

# Community News

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## **Wales in Bloom 2010**

Llangollen Rural Community Council are pleased to announce that Wrexham County Borough Council will be entering the Llangollen Rural and Cefn Mawr Wards in the 2010 Wales in Bloom competition with the judging taking place in July.



The agreed route will start at: Fron Community Centre, to Fron Basin where the judges will look at Mrs Fielding and Mrs Crosby's garden's, over the Aqueduct by Canal boat to Trevor, onto Garth & Trevor Community Centre, along the old railway line to Mrs Julie Jones's garden, then drive down Llangollen Road to The Duke of Wellington when we hand over to Cefn Community Council. The judges will then be looking at Ebenezer Chapel, calling at Cefn Mawr Primary School and finally to Ty Mawr Country Park.



Llangollen Rural Community Council and The Aqueduct Community Association are supportive of this competition. We are to be judged on the quality of our floral displays, permanent landscaping, sustainable development, local environmental quality and public awareness. The Community Council will be sponsoring some of the floral displays along the route.

As we did last year, Llangollen Rural Community Council has also entered Fron, Garth & Trevor (as a community) in the Wrexham Community in Bloom event and this will also be judged in July (we came second last year). The route for this tour is still to be decided.



If you are interested in helping in any way, or have any ideas on planting etc. please contact either your Community Councillor or the Clerk.

We will be very grateful for any support or help you can offer.

# Local Interest goes Nationwide

By Malcolm Strong

It has become quite common these days to see on national Television programs that actually feature our local area. More often than not it is in connection with the aqueduct or the Llangollen area. Recently though a BBC Wales production began with a house very dear to the hearts of the people of Trevor and Garth, particularly so if you are a devotee of Trevor Church's Harvest Suppers. I refer, of course, to Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's "Hidden Houses of Wales" that featured Trevor Hall. The house's connection with J C Edwards, the canal and railway were explored in the programme, as were local names, which leads me on to an article that appeared in "The cefn chronicle" in 1950. I hope you find it interesting. The article, a series of several, was written by a Mr J Watkin Ellis and entitled:

## Points of Local Interest

### 3 Trevor Hall, Plas-y-n-Pentre, etc.

**TREVOR** - Before quoting from Mr Thompson's book, let me make a few observations. The Welsh name for that particular district is "Chwrela" (Quarries) and in former days most Welsh people called it by that name. When the branch railway line from Ruabon to Llangollen was opened for passenger traffic on June 2nd, 1862, Chwrela was the name of the station now called Trevor. ("Chwerla" no doubt should have been spelt **Chwarelau**)

The railway time -table for July 1862 contained the following:-

Ruabon ... 9-35 a.m. Cefn Mawr ... 9-41 a.m.(afterwards Acrefair)

Chwerla ... 9-47 a.m. (afterwards Trevor)

Llangollen ... 10-00 a.m.

I don't know why Trevor was not spelt correctly, "Trefor".

"Between Trevor Hall and the Dee is one of the most beautiful clear springs of cold water imaginable. It is called Ffynnon Yryrog (Oerog) and is in great repute as a bath for the cure of rheumatic affections and if Saint Collen had thought proper to have bestowed his benediction, it might perhaps have rivaled its prototype at Holywell.

"Its issue is very abundant and its coldness exceeds belief. Persons bathing cannot continue in the water a minute. Many wonderful accounts are told of its efficacy in chronic disorders. In its passage to the Dee it used to turn a water mill - now in ruins.

"Near to the River Dee is the ancient house of Plas-y-n-Pentre (1634), now inhabited by Mr. Edward Jones.

This article is taken from *TREVOR CHURCH NEWS Vol 18 February 2010*.

(Due to lack of space, the second part of this article will be in the Summer Newsletter).

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**Thank you and Good Luck** Llangollen Rural Community Council would like to thank Dr Dawn Roberts and Ms Del Roberts-Jones who will be leaving Wrexham County Borough Council shortly. They have both worked tirelessly towards gaining World Heritage Status for the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and this is appreciated. World Heritage Status will mean a great deal to this area in regeneration, tourism and hopefully employment. We thank you and send our very best wishes for the future.

## Chair's Report

A Very Happy New Year to you all!

