

Community Newsletter

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Pontcysyllte Chapel Tearoom



We are pleased to announce that after a lengthy restoration project we have opened the chapel tearoom doors to the public .

Built in 1902 to replace the smaller chapel near the Aqueduct, Bryn Seion was built by local craftsmen out of JC Edwards brick .The builder was Mr JT Jones of Cefn Mawr and work was supervised by Mr John Price of Trefynant Works. The chapel first opened its doors in May 1903 at a total cost of £1800 ! The stunning ceiling and beautifully crafted 'seat fawr' and pulpit look as impressive today as they must have done 115 years ago.

Since its closure as a chapel in 1992 it has been used as an antique centre, auction house and latterly as a storage unit. The building was neglected and increasingly the target of vandals and an eyesore for the local area. As a grade 2 listed building, it was a challenge to restore and keep the original features but at the same time add a contemporary feel. However, this has been done and it is a light, airy, welcoming space with a great 'feeling' inside.

The Chapel has been brought back to life and is once again a hub of the local community. Young and old alike meeting up for a good chat over a leisurely drink and cake or lunch.

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Pontcysyllte Chapel Tearoom cont.



Many customers have special memories of their time spent in the chapel at school plays, Sunday school, weddings, baptisms, funerals and even youth club. We would love to see some photographs if anyone would like to share with us.

We are thankful for the support we have received from all our customers and the great feedback and comments on the restoration project. Moving forward, we would welcome suggestions on what you as our customers would like to see happening at the chapel and also on the menu.

We are open daily serving breakfasts, lunches, cakes, snacks and ice cream. Our food is sourced locally and all freshly made. We have an alcohol licence and can cater for parties for up to 60. We have hosted birthday parties for young ladies aged 8 to 90 years young ! So whatever the occasion we can accommodate you. We have just been awarded a 5* food hygiene rating and are looking forward to our official opening in June when we will be welcoming the tourism minister of Wales .

The tearoom are open daily from 10-5, all freshly prepared food using local suppliers, traditional afternoon teas, delicious homemade bara brith.

Private events catered for e.g. birthday parties ,anniversary celebrations, christenings, and various meetings.

Free cup of tea and a slice of bara brith for anyone who brings in a photograph of the chapel inside or out before it closed in 1992, offer open until end of August 2018

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Contact details 01978 812786 pontcysylltetearoom@gmail.com

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Community Diary Dates

June 19th @ 7pm Garth & Trevor Community Centre AGM

July 5th Skip day at Garth & Trevor Community Centre

July 20th Underneath The Arches

August 6th Bont bridge closing for 1 day for repair work

December 7th Pensioners Christmas Party

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Thank you !!*

The Aqueduct Community Association

By Sue Kempster Chair.

I am appealing to anyone who has any interest in volunteering in our community.

I do understand how hard it is to juggle work, home and family commitments in this day and age but things are getting desperate at the Aqueduct Community Association. The group has worked in conjunction with Llangollen Rural Community Council and other community groups to provide match funding, volunteers and any other help it can to the communities of Garth, Trevor and Fron. It has been operating for ten years and in that time has been effective in all it has set out to do. Things are now changing and without new volunteers we cannot carry on.

The hanging baskets have not been put up around the community centre in Trevor this year because there is no one to water them.

An opportunity to put a footpath through the woods behind the community centre in Trevor working with the AONB, may have to be put on hold because there does not seem to be enough people willing to give a little time to help with this project. This is sad because there seems to be more opportunities than in recent years to get project funding.

Unless there are a few more people willing to help on the committee for the Aqueduct Community Association it may have to fold altogether.

If there is someone out there willing to give up a few hours here and there please give me a ring and leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can, thank you. 01978 810302

Bird watch - Trevor

By Anne Arnold

Goldfinch, Bullfinch Sparrows, Starlings, Chaffinch, Blue tit, Black Cap, Redpoll, Owls, (Mid April flight of Linnets), Siskin, Thrush, Blackbirds, Magpie, Collard Doves, Nuthatch, Pigeon, Woodpecker, Robin, Swifts, Swallows, Yellowhammer, Sparrow Hawk, Jays, Ducks, Heron, Buzzard, Bats, Pheasants, Jackdaw, Crow, Great tit.

1st Trevor Scout Group

By Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader.

As usual we are very busy, and it's very important we get the children out and about while its light nights and warmer weather.

The Beavers have been working towards their cycling and space badges.

Cubs have been making bird boxes with the help of Jason, one of our committee members. Also they have been working on cycling and navigation badges.

