

SANTA SLEIGH PROCESSION



The Santa Sleigh procession went ahead at Pentyrch on Sunday 10th December, despite the weather lots of families braved the wet and cold to come and watch. Many thanks to everyone who helped. This year Santa's sleigh had a makeover, sporting new lights, a new roof, an illuminated Merry Christmas sign and bubble machine. £400 was raised from the bucket collection. This included a £50 donation from Garth Rotary. Thank you to all the people who supported this event and for the generous donations.

LAN MEMORIAL SERVICE



Thank you to all the children from Ysgol Gwaelod-y-Garth who took part in the Lan Memorial on the 6th December. They did a brilliant job of retelling the story of 1875. Thank you to Mr Jones and Ms Owen for helping them to prepare, and to all the parents who listened to their lines and came to hear them this morning. Thank you to Selwyn Hughes for welcoming us, to Gail Stewart for her heart-rending song, and to Peter Hammett for signing us off. Extra thanks should go to all those who lay a wreath including Pentyrch Community Council, Ann Gray (a relation of Abraham Phillips), Doug Castle (the Lan Chief Ranger), and to Richard Morgan (Christmas Trees South Wales) who kindly donated a wreath. In addition, the committee that put-on teas and coffees afterwards as ever did a brilliant job ...

And last but perhaps most important, thank you to Norma Procter without whom this event would not take place. If I've missed anyone out - apologies ...

THANK YOU to you too! Pete Hüsky Anning definitely should be thanked for the wonderful pendants he made for the children ... Sara Cooksey

PENTYRCH & SURROUNDING AREA BRANCH SURGERY DEVELOPMENT

UPDATE PROVIDED BY CARDIFF AND VALE UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD 06/02/24

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is progressing with plans to replace the portacabin that has been used to house Pentyrch Branch Surgery for the past 10 years with a new purpose-built site on Rhydlafar Drive.

Whilst the team at Pentyrch Surgery have continued to offer excellent care to patients, operating out of a small portacabin with only two clinical rooms does mean services that can be provided locally are limited.

The purpose-built Branch Surgery at Rhydlafar Drive will offer opening hours as currently provided at the surgery in Pentyrch. Services previously moved from Pentyrch Surgery to Llandaff due to limited space will also transfer along with current services being provided. The new site will include six consulting rooms, two treatment rooms, a phlebotomy room and a spacious reception and patient area. Any expansion in number of GPs, opening hours and services will be dependant on increased patient registrations.

The Health Board understands that there are many residents who are concerned about accessing the new health service at Rhydlafar Drive and in particular travelling for appointments was highlighted as a big concern. The Health Board is committed to working with community partners to address these concerns and a Transport Task & Finish Group has been established.

The Task & Finish Group includes representatives from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Llandaff and Pentyrch Surgery, Cardiff Council, Llais, Pentyrch Community Council, Pentyrch Save Our Surgery & Pharmacy and Rhydlafar Residents Group.

The group meets regularly with the aim of considering transport concerns and identifying options to provide an appropriate level of support for residents who would be unable to access the new site at Rhydlafar Drive.

The Task & Finish Group are developing a survey for residents of Pentyrch and the surrounding communities to complete and this will be distributed in the coming weeks. The survey will allow residents to share their views and the feedback will support the Task & Finish Group in identifying sustainable transport options. We would encourage all residents to complete the survey.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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.

PCC wish to thank all contributors to this edition of Community Link. We would also like to pay a special thank you to those who have helped with various translations and proof reading the Community Link.

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

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

COMMUNITY LINK

Last date for items in the next issue is

9 May 24. 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.

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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 photograph files e.g. jpg png.
- The photographs should not be reduced in size or definition. Stuart Thomas Editor

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Cwlwm Bro

Dyddiad olaf am erthyglau ar gyfer y rhifyn nesaf

9 May 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.

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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.



CCC Community Council Highlights

Questions to Mark Drakeford (MS)

The Community Council were very pleased that Mark Drakeford (MS) was able to attend a recent meeting at which 3 questions were posed. Question

In light of the challenges facing public transport services in Wales, exasperated by the patterns of use emerging post-pandemic, how do you see the role of the Senedd and local authorities in helping people to travel for work and leisure particularly in semi-rural and rural communities such as ours?

Response

Since Covid there has been a significant reduction in the number of users of public transport, particularly amongst the 60+ age group.

As a result £10m 's of additional public subsidy has been required to maintain services.

In relation to bus travel, when patronage was at it's lowest, it has been costing the public purse around £30 for each and every passenger journey.

During the next 12 months the Senedd will be debating legislation in relation to bus services. The aim being to address the failed market system and give Local Authorities and Transport for Wales new powers.

Currently, local authorities are funding loss making routes and providers are not transport reinvesting profits made on profitable routes.

The legislation will allow Local Authorities to plan services on a regional basis and achieve a better return for the public purse.

There may also be an opportunity to learn lessons from the flexi-bus which initiative has been а considerable success in some areas.

Question

Please could we have an update on progress of the Metro development and plans for its extension to North West Cardiff, and given that the Metro project is about intermodal interface, can we expect Metro nonrail shuttle links to connect Creigiau and Pentyrch to prevent isolation ?'

Response

The Metro represents the largest investment in public transport in decades.

The sum of money invested has not

reduced but it has been been significantly affected by the impact of inflation and the outputs that can be achieved.

The North West Cardiff extension is still going through the testing and appraisal process to establish whether it is an appropriate investment.

It is possible the connections to Pentyrch and Creigiau will not be fully developed and the key consideration will be anticipated usage.

Question

Please can you ask Cardiff Council to explain their plans for investment in education provision in Creigiau?

Response

The school has been reliant on temporary classrooms for far too long and MD was very supportive of the plans to develop the school. Contact will be made with Cardiff Council to understand their plans and the information will be shared with PCC in due course.

Calendar of Community Events

It is intended to develop a calendar of community events which will be of the included in each edition community link.

For future editions we will be asking community groups to give us details of the events they are planning in the next 3 months.

RUBBISH - FOOD WASTE - POO BAGS

There is quite a bit of rubbish and food items from the brown bins around our villages.

Particularly at this time please ensure you put your food waste into a food bag and secure that tightly. This applies to the green sacks too. (Bags are readily available from the shop, the church and PCC).

Food left overs that spill out onto the kerbside will attract vermin. It would help with the environment and keep our village clean if we could all just pick up any rubbish or garden debris ie twigs/leaves from outside our own homes.

Cardiff County Council bin men could potentially remain on strike for some time. If the public bins are overflowing please take your rubbish home especially dog poo bag waste.

Budget and Council Tax

Your community council spends around £200k each year with the vast majority of this sum coming from the council tax paid by residents. Cardiff Council collect the council tax on behalf of your community council.

The amount paid depends on the value of your property and if you live in a Band D property you pay £52.60 per year to your community council, just over £1 per week

For year 24/25 your community council has again agreed not to increase its council tax rate in recognition of the cost of living increase affecting so many residents.

Cardiff and Vale Health Board **Transport Group**

The Cardiff and Vale Health Board has proposed a relocation of the Pentyrch Surgery Whilst it has taken some time to get the Health Board to engage with the community council a number of community councillors are Health now attending Board meetings discussing the transport residents challenges faced by accessing the proposed surgery at Rhydlafar.

Recent matters discussed include :

- The Rhydlafar surgery is to be a branch surgery with no plans to enhance services until there is an increase in patient numbers
- There are no plans to relocate either the Llandaff Surgery or the Pentyrch Pharmacy
- In relation to the proposed transport survey it has been suggested that all residents be invited to respond , not just patients

ARE YOU A REGULAR VISITOR TO THE GARTH?

PCC are setting up Friends of the Garth, a small group of residents who will meet twice a year to provide feedback and advice to PCC about the Garth.

If you are a resident and want to be a 'Friend of the Garth', if you want to help look after the Garth now and for the future please contact us : Tel - 02920 891417



CC Penawdau y Cyngor Cymuned

Cwestiynau i Mark Drakeford (MS)

Roedd y Cyngor Cymuned yn falch iawn bod Mark Drakeford (MS) wedi gallu mynychu cyfarfod diweddar lle gofynnwyd 3 chwestiwn.

Cwestiwn

Yn sgil yr heriau sy'n wynebu gwasanaethau trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus yng Nghymru, sy'n cael eu gwaethygu gan y patrymau defnydd sy'n dod i'r amlwg ar ôl y pandemig, sut ydych chi'n gweld rôl y Senedd ac awdurdodau lleol wrth helpu pobl i deithio ar gyfer gwaith a enwedig hamdden. yn mewn ardaloedd lled-wledig a chymunedau gwledig fel ein un ni?

Ymateb

Ers Covid mae gostyngiad sylweddol wedi bod mewn niferoedd defnyddwyr trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus, yn enwedig ymhlith grŵp oedran 60+

O ganlyniad, bu angen £10m o gymhorthdal cyhoeddus ychwanegol i gynnal gwasanaethau.

Yn ymwneud â theithio ar fysiau, pan oedd y nawdd ar ei isaf, mae wedi bod yn costio tua £30 i bwrs y wlad am bob taith teithiwr.

Yn ystod y 12 mis nesaf bydd y Senedd yn trafod deddfwriaeth yn ymwneud â gwasanaethau bysiau. Y nod yw mynd i'r afael â system fethiant y farchnad a rhoi pwerau newydd i Awdurdodau Lleol a Thrafnidiaeth Cymru.

Ar hyn o bryd, mae awdurdodau lleol yn ariannu llwybrau sy'n gwneud colled ac nid yw darparwyr trafnidiaeth yn ail-fuddsoddi elw a wneir ar lwybrau proffidiol.

Bydd y ddeddfwriaeth yn caniatáu i Awdurdodau Lleol gynllunio gwasanaethau ar sail ranbarthol a sicrhau gwell elw i bwrs y wlad.

Efallai y bydd cyfle hefyd i ddysgu gwersi o'r fenter bws hyblyg sydd wedi bod yn llwyddiant sylweddol mewn rhai ardaloedd.

Cwestiwn

Os gwelwch yn dda a gawn ni'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am gynnydd datblygiad y Metro a chynlluniau ar gyfer ei ymestyn i Ogledd Orllewin Caerdydd, ac o ystyried bod y prosiect Metro yn ymwneud â rhyngwynebau rhyngfoddol, a allwn ddisgwyl i gysylltiadau gwennol direilffordd y Metro gysylltu Creigiau a Phentyrch i atal ynysu ?'

Ymateb

Y Metro yw'r buddsoddiad mwyaf mewn trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus ers degawdau.

Nid yw'r swm o arian a fuddsoddwyd wedi'i leihau ond mae effaith chwyddiant a'r allbynnau y gellir eu cyflawni wedi effeithio'n sylweddol arno.

Mae estyniad Gogledd Orllewin Caerdydd yn dal i fynd drwy'r broses brofi ac arfarnu i sefydlu a yw'n fuddsoddiad priodol.

Mae'n bosibl na fydd y cysylltiadau i Bentvrch а Chreigiau wedi'u datblygu'n llawn a'r ystyriaeth allweddol fydd y defnydd a ragwelir.

Cwestiwn

A allwch ofyn i Gyngor Caerdydd egluro eu cynlluniau ar gyfer buddsoddi mewn darpariaeth addysg yng Nghreigiau?

Ymateb

Mae'r ysgol wedi bod yn ddibynnol ar ystafelloedd dosbarth dros dro ers llawer rhy hir ac roedd MD yn gefnogol iawn o'r cynlluniau i ddatblygu'r ysgol.