Well what fun we had within the 3 villages over the festive season starting with the Annual Santa Run which was well supported by residents and children alike which brought a true Christmas spirit to Llangollen Rural.

I would like to thank all those involved in our wonderful Christmas Party for our elderly residents which took place on Friday 18th December, you know who you are! I would like to include a special thank you to our local Cub Group for their help on the evening and also Trevor and Garth Youth Association. Not only did they help on the evening but gave a great deal of hard work and commitment beforehand with the preparation of the food at Yale College on the Tuesday evening before the meal and with all the table decorations which were prepared on the Wednesday evening whilst attending Youth Club under the guidance of our Youth Leaders Helen and Lowra. The evening was a great success and I would like to express our appreciation to the two students from Yale College who came along on the evening (on a voluntary basis) to make sure the food and service ran smoothly.

I have much pleasure in informing you that this year Wrexham County Borough Council have chosen our 3 villages along with Cefn Mawr, as part of the Wales in Bloom route. This involves a day in the summer where the Wales in Bloom Judges come along and judge on not only our floral displays, but also general tidiness, and any sustainable features, that the communities have been involved in. I would like to invite all groups within the community to be involved, whether it be by a project you wish to help with or a project that you are currently working on no matter how small, please take photographic evidence as not all will be visited on the day but can be included in a portfolio of evidence. We have so much to offer within our community, and I feel by working together we can be judged very favourably. We will be working on various floral displays along with such things as wildlife habitats, if you feel you could spare time or advice please do not hesitate to contact your Councillors through Llangollen Rural Community Council. I would like to see as many groups as possible taking the opportunity to be part of this.

Regards Tracey

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## Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod of Wales 2011

Bethan Grey – Davies (Co-ordinator of the appeal in your area)

Were you all aware that the National Eisteddfod of Wales, the largest folk-culture event in Europe will be visiting Wrexham during August 2011? By now the central finance committee has been set up, and each local area has been allocated a target, a very large amount of money to collect, based on the number of households in the area. It sounds easy, the equivalent of three loaves of bread if everybody contributed. I need your help throughout the area covered by the Llangollen Rural Community Council and the Cefn Community Council. Llangollen Rural Community Council has been generous in starting off the appeal with a donation of £500 and the schools will all be doing their part during the next eighteen months. Why not come to an open meeting at the George Edwards Hall on March 9th at 7.00pm where a committee will be formed and ideas for fundraising discussed. I am anxious for the whole area to be represented. I know that we can work as a team and raise this money and I thank you in advance for your help.

## **Aqueduct Community Association**

By Andy Conde

The Aqueduct Community Association are delighted to report an enjoyable festive season with Santa on his float in Trevor, Garth and Fron, the Christmas Fayre and the Pensioners Party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you must go to Helen Jones, Mandy Kempster, the members of our youth club and also to our two fantastic chefs who did such a magnificent job in cooking the supper. We had community carols, a quiz, bingo and a really enjoyable festive community occasion was celebrated by all. We are in the process of organising several fund raising including an 'In the Pink' sponsored walk and community days and it is hoped that we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 28th March 2010 at 2pm along the old railway line when we hope as many of you as possible will attend. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the community centre. Our next meeting will take place on March 1st at 7pm in Garth & Trevor Community Centre when we will be joined by Paul Tincello from the Dee Valley Partnership who will talk to us about the financial success of their enterprise and hopefully pass on a few tips. Everyone is welcome to our meetings, the first Monday of every month; our numbers are increasing but the more the merrier! We would like to thank you all for your support over the past 12 months and look forward to that continuing in the future.

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## **Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens of Garth, Trevor & Fron**





## **Garth C.P.News**

By Mrs Clough

We can't believe that it is February half term already. The snow gave us a few headaches but we hope we have seen the last of it now. It has been a busy time catching up but we are reasonably satisfied that we are on track.

We are excited to announce that we will be opening our Holiday Club during the Easter holiday. This will be a bonus for children whose parents work as they will be with their friends here, in a familiar place and with people they know well.

We are also very pleased to have a video conferencing suite that links us with our European friends. It will help us share experiences, cultures and to support each others second language skills.

