunity to everyone who might want to donate towards the cost of the bench. If you would like more information or wish to donate, you can contact us by e-mail on pentyrchistory@gmail.com, or phone on 20 891 809. Thank you, diolch, together we can provide a fitting memorial for our friend. We hope to see you at a meeting soon. Denise James



Hilltop Theatre Company Theatre is alive and kicking once more in Pentyrch, as Hilltop Theatre Company resume their regular Thursday & Sunday evening rehearsals at the village hall. The Christmas Crackers fundraiser was a great success in December and rehearsals are now well underway for our Spring production of "The wisdom of Eve". This play is adapted from the story by Mary Orr, on which the 1950 multiple Oscar winning film "All about Eve" (starring Bette Davis, Anne Baxter and George Sanders) was based, and is an engrossing inside story of life in New York's theatre world. The play runs from March 10th-12th and tickets at £10 are available from our box office (07943 183169) or from members. Hilltop Theatre Company was established in Pentyrch in 2002...so we look forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary later this year ...so watch this space!

PENTYRCH WI



After a fabulous Christmas Party in December, complete with 2 course dinner and great entertainment, it was a shock to the system to return to ZOOM in January! However, once restrictions were eased we resumed our face to face meetings at the village Hall in February. We look forward to celebrating all things Welsh in our March meeting and preparations are well underway for our "birthday party" in April. If you are interested in joining our vibrant organisation, you can contact us at w.i.pentyrch@gmail.com or just come along to one of our monthly meetings as a visitor. We meet at Pentyrch Village Hall at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Linda & Sue (presidents)

DEFIBRILLATORS ARE LOCATED AT :

Creigiau:

- Old Phone Box opposite Creigiau Inn (outdoors)
- The Pavilion Creigiau Recreational Area, (outdoors)
- Tesco Stores (indoors)
- Creigiau Primary School (indoors)
- Creigiau Golf Club (indoors)
- Caesars Arms (indoors)
- Canada Lodge (indoors)
- Pencoed House (indoors)

Gwaelod Y Garth

- Village Hall, Main Road (outdoors)
- Western Security Systems Ltd, (outdoors)

Pentyrch:

- Pentyrch Rugby Club (outdoors)
- Pentyrch Pharmacy (outdoors)

Rhydlafar

- The nursery car park (outdoors)

A map of these locations is on <http://ishare.cardiff.gov.uk> under My Maps - Emergency Planning - Defibrillators. If you believe a person has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) and is unresponsive and not breathing, ring either 999 or 112 ask for the ambulance service. They will advise you on what action to take and either inform you where your nearest defibrillator is located or ask if you have a defibrillator. The operator will remain on the line and ask you a series of questions which should only take you a few moments and advise you on what steps to take to assist in emergency. Any queries regarding these Defibs please contact Calon Hearts 02922 402670/07730 944700. Sharon@calonhearts.org For any group who would like to apply for a grant: defibs@calonhearts.org