Byddem yn cysylltu â Chyngor Caerdydd i ddeall eu cynlluniau a bydd y wybodaeth yn cael ei rhannu gyda CSP maes o law.

CALENDR O DDIGWYDDIADAU CYMUNEDOL

Bwriedir datblygu calendr 0 ddigwyddiadau cymunedol a fydd yn cael ei gynnwys ym mhob rhifyn o'r cyswllt cymunedol.

argraffiadau'r Ar gyfer dyfodol byddwn yn gofyn i grwpiau cymunedol roi manylion i ni am y digwyddiadau y maent yn eu cynllunio yn ystod y 3 mis nesaf.

SBWRIEL - GWASTRAFF BWYD -BAGIAU BAW

Mae yna dipyn o sbwriel ac eitemau bwyd o'r biniau brown o gwmpas ein pentrefi.

Yn enwedig ar yr adeg hon, sicrhewch eich bod yn rhoi eich gwastraff bwyd mewn bag bwyd a'i gadw'n dynn. Mae hyn yn berthnasol i'r sachau gwyrdd hefyd. (Mae bagiau ar gael yn rhwydd o'r siop, yr eglwys a CSP).

Bydd bwyd dros ben sy'n gorlifo ar ymyl y ffordd yn denu fermin. Byddai'n helpu gyda'r amgylchedd ac yn cadw ein pentref yn lân pe gallem oll godi unrhyw sbwriel neu falurion gardd hy brigau/dail o'r tu allan i'n cartrefi ein hunain.

Mae'n bosib y gallai dynion biniau Cyngor Sir Caerdydd aros ar streic am beth amser. Os yw'r biniau cyhoeddus yn gorlifo ewch â'ch sbwriel adref, yn enwedig gwastraff bagiau baw cŵn.

GRŴP TRAFNIDIAETH BWRDD IECHYD CAERDYDD A'R FRO

Mae Bwrdd Iechyd Caerdydd a'r Fro wedi cynnig adleoli Meddygfa Pentyrch. Er ei bod wedi cymryd cryn amser i gael y Bwrdd lechyd i ymgysylltu â'r cyngor cymuned, mae nifer o gynghorwyr cymuned bellach yn mynychu cyfarfodydd y Bwrdd lechyd i drafod yr heriau trafnidiaeth y mae preswylwyr yn eu hwynebu er cyrraedd feddygfa mwyn У arfaethedig yn Rhydlafar.

Ymhlith y materion a drafodwyd yn ddiweddar:

- Bydd meddygfa Rhydlafar yn feddygfa gangen heb unrhyw gynlluniau i wella gwasanaethau hyd nes y bydd cynnydd yn nifer y cleifion
- Nid oes unrhyw gynlluniau i adleoli naill ai Meddygfa Llandaf na Fferyllfa Pentyrch
- Gyda'r arolwg trafnidiaeth arfaethedig, awgrymwyd y dylid gwahodd y trigolion i gyd i ymateb, nid cleifion yn unig.

Cyllideb a Threth y Cyngor

Mae eich cyngor cymuned yn gwario tua £200k bob blwyddyn gyda'r mwyafrif helaeth o'r swm hwn yn dod o'r dreth gyngor a delir gan drigolion. Mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn casglu'r dreth gyngor ar ran eich cyngor cymuned.

Mae'r swm a delir yn dibynnu ar werth eich eiddo ac os ydych yn byw mewn eiddo Band D rydych yn talu £52.60 y flwyddyn i'ch cyngor cymuned , ychydig dros £1 yr wythnos

Ar gyfer blwyddyn 24/25 mae eich cyngor cymuned wedi cytuno eto i beidio â chynyddu ei gyfradd treth gyngor i gydnabod y cynnydd mewn costau byw sy'n effeithio ar gynifer o drigolion.

YDYCH CHI'N YMWELYDD CYSON Â'R GARTH?

Mae CSP yn sefydlu Cyfeillion y Garth, grŵp bach o drigolion a fydd yn cyfarfod ddwywaith y flwyddyn i roi adborth a chyngor i CSP am y Garth

Os ydych yn breswylydd ac eisiau bod yn 'Ffrind i'r Garth', os ydych am helpu i ofalu am y Garth nawr ac i'r dyfodol cysylltwch â ni : Ffôn - 02920 891417

E-bost - clerk@pentyrch.cc

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY 6TH JUNE 2024

To commemorate/celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the D -Day landings on the beaches in Normandy France on the 6th June 1944

PCC will light a beacon @ 9.15pm in tribute, the Light of Peace

As we look to the future, we should take strength from servicemen and women who gave their lives and honour those who fell.

We be remembering the brave men and women who played their part in the second world war and we will acknowledge the ongoing work of our armed forces.

D-Day was a monumental campaign to rid Europe of Nazi horror and the 80th anniversary of this remarkable operation deserves the recognition and gratitude of our country.

Please join us on the 6th June to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many in our name.

If you have any memories, stories to tell regarding D-Day please share with us, please email me Deb: office@pentyrch.cc

Deb Hunt Community Engagement Officer

Pen-blwydd D-Day yn 80 oed 6ed Mehefin 2024

I goffáu / dathlu 80 mlynedd ers glaniadau D-Day ar draethau Normandi Ffrainc ar 6 Mehefin 1944

Bydd CSP yn cynnau golau am 9.15pm mewn teyrnged, Goleuni Heddwch

Wrth i ni edrych i'r dyfodol, dylem gymryd nerth o'r milwyr a roddodd eu bywydau ac anrhydeddu'r rhai a syrthiodd.

Rydym yn cofio'r dynion a'r merched dewr a chwaraeodd eu rhan yn yr ail ryfel byd a byddwn yn cydnabod gwaith parhaus ein lluoedd arfog.

Roedd D-Day yn ymgyrch anferth i ryddhau Ewrop o arswyd y Natsïaid ac mae 80 mlynedd ers yr ymgyrch ryfeddol hon yn haeddu cydnabyddiaeth a diolchgarwch ein gwlad.

Ymunwch â ni ar y 6ed o Fehefin i goffau aberthau cymaint yn ein henw ni.

Os oes gennych unrhyw atgofion, straeon i'w hadrodd am D-Day rhannwch gyda ni, anfonwch e-bost ataf Deb: office@pentyrch.cc

Deb Hunt Swyddog Ymgysylltu Cymunedol





TREES FOR LIFE.

It was sad to see the diseased and damaged trees identified as unsafe being removed from our Community Council land. Ash Die Back really has had an impact on our villages. Now it is good to be able to take positive action and start planting new trees. You will see small groups of saplings being planted this season and onwards. We are trying to maintain a balance so that we keep open spaces as well as planting tree groupings. It will take some time as we have been advised not to plant for a few years at the locations where trees have been removed.



BETH MAE CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTYRCH YN EI WNEUD? Cyflwyniad

Mae eich Cyngor Cymuned yn gweithio i drigolion Gwaelod y Garth, Pentyrch, Creigiau, Pentref Llanillern a Capel Llanillern.

Mae'r cyngor yn cynnwys 13 o gynghorwyr, er bod gennym rai swyddi gwag ar hyn o bryd, sy'n cael eu hethol bob pum mlynedd. Os yw unrhyw seddi yn wag ac nad ydynt yn cael eu llenwi yn ôl yr etholiad, mae gan y cyngor y pŵer i gyfethol aelodau.

Mae'r cynghorwyr cymunedol yn cynrychioli pob un o'n cymunedau ac yn ogystal â phenderfynu sut orau i ddyrannu ein cronfeydd, maent yn treulio cryn dipyn o amser yn gweithio gyda sefydliadau eraill. Rydym yn cyflogi 5 aelod o staff:

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- Gweinyddwr -
- Swyddog Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned -

• 2 weithredwr cynnal a chadw.

Mae'r clerc a'r gweinyddwr yn ymgymryd ag ystod o dasgau sy'n cefnogi'r cyngor a'i bwyllgorau.

Yn ogystal â chyfarfodydd misol y cyngor mae cyfarfodydd y pwyllgorau cyllid a chynllunio a hefyd y Gweithgor Cynllun Busnes.

Daw mwyafrif llethol ein harian o'r dreth cyngor a delir gan breswylwyr. Mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn casglu treth y cyngor ar ran eich cyngor cymunedol.

Tra bod y rhan fwyaf o'r dreth cyngor rydych chi'n eu talu yn mynd i Gyngor Caerdydd, mae tua \pounds 200k yn cael ei dalu i'ch cyngor cymuned. Mae'r swm a delir yn dibynnu ar werth eich eiddo. Os ydych chi'n byw mewn eiddo Band D rydych chi'n talu \pounds 52.60 y flwyddyn i'ch cyngor cymunedol, ychydig dros \pounds 1 yr wythnos.

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Mae ein cynllun busnes yn nodi'r prosiectau strategol bydd yn cael eu gweithredu dros y cyfnod 5 mlynedd rhwng etholiadau. Mae eich Cyngor Cymuned yn gwario tua £200k bob ychydig blwyddyn gydag dros hanner y swm hwn yn cael ei dalu costau mewn cyflogau. Mae eraill yn cynnwys arwyddocaol costau rhedeg swyddfa a cherbydau. Mae arian hefyd yn cael eu penodi o fewn y gyllideb ar gyfer plannu coed, disodli meinciau cymunedol a biniau sbwriel.

Mae'r Cyngor Cymunedol wedi'i leoli yn Penuel Road, Pentyrch.

Yn ogystal â bod yn swyddfa mae gennym hefyd lyfrgell ac amgueddfa yn Penuel Road. Mae'r amgueddfa'n cynnig arddangosfa o amryw o arteffactau a gwybodaeth leol o ddiddordeb.

Gwneir defnydd da o'r llyfrgell gan breswylwyr sydd yn benthyg ac yn rhoi llyfrau. Hefyd, yn y llyfrgell mae arddangosfa sylweddol o'r crochenwaith Creigiau enwog gyda'i 'lusterware copr mwyaf adnabyddus'.

Rydym yn berchen ar 250 erw o dir, gyda'r mwyafrif ar y Garth. Mae'r swyddfeydd yn Penuel Road hefyd yn eiddo.

Ymhlith yr ardaloedd eraill sy'n eiddo, mae Pwll y broga ac ardaloedd ar hyd Ffordd Dinefwr Creigiau, y tir y tu ôl i Faes Chwarae plant Creigiau a'r tir wrth ymyl y llwybr troed rhwng Parc y Felin a Parc Castell Mynach. Mae'r Cyngor yn berchen ar Ardal Hamdden Creigiau sydd wedi'i brydlesu i elusen hamdden Creigiau a hefyd y rhandiroedd sy'n cael eu rhentu i Gymdeithas Garddio Dynevor.

Ym Mhentyrch mae'r cyngor yn berchen ar y grîn oddi ar Lon y fro ac yn ael y Bryn. Mae'n berchen ar fynwent Bronllwyn a thir neuadd bentref Pentyrch a daliwyd mewn ymddiriedolaeth. Mae ganddo brydles y tir yn y Parc Coffa, mynwent Penuel a phrydles 999 mlynedd o'r caeau yn Fairmeadow. Yn Gwaelod y Garth, mae'r PCC yn perthyn tir yng Nghoeti'r Garth.

Gweithgareddau Allweddol

Ar gyfer y daliadau tir hynny o fewn cymunedau, treulir llawer o amser y swyddogion ar dorri gwair, casglu sbwriel a gwaith cynnal a chadw arall.