Pupils from years 3 to 6 are due to visit Dobroyd castle in Lancashire where they will enjoy a range of outdoor pursuits.

The School Council are creating activity packages for wet breaks and are eager to make them as exciting as possible. They have also been involved with The Welsh Assembly Government initiative to create a website for children to understand their rights to freedom and happiness and to inform them of ways to seek help when problems arise.

We are conducting a thinking Skills Presentation Evening on Wednesday 24th February at 7pm to give parents a taster of the New Curriculum teaching and learning methods. We look forward too a good audience. A recent fundraising evening on 13th February with 'Bongo Eddie' was a sell-out and great success. We also plan a family music quiz evening on 5th March at the school.

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## **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site Update**

Dr Dawn Roberts,  
Economic Development Department, Wrexham County Borough Council

The breadth of work currently under way is such that there are 6 Sub Groups working on various aspects of the Site's management and development. These groups are - Planning & Landscape, Visitor Management & Economic Regeneration, Conservation & Heritage, Education, Public Transport and finally, Community. The latter Group is the main one for local community group involvement. As reported previously, the first project to have a visible impact in 2010 will be the Green Transport Scheme which will commence in May with a new leaflet on how to access and enjoy the 11-mile site by bus, with the buses and bus stops serving the route badged up with the Pontcysyllte logo. Good progress is being made with additional car park provisions at Chirk (at the former Chirk Estate Office) and at Trevor Basin and we hope this should start to make life much easier for local residents. There are detailed negotiations ongoing with Flexsys/Solutia regarding the future of the Flexsys site and any potential benefit to the World Heritage Site.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support myself and my colleague Del Roberts-Jones have had since we started back in 2003 the work to get the Aqueduct inscribed on the World Heritage List. It has been an amazing journey and we have had so much support from the community throughout which gave us so much heart and determination to see it through. We are sorry to be leaving in March, but hope very much that the vision and undoubted economic opportunities which the new World Heritage site has to offer can be fulfilled. The new officer who will continue this work is Karen Whitney-Lang.

# Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal Community Development Project



## Spring Events 2010

This following local events form a series along the Llangollen Canal Corridor from Llantysilio to Chirk Bank. The events are part of a Community Development Project which is a partnership of British Waterways, Northern Marches Cymru, Wrexham County Borough Council and Cadwyn Clwyd. The project will assist communities along the canal corridor from Llantysilio to Chirk Bank in developing a greater understanding and awareness of local heritage and biodiversity.

- **3rd March** – Otter & Mink Walk – Join us as we survey the Llangollen Canal for signs of Otter and Mink. During this session we will survey from Bryn Howel to Llangollen. 10.00am start
- **26th March** – Otter & Mink Walk – Join us as we survey the Llangollen Canal for signs of Otter and Mink. During this session we will survey from Llantysilio to Llangollen.
  - 10.00am start at Horseshoe Falls
- **30th April** – Geodiversity Walk – Come and join Geodiversity Officer – Jacqui Malpas on a guided walk from the Horseshoe Falls to Trevor Basin.
  - 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please contact Piers for further details.
- **6th May** – Clwyd Bat Group – Join Clwyd Bat Group for an evening and learn about Bats in your local area. We will also get the chance to go outside and survey a section of canal for bats.
  - An evening event to be based in Llangollen. Please contact Piers for further details
- **6th to 15th May** – Saturn Heritage Boat Visit to the Llangollen Canal
  - Come and visit this restored fly-boat, a magnificent canal boat, one not to miss.
  - Saturn will be visiting a number of places along the canal during their stay on the Llangollen Canal
  - Please contact Piers for further details.
- **22nd May** – Heritage Walk – Join local knowledgeable walk leaders on a tour of Froncysyllte and Trevor.
- **23rd May** – In The Pink Charity Walk – Horseshoe Falls to Trevor Basin
  - Join the Aqueduct Community Association on this Charity walk along the canal.
  - Please contact the Aqueduct Community Association or Piers for further details.
- **19th June** – Cefn Mawr to Trevor Basin Heritage Walk – Join Cefn Mawr & District Heritage Forum on a guided tour through the streets of Cefn leading down to Trevor Basin.

