

July 2010 Newsletter

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Community Council

Over 40 local residents attended a Special Public Meeting at the Village Centre on June 1st. when the Community Council outlined the key elements of the Village Development Plan. Policy statements agreed by the Council were presented, with the residents invited to comment and debate. Chairman Chris Bradshaw opened the meeting by thanking the Steering Group who had worked hard over the last 12 months to develop the plan. He followed by outlining the process taken in involving the community and Flintshire County Council in the plan development. Former Chairman Elwyn Owens presented the details of the four Policy statements which are *Community & Social Development, Environment, Traffic & Transport, and Housing*. A lively debate followed each statement, with issues raised being taken forward to the following Steering Group meeting which was arranged to take place on June 9th.

Meeting June 9th:

This was a lively well-attended meeting with feedback from the Public meeting first on the agenda. As expected, Housing and Development had produced a lively discussion and in response to comments made and after further discussion, amendments were made to the policy statements. It was recognised that several of the proposals in the plan which will not be finalised until later this year, were already being put into action by various groups such as road safety improvements and social development. More details of the plan were submitted to the group for comment, with feedback expected at the next meeting. Leaders Cllr. Elwyn Owens and Chris Bradshaw were actioned to further engage with Flintshire County Council to determine how the village plan will relate to their future Local Development Plan.

Gwernymynydd Pantomime

At a meeting inspired by suggestions made to the Development Plan Group, the supporters decided first on *Aladdin* for a possible production for next January – but discovered hours later it was to be staged professionally in the local area. The members then voted unanimously for *Cinderella* – and providing all goes to plan, this will be the early 2011 production! Group leaders Elwyn Owens and Chris Bradshaw say the search is now on for cast members and for people interested in production, costumes, props etc. Ring Sharon Godwin 01352 759209 or e-mail elwyn.owens@virgin.net Or come to the next Pantomime meeting on July 6th 8pm Swan Inn. Everyone very welcome!

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Mobile Office Visits End

The Flintshire County Council Mobile Information Office in which PC Gary Aldous visited local villages in rotation has paid its last visit.

The service has now been withdrawn. Anyone wishing to make an appointment with PC Gary Aldous should ring **0845 6071002 ext 33491**

e-mail gary.aldous@north-wales.police.uk

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Cllr. Matthews commented "I think in the four years I went to sit in the office in Gwernymynydd, we had two visitors!"

Gwernymynydd Women's Institute

The June meeting of the W.I. was Guest Night. President Kathy Flint welcomed the W.I. guests from Northop, Gwernaffield, Pantymwyn, Sychdyn, Nercwys and Rhosesmor. The Guest speaker and demonstrator was Floral Artist & Designer Rita Roberts who competes nationally in all well-known Flower Shows. The first of the demonstrations by Ms. Roberts was a traditional triangular arrangement in an urn the second, a long, low arrangement with a variety of greenery, carnations and spray chrysanthemums. The third was of an asymmetrical design -and the fourth, a modern, tall, linear presentation. These were much admired by the audience who were also grateful for the handy tips she gave on how to keep flowers fresh. All four arrangements were kindly handed over to be raffled and were won by Mabel Rogers of Nercwys, Brenda Astbury Gwernymynydd, Louise Gaskell Rhosesmor, and Myfanwy Gillam Sychdyn. Two extra prizes given were a bunch of lilies won by Lyn Williams and a small floral table arrangement won by Sheelagh Perkins. Refreshments were provided by Gwernymynydd members who were thanked by the guests for a most enjoyable evening.

The date of the next meeting is Monday July 5th when the Guest speaker is Mr. Laurie March with an illustrated talk on owning an Olympic Horse.

Gwernymynydd W.I. meets on the first Monday of the month at the Village Centre at 7.15pm and new members are always welcome. For more information ring secretary Marge Hughes 01352 700201.

Vegetable Growers: Courses and Workshops

The Vegetable Growers group meets every second Tuesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm in the meeting room next to Caffi Florence, Loggerheads Country Park.

For full details contact Nic Giles 01352 810622 e-mail nikki_giles@hotmail.co.uk

Llanferres Holiday Club

The club is looking to recruit supervisors for its staff pool to supervise and lead holiday play activities for children aged 4 – 14. Applicants must enjoy working with children, hold the necessary qualifications (Level 3 in play-work or equivalent) and be available to work during school holidays including half term. For more information, job details and an application form contact Sue on 01244 545747. www.llanferresholidayclub.co.uk

Gwernymynydd C.P. School

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The school is celebrating a big success ! It has been awarded the prestigious Basic Skills National Quality Standard – and is the first small school in flintshire to do so. Head Teacher Mr Ken Edgar said, “We’re really pleased – everyone works so hard, staff, pupils and parents, it’s a real boost”. The school has a busy schedule for July. On the 7th there’s a Parents Evening and on the 8th it’s the Summer fayre from 5-7pm. On July 12th there’s a Swimming Gala and on the 15th it’s Bowling for Year 6. The school closes on July 16th following a Leavers Service at 2.15pm.