Mae'r Parc Coffa a Mynwent Penuel yn cael eu prydlesu/yn eiddo i'r Cyngor Cymuned. Mae ein swyddogion cynnal a chadw yn gwneud amrywiaeth o waith yn y lleoliadau hyn i sicrhau y gall preswylwyr barhau i ddefnyddio'r cyfleusterau lleol.

Ar draws ein cymunedau rydym yn ffodus iawn o gael ystod amrywiol o grwpiau cymunedol y mae eu gweithgareddau'n cyfrannu at les preswylwyr.

Mae'r Śwyddog Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned yn cefnogi ein grwpiau cymunedol ac yn trefnu digwyddiadau lleol. Mae'r Cyngor Cymunedol yn cefnogi grwpiau cymunedol mewn sawl ffordd:

- Cyngor ac arweiniad

- Cefnogaeth weinyddol

- Cefnogaeth ariannol

Mae digwyddiadau cymunedol yn cynnwys: - Gwasanaeth Coffa - Gwasanaeth Carol Nadolig

- Derbyniad Dinesig

- Casglu sbwriel yn rheolaidd

Gwahoddir grwpiau cymunedol i'r derbyniad dinesig blynyddol ac mae pwrpas y digwyddiad hwn yn ddeublyg:

- i ddiolch i grwpiau am eu cyfraniad gwerthfawr i fywyd yn ein cymunedau

- I ddarparu cyfle rhwydweithio Yn nerbynfa ddinesig Medi 2023

roedd mwy na 60 o grwpiau cymunedol yn bresennol.

Yn chwarterol mae'r cyswllt cymunedol yn cael ei baratoi a'i ddanfon i oddeutu 3000 o gartrefi.

Ei bwrpas yw i roi gwybod i breswylwyr am weithgareddau'r cyngor a rhannu gwybodaeth a rhybuddio preswylwyr am weithgareddau'r ystod amrywiol o

grwpiau cymunedol yn ein hardal. Yn ystod 2023 cyhoeddwyd drafft gan Gyngor Caerdydd o'i Gynllun Datblygu Lleol - mae'r ddogfen hon yn penderfynu lle gellir cynnal adeiladu tai newydd yn ein cymunedau. Trefnodd eich Cyngor Cymuned i'r Prif Swyddog Cynllunio annerch cyfarfod cyhoeddus yn Neuadd Bentref Pentyrch ac roedd bron i 100 o drigolion yn bresennol.

Roedd y cynllun drafft yn cynnwys nifer o safleoedd maes glas ar gyfer datblygiadau tai newydd. Mae eich Cyngor Cymuned wedi ymateb i Gyngor Caerdydd yn gwrthwynebu'r datblygiadau hyn.

Mae Bwrdd lechyd Caerdydd a'r Fro wedi adleoli Meddygfa cynnig Pentyrch. Er ei bod wedi cymryd cryn amser i gael y Bwrdd lechyd i ymgysylltu â'r cyngor cymuned, mae nifer o gynghorwyr cymuned bellach yn mynychu cyfarfodydd y Bwrdd lechyd i drafod yr heriau trafnidiaeth y mae preswylwyr yn eu hwynebu er mwyn cyrraedd feddygfa У arfaethedig yn Rhydlafar.

Mae pob cyfarfod o'ch cyngor cymuned yn agored i'r cyhoedd ac mae eich presenoldeb yn cael ei groesawu a'i werthfawrogi. Os ydym am ddiwallu anghenion preswylwyr yn foddhaol mae'n hanfodol bod gennym ddealltwriaeth dda o'r hyn sy'n bwysig i chi.

Nid yw nifer o'r ymholiadau a dderbynnir yn swyddfa'r cyngor yn ymwneud â materion cyngor cymunedol. Yn yr achosion hyn, mae'r staff yn gwneud popeth o fewn eu gallu i helpu trwy arwain y materion i'r ardal iawn.

Cysylltwch neu fynychwch un o'n cyfarfodydd.

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WHAT DOES PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL DO? Introduction

Your Community Council works for the residents of Gwaelod Y Garth, Pentyrch, Creigiau, Llanilltern Village and Capel Llanilltern.

The Council is made up of 13 councillors, albeit we currently have some vacancies, who are elected every five years. If any seats are vacant and not filled by election the Council have the power to Co-opt members.

The community councillors represent each of our communities and in addition to deciding how best to allocate our funds, spend considerable amounts of time working with other organisations. We employ 5 staff:

- Clerk to the Council
- Administrator
- Community Engagement Officer
- 2 Maintenance Operatives

The Clerk and Administrator undertake a range of tasks supporting the Council and its committees.

As well as the monthly meetings of Council there are meetings of the Finance and Planning Committees and also the Business Plan Working Group.

The vast majority of our money comes from the council tax paid by residents. Cardiff Council collect the council tax on behalf of your community council.

Whilst most of the council tax you pay goes to Cardiff Council around £200k is paid to your community council. The amount paid depends on the value of your property. If you live in a Band D property you pay £52.60 per year to your community council, just over £1 per week.

For year 24/25 your community council has again agreed not to increase its council tax rate in recognition of the cost-of-living increase affecting so many residents.

Our Business Plan identifies the strategic projects that are to be taken forward over the 5-year period between elections.

Your community council spends around £200k each year with just over half this sum paid in salaries.

Other significant costs include office and vehicle running costs.

Monies are also set aside within the budget for tree planting, the replacement of community benches and litter bins.

The community council is based at Penuel Road, Pentyrch.

As well as being an office we also have a Library and a Museum at

Penuel Road. The museum offers a display of various interesting local artifacts and information.

The library is well used by residents who both borrow and donate books. Also, in the library there is a significant display of the renowned Creigiau Pottery with its' best-known copper lusterware.

We own 250 acres of land, the majority being on the Garth. The offices at Penuel Road are also owned.

Among the other areas owned are the Frog Pond and areas along Ffordd Dinefwr Creigiau, the land behind Creigiau Childrens playground and the Land alongside the footpath between Parc y Felin and Parc Castell Mynach. The Council own the Creigiau recreation area which has been leased to the Creigiau Recreation Charity and also the allotments which are rented out to the Dynevor Gardening Association.

In Pentyrch the Council own the green off Lon y Fro and at Ael y Bryn. It is the owner of the Bronllwyn graveyard and the land of Pentyrch Village Hall which is held in Trust. It has a lease of the land at Memorial Park, Penuel Graveyard and a 999year lease of the fields at Fairmeadow.

In Gwaelod y Garth PCC own land at Garth Woodlands.

Key Activities

For those land holdings within communities much of the time of the maintenance officers is spent on grass cutting, litter collection and other maintenance work.

Memorial Park and Penuel Graveyard are leased/owned by the community council. Our maintenance officers carry out a variety of work at these locations to ensure residents can continue to use these local facilities.

Across our communities we are very fortunate in having a diverse range of community groups whose activities contribute to the wellbeing of residents.

The time of the Community Engagement Officer is spent supporting our community groups and organising local events.

The community council supports community groups in a number of ways:

- Advice and guidance
- Administrative support
- Financial support
- Community council events include:
- Remembrance service
- Christmas carol service
- Civic ReceptionRegular litter picks

Community groups are invited to the annual Civic Reception and the purpose of this event is twofold:

- To thank groups for their valued contribution to life within our communities
- To provide a networking opportunity

At the September 2023 Civic Reception more than 60 community groups were in attendance.

On a quarterly basis the Community Link is prepared and delivered to around 3000 homes.

Its purpose it to keep residents informed of the activities of the Council and to share information and alert residents to the activities of the diverse range of community groups in our area.

During 2023 Cardiff Council published its Draft Local Development Plan – this document determines where new housebuilding can be undertaken within our communities.

Your community council arranged for the Chief Planning Officer to address a public meeting at Pentyrch Village Hall and almost 100 residents were in attendance.

The Draft Plan included a number of greenfield sites for new housing developments. Your community council has responded to Cardiff Council objecting to these developments.

The Cardiff and the Vale Health Board has proposed a relocation of the Pentyrch Surgery. Whilst it has taken some time to get the Health Board to engage with the community council a number of community councillors are now attending Health Board meetings, discussing the transport challenges faced by residents accessing the proposed surgery at Rhydlafar.

All meetings of your community council are open to the public and your attendance is both welcomed and appreciated. If we are to satisfactorily meet the needs of residents it is vital that we have a good understanding of what is important to you.

A number of the queries that are received at the Council office do not relate to Community Council matters. In these instances, the staff do all they can to help by guiding the matters to the right area.

Please get in touch or attend one of our meetings.

PCC wish to thank all contributors to this edition of the Community Link and also special thanks to those who have assisted with translations and those who distribute the Community Link.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14 THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF (CREIGIAU QUARRY OMNIBUS ORDER) 2022

On the 5th day of December 2023, an Inspector for the Planning and Environment Decisions Wales as appointed by the Welsh Ministers confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to stop up public footpaths i), ii), iii) and iv) as described in Part 1 of the Schedule and as shown by a solid black line on the Order Map and to create an alternative highway for use as a replacement for footpaths numbered i) and ii) as provided in Part 2 of the Schedule and as shown by bold black dashes on the Order Map.

Á copy of the Order and the Order map are available by sending an email request to <u>Kerry.Pain@cardiff.gov.uk</u>. Copies of the Order and plan are also available on request by writing to the address below. A copy of the Order and plan may be seen Monday to Saturday (except Bank holidays) at Cardiff Central Library, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1FL during normal office hours. A copy of the Order and plan may be provided on request from the library.

This Order comes into force on the 28th March 2024 but if any person is aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, they may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the 25th January 2024 as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

SCHEDULE

Part 1 – Description of site of existing paths or highways

Pentyrch 57 Footpath

Commences on the county road beside footpath 25, proceeds westwards and through wicket gate (Point F, Grid reference ST0920 8179) to terminate within quarry boundary (Point E, Grid reference ST0917 8182).

Length of path to be stopped up = 54m Width of path = 0.9m

Pentyrch 78 Footpath

Commences at a point 100 yards north-west of its junction with footpath 83 (Point G, Grid reference ST0907 8220) and proceeds south-east to the junction with footpath 83 (Point H, Grid reference ST0911 8218).

Length of path to be stopped up = 38m Width of path = 0.6m

Pentyrch 88 Bridleway

From accommodation road heads North to Creigiau Quarry (Point B, Grid reference ST0850 8143) and connects with footpath 79 (Point A, Grid reference ST0844 8184).

Length of path to be stopped up = 435m Width of path = 3m

Pentyrch 58 Footpath

Proceeds west within the quarry boundary (Point D, Grid reference ST0907 8181 and terminates at (Point C, Grid reference ST0883 8180).