**Places are limited on each of the events, therefore prior booking is essential.** If you would like further details about any of the events, or other events in the area, please contact :Piers Warburton – Community Development Officer

Email– [piers.warburton@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:piers.warburton@britishwaterways.co.uk) Contact tel no. – 07920 810349

This project has received funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.



## **A message from Tony Rees, Vicar of Chirk with Froncysyllte.**

"Why Good Friday?" I am sometimes asked. "What was good about it?"

On the face of it, actually it was a very bad day. Jesus suffered death by crucifixion: an extremely cruel and degrading form of public execution. Jesus suffered death because of the goodness of his character and life, the honesty of his preaching and teaching, and because of his faith and intimate relationship with God. His enemies hated him for all this. Jesus died asking "My God, why have you forsaken me? All seemed lost.

But an early Christian tradition believed that Jesus died on the cross for our sake, because of us. One strand believed that Jesus died to forgive us: According to Luke 23:34 Jesus said "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" - a verse found only in Luke's gospel, and then not in all the best manuscripts (but nevertheless probably original). Who was being forgiven? The Jews who called for his death? The Romans who crucified him? The disciples who deserted him, denied him, betrayed him? Perhaps as we might have behaved like any of them, Jesus is forgiving us too. I hope so!

Other New Testament writers gave rise to various theories of atonement (ideas to explain how the death of Jesus affects our salvation). Christians have always agreed that the death of Jesus was good for us, even if they cannot agree on how to explain this.

That alone makes it Good Friday.

But what clinches it is Easter Sunday. On Good Friday man did his worst. On Easter Sunday God did his best. By raising Jesus to life again, God is saying "Jesus is my Son. He died because of you, but he is alive because of me. My love, my grace, my forgiveness, is stronger than death. And you too can be alive again because he is alive, if you let him live in you."

And that really makes Good Friday a really good Friday indeed.

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### **Special Services at St David's Church, Froncysyllte**

**Sunday 7th March**

No service at Fron, but a united Parish Communion (shortened) at St Mary's Church Chirk, followed by the Parish Annual Meeting.

**Sunday 14th March**

9.30 am Family Service for Mothering Sunday.

**Friday 2nd April**

12.00 midday Devotional Service for Good Friday.

**Sunday 4th April**

9.30 am Family Communion for Easter Sunday.

### **Special Services at Trevor Church**

**14 March** Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Service 9.30am.

**2 April Good Friday.** Service 9.30am Trevor Church

**4 April Easter Sunday.** Holy Communion Service 9.30am

**30 May** Christian Aid Service, Valle Crucis, 11.00am.

**17 Sep** Harvest Service and Supper 7.00pm

### **Next Community**

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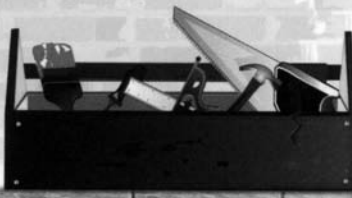
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# Garth & Trevor News

## Correction

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## 1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader at Trevor.

With grateful thanks to the people of Trevor, a grant from AVOV, and donations from Llangollen Rural Council and Trevor Band, we have been able to have the bathrooms completely renovated, showers installed and a badly needed storeroom erected at our HQ. The Xmas raffle raised £94 and the large hamper was won by Barbara of 16 George Avenue. The Xmas bingo raised £108. The carol singing around Trevor estate raised a marvelous £93, again many thanks. At present the cub pack have a few vacancies for boys and girls 8-11 yrs, we meet 6.30 -8pm on Thursdays at Trevor Scout HQ. The next Bingo will be on March 10th, eyes down 7.30pm.

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## Local Bowlers Represent County

By Moira Griffiths

Several members of Trevor Bowls Club represented Clwyd at Llandrindod Wells on Saturday 6th February, in the game of Short-Mat Bowls. Moira Griffiths, Steve Jones, Joyce Evans and Margaret Jones won the Clwyd heat held at Flexsys before Christmas, and along with the second placed team of Anne Arnold, Jean Roberts, Glen Arnold and Jim Richardson they travelled to Llandrindod Wells to compete in the National Finals. Both teams won their group games and progressed to the quarter finals where they both came up against tough opposition, eventually being knocked out of the competition. Each year the bowls club enters the National Heats (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) where past members have been successful in achieving County titles. Moira, Joyce and Margaret will also be representing the County again on February 20th when they play in the Triples Final, at Llandrindod Wells.

