

December 2010

Community Council

Remembrance Sunday

The weather was kind for the Remembrance Service at Gwernymynydd War Memorial on November 14th. It was conducted by the Rev. Mary Brotherston of Mold who first carried out this service for the village last year. The Poppy wreath was laid by 2nd World War veteran Harry Beadles of Uwch-y-Dre who served in the Royal Navy British Pacific Fleet. Present at the War Memorial this year were four Air Cadets representing 1378 (Mold) Squadron and parading the Number 2 Welsh Wing ATC banner. They were Cadet Sergeant Padraig Goggin, Cadet Ciaran Goggin, Cadet Liam Borthwick and Cadet Dylan Rowley. They were led by Pilot Officer Mark Armitage RAF VR (T).

Cllr. Chris Bradshaw Chairman of Gwernymynydd Community Council, told the congregation a little of Mr Beadle's very active war service including the ticker-tape welcome his fleet was given in Australia. He also thanked the Rev. Brotherston, the Air Cadets representatives and the congregation for attending the service.

Wanted

Energy Conservation Team Leader

Gwernymynydd Community Council is looking for an experienced person to lead a small team in developing an Energy Saving Project within the village.

Recognised in the Village Development Plan (to be published shortly) as an important policy issue, the person will work with local people and Flintshire County Council at improving energy conservation within the community.

If you have time to work with other volunteers within the community on this important project, please contact Chris Bradshaw on 01352 759218.

November Community Council

Chairman Chris Bradshaw welcomed PC Gary Aldous and PDSO Andrea Ellis and also a small delegation of residents of Erw'r Fron who expressed their concern about the lack of parking near to their homes - and having to park at the bottom of Minffordd Fields. A proposal was made that additional parking be provided by removing the grass bank in front of the Heol-y-Wern garages and putting down a hard core surface. The Community Council and Cllr. Nancy Matthews agreed to discuss this with the County Council. PC Gary Aldous said anyone had the right to park on a public road and car park - and that he would look into the misuse of inappropriate car park signs and notes put onto vehicles legally parked.

PC Aldous was pleased to report that once again, no crime had been reported in the past month, but warned residents of heating-oil thefts in nearby districts.

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Gwernymynydd Police (new contact numbers)

Anyone wishing to contact PC Gary Aldous should ring 101 or 0845 6071002
Mobile: 0778 929 1107.

Gwernymynydd Women's Institute

The November meeting of Gwernymynydd W.I. was the AGM. Kathy Flint was re-elected as President, Marge Hughes as secretary and Lynne Williams as treasurer. Two vice-Presidents were elected, Sheelagh Perkins and Brenda Astbury. Committee members are Marj Winstanley, Paula Gwatkin and Sheila Williams. The treasurer gave her financial report which was adopted by Gwen Kime, Sheelagh Perkins and Brenda Rice. The President thanked the committee and members for all their support.

On Friday November 5th, the members were due to see 'Bedroom Farce' at Clwyd Theatr Cymru and have booked to see the Pantomime *Aladdin* there on Friday November 26th. On Friday December 3rd, members are attending a Carol Festival at Bethesda Chapel and on Tuesday December 14th will meet for lunch at Plas Hafod Gwernymynydd. The competition for a decoration made of twigs was won by Kathy Flint and the raffle by Joan Bendall. Following AGM business members enjoyed a Beetle Drive and the winners were Kathie Flint and Marj Winstanley. On Monday November 15th Gwernymynydd members have entered for the Darts Tournament - a Clwyd-Flint W.I. event to be held at Penyffordd British Legion. The next meeting is on December 6th and is the Gwernymynydd W.I. Birthday party. The speaker is June Salisbury and the event will be marked with Christmas Cracker decorations - and a glass of wine and mince pie. Gwernymynydd W.I. meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.15pm at the Village Centre - and new members are always very welcome. For more information ring secretary Marge Hughes on 01352 700201.

From Nancy Matthews Councillor for Gwernymynydd and Nercwys

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas. The New Year brings many important events for those of us living in Wales. In March there will be a referendum on the powers of the Welsh Assembly Government, at the moment WAG has devolved powers but all our final decisions have to be ratified by the Westminster Government.

This referendum is to ask us if we would like Wales to have complete power to take decisions on those devolved matters, Education, Social Care, Housing Sustainability and Transport.

In May there are Assembly Elections and a referendum about HOW we vote (proportional representation). All our votes count but there are other methods of voting than the *first past the post* method we use now which could give us fairer representation than we have at the moment.

So Happy New Year - Maybe it's time to register as a postal voter then you won't have to keep remembering to go to the polling station! To find out more ring 01352 702329
Email register@flintshire.gov.uk

Best Wishes,

Nancy Matthews

Councillor for Gwernymynydd and Nercwys.

Gwernymynydd C.P. School

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December Diary: 2nd. Christmas Fayre 5-7pm: 7th Christmas Concert 1.5pm: 8th Christmas Concert 7pm: 10th Christmas Pantomime Rhyl 1.15pm: 16th. Christmas School Party: 17th Coffee morning / School closes: Re-opens January 5th.