Length of path to be stopped up = 137m Width of path = 0.9m Part 2 – Description of site of alternative highways

Pentyrch 57 Footpath

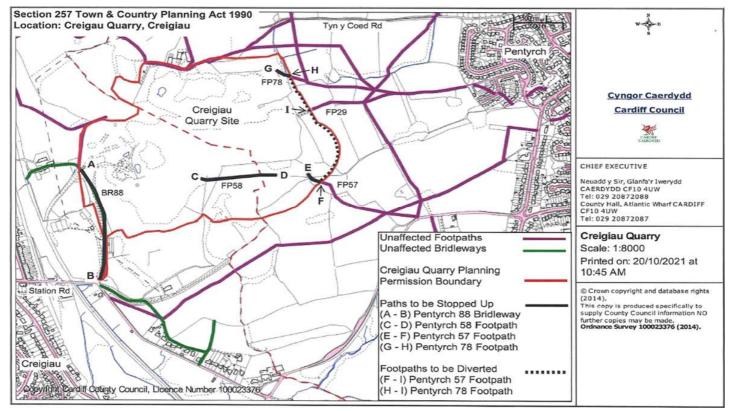
Commences on the county road beside footpath 25, proceeds westwards crossing footpath 31 into Creigiau Quarry boundary (Point F, Grid reference ST0920 8179). The footpath heads north following along the quarry boundary to junction with Pentyrch 29 footpath (Point I, Grid reference ST0917 8205). Length of path to be diverted = 330m Width of path = 1.5m

Length of path to be diverted = 330m Pentyrch 78 Footpath

At junction with footpath 83, the footpath proceeds north-west into Creigiau Quarry boundary (Point H, Grid reference ST0911 8218). The footpath turns left following the quarry boundary to junction with Pentyrch 29 footpath (Point I, Grid reference ST0917 8205). Length of path to be diverted = 140m Width of path = 1.5m

Dated this 25th day of January 2024

Legal Services, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff Bay CF10 4UW



Planning Applications

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

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

Since the last edition of the Community Link PCC has considered the following planning applications :

23/02365/RES - (Parcel 2D of Phase 1, Plasdwr). - No comments

23/02687/NMA - Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod Y Garth Main Road Gwaelod-y-garth Cardiff CF15 9HJ - No Comments 23 /02648/ WTTPF - X2 Birch Cardiff Road frontage of 'Pengethley', 41 Cardiff Road, Creigiau - No Comments

23/02632/106A - Land To The North Of M4 Junction 33 Creigiau Cardiff - Comments submitted

23/02401/RES - Phase 4A Of Land North Of Junction 33 Cardiff - Comments submitted

County Council Notes

Cllr. Rhys Livesey

I've been working on numerous things including:the flooding of the courtyard at the High Corner shops, Pentyrch;

I met with the Head of Strategic Planning & Highways and Head of Highways regarding the flooding at the shops and have worked with the Head of Highways to highlight numerous regular flooding events and surface water issues across the ward. All are being reviewed together with late additions to the list that I originally provided them before Christmas;

I have been working with the Community Council and Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch regarding parking measures on key junctions, liaising with the very helpful Transport team - also trying to support the community council's call for a hard base bus stop on Heol Goch;

I have been trying very hard to support and progress commitment to the Creigiau Rec development project through Section 106 funding from developers (available Community Facilities) while also encouraging for meetings on St Fagans' ideas for using S106;

I have been helping many new residents on the new estates off Llantrisant Road from Junction 33 to Plasdŵr; I've established that funding for any new bins along Llantrisant Road, promised by the council and paid for by

the new developments, would not be affected by any cuts proposed in this year's budget;

- and much more. Please feel free to get in touch with any queries Rhys Owain Livesy Cynghorydd

Councillor

Pentyrch a Sain Ffagan (Gwaelod y Garth, Creigiau, Capel Llanilltern)

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.

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

Ers y rhifyn olaf o'r Cyswllt Cyswllt Cymunedol wedi ystyried y ceisiadau cynllunio canlynol:

23/02684/DOC - Parcel 2B And Part Of Parcel 2A Of Phase 1 Land West Of Clos Parc Radyr And North Of Llantrisant Road Cardiff - No comments

23/02621/NMA - Phase 3 Land To The North Of M4 Junction 33 Creigiau Cardiff - Comments submitted

Litter pick Sat 20th January

A good turnout for community litter pick. On behalf of PCC thank you for your help. I say it every time, shame we have to do it!. Not only did we tackle the general rubbish, we cleared away debris/mud from the precinct and cleared away debris/leaves along Bronllwyn following hedge cut back.

Thank you to Mal Lewis for carrying out a clean up in Gwaelod Y Garth.

Creigiau are organising a litter pick on the 3rd March

CASGLU SBWRIEL DYDD SADWRN 20 IONAWR

Nifer dda yn dod i gasglu sbwriel yn y gymuned. Ar ran CSP, diolch i chi am eich cymorth. Rwy'n ei ddweud bob tro, cywilydd mae'n rhaid i ni ei wneud!. Nid yn unig y gwnaethom fynd i'r afael â'r sbwriel cyffredinol, fe wnaethom glirio malurion/mwd o'r cyffiniau a chlirio malurion/dail ar hyd Bronllwyn ar ôl i'r gwrych gael ei dorri'n ôl.

Diolch i Mal Lewis am lanhau yng Ngwaelod Y Garth. Mae Creigiau yn trefnu sesiwn codi sbwriel ar y 3ydd o Fawrth

A BIG THANK YOU.

Have you seen people walking round picking up litter? Well it might well be your neighbour, because some kind people have seen the damage caused by litter and are taking action to pick it up. If you are one of those people who make a difference, a big thank you.

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME.

As a young child I found a beautiful dog asleep in the street, sadly it had choked to death on a plastic bag. If the public bins are full, please take your rubbish home and put it in your household bin for collection.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK.

The Community Council tries to help local organisations to take their plans forward. We can help by bringing the right people together to discover what funding might be available and to lobby our 3 Cardiff Councillors to get their vital support to access government funding.

Louise McGrath. Chairperson PCC



Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch Spring Newsletter



Pentyrch Surgery & Pentyrch Pharmarcy

Events are gathering pace in regard to the Health Board's (HB) intentions to move Pentyrch Surgery to Rhydlafar and the uncertainty this will also create for the future of retaining a pharmacy in Pentyrch. Pentyrch Save our Surgery & Pharmacy (PSOS&P) established in 2020 by PNW comprising PNW representatives and other villagers has now been a party to 3 meetings of the HB's Transport Group set up to try and find a solution to the access problems of a health facility Rhydlafar. Both Pentyrch in Community Council and Rhydlafar are also represented on the Transport Group and PSOS&P is working well with each of these.

As of 5 February 2024 the situation is as follows;

1. Any new Rhydlafar facility will on day 1 only offer exactly the same service as currently provided by the surgery in Pentyrch NOT the 6 GP and many other health care professional services 8.0am till 6pm x7 days per week promised since October 2020.

2. Growth in the number of GP's etc will depend on increased (as yet undefined) patient uptake.

3. The HB has taken over the intended build of the new facility from the developer Assura. Once completed, it will then be leased to the Practice. This welcome news should represent a benefit to the tax payer.

4. The Transport Group has so far looked at 8 community transport schemes which it was hoped might be a suitable model to enable residents to access Rhydlafar. To date none appear able to accommodate those wanting emergency same day appointments.

5. It has been agreed that all residents in households will be urged to take part in a survey. The survey will include a cover letter and additional information. PSOS&P wants the information to include the limitations of the community schemes looked at to date to help residents in suggesting solutions.

6. The distribution of the survey and analysing its results will now be carried out by an independent body.

7. The HB is refusing to discuss the potential impact of losing Pentyrch Pharmacy even when it knows this will be inevitable unless a miracle happens.

PSOS&P's position remains as determined at the last and previous village wide meetings in that no one

opposes a new, better facility. The issue is the location and how that has been determined. If no suitable, long term funded public/community transport can be found enabling all residents to access Rhydlafar then PSOS&P will continue to press for a re-evaluation of the 6 shortlisted sites (5 in Pentyrch) but this time using a credible, transparent evaluation criteria and involving citizens.

Something On Your Mind We Should Know About?

If there is why not come along to a PNW meeting. These are held at 5pm on the 4th Monday of each month in Pentyrch Rugby Club. We know 5pm is not the best time but any later means we will not have a Police representative present due to staffing levels or shift problems. Fortunately crime in Pentyrch is currently mainly anti social behaviour. That is not to belittle this unacceptable behaviour. It just means burglaries and the like are on the decline. Let's keep it that way. Keep your cars and other property safe and secure or lose it

SPEEDING

The intention to start up speed checks once more in Pentyrch was delayed in January but should restart this month. There is no doubt that speeding is on the increase with Bronllwyn, Heol y Pentre and Lon y Fro being the worst affected areas. However, Church Road has now been added to the list of roads to check. Remember it is 20 unless it says otherwise. **SCAMS, SCAMS AND MORE SCAMS** It would be easy to fill a PNW newsletter with just news on scams. This month has seen an increase in romance fraud. These scammers go to great lengths to persuade vulnerable people that they are in a genuine relationship with the scammer so that they can ask for help paying for medical emergencies or transport costs to come and meet the victim.

Most of us will have seen the celebrity impersonation scams where scammers pretend to be a well known figure, perhaps using a fake social media account or emails. Martin Lewis, James Martin, Elon Musk, have all been impersonated including the use of photographs to make them appear more genuine.

Ticket fraud is relatively new. This is where people pay for overpriced fake tickets advertised on fake web sites, social media or auction sites. Never pay for tickets by any other means than a credit card and check out web sites.

Remember our constant advice, hover your cursor over the senders email address and if a different one appears then it is almost certainly a scam. Never give out passwords or PIN numbers. Never hand over money to a person at the door claiming to be there to collect money from you in order to protect your bank account, no bank or building society will ever ask you to do this or for your PIN number.

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MERCHED Y WAWR

In November Catrin Stevens was our guest speaker & we enjoyed an inspirational talk about the history of a peace petition measuring 7 miles which was signed by almost 400,000 women from Wales & presented to the women of America in 1923 as part of their campaign for world peace. The chest containing the petition has been kept in a museum in Washington DC but has recently been brought back to Wales to the National Library in Aberystwyth.

Marian Evans from Radyr shared Christmas recipes & festive eats with us in our December meeting and to our January meeting we welcomed Dr Bethan Herbert from Creigiau who shared some valuable information about self care at the beginning of the year.

CREIGIAU BOXING DAY WALK



Creigiau 23 volunteers working hard to provide refreshments for up to 500 on Boxing Day walk. A bumper turnout to add to those attending Xmas Eve to see Santa! Thanks to Creigiau Inn & Canada Lakes. See you next year! — with Creigiau

PENNOD NEWYDD I YSGOL GWAELOD Y GARTH

Yn arwain lan at y Nadolig, gwnaeth Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth perfformio 'Sioe Orau'r Byd' i gapel llawn rhieni, teulu a ffrindiau. Cyngerdd chwerwfelys gan ein bod yn ffarwelio â Mrs Catrin Evans, Prifathrawes ers pedair blynedd. Dymunwn bob lwc iddi yn ei swydd newydd yn Ysgol Treganna a diolch iddi am ei holl arweinyddiaeth, ysbrydoliaeth a gwaith diflino yn ystod ei hamser gyda ni yn Gwaelod. Edrychwn ymlaen at ein pennod newydd o dan arweinyddiaeth Mrs Helen Sharkey.



New CHAPTER FOR YSGOL GWAELOD Y GARTH SCHOOL Leading up to Christmas, Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth performed 'The World's Greatest Show' to a chapel full of parents, family and friends. A bittersweet concert as we said goodbye to Mrs Catrin Evans, Headmistress of the school for the last four years. We wish her the best of luck in her new position at Ysgol Treganna and thank her for her leadership, inspiration and tireless work during her time with us at Gwaelod. We look forward to our new chapter under the leadership of Mrs Helen Sharkey.





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WALKS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

In the Pentyrch community area we are very fortunate that there are so many footpaths that cross numerous farmers fields which, even with the footpaths, remain private land. If there is a footpath that crosses this land, you should stay on the footpath with your dog on a lead, whether or not there is stock in that field. Please observe any signs and follow their instructions.