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## Thank you

By Roy Duggan

I would like to thank all of you who have so kindly donated to the Scanner Appeal for Wrexham Maelor Hospital. I have now handed over a cheque for £12,200 to the Surgical Assessment Unit and they were overjoyed to receive such a large donation. Mr Andrew Davies Clinical Nurse Manager said 'The Scanner has been ordered and on behalf of the Surgical Consultants and Nursing Team we thank you and are indebted to you all for this kind and generous gift'.

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## Bird Watch – Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Nuthatch, Jays, Robins, Tree House Sparrows, Blackbirds, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Wren, Collared Dove, Starlings, Wood Pigeon, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Goldfinches, Chaffinch, Fieldfare (twice only), Thrush, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Hooded Crow, Magpie, Coal Tit, Long Tail Tit, Heron, Buzzards and Sparrow Hawk.

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## Have you got time to spare?

By Age Concern North East Wales

Would you like to help make a difference to the lives of older people in your local community? Are you interested in helping to start up and organise a lunch club for older people to enjoy on a regular basis? Help would be available with applying for funding and advice. For an informal chat and more information contact the Lunch Club Development Officer on: **08450 549822** or [info@acnew.org.uk](mailto:info@acnew.org.uk)

## Youth Club News

**Fron** Lots of Christmas preparations from card making, glass painting to gingerbread making, and had a small Christmas party to finish off December before we closed for the holidays. We also celebrated Chinese New Year (the year of the Tiger on February 14th if you want an alternative to Valentines day) with horoscopes and practiced our chop stick skills with a meal of pad Thai noodles, which proved messy as well as quite hot and spicy!

**Trevor** Lots of activities from baking, making mosaics, revision planning and moths drop in, glass painting and ginger bread to, jus to name a few!

A big thank you to the young people who helped at the Christmas Party in the community centre and who also spent the night in the kitchens of Yale college cooking the meal under the watchful supervision of the chefs there. The food was delicious and I'm sure was thoroughly enjoyed by the huge turnout on the night.

I'm afraid I know sometimes its boring to some, but I would like to say a few more thank you's because without the help and donations of food, staff and time of Yale College we would not have had such a fantastic opportunity to cook in such a professional environment and produce top class food and to all the volunteers who helped on the night of the party.

To the Community Council, Cakes and Co and Steve Edward's Band Knight for their continued donations to the clubs and especially to all the volunteers who's time and dedication make the Youth Clubs possible



## Fron News

By Julie Williams

**Sensory Garden Project** By the time you read this you may well notice some progress being made towards the construction of our Sensory Courtyard Garden in the grounds of the Community Centre. Woody growth will be removed from the wall which will form the backdrop of the garden by a small team of workers undertaking the task through the 'community payback' scheme run by the North Wales Probation Service. This work was made possible through our links with the Keep Wales Tidy project. This is the first step on



our way to creating the garden and it has been a very important job, now we can go ahead and level the ground ready to put in the courtyard. The committee would like to thank the Community Payback team and Keep Wales Tidy for all their efforts. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank Stans Superstore, St Martins for their generous donation of over £250 from the Nisa 'Make a Difference Locally' charity towards our Garden Project. Once again, Thanks Stans!

If local businesses wish to make a donation or sponsor a section of the garden, they would be more than welcome. Please contact Julie Williams on [Williams-julie@hotmail.com](mailto:Williams-julie@hotmail.com) for more details.

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**Tai Chi** Wednesday 7-8pm and Thursday 10am-11am at Fron Community Centre. £2 per session.

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**Sing for Nightingale House** Come and sing in a choral workshop and support Nightingale House. Equally rewarding whether you've sung in a choir before or not.

Musical conductor – Mervyn Cousins. Faure's Requiem.

Choral workshop 1: 8th April 7pm – 9pm – venue to be arranged.

Workshop 2: 17th April 1pm – 4.30pm. St Giles church.

