

## September 2010 Newsletter

September 2010

### Community Council

**On June 30th** a very busy meeting of the Development Plan steering group was held.

The Framework document which precedes the final Development Plan document was reviewed. The Editorial group led by John Seddon and Elwyn Owens were thanked by Chairman Chris Bradshaw for the hard work they had done in preparing and circulating the document before the meeting. Due to its comprehensive size, the focus was directed on the four Plan Policies – with the other contents to be reviewed at a future date. A detailed review of each Policy statement was made with extensive discussion, and agreement was reached over important issues. Jane and Paul Roberts proposed that each policy should be summarised with a chart to simplify the issues, and this was agreed. The Editorial group was due to report back to the Steering group at a meeting on Wednesday July 21st - later changed to Tuesday 27th.

**On July 9th** a meeting at the Cadole /Loggerheads Boundary Stone on the busy A494 trunk road successfully concluded a series of discussions between local residents and the North Wales Trunk Road Agency, Aimed at improving the safety of the road through Gwernymynydd, Cadole and on to Loggerheads, the discussions depended on Community and County councils from both sides of the border reaching agreement with the Trunk Road Agency. Improvements have been agreed regarding the hazardous car parking issue on the side of the road between Cadole and Loggerheads. Double yellow lines are to be added to the road together with signs prohibiting parking on the grass verge. Within Gwernymynydd, changes will be made to the road markings, with additional traffic islands positioned at appropriate places.

Chairman of Gwernymynydd Community Council Cllr. Chris Bradshaw said, “Many people were involved in several meetings with the Agency and it was appropriate that the final one was at the Boundary Stone between Denbighshire and Flintshire. These issues have required involvement from both Llanferres and Gwernymynydd Community Councils- and it’s hoped that the improvements will be introduced later this year and during 2011”.

**At the July meeting of the full Community Council**, news of the resignation of popular member Rachel Morrell due to pressure of work was received with regret by Chairman Chris Bradshaw and fellow members .who sent their best wishes. PC Gary Aldous being on leave, PCSO Andrea Ellis who was off duty, said in a letter she was pleased to tell members no crime in the village had been

reported during the past month. Cllr. Elwyn Owens reported on the Steering group meeting held earlier in the week on the 27th. The chairman said the consultation with residents made it clear they were keen to expand the village social and environmental issues and praised their involvement.

The chairman also said the Pantomime proposed for February 2011 - the idea of which was born as a result of the Development Plan, was progressing well. More performers and backstage workers were very welcome, and a Director was urgently needed. Anyone interested in joining at any time should ring Sharon Godwin on 01352 759209 (**See Page 3**). In reports from organisations, Village Centre chairman Keith Taylor said that thanks to help from County Cllr. Nancy Matthews, the gates to the Village Field adjacent to the Centre had been repaired and hopefully a ramp for prams would be introduced. Chairman Cllr. Bradshaw thanked Cllr. Matthews for her constant help. He and Cllr. Elwyn Owens reported on a recent meeting which he and other group members had held with the Welsh Assembly's Chief Planner to discuss clarification on the status of Community Plans and local planning arrangements. He said the Welsh Assembly had no great appetite to formally acknowledge the role of Community Development Plans other than they can help in the evidence base for *local* development plans. Cllr. Owens said the framework document presently being developed by the editorial group would have to be modified to reflect the current views of the Assembly regarding planning issues. A new completion date for the Gwernymynydd Development Plan was agreed as May 2011.

The next meeting of the Community Council is Thursday September 30th at the Village Centre 7.15pm. The public is always welcome to attend.

Also present is County Cllr. Nancy Matthews should anyone need her help or advice.

### **To All Our Readers**

**If you should find the service you want via these pages, please do tell the advertisers you found it here!!**

## Gwernymynydd W.I.

**July Meeting:** President Kathy Flint welcomed Mr. Laurie March and his wife Pippa. Mr. March, who gave an illustrated talk 'Owning an Olympic Horse' said he had farmed all his life, until a car crash in 1998 when he was badly injured and confined to a wheel chair - changing the lives of himself and Pippa. However in 2003 they bought a horse called Bugs which his wife rode – and discovered him to be unexpectedly champion material. In 2008 Bugs was entered in the Beijing Olympics which he and his wife attended. Since then, he said they had led a wonderful life despite his disability. They showed Rosettes won by Bugs and pictures including the Beijing Olympics. The members found the talk fascinating, and he and his wife were warmly thanked.