We recently held our well attended AGM, the children achieved and were given a number of badges due to their hard work. Trophies were given to Beaver of the year Lotty Anderson from Trevor and Cub of the year was George Nash also of Trevor. Well done.

Our Chair is Noeleen Thelwell, Treasurer is Maureen Evans (Newly elected), Secretary is Charlotte Bride (Newly elected). We also gladly welcomed new committee members to the table.

In June the group will be going on a joint summer camp, with plenty of activities available and lots of hard work by the Leaders. Fingers crossed for the weather.

At the moment we have vacancies in the cub section. Boys and girls aged 8 to 10 and half years. If your child is interested, come along and talk to Akela on a Thursday evening.

If anyone has any skills they could pass onto the children you would be made most welcome. Also anyone who maybe interested in becoming a Leader or helper, pop along for a chat on a Thursday.

Many thanks to those who came along to support us at both the cafe in the Fron and the bingo in the Fron, it's gratefully appreciated.

Dates for Diary.

Bingo Wednesday 11th July eyes down 7.30 at our HQ in Trevor

Trevor Community Centre

By Joyce Evans

Aqueduct Community Association - First Monday of each month

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group - Wednesday mornings 9-11am

Afternoon Bingo - Every other Thursday 2-3:15pm

Tap dancing Lessons - Wednesday Evening 6:30 - 8:30pm

The Hall makes an ideal Venue to host your party of up to 100 people. We have a large kitchen equipped with; cups, saucers, plates, dishes and cutlery. The hall also has a lounge which can accommodate 20-30 people, equipped with a large screen TV. To check availability ring Joyce Evans on 01978 823244

Dinas Bran School

By Annette Gardner

Public Services

The Year 10 Public Services students visited Wrexham Police Station and Magistrates Court to participate in 'Justice in a Day'.

The students were part of a theatre workshop where they followed a teenager through the process of committing a crime, being arrested, what happens when they are charged and how a trial in a Magistrates Court is conducted. They played various roles and one student even sat next to the real Magistrate and got to contribute his thoughts towards deciding on a verdict.

The students and staff had a great day and learned a lot about the justice system in the UK.

PC Kim visited our Year 10 and 11 Public Services classes to talk to the students about her role in North Wales Police. The students asked lots of questions about her role, including her favourite parts of the job and the elements she finds most difficult. PC Kim let some of the students try on her Police vest and wear her kit. Joseph even got to put Harvey in handcuffs.

The Royal Marines ran a workshop with Year 10 students. They did a presentation about their role in the UK and overseas and answered questions about life in the Royal Marines. They then led a physical training session where students had to complete physical challenges and tests, showing they have determination and the ability to work together. This was followed by a problem solving task and the students competed to be the best team. Well done everyone for working so hard.

"It's been a busy and exciting time for this Music Department here at Dinas Brân. Côr Canu Hardd have been shining brightly after their successful time in Paris. They were only there for a short time but performed across the four days, always with a smile, even when rehearsing at 5am on the coach! The pop up concert in the shopping centre was well received by the public as we had a crowd of happy shoppers watching our choir sing so wonderfully. Côr Canu Hardd's



performed at St. Nicholas's a picturesque church just outside of Paris, with such amazing talent and professionalism that rang throughout this beautiful setting to a packed out church. Between performances Côr Canu Hardd had fun filled adventures in Disneyland Paris' Welsh themed weekend. Going on rides, and watching shows in the lovely weather. A brilliant trip full of opportunities and laughter, thank you to all students for their superb behaviour throughout the weekend, all the hard work was well worth it."

Telephone Numbers

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Caritas Surgery, Cefn Mawr 01978 720450	Crane Medical Centre 01978 810844	Chemist Cefn 01978 822600	Chemist Plas Madoc 01978 810272

Medical Services

Wrexham Hospital 01978 291100	NHS Direct 0845 46 47	Samaritans 08457 90 90 90	
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Education

Fron School 01691 773310	Garth School 01978 820582	Dinas Bran School 01978 860669	Coleg Cambria 01978 311794
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Local Organisations

Aqueduct Community Association 01978 810302	1st Trevor Scouts 07939 476208	Garth & Trevor Community Centre 01978 823244	
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Other contacts

RSPCA 01492 532780	National Rail Inquiries 08457 48 49 50	<i>These phone numbers are supplied for information only, we hold no responsibility for incorrect numbers.</i>	

Dinas Bran School

By Annette Gardner

Brassed off? – Not at this concert!