Concert 17th April, St Giles Church, 7.30pm. To book places: 01978 314292.

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### Cakes and Company

Cakes and Company reopens on 3rd April (Easter Saturday) from 12noon – 4pm. Some of the ladies from the Tenovus Charity Shop in Llangollen have been busy knitting over the winter months, and will have a stall at Cakes and Company on Easter Saturday selling their wares. Please come along and support this worthy cause, and have a chat and cup of tea (and of course some yummy cake!)

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Froncysyllte School received a cheque for £261.92 in respect of the annual Tug of War event which takes place on New Years Day. A big thank you to all involved.

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### Bird List – Fron

By Julie Williams

The Robin continues to visit and feed, the Woodpecker makes its daily visit for peanuts and the Goldfinches and Redpoll for the Niger seed.

Blackbird, Blue tit, Buzzard, Bullfinch, Brambling, Crow, Coal tit, Chaffinch, Collared dove, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Hedge sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Magpie, Long Tailed Tit, Nuthatch, Peewit, Redwing, Robin, Rook, Starling, Song Thrush, Tawny Owl, Woodpigeon, Wren, Woodpecker (greater spotted).

## Fron School Diary Dates

**St Davids Day Celebrations** To celebrate St David's Day, we are visiting William Aston Hall at Glyndwr University to listen to classical music by The Welsh Chamber Orchestra, on the afternoon of Monday 1st March.

**Consultation Evening** Can I remind you that on Wednesday 3rd March our Consultation Evening will take place. If you haven't returned your slip can you please do so. We will send out the exact time of your appointment on Wednesday 24th.

**Infant Clothes Show/Spring Fayre** We will be holding our Infant Clothes show on Thursday 18th March this year. We will be combining it with stalls and the sale of refreshments. More details will be forthcoming after the holiday.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers** We are now collecting vouchers for sports equipment from Sainsbury's. A box will be put by the entrance of school after the holiday.

**Cookery Club** After School Club will be starting Cookery Club on a Wednesday after half term. Usual rates apply.

## Breastfeeding Ma's Bar

Calling all Breastfeeding Mums. Would you like to make new friends in a supportive environment? Ma's Bar is a breastfeeding support group held at Chirk Clinic, Station road, Chirk on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 – 3pm. If you are a breastfeeding mum, come and meet other mums and their babies. Pregnant ladies with an interest in breastfeeding are welcome to come along for information, and support.



## NSPCC Helpline factfile

- You can contact the NSPCC Helpline free and anonymously on 0800 800 5000 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).
- In 2008/09 the Helpline counselled 29,346 callers with worries about a child's safety or wellbeing.
- The NSPCC Helpline is an important source of information for local children's services teams. They estimate that one in three serious referrals they make to local authorities are about children they didn't already know about.
- The NSPCC Helpline provides a service for everyone, no matter their background or ability. Some Advisors on the Helpline speak multiple languages, while others speak Welsh. Deaf and hard of hearing can email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk), or use the British Sign Video service on 020 8463 1148.

**NSPCC**  
**CYMRU / WALES**  
**HELPLINE**  
**0800 800 5000**  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## Raspberry Brûlées

250b/9 oz Raspberries

1 tbsp. lemon juice

2 tbsp. raspberry jam

6 tbsp. caster sugar

1 tsp. vanilla essence

125 ml/4 fl. Oz crème fraîche

125 ml/4 fl. Oz. double cream

lightly whipped

whole raspberries to decorate

Put the raspberries and lemon juice into a saucepan and stir over a low heat for about 5 minutes until they start to soften. Remove from the heat, stir in the jam, then divide between 4 ramekins. Preheat the grill to hot. In a bowl, mix together the crème fraîche, cream and vanilla essence. Spoon the mixture over the raspberries and level the surfaces. Sprinkle the caster sugar over the top, allowing 1½ tablespoons per ramekin. Cook under the preheated grill, as close to the flames or element as possible, for 2-3 minutes, until the sugar caramelizes. Remove from the grill, decorate with whole raspberries and serve immediately. Alternatively to serve chilled, leave to cool at room temperature, then cover with clingfilm and place in a refrigerator to chill for 3-4 hours.