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Cllr. Elwyn Owens reported that the Community Development Plan editorial group which he leads, aimed to have the final Plan in place for the end of January. He also reported on the progress of the Youth Club. (See page 4)

A Presentation to the members of the Gwernymynydd Website was given by its designer John Seddon (www.gwernymynydd.co.uk). The site was warmly praised by all present, and appreciative comments from viewers are being received. Three applications for the vacant seat on the Community Council were received and put to the vote. The seat was won by Kevin Hughes of Godre'r Coed, former Chronicle editor, now freelance journalist. He was welcomed onto the council by the chairman and members who look forward to a long and happy relationship. There is no December meeting, the next being on Thursday January 27th at the Village Centre 7.15pm. The public is welcome to attend and also present is County Councillor Nancy Matthews should anyone need her help or advice.

Pantomime

Pantomime organisers are to raise funds with a Car Boot Sale in Mold on 12th December. Anyone with items to donate should take them to the Pantomime Stall which opens at around 7am until around 11am where they will be warmly welcomed! It's being run by Sharon Godwin and a team of volunteers. For more information ring Sharon 01352 759209:e-mail sharongodwin40@aol.com

The pantomime Cinderella is to be staged on Friday & Saturday February 11th & 12th at the Village Centre. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact the Director Maureen Rutherford m.rutherford@mypostoffice.co.uk or ring 01352 740434.

Christmas Story

The Shed Theatr Co. is presenting its new interactive Christmas story **THE SELFISH PRINCESS** at Caffi Florence, Loggerheads Country Park for six days this month Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd.

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto - and enjoy a Christmas biscuit! Allocated times are between 11am and 3pm. Welsh Language sessions available. Booking is essential! Tickets £8.50 per child - Adults free: To book ring 01352 810397.

Gwernymynydd Book Club

The December meeting of the Book Club is on Wednesday 1st and the January meeting on Wednesday the 5th. The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Swan - with everyone welcome. Contact Jayne Borthwick on 01352 757356 for more information.

LOOK NOW!

Have you viewed www.gwernymynydd.co.uk recently? It has been re-organised with many interesting new pages and photographs. More will be added over the coming months!

Gwernymynydd Youth Club

Tuesday 23rd November was another busy night for the Youth Club. Twenty- nine young people played games, learned a little about Indian cooking and made plans for the party on Tuesday December 14th. Since the sessions were increased from one per month to two - feedback from the club is very positive. Community Councillor Elwyn Owens who links with the Club said "Thanks to the leader Lisa Formby and her colleague Paul Norman, things are going really well." During December, invitations will be issued to young people and to their parents to join the committee being set up in the New Year to support the work of the Club. "Now it can be seen that the club is such an enjoyable experience for those who attend, we're hoping for a good response" he added. The club breaks for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday December 14th. and returns on Tuesday January 11th. The Youth Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Village Centre from 6.30 to 8.30pm. It welcomes all young people of Gwernymynydd and Cadole aged from 11 to 18 and varied activities and outings are arranged by Leader Lisa Formby and volunteer helpers. The fee is 30pence per session and the first night is free.

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Newsletter: Latest News!

We are delighted to report that following my retirement at the end of this month - a new editor has been found to take up the reins - at least temporarily! Former Chronicle editor, now freelance journalist **Kevin Hughes** has volunteered to step in and take over in time for the February edition, following the usual January break.

Readers are reminded of additional outlets for publicising clubs, groups, events and other news of the two villages. The Gwernymynydd website has been re-designed by Development Plan member John Seddon, under the same address

(www.gwernymynydd.co.uk) Contact webmaster@gwernymynydd.co.uk

Also it can be publicised in the Gwernymynydd column of the weekly Flintshire Chronicle (**Send to Olive Sweetman via olive50@btinternet.com or Mold 753681**

So of a big thank-you to Kevin from Olive, Keith Taylor, Sue Elsley, Vicki Seddon, Elwyn Owens, Rosemarie Barron, Joyce and Brian Withington, Gary Williams, Liz Woolfenden, Humphreys family, Jan Goodwin, Lilian Roberts, Tom Barley, Ann Harney, Jacky Morris, Pauline McCracken, Thomas Roberts and Garmon Roberts.

Also, a speedy recovery to Sue Elsley following her recent operation, and to all who are recovering from- or are about to undergo hospital treatment. Best wishes - and get well soon!

Items for the February issue please by Friday 21st January 2011 to

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Write to: David Hanson MP: House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.

Tel; Constituency Office: 01352 76315: email hansond@parliament.uk

Gwernymynydd Village Centre

At the committee meeting on November 11th, Chairman Keith Taylor welcomed Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group leaders Director Maureen Rutherford and Secretary Elwyn Owens who were there to seek bookings in early New Year for Show preparation- time, which pending negotiation with other groups, was unanimously agreed. The pantomime '*Cinderella*' is scheduled for Friday and Saturday 11th & 12th February.

Referring to the Community Council's Village Energy-Saving Project, the chairman said a Cadwyn Clwyd Energy-Saving representative had inspected the Village Centre and advised on initiatives which could be introduced.

Treasurer Helen Roberts gave her financial report and was praised for her meticulous records. Caravan Rally Organiser Jan Francis said that to date four Caravan Rallies had been booked for next year, and that reports on site-satisfaction from this year's rally organisers had all been complimentary.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 7pm Thursday February 3rd.

December Concert

At the time of writing, the Concert '*Let Yourself Go*' is due to be held on December 3rd and the sale of tickets was reported to have gone well.