The members had recently visited Stoneyford Cottage & Nursery Gardens Northwich and enjoyed a guided tour and refreshments in the garden. They then visited Blakemoor Craft Centre before returning home. Due to the January W.I. meeting being cancelled because of bad weather, it was decided to hold a meeting in August, normally closed for the Summer break. In future, the break will be in January rather than August. The competition for a Horse Shoe was won by Lynne Williams and the raffle by Paula Gwatkin. Member Wendy Robinson was wished a very speedy recovery.

**August Meeting:** President Kathy Flint being on holiday, Vice-President Brenda Astbury welcomed Guest speaker Mr. Paul Davies of Buckley Historical Society. Mr. Davies gave a slide show and talk on Old Postcards of East Flintshire taking the members on a photographic 'bus journey' from Ewloe, through Connahs Quay, Nercwys Mold and Gwernymynydd to Moel Famau.- a journey much enjoyed by the members !.

On Saturday August 21st the members planned to hold a Coffee morning at the Daniel Owen Centre Mold from 8.30 to 11.30am. On August 23rd, a trip to Lichfield –and on September 30th they visit Sychdyn W.I. for a Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz. Also arranged is to a visit to Clwyd Theatr Cymru on Friday November 26th to see the Pantomime *Aladdin*. Members, who raised £181 for cancer research with a House- to-House collection in June, were sincerely thanked by Vice-President Brenda Astbury. The raffle was won by Paula Gwatkin and Brenda Wright. The next meeting is Monday September 6th when Andrea Yarnell Dakin is the guest speaker and her subject *Marie Lloyd*. The W.I. meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.15pm in the Village Centre. New members welcome are always welcome!

### **Gwernymynydd Sports Day**

Gwernymynydd Village Sports Day on July 24th was a great success and the organisers were delighted with their first enterprise! Held on the Village Field, it was the result of the initiative of a team of Mum's who got together to plan the day's activities. Mother of seven Karen Jones said "We thought it would be a good idea to have a real family sports day, something children of all ages would enjoy and a family day out without having to travel miles!" Attractions included an adults-and-kids football match, hot -dogs, burgers, cakes and ice-cream, sports, play activities and races. Karen said, "We were really thrilled it turned out to be the family day we had in mind. We are so grateful to the many people who helped us. People donated money, cakes to sell and every encouragement. Thank you to everyone!" **Gwernymynydd C.P. School**

**Gwernymynydd School Godre'r Coed Gwernymynydd CH74DT:**

**Tel.01352756756**

**e-mail:gmmail@gwernymynydd.flintshire.sch.uk**

### **Gwernymynydd Pantomime**

#### **COME AND JOIN US**

The search is on for more volunteers to take part – or help in the production of the pantomime '*Cinderella*' to be held in the Village Centre in early February 2011

. Planning Group Team Leaders Elwyn Owens and Chris Bradshaw are pleased with the various talents showing up and to see how many youngsters are interested. "We want to involve all ages and abilities to make it a fun family affair" said Elwyn. "We're lucky enough to have the scriptwriter Chris Harris living right here in the village and are now looking for a Director". Elwyn will be joined by Chris Harris, Janet Alexander and Theresa Norton in the search for someone with experience to take on the position.

For more information on joining the Pantomime volunteers ring Sharon Godwin 01352 759209 or e-mail Elwyn [elwyn.owens@virgin.net](mailto:elwyn.owens@virgin.net) Adults & children of all ages welcome

### **Gwernymynydd Village Centre Committee**

At a meeting on July 1st, Chairman Keith Taylor said Welsh classes had been arranged. They start on October 8th from 9.30am to 1pm with a refreshment break. Youth Club meetings would increase from one to two per month on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday starting in September – and that Councillor Elwyn Owens was to be congratulated for his work on behalf of the Youth Club.

Centre caretaker Vince Jones was praised for the good condition of the building and grounds. Repairs and renovation had been carried out by him, and he was on hand for visits from visiting caravan rallies and domestic utilities etc.