Sheep are easily scared and are currently in lamb too. If they see a dog, irrespective of whether it is chasing them or not, they will run away as fast as they can They are stressed by any encounters. This is classed as sheep worrying and any farmer is entitled to deal with a loose dog by shooting if needs be. Farmers don't want to have to do this. Please be one of those 99% of people who abide by the rules, look after your dog responsibly. A lot of locals with dogs all understand the position If you know of anyone with a dog that walks locally please pass the message along. This also applies to the Garth Mountain (Common Land) and the Graig too. (Private land)

If you wish to let your dog off a lead go to a public park, private rented dog fields, any forestry area. Any fields are private land.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Your guide to enjoying parks waterways, coast and countryside **Respect everyone**



- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo bag it and bin it in any public waste bin or take it home
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Ar drothwy'r Nadolig daeth Marian Evans Radur atom unwaith eto eleni i rannu rysetiau Nadolig. Mae hwn yn brynhawn poblogaidd a phawb yn mwynhau cael cyfle i brofi'r danteithion blasus.

Yn addas iawn ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn daeth Dr Bethan Herbert o'r Creigiau atom i sôn am bwysigrwydd gofalu am ein hiechyd



HELPU GWELLA EIN CYMUNED LEOL



Dosbarth 6 helping to improve our community

Fel rhan o ymchwiliad Blwyddyn 6 ar gynaliadwyedd adnoddau a newid hinsawdd cynhalion nhw arolwg i gasglu data ar sut y teithiodd y cwsmeriaid sy'n ymweld â Tesco yno. Maent wedi defnyddio'r data a gasglwyd i gwblhau gwaith Rhifedd. Fe wnaethant hefyd gymryd rhan mewn gweithred barchus i berswadio'r trigolion lleol i helpu i wella llygredd yn yr ardal leol. Diolch i bawb a atebodd gwestiynau'r disgyblion.

CENIN RENEWABLES



In January Class 6 and Dosbarth 6 pupils visited Cenin Renewables in Bridgend. They learned about renewable energies and were informed about the energy that is created by Wind Turbines and Solar

Farms. They learned a whole host of interesting facts and thoroughly enjoyed the new experience.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Congratulations to all our pupils on their superb Christmas concerts on December. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performances.



CYNGHERDDAU NADOLIG Llongyfarchiadau i'n holl ddisgyblion ar gyngherddau Nadolig gwych ym mis Rhagfyr. Roedd pawb a fynychodd wedi mwynhau'r perfformiadau.

HELPING IMPROVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



community

As part of Year 6's inquiry on sustainability of resources and climate change they carried out a survey to collect data on how the customers who visit the local Tesco travelled there. They have used the data they collected to complete some Numeracy work. They also took part in some respectful action to persuade the local residents to help improve pollution in the local area. Thank you to everyone who stopped to answer the pupils' questions.

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT

The Dance Squad have created a video to audition for the television programme 'Britain's Got Talent 2024'. We wish them all the very best and fingers crossed that they will proceed to the next round. Pob lwc!

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT

Mae'r Sgwad Dawns wedi creu fideo ar gyfer clyweliad i'r rhaglen deledu 'Britain's Got Talent 2024'. Dymunwn y gorau iddynt a chroeswn ein bysedd y byddant yn mynd ymlaen i'r rownd nesaf. Pob lwc!

CRUCIAL CREW

Dosbarth 6 and Class 6 pupils attended the annual Crucial Crew workshops. Crucial Crew is a multiagency approach which shares safety messages to Year 6 pupils prior to their progression to secondary education. They all enjoyed the various activities.

CRIW HANFODOL

Mynychodd disgyblion Dosbarth 6 a Class 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 gweithgareddau amrywiol.

CEFN MABLY FARM



Reception pupils enjoying in Cefn Mably Farm

Our Reception Class and Dosbarth Derbyn pupils went to Cefn Mably Farm as a Tuning In session for their new inquiry. They all thoroughly enjoyed their day observing the farm animals. Their behaviour was excellent all day - well done everyone!

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

The Friends of the School organised a Christmas Wreath Making Evening in the school hall and raised £232.50. The evening was a great success. Many thanks to Heledd from Milddail for sharing her expertise with the group.



NOSON GREU TORCHAU NADOLIG

Trefnodd Cyfeillion yr Ysgol Noson Greu Torchau Nadolig yn neuadd yr Ysgol a chodon nhw £232.50. Roedd hi'n noson lwyddiannus iawn. Diolch o galon i Heledd o Milddail am rannu ei harbenigedd gyda'r grwp. PLANTASIA



Dosbarth 4 in Plantasia

Ymwelodd disgyblion Dosbarth 4 a Class 4 â Sw Drofannol Plantasia yn Abertawe fel sbardun i'w ymholiad newydd. Roedd pawb wedi mwynhau dysgu mwy am anifeiliaid y goedwig law. Roedd eu hymddygiad yn ardderchog drwy'r dydd - da iawn Blwyddyn 4!

PLANTASIA



Class 4 and Dosbarth 4 pupils visited Plantasia Tropical Zoo in Swansea as a tunng ion session for their new inquiry. They all thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the animals of the Rainforest. Their behaviour was excellent all day - well done Year 4!

ART CLUB

Year 5 Art Club members sold their lovely Christmas decorations at the school gate during the final week of term. They made a profit of £144 fantastic. Thank you to everyone who supported their initiative.



CLWB CELF

Gwerthodd aelodau Clwb Celf Blwyddyn 5 eu haddurniadau Nadolig hyfryd wrth glwyd yr ysgol yn ystod wythnos ola'r tymor. Gwnaethant elw o £144 - gwych. Diolch i bawb a gefnogodd eu menter.

FLAT HOLME RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOPS

Recently Sarah, from Flat Holme, visited Year 6 pupils to talk about climate change and sustainability on Holme. They Flat explored renewable made energy and windmills. Sarah also visited Year 1 pupils to talk about how we look after our beaches. They also learned about the life cycle of sea creatures. Sarah spent another day in school working with our Year 5 pupils. They learned about estuaries, fresh and salt water, how birds and animals their habitats adapt to and sustainability. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshops. Thanks Sarah!



Class 5 pupils enjoying the Flat Holme workshops

GWEITHDAI YNYS ECHNI

Yn ddiweddar ymwelodd Sarah, o Ynys Echni, â disgyblion Blwyddyn 6 i siarad am newid hinsawdd a chynaliadwyedd ar Ynys Echni. Fe archwilio wnaethant vnni adnewyddadwy a gwneud melinau gwynt. Ymwelodd Sarah â disgyblion Blwyddyn 1 i siarad am sut rydym yn gofalu am ein traethau. Dysgon nhw hefyd am gylch bywyd creaduriaid y môr. Treuliodd Sarah ddiwrnod arall yn yr ysgol yn gweithio gyda'n disgyblion Blwyddyn 5. Dysgon nhw am aberoedd, dwr ffres a dwr halen, sut mae adar ac anifeiliaid yn addasu i'w cynefinoedd chynaliadwyedd. Roedd pawb wedi mwynhau'r gweithdai yn fawr. Diolch Sarah!

RIGHTS RESPECTING ARTICLES

Our School Council and Rights Respecting members met on Tuesday morning to discuss which Children's Rights they would like the school to focus on this term. They decided on Article 17 that says ' we have the right to be able to information, particularly from the media'. They also chose Article 27 that says 'we have a right to be able to have an adequate standard of living'. The pupils will discuss these rights in their classes this term.





Ym mis Ionawr aeth disgyblion Class 6 a Dosbarth 6 ar ymweliad i Cenin Renewables ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr. Dysgon nhw am ynni adnewyddadwy a chawsant wybod am yr ynni sydd yn cael ei greu gan Dyrbinau Gwynt a Ffermydd Solar. Fe ddysgon nhw nifer o ffeithiau diddorol a gwnaethon nhw fwynhau'r profiad newydd yn fawr.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

At the beginning of the New Year Mr John Davies, celebrated 34 years of employment with Cardiff County Council as our school crossing patrol officerlollipop man. Congratulations John - and thank you for keeping us safe every day.



Congratulations to John Davies our lollypop man!

SWYDDOGCROESFANNAU YSGOL Ar ddechrau'r Flwyddyn Newydd dathlodd Mr John Davies 34 mlynedd o gyflogaeth gyda Chyngor Sir Caerdydd fel ein Swyddog Patrôl Croesfannau neu ddyn lolipop. Llongyfarchiadau John - a diolch am ein cadw'n ddiogel bob dydd.

CALENNIG APPLES

At the beginning of the new term Reception Class and the Dosbarth Derbyn created Calennig Apples to celebrate the old New Year. They went around the school wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

AFALAU CALENNIG

Ar ddechrau'r tymor newydd bu'r Dosbarth Derbyn a'r Reception Class yn creu Afalau Calennig i ddathlu'r hen Flwyddyn Newydd Gymreig. Aethant o gwmpas yn ysgol i ddymuno Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i bawb!

CHRISTMAS TREES

Our pupils were busy before Christmas making decorations to hang on wooden Christmas trees made out of old pallets. Each year group was given a tree to decorate. Many thanks to Colin Belward, from Creigiau Recreation Charity, for asking us to decorate the trees and display them around the village over Christmas.



COED NADOLIG

Bu'r disgyblion yn brysur cyn y Nadolig yn gwneud addurniadau i'w hongian ar goed Nadolig pren a wnaed allan o hen baledi. Cafodd pob grwp blwyddyn goeden i'w haddurno. Diolch yn fawr i Colin Belward, o Elusen Hamdden Creigiau, am ofyn i ni addurno'r coed ac am eu harddangos o amgylch y pentref dros y Nadolig.

FFERM CEFN MABLY

Dosbarth Derbyn in Cefn Mably Farm

Aeth disgyblion y Dosbarth Derbyn a'r Reception Class i Fferm Cefn Mably fel sbardun i'w ymholiad newydd - 'Mae gan y Derbyn Fferm, Hei-a-hei-a-ho.' Roedd pawb wedi mwynhau'r diwrnod yn dod i adnabod yr anifeiliaid. Roedd eu hymddygiad yn wych drwy'r dydd ardderchog blantos!

Erthyglau Hawliau Plant

Roedd aelodau'n Cyngor Ysgol a Hawliau Plant wedi cyfarfod i drafod pa Hawliau Plant yr hoffent i'r ysgol ganolbwyntio arnynt y tymor hwn. Penderfynon nhw ar Erthygl 17 sy'n dweud ' bod gennym hawl i allu cael gafael ar wybodaeth, yn enwedig o'r cyfryngau." Dewison nhw Erthygl 27 hefyd, sy'n dweud 'mae gennym hawl i allu cael safon byw ddigonol'. Bydd y disgyblion yn trafod yr hawliau hyn yn eu dosbarthiadau y tymor hwn.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Mixed Netball Team for playing so well in the Urdd Tournament at Talybont Sports Centre. Mrs Hussey was very proud of their efforts and success! We are extremely proud of you all - well done!



TWRNAMAINT PÊL-RWYD

Llongyfarchiadau i'r Tîm Pêl-rwyd Cymysg am chwarae mor dda yn Nhwrnamaint yr Urdd yng Nghanolfan Chwaraeon Talybont. Roedd Mrs Hussey yn falch iawn o'u hymdrechion a'u llwyddiant! Rydyn ni'n hynod falch ohonoch chi i gyd - da iawn!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our pupils enjoyed their Christmas party at the end of term. They had lots of fun dancing and playing party games in the school hall. The pupils received a small gift from Santa who was extremely busy all week!

PERFORMING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



In December pupils performed songs from their Christmas shows for members of the local community. Members of 'Clwb y Dwrlyn', 'Merched y Wawr', 'Creigiau Companions' and 'WI' thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to visiting us again soon.