Recently the residents of Llangollen were treated to a musical feast with something for everyone regardless of their musical tastes. Côr Canu Hardd joined Llangollen Silver Band for a concert at the Methodist Church on Market Street. A large audience listened in awe to the talented musicians of the Band (many from Ysgol Dinas Brân) and the Choir who performed varying pieces from jazz to classical with everything in-between.

The choir, under the direction of Miss D Neal – Head of Music at Ysgol Dinas Brân, is made up of students from across the school years. They sang beautifully and you can see why they have won several awards and are very much in demand for functions across the County.

The talent of all involved was clear to see and audience members were very complimentary about the entire evening. So impressed were they with the entertainment that they donated very generously to a collection at the end of the evening which raised £175 for both the Band and the “Curtain Up Appeal”.

Special thanks to the Silver Band for inviting Cor Canu Hardd to join them at this Annual concert.

If you would like to donate to our crowdfunding page for the “Curtain Up Appeal” please use this link. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ysgoldinasbran-llangollen>

Year 10 Visit to Abbey Dingle

On Wednesday the 11th of April, the year 10 Drama GCSE group went to visit Abbey Dingle care home.

As part of our unit of work, we are required to perform in front of a range of different audiences. We chose the care home as it is an opportunity for the residents to see something different, and it's a local care home here in Llangollen.

Prior to our performance, we had visited the care home in order to find out the resident's interests and hobbies, to be able to create pieces they would enjoy. It was a very interesting experience, to be able to talk to people who are older than us, as they had lots of stories to tell.

On the day of the performance, we were all very excited, having rehearsed and prepared for several weeks, and to our surprise, the lovely staff at Abbey Dingle had prepared some food for us, and we also had a big audience, eagerly waiting for our arrival.

We had 3 contrasting musical theatre pieces consisting of: The Sound of Music, The Greatest Showman, and Moana. Each group performed with great confidence and enthusiasm.

Once all the performances were completed, we helped ourselves to some snacks, and had the chance to go and speak to the elderly people, to hear their feedback. We were even sent a letter from Abbey Dingle, thanking us for all the hard work and effort we had put into our performances.

It was a lovely opportunity to be able to go and perform at Abbey Dingle care home.

Lisha Howen (Year 10 Drama Student)

Canal Update

By Moira Griffiths

Things are in full flow ready for the opening of the new car park at the old Monsanto warehouse.

We have been working hard to get the area around the basin tidy, so that it looks nice for locals and visitors. The trees at the end of the warehouse have been cut down ready for the new signs to be put in place and we have painted the old green shed, near the basin car park, a nice shade of grey(!)

We have cleaned the drainage channels on Postle's Bridge as they were clogged up and hadn't been cleared since the ramp was put in place. This took us several hours, as the grills were well and truly secured tight! At the end of the morning we had a lovely shower which proved that our work was worthwhile.

Bushes and undergrowth near the approach to the aqueduct have been removed and this now offers a lovely viewpoint for visitors.

We meet at 10 a.m. on the **second** Wednesday of every month at the C&RT information point, so if you would like to help out please contact me on 01978 824401 or Lynda Slater on site.



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Fron Walkers

By Julie Jones

Megan, Betty and Gwen enjoying a meal at the Ragleth Arms following Fron Walkers trip to Carding Mill Valley.



Fron News

By Julie Jones

Once again the annual Beating of the Bounds took place in May, enjoyed in the company of Rev Mat Wilkinson and the Rev Yvonne Pryce. Shirley O'Neill won the best decorated stick and was chief beater for the day.

Afterwards we went to the Community Centre café where the school held a celebration of the Royal Wedding. It was staffed by Mums, Grandmothers and other relatives, who did a wonderful job of entertaining the children and providing superb refreshments to all their visitors. A big thank you for all their hard work. £269 was raised for school equipment.



There have been two very successful concerts at the Community Centre recently. The Glyn Male Voice Choir, and James Lambert Singers with their musical director Mair Evans, who will be returning to Fron on the 18th July for a concert at Seion Chapel.



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The Towers Day Nursery - Summer News 2018

By Ruth Roberts

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of all the nice weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the wallflowers are out and the children have been planting herbs, strawberries and flowers.

The topic this term is Mini-beasts and the focus has been on art, craft, songs, drama and stories to do with nature and mini-beasts.

Visitors to the nursery include the co-ordinator from the Healthy Schools campaign who awarded a certificate for Environmental Skills, and the dental nurse from the Designed to Smile initiative.

Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Our older children are soon to leave us ready to go to school. We wish them well in the next stage of their education.



Pineapple Cake

By Joyce Evans

6oz brown sugar

4oz butter/margarine

120g mixed fruit

6oz pineapple juice

4oz cherries

2 eggs

8oz self raising flour

6oz pineapple chunks (finely chopped)

1. Place into a saucepan the sugar, butter/margarine, mixed fruit, cherries, pineapple juice and chunks.
2. Bring to the boil for 10 minutes, then leave to cool.
3. Add the eggs and self raising flour and mix well.
4. Place mixture into a fully lined 9inch cake tin and bake for 1-1.5 hours - gas mark 4 or 180c in a fan oven.

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and World Heritage Site

By Allan Forrest

Masterplan update

Work on the Masterplan for the local area continues. Many thanks to those who attended the 2 public consultation events held earlier on 2018. The Masterplan is a partnership between Wrexham County Borough Council, Solutia and the Canal & River Trust. It seeks to improve the visitor experience, encourage access to the waterways, promote well-being, regenerate the former industrial land through green infrastructure, increase tourism and heritage business opportunities and to reconnect the local communities through the repurposing of the former industrial landscape.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to provide your thoughts and ideas, watch this space for further details on forthcoming Summer consultations.....

Have you heard?

New Car parking Arrangements at Trevor Basin

The Canal & River Trust have recently opened a new car park with 104 spaces and coach drop off points on the old Monsanto warehouse site just off Queen Street. Parking fees will soon apply after 10am each day at a cost of £3.00 per day. Trevor Basin car park now provides disabled parking only. New signage has been installed to direct people to the new car park.

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Police Matters

By David Jenkins (PCSO 85)

As summer approaches Police and local authorities receive an increasing number of reports regarding concerns for animals and even children in parked cars but mainly cases of dogs.

Even during relatively mild weather, a car can quickly heat up in the sun, despite the outside temperature feeling fairly cool. During the heat experienced recently and hopefully in the months to come, vehicles can turn deadly.

Unlike humans, dogs pant to help keep themselves cool. In a hot stuffy car dogs can't cool down - parking in the shade, leaving a window open or a sunshield on the windscreen won't keep a car cool enough and a dog could die.

The following signs of an animal that is in danger of death by heatstroke:

- Excessive panting
- Excessive drooling
- Increased heart rate
- Trouble breathing
- Disorientation
- Collapse or loss of consciousness
- Seizure
- Respiratory arrest

North Wales Police website contains Advice regarding Crime and Crime Prevention along with News and Current Appeals amongst its content. It also has links to North Wales Police Facebook, Twitter Instagram and YouTube sites

Please feel free to contact me regarding any community issues in person.

E-mail david.jenkins@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Tel 07854 332425 (if I am not on duty the call will forward to the control room who will pass a message)

If reporting incidents requiring Police response please calls 999 in emergencies or 101 for non-emergency matters. Incidents can also be reported online at the North Wales Police public website

County Councillor Diary

By Anthony "Rondo" Roberts

Another quarter has passed and the period has proved extremely busy with various issues within the community.

The dog fouling problem won't go away and the Community Council have been in receipt of names identifying some of the culprits. Kingdom has been informed and is set to pay visits to the hot spots. Offenders will be issued with tickets and fines.

The leaks on the Community Centre roof have been assessed and also an estimate is awaited for repairing the drainage gully and towpath from the Charles Avenue garages gate to the one behind the centre. I will keep you informed.

The car park on the old warehouse site is due to open soon and hopefully this will benefit the community but a close eye must be kept on the situation. New signage will be in place for when it opens directing motorists there.

Although in this fine weather gritting is furthest away from our minds, I have made representations to the relevant department to ensure that next Winter all our areas are included in the gritting programme, which they weren't last Winter.

Complaints on various traffic related matters have been raised and these include inappropriate parking on the Trevor estate together with cars ignoring the one way system. I ask that people be considerate as the last thing I want to see is people being issued with fines. Speed issues are a problem on Station Road and again appropriate authorities have been alerted.

Speed bumps along the lane running alongside Kendrick's yard towards the warehouse area are being considered. Results from a speed count analysis will be analysed first.

I wish you all a great Summer and hopefully the weather will continue as it has lately.