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At the June meeting, Chairman Chris Bradshaw welcomed PC Gary Aldous who said the police were investigating a disturbance in the village during the Gallon Walk. He said prior to the event, he had asked for extra police presence – but none was available. The council is writing to Inspector Martin Best for more police back-up next year as it was generally agreed the annual event was getting out of hand. The chairman reported on developments in the A494 and the Cadole parking situations since the meeting with representatives of North Wales Trunk Road Agency. A list of improvements had been agreed already, and a further meeting to finalise the plan will be held soon.

Gwernymynydd Youth Club’s Financial officer Cllr. Elwyn Owens was pleased to report the County Council had agreed that – subject to agreement from the Community Council and Village Centre committee, the club meetings would be increased from one per month to two – to be held on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month..

A letter from resident Karen Jones had been received asking permission to use the MPFA field adjacent to the Village Centre grounds for two sports events for children organised by her and other mothers in the village. The first would be on Saturday July 24th from noon to 6pm and the second shortly before they go back to school. This was welcomed by the members. For more information ring Karen on 01352 756954.

The chapel which once stood opposite the Rainbow Inn alongside the A494 was commemorated with an engraved stone. This has been repaired and re-installed at a new site by a local volunteer. The members expressed their thanks and praise.

Vice-Chair Marjorie Thomson, the One Voice Wales representative for Gwernymynydd Community Council reported on its latest communication and her invitation to the conference on October 9th at Cerrig-y-Drudion.

Village Centre chairman Keith Taylor said Welsh Classes (Basic Welsh Conversation) had been approved and would be held on Friday mornings starting on the 1st or 8th of October. The recent survey for the Development Plan revealed the wish by several villagers for Welsh classes and for other useful or entertaining organisations.

All four notice boards in Gwernymynydd and Cadole reported to be in poor condition will be inspected with a view to having them repaired.

Blaen Wern has been entered once again in the Best Kept Sheltered Housing Development competition for 2010- a competition which has been successfully entered for some years.

The Community Council meets on the last Thursday of the month at the Village Centre at 7.15pm and the public is always welcome to attend. Also present is County Councillor Nancy Matthews should anyone need her help or advice.

Gwernymynydd Youth Club

The members have been highly praised by the Community Council's Development Plan Steering Group. They put together an excellent presentation of ideas for the future of the village, and this was displayed at the Gwernymynydd Festival..

Steering Group Leaders Cllrs Chris Bradshaw and Elwyn Owens said they were delighted with the interest shown, and said a discussion with the members is needed to clarify the suggestions, work out costs and - subject to agreement of the Community Council, an action plan agreed. The Youth Club meets on the second – and soon also the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Village Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and welcomes young people of Gwernymynydd and Cadole aged 11 to 18. The fee is 30pence per session and the first night is free.

Gwernymynydd Parent & Toddlers

Parent & Toddlers will not close for the summer holiday this year. In a departure from the usual arrangement, the sessions will continue to be held each Tuesday from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Village Centre. Children can be admitted from birth (parent or carer accompanied). Grandparents or other carers are welcome to accompany the children attending. For more information ring Claire Brockley on 757041.

Christian Aid

The sum of £259.99 was collected in Gwernymynydd during Christian Aid Week in May. Many thanks to all who donated, and to the team of collectors for their valuable help.

Non Lloyd -Hughes

Pilot Project to Collect Food Waste

The Llys Enfys and Tros-y-Wern Estates are part of this project, the object being to divert food waste away from landfill where it produces lots of methane. When we collect food separately it can go to an Anaerobic Digester which produces electricity and agricultural fertiliser, not to mention the huge advantage to householders of

Nothing Smelly in the Bin Bag

Nothing in the Bin Bag to Attract Foraging Animals

No Sweeping up Rubbish out of Shredded Bin Bags

In the First Three Weeks of the Project

65% of households in the pilot scheme took part

100 tonnes of waste was diverted from landfill

Congratulations!!!! Keep up the good work

Nancy Matthews

Councillor for Gwernymynydd and Nercwys

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Gwernymynydd Tea Party

There was a big turn-out for the Tea Party held in aid of Breast Cancer Research at the Village Centre last month. £521 was raised during the event and hostesses Caroline, Jane, Jean, Mair and Nancy are delighted and extremely grateful to the residents and friends for their generous support. Also received was a cheque for £302 from the sixth form at the Alun School Mold where Breast Cancer Research was one of the pupils' chosen charities. Cllr. Nancy Matthews said "Some of their money came in late and they have very kindly sent a cheque for £302 – so the total we shall be sending in is at least £823 – possibly more! Entertaining the party-goers was popular pianist Ian Matthews. The verdict on the laden buffet table was "Absolutely great!"

Yoga

Yoga classes are held twice weekly at Gwernymynydd Village Centre. On Wednesday the class is from 6.30 to 8pm and on Friday from 5.30 to 7pm. Yoga teacher Rachel Morrell asks anyone with a medical condition, recent operation or injury to contact her for advice on suitability. The fee is £4 per session and Rachel will be happy to give you more details. Call her on 01352 751306 e-mail r.morrell@talktalk.net

Pilates

Pilates classes are held on Sundays from 9am to 10am at the Village Centre. Instructor Lucy Palmer says "No experience is needed – just come along!" The fee is £3.50 per session. Mats are provided. Contact Lucy for more details on 07816 776230 e-mail lucyannpalmer@tiscali.co.uk

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