

Gwernymynydd & Cadole



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Cedwyn's Gift to Cottage Nursing Home

A POPULAR village man who died following a 14-month battle with motor neurone disease has paid tribute to those who cared for him from beyond the grave.

Cedwyn Smallwood passed away on October 17 aged just 65. His uplifting funeral was attended by more than 300 people who raised £1,500 for Mold's Cottage Nursing Home where the dad-of-three lived prior to his death.

Cedwyn's wife, Lorraine, said her husband had asked that donations made at his funeral go to the home as a 'thank you' for all they had done for him.

Lorraine said: "He had everything planned to a 'T'. The amount of money donated at the funeral was amazing but since then many other friends and neighbours have made further donations and the amount raised is now in excess of £2,000. I'm so grateful and cannot thank everyone for the love and support shown to Cedwyn and our family over the last few years.

"I know the Chronicle carried a report on the donation made in Cedwyn's memory to the Cottage Hospital but not everyone will have seen that. I wanted to let all our wonderful friends in the village know, through the newsletter, how grateful we are."

The Cottage Nursing Home's training manager Cath Peach accepted the cheque from Lorraine and said the cash will be used to help fund new equipment.

Cath Peach added: "Cedwyn was such a lovely man who will be missed a great deal. He taught us a lot about a disease we knew little about and really opened our eyes."

Main Photo

CHEQUE THAT: Lorraine Smallwood, right, presents a cheque for £1,500 to Cath Peach watched by staff of the Cottage Nursing Home. Since making the presentation Lorraine has been back to hand over even more donations.

Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

PUPILS swapped pens for garden spades as they joined volunteers in planting more than 400 trees and shrubs in the grounds of the village school.

The saplings were supplied by the Woodland Trust Wales after the school applied for a free tree pack from the charity under a scheme which aims to see thousands of trees planted and new woodland created in the coming years.

Headteacher Louise Williams says the idea is to make the school grounds both a haven for wildlife and a more pleasant area for children to play. She said: "We wanted to put in some low hedging that would make the fencing around part of the school grounds look more appealing while also creating an area within the grounds that birds and other wildlife can use and children will find more appealing. It's going to take a few years for the trees, hedges and shrubs to become established but we think it is going to look fantastic and will really complement our new pathway."

She added: "And of course we also used the planting session as a nature lesson so children were learning as they helped plant the trees and shrubs."

Volunteer Gill Dobson, of Pantymwyn, a former Community Forest Officer with the Woodland Trust, says the new trees will help the school grounds become a really good wildlife area. She said: "It's wonderful. We have planted oak, hazel, birch, rowan and hawthorn so rather than just be a wide area of grass, once the trees become established, there is going to be a really wonderful area that will also be a fantastic teaching resource."

BIG PLANT: From left, Gwernymynydd School pupils, Lola Roberts, Alichia Bassnett, Ryan Evans, Elyse Gerrard, volunteer Gill Dobson, Sam Powell, Jennifer Wilde, Seren Humphreys and Freya Barrett planting hedging in the school grounds.



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Medical Bags Dedicated to Sarah's Memory

VOLUNTEER doctors from the North Wales Emergency Doctors Service (NWEDS) now have new rucksacks crammed full of vital medical equipment thanks to the money raised by friends of family of Sarah Jepson.

Sarah, 16, of Cadole died following a car crash in November 2013 despite the best efforts of paramedics and a NWEDS doctor who attended the scene of the crash.

Since Sarah's tragic death her mum, Jacquie, her family and Sarah's friends have been fundraising to fund the purchase of the new rucksacks and to kit them out with all the equipment the doctors need.

Now the NWEDS doctors have been supplied with their new rucksacks with each one bearing Sarah's name and a dedication to her memory.

Anglesey GP and NWEDS doctor Mike Bloom, says the new rucksacks will make a huge difference and help improve the outcome for seriously injured patients at the scene of major incidents and before they are transferred to hospital by road or air ambulance.