Chairman's Corner

By Cllr Sue Kempster

Firstly I would like to thank the Community Council for electing me to the post of chair. This is a responsibility I am very proud and honoured to undertake for the coming year. Thank you to the outgoing chair Cllr Darrell Wright, who has done a sterling job leading us through a difficult twelve months. Thanks also to County Cllr Rondo Roberts for his support to the Community Council during his first year in office. We now have a new clerk in post Mrs Andrea Evans and we wish her well in her new role.

In this time of change we find our Community Councils taking more and more responsibility for things that the County Council used to take under its wing. This is making the job of Community Councillors harder and harder and the job now involves more training and skills than ever. My thanks to fellow Councillors who give up their time willingly to carry out what can be a very difficult role with little or no reward in order to keep our Community Council running efficiently and effectively.

One of these responsibilities as you know is the management, maintenance and upkeep of the playgrounds. This is a huge job that comes with its own problems, that of grass cutting, litter, dog fouling, maintenance and general upkeep. The Community Council have regular inspections but don't see everything that happens. To this end if any resident sees anything that is out of the ordinary can they please report it to the clerk as soon as possible? All of us doing our bit means that our community can be a happy safe environment for us all to live in.

On another note, the next ten year master plan for the World Heritage Site is once again being worked on and this time with Wrexham Council, Canal and River Trust and Solutia Chemicals working together for a better outcome. I know some of you will say you have heard it all before but I believe this time we need to pay closer attention if we the residents want our say on what happens in our community. Look out for the next stage in the public consultation that's coming soon and have your say.

Finally don't forget to enter the gardening competition. Please look out for the hanging baskets and planters that we fill every year to further enhance our community they always look a treat. If anyone would like to tend, water or weed any planter or flowerbed please contact the clerk all help is gratefully received.

Best Kept Garden Competition Application Form



We are delighted that Andrea Evans and Tony Roberts have agreed to judge the garden competition again this year. Andrea has been on the Wales in Bloom team for a number of years. She has a passion for plants and runs her own gardening business. Tony is a very good vegetable gardener and has his own allotment at Price's Lane. They form an excellent judging team and we look forward to taking them around your lovely gardens!

Name: _____

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Categories are:-

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**Overall Small Garden
Container**

**Vegetable Garden
Children's Garden**

Please circle the category(ies) entered.

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each category.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding feature and the Monsanto rose bowl for the best garden. This year the Sue Jones award will be given for the best container. The award has been named in recognition of the contribution Sue has made to the garden competition and indeed the community.

The gardens will be judged on Thursday 12th July 2018.

The competition is open to all residents in Fron, Garth, Tower Hill and Trevor.

If you are interested in applying please complete the application form.

Forms will also be available from Councillors and the Clerk.

The category called Children's Garden can be a garden, pots or containers etc. as long as the children have planted them and can explain to the judges what they have done. This is open to Schools, Nurseries and After School Clubs

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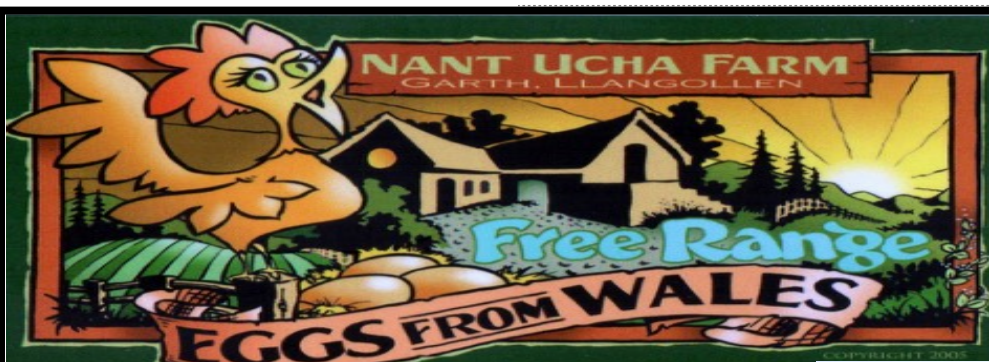
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Trevor Bowls . . .

By Moira Griffiths

The outdoor season is now in full swing and all teams are doing well in their respective leagues.

On Saturdays, the team play in the Wrexham league division 2 and are playing strongly with some good results.

The pairs league has only just started as there have been several teams from other places that have pulled out due to a lack of players. This has obviously shortened our season but the games are spaced out so that we seem to be playing alternate weeks!