# Band Knight

By Steve Edwards

December 2007 saw the first ever community band night at The Telford Inn, Trevor. The band name for the night was "4 one night only" the idea being that local volunteers gave their time up to form a band, sell some tickets, have some fun and raise some money for local community groups. The evening was such a success the band agreed to perform again and raise more money for the community.

The band was asked to perform at the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage celebrations in October 2009 where they were introduced by Sara Edwards from BBC Wales and were well supported by the audience.

December 2009 saw the band perform their fifth band night! Yet again performing to a packed out Telford Inn function room (the room holds over 100 people). To date the band have raised £2,447.00 and donated the money to local community groups such as the Aqueduct Community Association, Mothers and Toddlers, 1st Trevor Scouts and Trevor and Garth Youth Association. All this money includes a cash match donation from Cadbury, Chirk – many thanks for their support.

The band is now practicing for further concerts that are currently being planned for the summer of 2010. Many thanks to all the band members, the local supporters, Rob & Sarah at the Telford Inn and everybody else who helps out - plus a very special "thank you" for Tim Jones who co ordinates all the music .

One of the band members has created a website for the band at [www.bandknight.webs.com](http://www.bandknight.webs.com) for further details

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## Mobile Library

The mobile library will still be calling every three weeks on a Tuesday:

Garth Rockman's Arms	9.30 to 10.10	Garth Primary School	10.15 to 11.00
Pentre Village School	1.20 to 12.00	Trevor Community Centre	1.15 to 2.15
Rhosymedre Community Centre	2.30 to 3.45	Fron Lay-by by Cliff's Cafe	4.00 to 4.40

**Dates for 2010: March 16th, April 6th & 27th, May 18th.** Any queries regarding the operating of this route should be referred to Rhos Library 01978 840328.

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## Homelink Library Service

If you are disabled or have difficulty getting to your local library a Homelink library service is provided by Wrexham County. This offers a home visit every four weeks and provides access to the whole range of library and reference services, including books, Audios, CDs and DVDs. For further details contact Maifun Rogers at Cefn Mawr Library, by telephone on 01978 820938 or E mail [Maifun.Rogers@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:Maifun.Rogers@wrexham.gov.uk)

The dates of visits to your area for the next three months are as follows:

**Wednesday 10th March, Wednesday 7th April, Wednesday 5th May**

## Fron School News

By Barbara Davies

On 25th November Fron had a Mexican day with a visit from Artist Catrin Davies. Dawn our cook also created a special Mexican lunch. Our Nursery and reception classes had a visit to Llangollen sorting office as part of their topic work. They all wrote lovely letters for a class friend which they posted. They were excited to receive a letter from their friend delivered by Royal Mail to their home address.

December was a busy month with all children enjoying a visit to Chirk Castle for the Christmas Extravaganza. The picture on the right shows some of the children making tradition Christmas decorations. On the 9th December the school performed Hosanna Rocks in the Seion Chapel. They all sang beautifully. We also made good use of our new cooking equipment. All the children baked and decorated mini Christmas cakes. They all looked fantastic. We also had our annual trip to Rhyl Panto, Christmas parties and a visit from Santa. On the 18th December the children performed a fantastic Nativity at St David's Church.



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## Froncsyllte School Breakfast Club

Our free breakfast club opened in the Autumn Term and is very popular with our pupils. We open our canteen at 8.10am and children can arrive up to 8.35am. This allows parents plenty of time to commute to work safe in the knowledge their child will have a healthy breakfast to start their day. Our children have a choice of apple, orange or pineapple fruit juice, with cereal, fresh fruit and toast. After breakfast the children have time to socialise and/or play before transferring to school at 8.50am. Thank you to all our breakfast staff for their hard work, it's much appreciated.



## **Police Matters**

Hopefully when you read this community newsletter Spring will be approaching and the bad weather behind us. At community meetings and from talking to residents in the area we get an impression of what the residents of Llangollen Rural feel are the important local issues you want to be addressed by the Police . I would encourage you to express your views to myself or if you are on the internet by visiting the North Wales Police web site where you can have your say with "balanceyourbobbies".