He said: "We are so grateful to Jacquie Jepson and everyone who has helped raise more than £7,500. We now have our new medical bags and the equipment we need to help us save more lives. I'm so pleased each bag is dedicated to the memory of Sarah Jepson and carries her name."



DEDICATION: Anglesey GP and NWEDS doctor Mike Bloom with one of the medical bags that carries Sarah Jepson's name and is dedicated to her memory.



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Get Creative with Theatre Group

A THEATRE group started by professional actor Claire Barron has had its first meeting with a discussion on the kind of new piece of theatre Clwyd Creatives might put on stage.

Now a second meeting is planned in the very near future and Claire says there is still time to get involved.

She said: "We had a really good discussion on the kind of piece we might try with some preferring an historical piece, others comedy and some a modern piece. But we were all in agreement that it should all be about having fun.

"We decided to all have a think and we will get back together soon, hopefully before Christmas. Those who attended the inaugural meeting I will contact directly once we set a new meeting date while anyone else who wants to get involved should e-mail me as soon as possible. clairebarron@btinternet.com



Claire Barron

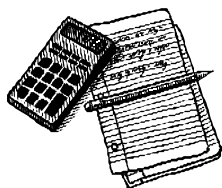
School Christmas Fayre

THE village school is to hold its Christmas Fayre on Thursday, December 4 between 5pm and 7pm. There will be stalls galore, refreshments and lots of fun things going on so please support this important event.

Become a Councillor

GWERNYMYNYDD Community Council is looking to appoint a new young councillor.

If you are aged 16 or older and would like more information on getting involved with the Community Council, which meets monthly, usually on the last Thursday of the month, please email kevinhughes348@live.com for more information.



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Lest We Forget

ROYAL Welch Fusilier Colonel Pater Knox of Cadole laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Gwernymynydd and Cadole at the village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

The service was led, as in recent years, by Mary Brotherston. Piper Niall Borthick, who lives in the village, played the Last Post and once again the Stephenson family, who live in the former school, rang the old school bell 11 times at 11am.



SERVICE: From left, Joe Kelly of Mold 1378 Air Training Corps, Mary Brotherston, Col Peter Knox of cadole, Luke Hooper of Mold 1378 Air Training Corps and piper Niall Borthwick



LAST POST: Piper Niall Borthwick plays the Last Post.

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Headteacher of the village school, Louise Williams, attended the service with several pupils and a wreath was laid from the school.

Leah Dodd, (right) nine, of Connah's Quay, a pupil of Ysgol Wepre attended the service with her grandmother, Janet Dutton, who lives in the village. Leah remembered her great-great-grandfather, Robert Alwyn Hughes, who fought in the Second World War, by laying a poppy at the War Memorial.



HONOUR: Colonel Peter Knox lays a wreath, watched by village youngsters Angharad Parry, Harry Hughes, Max Williams, Kendal Thomas, Bryn Parry, Reece Chambers and Sophie Williams



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Christmas Messages



I am writing this whilst in North Carolina for Thanksgiving with my sister and her family.

After next Thursday, with its traditional turkey and pumpkin pie, our thoughts will turn towards Christmas in both countries.

For us, at home, Christmas is a time to get together with our friends and family

There are now small children at our house so the big question is.....Have I been good? And will Father Christmas come?

I wish everyone in Gwernymynydd and Cadole a very Happy Christmas and I hope Father Christmas calls at your home!

Nancy Matthews
County Councillor for Gwernymynydd and Nercwys

For the December edition of Gwernymynydd News may I just simply wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a positive and prosperous new year.

This is a time to enjoy time with family and friends but also, I hope, remember the real spirit of Christmas as well.

My office is open as normal to December 23rd, you can contact me on (01352) 763159.

In the event of emergency I can still be contacted on 02072 193000 at any time - I once had to deal with a power cut in parts of Delyn on Christmas day!

Best wishes to all

David Hanson MP



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As usual there will be no January newsletter.

Kevin Hughes (Editor)

PS. We are planning some changes to the Newsletter next year both in the layout and frequency in which it is to be delivered. This is as a result of the feedback received in this year's village survey carried out by the Community Council. More details in the February Edition.

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