In the Wrexham Vets league which play on a Tuesday afternoon, our two teams are midway in their divisions. Our travels will be taking us as far as Aston, on Deeside, Farndon and to Chirk in the opposite direction. The B team have just as much travelling as they will be playing games at Mancot, Leeswood and Hawkesbury. All these places are nice to play at but quite a distance to travel to.

In the Oswestry league, our two teams are again having good results.

The A team are in division 2 and are playing well. The B team are currently in 4th place in division 5. We have had some new players this year and things are definitely looking positive!

So, if you would like to learn the game of bowls, please contact either Joyce on 01978 823244 or myself on 01978 824401.

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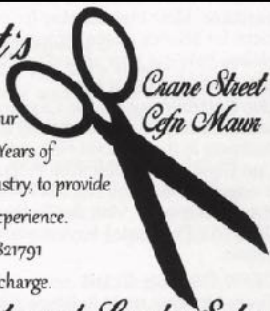
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Dinas Bran School

ERASMUS AT DINAS BRAN

22 students, along with accompanying teachers, attended a week at Dinas Brân, from the 5th to the 9th March. Hosted by 6th Form/Year 11 students, they looked at various links and challenges between minority languages.

The project was set up in 2016 and is called 'Champions of Culture'. The countries involved have been Finland, Poland, Switzerland, Italy, Scotland and Wales. Each country has their own minority language and the project has been working on how we can protect and promote each minority. Participants have been looking at how minority languages and cultures survive and thrive in the different countries. Through working on the project, it has become clear how important each minority language is to their culture and their identity. Each country has worked on a number of tasks in a number of workshops and has identified that there are many similarities and challenges in each minority.

A group of Welsh speaking Dinas Brân pupils has been developing this theme, over the last couple of years, interspersed with various visits to the other schools in Finland, Poland and Italy.

The visitors were officially welcomed by the Acting Headteacher Mr Hatch and the Mayor of Llangollen. In addition to the specific project based work that was undertaken, the European visitors had the chance to make a Welsh love spoon, cook some traditional Welsh food, take part in drama workshops, learn some Welsh and be a part of a Noson Lawen. They also visited various locations in North Wales such as Portmeirion, Llanberis and Porthmadog.

The week in Wales was focussed on showing how Welsh is very much a part of everyday life. We welcomed Welsh speaking guests from the Urdd, BBC Wales, Capital Radio along with other individuals known for their promotion of the use of the Welsh language. They all led presentations and then held question and answer sessions with all participating students. The speakers explained how Welsh is an integral part of their professional life and what they do to promote the use of the language.

The last step? Each country will be organising a festival in their respective schools, to showcase what they have been doing within the context of the project and the impact it has had on the students and the schools involved.

The week was an unqualified success, with the European teachers commenting on how warm the Welsh welcome was even with the challenges that the snow storm presented. The students had a fantastic time and the week was rounded up with a night of bowling in Wrexham and a series of lovely if tearful goodbyes.

We would like to thank Mr Peter Williams for his invaluable input into the organisation of this week

Spanish A-level Masterclass

During March we Spanish A-Level students attended a Routes into Languages masterclass on Lorca's play, *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*, which we are currently studying. The course was held in Bangor University and we had the opportunity to enjoy a one-to-one lecture with Lorena López-López in Spanish.

This was a fantastic opportunity which allowed us to develop our confidence in preparation for the exams, and in this respect it was very useful. It was also challenging and it gave us a new perspective on Lorca's play.

Mae Morgan and Marybeth Hughes (Year 13, Spanish)

French AS level Masterclass

On the 5th of February, we travelled to Bangor University for a course based on the film, *La Rafle*, which we are studying this year.

The course was delivered by one of Bangor University French professors and provided us with first-hand experience of university lectures.

We received valuable information and resources which will help us prepare for the upcoming exam, along with a free pen!

Zoe Nicholas, Laura McAndrew and Hanna Owen (Year 12, French)

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Garth CP School



Nathan Basford, Year 6 made it through to the second round of Radio 2's 500 word competition. His story made it through to the last 5,000 in the competition. There were 100's of thousands that entered the competition.



Mr Ryan took part in the Geneva marathon and raised £601.50 for the Garth school. The pupils will decide what to spend the money on in the coming weeks



Mr Ryan's football team won the 6 a side tournament at Dinas Bran. They beat Fron, Pentre and Llanarmon in the group stages. They then beat Acrefair in the final 1-0. William Cooke scoring the winning goal.



KS2 enjoyed a morning at the Racecourse watching Wales training session, in preparation for their game against Mexico. After the training session, pupils had the opportunity to meet the players and get autographs.

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