PERFFORMIO I'R GYMUNED LEOL

Ym mis Rhagfyr perfformiodd y disgyblion ganeuon o'u sioeau Nadolig i aelodau o'r gymuned leol. Roedd aelodau 'Clwb y Dwrlyn', 'Merched y Wawr', 'Creigiau Companions' a'r 'Wl' wedi mwynhau'n fawr ac maent yn edrych ymlaen at ymweld â ni eto cyn bo hir.

DIWRNOD YMWYBYDDIAETH O BENGWINIAID

Ym mis Ionawr bu Dosbarth 5 a Class 5 yn cymryd rhan mewn Diwrnod Ymwybyddiaeth o Bengwiniaid. Buon nhw'n cario 'wyau' ar eu traed, hela swigod fel cril/ pysgod, osgoi orcaod a hel 'cherrig' (conau) i wneud nyth. Mae bywyd pengwinbrysur iawn! **PENGUIN AWARENESS DAY**



Year 5 celebrating Penguin Awareness Day

In January Class 5 and Dosbarth 5 pupils took part in Penguin Awareness Day and had lots of fun. They carried 'eggs' on their feet, caught fish/krill (bubbles), avoided orca and collected rocks (cones) to build nests. Penguins have such busy lives!



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CREIGIAU 23 TOOLS AMNESTY

How much clutter do you have in your shed?

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You've been meaning to do something about all this, you really have. For years...decades, even.

You're not a hoarder - but you can't just chuck these things away, can you?

We agree. And, more importantly, so do Tools for Self Reliance Cymru. They're a brilliant charity who actually want this stuff!

From their brilliant workshop in Crickhowell, TFSR refurbish and sell your unwanted tools to help families in Africa.

But it's not just about raising cash. It's about sustainability, making a living. Because a sewing machine from Creigiau really can change lives in a place like rural Tanzania.

So here's your chance to help - to free up space in your garden shed and do something really special with all that clutter.

On Sunday 31st March 2024, at Creigiau Recreation Ground, TFSR and Creigiau 23 are staging a Tools Amnesty. We'll be there from 10am -2pm, ready to receive your donations. Ready to sell some fantastic restored tools too.

So, bring your old sewing machines, your broken or unwanted tools, or any other stuff you think we can make use of. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information on TFSR, visit https://www.tfsrcymru.org.uk



FAINT O ANNIBENDOD SYDD YN EICH SIED?

Rydych chi'n gwybod y math o beth. Yr hen gribin rhydlyd honno, y llif sydd angen ei hogi, y rhaw heb handlen. A mae pethau eraill, fel yr hen beiriant gwnïo a'r peth haearn rhyfedd hwnnw gyda thair coes...

Rydych chi wedi bod yn bwriadu gwneud rhywbeth am hyn i gyd. Am flynyddoedd...degawdau hyd yn oed.

Nid celciwr ydych chi - ond gallwch chi ddim taflu'r pethau hyn i ffwrdd, allwch chi?

Ry'n ni'n cytuno. Ac, yn bwysicach, mae Tools for Self Reliance Cymru hefyd. Ma nhw'n elusen wych sydd wir eisiau'r pethau yma!

O'i gweithdy yng Nghrughywel, mae TFSR yn medru adnewyddu a gwerthu'ch offer di-angen er mwyn helpu teuluoedd yn Affrica.

Ond nid mater o godi arian yn unig yw hyn. Mae'n ymwneud â chynaliadwyedd, a gwneud bywoliaeth. Achos mae peiriant gwnio o Greigiau wir yn gallu newid bywydau mewn gwlad fel Tanzania.

Felly dyma'ch cyfle i helpu – i wneud lle yn eich sied, a gwneud rhywbeth arbennig iawn gyda'r holl annibendod.

Ar Ddydd Sul 31ain Mawrth 2024, ar Faes Hamdden Creigiau, mae TFSR a Creigiau 23 yn cynnal Amnest Offer. Mi fyddwn yno o 10am tan 2pm, yn barod i dderbyn eich rhoddion. A mi fyddwn yn gwerthu offer sydd yn barod wedi'u hadfer hefyd.

Felly, dewch â'ch hen forthwyl, cribyn, peiriant gwnio...unrhyw beth y gallwn ddefnyddio.Edrychwn ymlaen i'ch gweld chi yno!

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am TFSR, ewch i https://www.tfsrcymru.org.uk



PENTYRCH TENNIS CLUB



Junior coaching at Pentyrch Tennis Club resumes in March with sessions taking place every Monday led by Tennis Squad. The sessions follow the LTA Youth programme with the aim of providing an energetic sessions that develops all-round physical literacy as well as tennis skills for ages 6-13. At the end of each half term block an LTA Match Week takes place for players to test their skills., Many have progressed into more formal open tournaments, Tennis Squad offer an affordable pay monthly direct debit system with no minimum term, and non members are welcome to join subject to a small visitor fee,

Adult and teen coaching is also available through Tennis Squad email Pentyrch@tennissquad.net of with the club coach (see website www.pentyrchtennis.co.uk).

The courts were repainted last year to maintain the excellent facilities at Pentyrch with floodlights installed on all three courts enabling tennis to be played year round . New members will be most welcomed whether new starters, rusty returners or seasoned players who might be interested to join the team squads, Those interested in joining can come along and play free of charge during a taster period in March and April before joining,

Ladies social club night is every Tuesday evening 5.30 - 7.pm and Mens club night is on Thursdays 5.30-8 pm.,

The Mens doubles team is doing well so far in the South Wales LTA Winter Leagues achieving a good away win against Cowbridge in their last match

The Club has also started a Pickleball playing group which is fast growing sport suitable for all ages and has being adopted already by quite a few tennis clubs in the UK. Eric Thomas.





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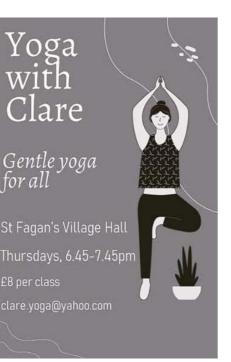
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QUIZ AT PENTRYRCH RUGBY CLUB



Every Wednesday evening a charity fundraising quiz is held at Pentyrch Rugby club hosted by Trish and staff in the bar. The quiz has run for many years supporting The

> Salvation Army in Cardiff. This year £2550 was handed over for the Christmas appeal to fund food and gifts to vulnerable families and others in Cardiff, making a total of £5550 since we started. The amount raised this year was a combination of quiz money, donations and the pop up Christmas market in 2022 for floral Christmas decorations. This year the Christmas pop up market started the fund for 2024. Everyone is welcome to come to the quiz, you can form your own team or join one of the teams. The quiz is just a bit of not serious University fun Challenge! Lanie is our quiz mistress and does not allow half a point! The cost is £2 per person, free raffle provided by the Rugby Club. So if you want to join us at 8pm for an 8.30 start we would be happy to see you! Helen 07787890284





Friday girls and the Gwaelod y Garth school children



The Friday Girls are continuing their work with Year 5 in Gwaelod-y-Garth school, every Friday afternoon where we teach them life skills such as sewing, cooking, cross stitch etc.

We have been attending the school for 10 years, and all the pupils thoroughly enjoy their time with us, and when they move up to Year 6, they want us to organise another session with them, but sadly as we are very busy pensioners we don't have the time to do this.

During the autumn term, the pupils had fortnightly cooking sessions where they would prepare the ingredients from the recipe, cook, and then taste them before returning to class. They also machine sewed Christmas stockings, made Christmas snowmen, cross stitch book makers, and other items.

We have, over the years, been successful in obtaining a grant from the Lottery as without this resource, we would not have been able to purchase all the items needed, i.e., sewing machines, portable cooker materials, and cooking

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PENTYRCH ART GROUP



The Group had a lovely Christmas Lunch at The Old Post House in December. Huge thanks to Chris and Faye for a delicious meal.

This term we shall be having lessons on portraits- with local artist Sophie Galliers, watercolour landscapes, with Kevin Strong and Andre Massaro, painting with a limited palette with Sarah Edwards, and- in what promises to be an interesting exercise- painting with our non dominant hand, with Jane Gagg.

We're also working towards out 26th Annual Exhibition, on Sunday May 19th, at the Village Hall, from 10am to 6pm.

PENTYRCH PRECINCT XMAS MUSIC



The Christmas Eve music raised £170 for the Oasis Centre and Centrepoint charities! Thanks so much everyone who came out to support and the Premier and Move2Here for their support. The rain was ridiculously bad but we all really loved doing it and hope it cheered your Xmas eve. Let's hope for a drier time next year!

CREIGIAU RECREATION CHARITY ELUSEN HAMDDEN CREIGIAU -

We are nearly there! The Trustees, with the enormous help of the community, have raised enough funds (over £25K) to employ the consultants and an Architect to finish the Technical Plans needed to complete a raft of applications for funding for the pavilion extension. This much-needed community asset will give us all a new indoor facility where Exercise, Yoga, Wellness and other activities can take place. It will give the area one of its first accessible facilities where anyone with mobility issues can fully use to take part in courses, recreation or sport. This will also allow us to ensure that any sports club can have gender based or mixed teams, with changing rooms to support them.

As we have stated previously we are applying for significant funds. These include National Lottery Community Fund, Community Facilities Program and Neighbourhood Facilities Program. The latter relies on Section 106 funds, which are raised from a small proportion of profit from each new house built being paid by the building companies into a pot. These funds are supposed to be provided to the nearest community affected by the new buildings. To enable access to these funds we need the support of all 3 Cardiff City Councillors. Unfortunately currently only 2 of the 3 are helping Creigiau and Capel Llaniltern to get the facilities that are needed but we do not have. We hope that the third member can be persuaded that our villages, with a combined population of 6,000 (equivalent to many towns in Wales), get facilities available in other areas.

The recreation charity (CRC/EHC) are hopeful of completing the majority of the Perimeter Path and will be setting up a Crowd Funding Page for this exact cause. We are also acting as a conduit between Railway Paths / SusTrans and Tarmac to arrange the repair of the pedestrian access path at the end of the field that has been severely eroded by rainwater running down the



path. Tarmac management have been hugely helpful in supplying material and contractors to complete the task. It might entail the closure of the path for a couple of days, but the ability to safely navigate the path by the elderly or with a pushchair will be a small price to pay.

With the help of Coed Caerdydd, who have supplied the saplings, we have more ornamental trees to plant around the recreation field. This will make the area more aesthetically pleasing and encourage more flora and fauna by improving the food chain for insects and birds in the area. Help is still needed to ensure we reach all out goals. and more Trustees are needed. If you have any experience with funding applications, or in the world of finance, we would really like your help. But more than that we need residents who are keen to help and willing to give a small amount of time to plans that will not only improve community, recreational and sporting facilities but give potential buyers of houses even more reason to come to our excellent village.

PLAY BOULES (PETANQUE)!!

Why not have a game of boules at Creigiau Recreation Field? It's fun, friendly and a chance to socialize outside in the fresh air.



Our club nights are on Wednesdays from 18:00 hrs. from the middle of March to the end of September, with a welcome given to all, young or old, be they beginners or international level players.

We do not play in league competitions, rather we try to give everyone a game and we enjoy the social aspect as well! Boules can be loaned to anyone that doesn't have a set. Come and give the game (and us!) a try! Creigiau Petanque Club Ltd. at Creigiau Recreation Ground, Station Road, Creigiau, CF15 9NT - near the Creigiau Inn pub. Email creigiau.petanque@gmail.com or phone 029 20892184.

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a fun and exciting club for children aged 0-12 together with their parents/adults. Meeting at Creigiau Church Hall, Creigiau every 3rd Sunday of the month, 4pm-5.30pm the next meeting is on March 17th

Enjoy spending time in crafting activities, aerobics, singing, sharing stories, science experiments and countryside exploration. Entry is free and includes a sit down tea all together!