It was agreed that 'Father's House' be offered a booking on Sunday evenings from

6 pm to 10pm. The group had previously been given notice from their present hiring of Saturday's from 2pm to 6pm to free the day for the increasing local requests for children's parties bring & buy sales, car-boot sales etc.

Treasurer Helen Roberts produced a comprehensive report on the Centre's finances and she and the other officers, chairman Keith Taylor, vice-chair Gwyn Morris and secretary Ken Sweetman were praised for their work by County Councillor Nancy Matthews.

A concert has been booked for Friday December 3rd. It's the show '*Let Yourself Go*' by the Swing Cabaret Trio which specialises in the music of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Louis Armstrong and Fred Astaire among others. Tickets will be available at £5 concessions £4. The next Village Centre meeting is on Thursday September 16th.

### **Gwernymynydd Trust Fund**

Village organisations requiring funds for village activities can request help from the Gwernymynydd Trust Fund. Requests in by September 30th at the latest to

Mr .M. Richardson 2, Church Close, Northop Hall, Nr. Mold CH7 6HY or to Mr. J. Jones 'Manderley' Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd Mold CH7 5LG

### **Police Information**

Anyone wishing to make an appointment with PC Gary Aldous should ring 0845 6071001

## **Gwernymynydd Youth Club**

**The July meeting** was the busiest yet! Thirty-nine young people attended and enjoyed organised competitions and cooking. This was followed by a discussion about the forthcoming trip to Alton Towers on August 12th. Planned for several months, it was subsidised by money raised through support from the Community Council and from the raffle at the Village Festival in May.

The club has gained an additional monthly meeting - on the 4th Tuesday as well as the 2nd. The club's Financial secretary Cllr. Elwyn Owens said, "We're delighted to have this extra evening – it's something we have long campaigned for. The youngsters are very appreciative and enthusiastic and the leaders are superb".

**The August meeting** was blessed with a fine sunny evening for Rounders and other outdoor activities. Afterwards, Leader Lisa Formby and the members held a discussion about body image and the pressure on teenage girls. They also gathered ideas for activities in the club for the next three months. A few days later came the trip to Alton Towers "absolutely great!" said Lisa. She also expressed the club's gratitude for the grant given by Gwernymynydd Community Council and donation from the Festival raffle in May which had made organising the outing possible.

The two meetings in September are on Tuesday the 14th and Tuesday the 28th at the Village Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The club welcomes young people from 11 to 18 of Gwernymynydd and Cadole. The fee is 30pence and the first night is free.

## **Gwernymynydd & Cadole Village News**

The monthly newsletter welcomes all news and information such as lost & found, individual or group achievements, thanks & acknowledgements etc. Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to editor Olive Sweetman and commercial

adverts to Keith Taylor. (See below for phone numbers and e-mail addresses.)

*Gwernymynydd & Cadole Village News* is free of charge and produced, distributed and delivered by hand throughout the two villages each month except January and August. The distributor is Sue Elsley and deliverers are Vicki Seddon, Elwyn Owens, Rosemarie Barron, Joyce Withington, Gary Williams, Liz Woolfenden, Humphreys family, Jan Goodwin, Lilian Roberts, Tom Barley, Ann Harney Jackie Morris, Pauline McCracken, Thomas Roberts, Garmon Roberts, Sue Elsley, Olive Sweetman, and Keith Taylor. The entire team works voluntarily and production costs are met by commercial adverts.

**We are sorry to lose the services of our team mate Jan Goodwin who moved abroad in August. Tom Barley will take over her deliveries and Tom's present round will be by our new team member Garmon Roberts. Grateful thanks to him!**

**Items for the October issue please by Weds. 22nd September  
To**

**Editor: Olive Sweetman 01352 753681**

**e-mail [olive50@btinternet.com](mailto:olive50@btinternet.com)**

**Commercial adverts: Keith Taylor 01352 757339**

**e-mail [keith@gwernymynydd.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:keith@gwernymynydd.orangehome.co.uk)**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**Gwernymynydd Website: [www.gwernymynydd.co.uk](http://www.gwernymynydd.co.uk)**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**For residents wishing to contact our MP David Hanson**

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

**Tel: Constituency Office: 01352 76315: email [hansond@parliament.uk](mailto:hansond@parliament.uk)**

**[www.davidhanson.org.uk](http://www.davidhanson.org.uk)**