### **What is it?**

Balance your Bobbies is a fresh and innovative way for North Wales Police to engage with you to find out what your priorities are. Balance Your Bobbies invites you to assign police resources based on your perception of neighbourhood issues.

### **What are the benefits?**

Identifying what local community priorities and concerns really are.

Improve public confidence by directly responding to your views.

Increase public involvement in policing.

Allows the District Inspector a direct channel to direct resources.

### **How does it work?**

The first section of the page has an area or post code selection. When the user has filled in the correct details and clicked on the "Find My Team" button, the associated Policing Team details will be displayed. You are then free to proceed with the Balancing aspect of the page.

This entails the user moving a graphical slider back and forth along the associated priorities, in 5% increments. As the sliders are moved a graphical representation will be made in real time of the amount or balance the user has allocated in total. Once the user has reached or balanced to 100% or less, you will be able to click on the "submit" button.

You are able to let us know each month so that we are aware of current local priorities which may well change over a period of time. I would encourage you to view the North Wales Police website at least once to see the information available which may be of interest or useful at some point in time.

Regards  
Dave Jenkins  
PCSO

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## **Llangollen Rural Community Council - Finance**

For the past few years your Community Council has requested a modest increase to the precept allowance (monies given by Wrexham CBC to enable the Council to conduct it's business) so that it can build on it's very limited reserves and enable it to contribute to or finance projects in the future. However this year, in view of the financial climate, it was agreed by your Councillors that no increase to the precept be requested thus slightly reducing the increase in Council Tax that will inevitably be levied.

Glyn Jones, Chair of the Finance Sub-committee.

## County Councillor's Diary

This is a brief update of the ongoing issues within the Llangollen Rural Ward. I would like to start by saying what a good year 2009 was, and I hope the success continues this year. We have seen the coming together of our three villages working for the good of their communities. What a wonderful Christmas spirit, with the switch on of the Christmas tree lights, one at Trevor green, one in Garth, and one at Fron Community centre. Once again the visit from Santa around our three villages was a great success, and I would like to express my thanks to Santa and his helpers for all their hard work. The pensioner's party at Trevor Community Centre was once again enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to say a special thanks to all who made it a great success.

**Weather:** This was exceptional which caused us major problems. I will be asking the council if we can do better this year. Gritting was a problem across the ward with salt bins being stolen, and to make things worse the Welsh Assembly Government stopped the council from refilling the bins, and gritting our footpaths and side roads. They were instructed to keep clear A and B roads and school routes. Maybe we need to look at how we did it in the old days, people designated from each of the villages who were employed by the council to grit and clear the roads when needed. We are now in the process of opening a new salt depot in Chirk, no doubt this will help.

**School Transport equalities policy:** I held a public meeting in Trevor Community Centre on the 1st February, which was a chance for parents of children who attend Fron & Garth primary Schools, to have their say on how they would be affected if this policy was implemented. It would mean their child would have to attend their nearest secondary school to qualify for free transport, and in our case it would be Ruabon. Parents can still exercise their parental choice, but they would have to pay for the transport. My understanding is that there is no capacity in Ruabon School to take these children at present, so therefore free transport would be provided to Dinas Bran, as that is the next nearest secondary school. Although the weather kept a lot of people away it was very lively, and lots of questions were put to Councillor Aled Roberts and Daffydd Ifans LEA. I asked Community Councillor Elfed Morris if he would chair the meeting as he did not have a Conflict of interest, he did a great job to which I was very grateful.

**Trevor Shop:** I have spoken to Wrexham Council about the concerns of the community regarding the length of time it has taken to sort out the re-opening of the shop on Trevor Estate. They have assured me that they are dealing with it, with urgency. We also had a lengthy discussion in the Community Council meeting and they have sent a strong letter to Wrexham Council to support my views and of the local residents, for the immediate re-opening of the shop.

**Old Railway Line:** We are waiting until the weather picks up to complete the project.

**Reads Yard Car Parking:** The Yard is now cleared and ready for use when the season starts, so I hope it will solve some of our parking problems which we had last year.

**New Post Box:** I was pleased to see that at last we have had a new post installed by the telephone kiosk at the junction of Llangollen Road/Garth Road. Any problems don't hesitate to contact me.

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