The photo above shows Osian , having built his ship, is using his imaginary telescope to navigate his way around Messy Church at Creigiau Church Hall . Just one of our lively activity sessions at a typical Messy Church session. This activity is run by volunteers <section-header>

Pentyrch WI created this fabulous tree with the help of local knitters as well as WI members. The tree/hats were displayed at a WI Tree festival along with lots of other wonderful creations at the Miskin Church. We displayed the tree at St Catwgs church over the Christmas period. Thanks to Jenny and Harry who took the hats to their chosen charity, the Huggard homeless centre.

from the Garth Ministry Area, Church in Wales. All volunteers have attended Safeguarding courses and have a DBS certificate. Tel: Jenny 02920 892510 for further details.

CREIGIAU TENNIS CLUB CALL FOR PLAYERS!

Following the festive break, members of Creigiau Tennis Club are back on court playing matches in the Winter Leagues. Despite the inclement weather, it's a busy time for our players as we are fielding women, men's and mixed teams.

Looking ahead to warmer days, we intend to enter two ladies' and a men's team in the Summer Leagues. With two Ladies teams to support, we are looking to recruit more ladies' who would like to play with us in our teams.

If you are interested in playing – we would love to hear from you.

We offer plenty of social and competitive tennis, no matter what your level. We hold weekly mix-in sessions for players of all levels to join in and have fun whilst improving their game. Membership benefits include year-long access to three floodlit courts, social and competitive tennis and access to the Wimbledon Draw for tickets to this prestigious event.

This year, our AGM will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7pm in the Pavilion.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Trudi Evans on: 07768386119.



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PENTYRCH VILLAGE HALL

Firstly, Happy New Year from Village Hall Committee.

It was a sad start to 2024 when Village Hall had to announce that after 40 years the Childrens Nursery closed at end December 2023 and the huge impact this loss will have on the hall and the village.

We are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 22nd March starting at 8.00pm to raise much needed funds for the Village Hall. Tickets (£5) from Barbara Rodd

Committee would like to record our grateful thanks to the family of Kathy Farrance for their generous bequest. Kathy had been a much valued Village Hall Committee member for many years and the impact she made during her lifetime is hereby acknowledged.

If you are looking for a lovely venue for any occasion, please view our Facebook page, contact Bookings Secretary - 07554032894, or email pentyrchvillagehall@gmail.com.

The Hall Committee is seeking new committee members to help in running the village hall with the aim to provide a facility for all to use. The Committee meets 2nd Monday of the month starting at 7pm. If you are interested to find out how the hall is run and would like to attend as an observer, please contact Pentyrchvillagehall.co.uk. We would love to meet you.

A painless way to support the hall is by making all your online purchases through pentyrchvillagehallshop.co.u k Click on the link and you will be redirected to easyfundraising.org.uk. Links to all major retailers can be found on the website, and a percentage of the purchase price comes to the Hall.



CELTS EXPLORER SCOUTS SPRING TERM THE GREAT TOMMY SLEEP OUT



Celts Brainstorming session

For 2024 a challenge has been set by Scout HQ called "Outdoor in 24" to encourage Scouts from all sections to try something new in the great outdoors. Our first meeting of 2024 was a brainstorming session, with the Explorers creating their bucket list of things to do in 2024. These range from simply getting out for a hike, camping, cooking over open fires, climbing, kayaking and to completing an army style assault course!

Last term our theme was the Explorer Scout Survival Skills Badge, which included sleeping outside in makeshift shelters. With that in mind and to tick a few things off the bucket list we have signed up to support "The Great Tommy Sleep Out".

During the month of March, we plan to sleep out under the stars for a night, while fundraising for the nation's most vulnerable veterans. The challenge doesn't replicate rough sleeping, but it will give the young people an idea of the situation far too many of the nation's heroes find themselves in.

Our goal is to raise at least £150, which will help to provide essential items for veterans to get back on their feet. Our group sponsorship page can be found at www.justgiving.com/page/celtsesu.

We really appreciate any support you are able to provide.

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

To see more of what we do, check our Instagram by searching for celts_esu.



COMPANIONS: THE OVER 50'S CLUB

What an end to 2023 we had followed by a good beginning to the New Year!

Our two meetings in December really set the tone for the Christmas period. For our first meeting of the month we visited the Old Post House in St Fagans for a Christmas meal. The weather outside was foul, but inside everything changed: in fine surroundings we had a very good meal, presented by pleasant, smiling staff: this fowl was particularly well served sitting amongst it trimmings.

For our second meeting of the month, Cor Castell Coch entertained us with a fine variety of Christmas choral music. The playing and the singing were full of energy, that soon had our members joining in, clapping, tapping feet and singing.

The first meeting of 2024 was a Christmas party at the rugby club in Pentyrch with its legendary buffet – another fine afternoon.

Our programme for early 2024:

- February 15 Genetics
- February 29 Rhythm with Flamenco Dancing
- March 14th Spring Lunch
- March 28th Care and Repair in your home
- 11th April Flower Garden Secrets
- 25th April Visit to Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans with talk.
- 9th May My life as a musician
- 23rd May On being a Butlin's Red Coat.

We meet in the Church Hall, Creigiau, with meetings starting at 2 p.m.

£3 attendance; for the speaker, refreshments and a raffle. Everyone is welcome! Wherever you live! I look forward to greeting you!

PENTYRCH WI.



Pentyrch WI current committee members 1920's style Christmas gathering celebrating 100 years of WI

Pentyrch WI meet at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month

We enjoy a Speaker a cuppa and a chat.

Potential new members enjoy 2 free sessions and as a You will get a local newsletter every month as to what goes on locally and a newsletter from the Glamorgan Federation.

Our new year starts April. Our programme runs from April 2024 to March 2025. Subs for the year cost £45.00 We are planning a trip to the Botanic gardens in May and another potential trip in August.

We will be celebrating our 73rd birthday party in April, venue to be confirmed.

Please get in touch, either call 07724 159717or email : w.i.pentyrch@gmail.com





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CHARITY RUN



On the 1st of April, Rhian Darch will be taking on a very special trail run in memory of her grandmother, June Griffiths. Rhian, originally from Clydach near Swansea but now a resident of Pentyrch, has planned a 34 mile route starting and ending outside Ty Olwen, a Hospice in the grounds of Morriston Hospital. The staff there took such exceptionally good care of June and her family during the last month of her cancer battle, that Rhian felt compelled to put her trail running skills to the ultimate test by taking on an Ultra Marathon to raise money for the Hospice. "I've been running for 4 years, and decided that I'd like to plan a route that would take in many of the places in Clydach and the surrounding areas that were special to Gran and the family,'

Rhian said. "My good friend, Pauline James who introduced me to trail running when I first moved to Pentyrch, and her husband Keri have been so supportive in this journey and are helping me with my training and route planning...it'll be the longest run I'd have done by 16 miles and I really want to do Gran proud."

Rhian has raised just over £1000 for Ty Olwen so far and is hoping to reach £2000 by the time she completes the challenge. Her JustGiving page can be found at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ Rhian-darch2

Please do give her a wave if you see her out and about training in the woods or up the Garth in her yellow Ty Olwen t-shirt!

CLWB Y DWRLYN

In our November meeting Huw Llywelyn Davies talked with Helen Prosser from Tonyrefail, chair of this year's National Eisteddfod which will be held in Pontypridd during the first week of August. Just before Christmas Sian Wynn Newton & her talented family entertained us with an outstanding musical evening. In January we once again enjoyed the annual Plygain at St Catwg's Church followed by a visit to the King's Arms by the Mari Lwyd.



JOINING GARTH ROTARY.

If you are interested in joining Garth Rotary Club to use your time, talent, skills and energy to improve the lives in our local community and beyond please read on..

In the process you can enjoy the benefits of meeting new friends, hearing inspiring speakers, have a great deal of fun and experience the sense of fulfilment that comes from achieving something really worthwhile.

We meet every other Tuesday alternating between Pentyrch and other venues in a very informal environment.

If Garth Rotary sounds like an organisation for you please email with your contact details to Rhiannonchivers@gmail.com we will respond to you.

Pentyrch Local History Society,

After our break over Christmas and New Year we are ready to start a new term, we have some interesting talks lined up for you, comprising, money, witches and travel, which sounds as if it could be an intriguing new series on the television, or a Harry Potter sequel.

All the details about the meetings are on our web site at pentyrchlocalhistory.wordpress.com During the dark winter nights some questions for you to ponder!

Have we lost the historic sense of Pentyrch?

Do we appreciate the historic sites and buildings all around us?

- The oldest houses the remnants of the old villages of Pentyrch and Penygarn
- The churches and chapel buildings and old sites of worship
- And their graveyards, history of local families
- The agricultural heritage
- Farms that have been worked for generations of the same families
- The lime kilns to improve the land
- The industrial heritage
- Coal extraction at Tyn y coed woods, the bell pits on the mountain, the Lan site at Gwaelod
- Iron extraction and workings across decades
- The old ironworks site at Gwaelod

Olena Voronenko - Artist -Pentyrch



January 27th marked exactly one year since my first oil painting class was held in Pentyrch.

I came from Ukraine completely alone and by the will of fate I ended up in Pentyrch. I have been burning with the desire to start my own original painting courses to share knowledge with aspiring artists, but finding myself in another country I had neither acquaintances nor finances to open such classes.

I contacted Deb Hunt at PCC and told her about my idea. She immediately volunteered to help me and offered the use of the local museum for my studies. This gave me the opportunity to get started. In the first month two or three students came per lesson, and sometimes even only one. I am incredibly grateful to them, without them I would not have succeeded at all.

A year later I have 5 different groups in different parts of Cardiff and they are all almost full, but

my group in Pentyrch always has a special place in my heart. Due to the assistance of PCC I'm able to offer a reduced price for the local community.

I couldn't have done this without PCC's help. I would like to express my deep gratitude to PCC and Deb Hunt in particular for their support in my endeavour. "Thanks to all the local residents for making me feel so welcome in the community." Olena Voronenko

Professional artist.

- Quarrying
- Old thoroughfares, between employment sites and the way down to the Taff

Do we need to bring this information to a wider audience, should we produce information trail leaflets for the village, for families and individuals?

What would you include in any information leaflet?

You are always welcome at our meetings last Friday of the month in the village hall Denise James

CLWB Y DWRLYN

Yng nghyfarfod mis Tachwedd bu Huw Llywelyn Davies yn holi Helen Prosser Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwaith Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taf 2024. Cawsom glywed am ei magwraeth yn cartref Nhonyrefail mewn di-Gymraeg, ei chyfnod yn y brifysgol yn Aberystwyth a'i chyfnod fel aelod o Gymdeithas yr laith Gymraeg a arweiniodd at garchariad. Erbyn hyn mae'n diwtor ail iaith hynod lwyddiannus ac yn ysbrydoliaeth i gynifer o ddysgwyr. Cyflwynwyd siec o £500 iddi tuag at goffrau'r Eisteddfod ar ran Clwb y Dwrlyn. Ar drothwy'r Nadolig cawsom noson gerddorol yng nghwmni teulu hynod ddawnus a thalentog Sian Wyn Newton. Bu hon yn noson arbennig iawn a phawb wedi'u cyfareddu gan dalentau amrywiol y teulu hwn a hynny yn lleisiol ac yn offerynnol. Mae'n arferiad bellach i Glwb y Dwrlyn gynnal gwasanaeth y Plygain yn Églwys Sant Catwg ddechrau'r flwyddyn ac unwaith eto roedd cynulleidfa niferus yno i werthfawrogi'r talentau lleol yn gorau, partion, deuawdau ac unigolion. Arweiniwyd y gwasanaeth yn ddeheuig gan Rhodri-Gwynn Jones a llwyddwyd i gasglu dros £500 tuag at ganolfan Huggard's a Ty Hafan sef yr elusennau mae'r Eglwys yn eu cefnogi eleni. Aethpwyd ymlaen wedyn i Dafarn y King's lle bu criw brwdfrydig yn croesawu'r Fari

Lwyd.

and our membership numbers are increasing. However, current upgrading of facilities, we

need to get more members to help ensure a sustainable future for the club. You can find out more about the bowling club on our website (www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk). More information is available from

membership category.

COME AND PLAY LAWN GREEN

Bowls

It is now only a few weeks away

from a new season of outdoor lawn

green bowls at Pentyrch Bowling

Club. We are always looking for new

members - both experienced and

novice bowlers - and will be offering

free taster sessions to anyone

between 9 and 90 on a Monday

evening (6 pm onwards) from around

the middle/end of April. Everything is

provided and you just need to wear

some fairly flat-soled shoes. So, why

not come along and get some gentle

exercise and fresh air in a very

Apart from playing in local leagues

(men and women), we run a Monday

club evening (mixed bowls) and a

range of internal competitions. We

also host a number of social events

throughout the year, ranging from

quizzes and a race night to monthly

coffee mornings and 'lucky numbers'

draws. For those not wishing to play

competitive bowls, there is a social

We have recovered well since Covid

with

the

friendly social environment?

PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS 2024

The snowdrops that we planted around the village green arrived very early this year - mid January! They are spreading nicely over the green now and are a cheerful sight in the darker winter days. Pentyrch Open Gardens weekend this year is 6th -7th July so plenty of time to get your gardens ready. Pam Toye has joined us as our new treasurer so we are now just looking for someone to coordinate a plant sale. You do not necessarily need to have green fingers just good powers of persuasion!

Once again this year we are raising funds for the village communities and Welsh Air Ambulance. (WAA receives no government funds relying on fundraising alone).

We will of course need donations of home made cakes for the weekend and volunteers in the hall. So if you love your garden, it does not need to be a show garden just your space that you love, and if you would like to join us or want more information please contact Helen or Chris 07787890284 Edwards on or chrisedwards1955@icloud.com

myself on 07979 658481. We are located at Parc y Dwrlyn in Pentyrch, next to the Rugby and Tennis Clubs. Look forward to seeing you soon. Brian Ilbery Membership Secretary





FRIENDS OF CREIGIAU SCHOOL GREAT FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our first Family Bingo night in the Creigiau Inn on Saturday. We had no idea how many families would show up, but we basically filled the pub, kept the chef and bar staff very busy... and raised over £200 for the school!

Also a huge thank you to our superstar Claire Coxon for the idea and making it happen - hopefully the first of many family events at the local pub; great to support a local business while raising money for the school and having fun - win win win!



Diolch enfawr i bawb ddaeth i'n noson Bingo Teulu cyntaf yn Creigiau Inn dydd Sadwrn. Doedd gennym ddim syniad faint o



Creigiau Cricket Club women's softball squad would like to invite you to join us. Are you looking for a new sport or thinking of coming back to the pitch? Why not come and have a go at women's softball cricket.

Creigiau Cricket Club have a successful and fun women's softball team. We are a very friendly mix of all ages and all abilities here at Creigiau CC, our squad have developed from complete beginners to league players. A few of our

deuluoedd fyddai'n troi lan, ond fe wnaethom lenwi'r dafarn, cadw'r cogydd a staff yn brysur iawn... a chodi dros £200 i'r ysgol! Hefyd diolch yn fawr iawn i'n seren Claire Coxon am y syniad a gwneud iddo ddigwydd - y cyntaf o lawer o ddigwyddiadau teuluol gobeithio yn y dafarn leol; gwych i gefnogi busnes lleol tra'n codi arian i'r ysgol, tra'n cael hwyl - win, win, win! players came to us with previous experience but that is not necessary. Our group of players ages range from 13 to 60 and all abilities, playing having fun and competing on the pitch. We have been able to arrange tours most year, beginning in West Wales and then further to La Manga in Spain playing in a growing softball tournament.

If you are looking for a team sport to meet new people get back into team sports or just fancy trying something new come and have a go. No equipment needed, just your trainers, we will provide everything else. We play fun matches as well as league games, indoor and outdoor. You don't need to commit to playing every week we train most weeks indoors on a Tuesday evening and outdoors on a Wednesday and most of our league matches are played on a Sunday. It's a great way to run around in the sunshine (hopefully) and meet new people.

Our training started this year February 13th at Y Pant school 8pm-9pm. When the weather improves we train at Creigiau Recreation ground on Wednesday from around 24th April.

Come and join us bring your friends and give it a try, contact us on creigiauccladies@outlook.com



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Following his retirement from providing a taxi service from Pentych Fred Liney has received numerous good luck messages and has responded :-

Thanks so much for the special good luck retirement wishes and thanks for your loyal custom over the last 25 years.

Its been wonderful getting to know you all and making so many friends along the way. Knowing you were all home safe was my priority.

Wishing you all a Happy Healthy New Year.

Very best wishes. Fred

HAPPY GATHERING

We meet the 2nd Monday of the month in Pentyrch RFC at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome, for tea, coffee, cake and entertainment. Cost -£3.50. Events plannes

Events planned				
11 March 2024	An	Edv	vardian	
Maid's story				
8 April 2024	60/70	's	music	
with Keith				
13 May 2024	Japar	nese d	culture	
10 June 2024	Would	d I lie	to you	
(with Andrew)				
Program for remainder of the year,				

to follow.

CREIGIAU WI STEPS INTO 2024



Creigiau WI New Year celebrations

The members of Creigiau WI welcomed in the New Year with a delicious afternoon tea at the Old Post House, St Fagans. (see photo) Our first three meetings this year are:-

- 13th February an illustrated talk by Stephen Lyons on Gareth Huges, the first Welsh film star
- 12th March Mark Goulding will tell us about The life of a wildlife investigator and prosecutor
- 9th April Annual meeting

As always, our meetings start 7.30 pm at Creigiau Church Hall on the second Tuesday of the month, with an informative speaker and end with tea and biscuits and a nice friendly chat.

But that's not all we have to offer:-

Other activities include whist club, book club, theatre outings, summer day trip, boules, walking group, regular meets local in а establishment.



TIN ON A WALL **CREIGIAU & PENTYRCH**

Last Friday of every month Please leave your donations outside your home for collection between 9.00 & 10.00 am.

Donations delivered to a local Foodbank

Together we can make a real difference.

Follow Garth Rotary on Creigiau & Pentyrch Facebook page to get news updates on our projects,

Our whist club continues to meet at 7.30 in the Creigiau Inn on the third Monday of each month, and the book club meets in the afternoon of the third Wednesday of the month at the same place.

Sadly, the walking group has dwindled during the recent inclement weather, but with spring around the corner we hope to restart a programme of "Walks in the Park" exploring some of the many beautiful parks that Cardiff has to offer.

Our doors are always open to prospective new members, so why not come along and give us a try? (No obligation to join for your first two free visits) for more information email creigiau.w.i@gmail.com



Canton RFC Male Voice Choir & Taff's Well Community Singers St David's Day Concert St Mary of the Angels, Canton Friday 1st March 7.30pm Cantorion Creigiau Singers Concert Friday 8th March 7pm St.David's Church Groesfaen Garth Rotary Club Happy Memories Cafe Monday 18 March Pentyrch Rugby Club 11:00 - 13:00 Friends Of Creigiau School Golf day 19 April	Car Boot Sale PRFC Fundraiser 3rd March 2.00-5.00pm Pentyrch RFCFriends Of Creigiau School Spring Scarecrow Trail March 25 to 7 April Register by 10th MarchCreigiau 23 Tools Amnesty Sunday 31st March Creigiau Recreation Area 10am - 2pmPentyrch Hill Race Tuesday 30th April 24		Creigiau Tennis Club AGM 7pm March 7th at the Pavilion Garth Gardeners Gardening Workshops Pentyrch Village Hall, Saturday- 16th & 23rd March 2024 Garth Rotary Club Happy Memories Cafe Monday 15 April Pentyrch Rugby Club 11:00 - 13:00 Garth Rotary Club Happy Memories Cafe Monday 20 May
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CANTORION CREIGIAU SINGERS

Cantorion Creigiau Singers our local mixed choir would like to thank everyone who came to our Annual Carol Concert at Creigiau Church Hall in December. It was good to welcome friends and see the hall full with people singing joyfully. The collection raised £550 for children at Ty Hafan.

Choir rehearsals continue Sunday evenings 7.30pm-9.00pm upstairs in Creigiau Golf Club. We are pleased to have welcomed new members who have joined us in all sections (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) and are enjoying singing sitting by a choir "buddy" who helps them.

New members are always welcomejust arrive on a Sunday evening and we will be pleased to see you. Singing is good for your physical and mental well-being and rehearsals are well paced by our conductor, herself a trained singer, so that everyone can learn and enjoy singing together. After rehearsal we have the option of socialising in the downstairs bar- a great way to spend an evening-why not give it a try!

The choir's next concert will be Friday 8th March 7pm In St. David's Church Groesfaen

There are no tickets, entry is freethere will be a retiring collection for The National Eisteddfod fund (in Pontypridd this August)

The concert will be run by Groesfaen "Gwyrdd" group who will serve wine/ welshcakes during the evening.

PENTYRCH NURSERY

Before Christmas, normally a time of joy and celebration, it was with a certain amount of sadness that we had confirmation that the "Nursery" at Pentyrch Village Hall would be closing at the end of the Christmas term.

There has been a children's nursery at the hall for 40 years and no doubt many of you either attended or have children or grandchildren that went there and will have fond memories.

It has been a massive part of village life for so many of us and I'm sure the lives of many Pentyrch children have been greatly enriched over the years.

We would just like to thank Victoria and her marvellous staff for the dedication, hard work and love they have put into the last 15 years, as well as thanking all the previous owners and "aunties" stretching back many years. What a wonderful legacy you have left.

Shaun and The Village Hall Committee

After the concert all are invited to the Dynyver Arms next door for an informal "Hymns and Arias" sing-a long with the choir (words provided!) A great way to spend an evening-do come along and celebrate Wales and St David with our local choir in St David's Church Groesfaen.

We look forward to seeing you- at rehearsal or at our concert-or both! Jane Williams

GARTH GARDENERS WINTER TO SPRING 2024

Probably the most familiar flower in the garden at this time of year is the daffodil - a triumphant fanfare for the approach of spring. Our national flower of Wales used to be simple, it was always yellow with a large central trumpet surrounded by six flat petals. It was about a foot tall and you planted them in rows like soldiers. If you were very lucky there might be one or two open on St. David's Day.

How things change. I am still a fan of a traditional yellow daffodil although nurserymen now offer them in all shapes and sizes with the season running from January to April. There are tiny daffs at about 3 inches tall, you need a lot of these for a good splash of colour. The trumpets can now be long, short, facing up, facing down, petals flamboyant or sparse, plain or frilly. Colours are yellow, orange and white or a mix of them all. No more planting in rows anything goes, even "naturalised" in grass, pretty at the time but messy later. Sometimes less is more.

Garth Gardeners also tries to cater for different tastes in gardening in its varied programme, see our website garthgardeners@wordpress.com for details. At our meetings we enjoy gardening topics and convivial company, we hope to see you soon. Denise James

