

Gwernymynydd & Cadole

Village News



Community Council Rejects Plans For New Homes

COMMUNITY councillors have given the thumbs down to a planning application for 18 new homes in the village.

Wainhomes submitted the application which would see the new dwellings built on land adjacent to Siglen Ucha (pictured above). However, following a public meeting held in the village centre and attended by more than 30 residents, councillors felt they had no option but to object to the proposals.



Vice chair of the council, Liz Parry, said: "Councillors felt the application, which would involve the construction of a large retaining wall which will tower over the road, would be totally out of character with the rest of the village.

"There are also serious concerns with regard to sewerage and potential problems from surface water. Further, a new access point from and to the site will potentially exacerbate traffic problems on the already busy A494."

The Community Council's objections have now been sent to Flintshire County Council's Planning Services where the application will be given further consideration. The full text of the Community Council's response can be found on www.gwernymynydd.org.uk.

Any residents wishing to pass comment on the application should write, quoting reference number LEJ/048850, by Thursday, September 15th to:

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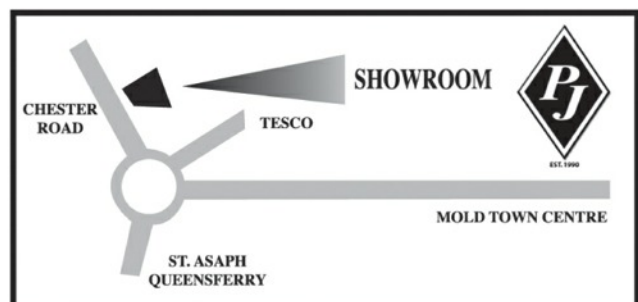
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Your All New Village Newsletter

WELCOME to our new village newsletter which we hope villagers will agree is bigger, better and brighter.

Our plan is to keep villagers informed of what is happening within the community and you can expect to see the newsletter grow in the coming months. However, we want residents to tell us their news and let us know the important issues that matter to everyone living in Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

And we also want to celebrate the achievements of villagers whether it's a significant birthday, a silver or golden wedding, a charity feat or just something you or your children have done of which you are proud.

In future editions we hope to include more information and news about what is happening at the village school and Youth Club and the achievements of all our young people.

And in addition to reporting on the progress of the village football team, Gwernymynydd Swan FC, we want to hear about the sporting feats of other village residents whether its crown green bowling or motor sport.

The newsletter goes hand in glove with the village website, www.gwernymynydd.org.uk The site has all the essential information to keep residents informed about what is going on with regard to Community Council matters as well as plenty of bright features.

For example, the Village People section tells of the history of the village through the eyes of some of its more senior residents. There is also a full calendar of events and information relating to the Village Centre and a free to use services and wanted or for sale section.

Let us know, by e-mailing the editor at kevinhughes348@live.com, any ideas you may have on how we can further improve the newsletter or to let us know any news you may want to share.

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Workshops for students
We are offering cookery and catering skills workshops for students before they head off to University. Great quick, easy and economical meal ideas and skills to give you a head start at any interview for a bar, restaurant job in the big city.

CARA LUFT in concert Tuesday 13 September
Canadian singer/songwriter/guitarist extraordinaire Cara Luft is playing at CAFFI FLORENCE as part of the UK leg of her European tour. She plays her own contemporary North American folk/roots music. Tickets from CAFFI FLORENCE
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A Word Or Two From Nancy

COUNTY councillor Nancy Mathews is inviting every village resident around for coffee.



Friday, September 30th is McMillan Coffee Day and Nancy is organising a Coffee in the Afternoon event at the Village Centre. The social event takes place between 2pm and 3.30pm and costs £2 with all funds raised going to support McMillan Cancer Care.

Nancy said: "I would encourage everyone to come along and have a cup of coffee. There will also be a raffle in support of the charity. It promises to be a good social event so pop along, have a coffee and enjoy a good old chat."

And Nancy is also celebrating becoming a grandmother. Her son, Jonathan Matthews, who attended the village school before going onto to Mold Alun between 1986 and 1996, and his wife Jennifer, who hails from Toronto, Canada are the proud parents of new baby, Oscar Jack Matthews. The family now live in Sydney, Australia and Oscar, who was born on June 28th weighing in at 6lbs 3oz, is doing really well.



Congratulations to all the Matthews family.

In Brief

THE Village Trust Fund is able to make small grants to village organisations and groups. Any requests for cash needs to be made no later than Friday, October 14th. Requests can be sent to Mr J Milton-Jones, Manderley, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd. CH7 5LG or Mr M Richardson, 2 Church Close, Northop Hall, Flintshire, CH7 68Y.

Circus Berzercus Village Centre 1st October 7.30pm Tickets £6 (Full) £4 (Children and concessions) available from the Swan Inn, any Village Centre Committee member or telephone 01352 755120/757600. Suitable for 3-103 year olds !!!!

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She's behind you!

SNOW White is to have a new director as well as seven dwarfs looking out for her as plans for the next village pantomime are unveiled.

Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group has appointed Kayleigh Melluish to direct their second panto which will be staged in the Village Centre in February. Kayleigh, who lives in the village, played the role of Prince Charming in the successful production of Cinderella staged earlier this year.

She holds a BA honours degree in Dance and Culture from the University of Surrey and is currently the Principal of Stagecoach Theatre Arts School in Colwyn Bay. Kayleigh recently founded The Gleeks, a performing arts youth group from across North Wales and the North West, who take their inspiration from the hit TV series Glee. On October 8th and 15th they will be performing in the Forum Theatre Chester .

And Kayleigh also has strong links with Tip Top Productions in Chester after she choreographed Dick Whittington for them last year and is currently working on Jack and the Beanstalk.

She said: "I am extremely excited to be directing Snow White. We have an incredible team and I'm really looking forward to working with everyone involved."

Chris Bradshaw, who chairs the Pantomime Committee, said: "We know Kayleigh well as she and her two brothers helped in the success of Cinderella in February this year.

"What is particularly pleasing is that her team will include Maureen Rutherford, who directed Cinderella, Barry Matkin, Jane Roberts and Dominic Cawdell who were also all involved last year. We are certainly looking forward to another great show."





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Bethan Jones

A Million Reasons To Celebrate

A CANCER survivor has set herself an incredible challenge - to row a million metres on a static indoor rowing machine before her 30th birthday.

Bethan Jones, 29, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in September, 1999 when she was aged just 17.

Due to her job Bethan now lives in Chesterfield but still gets home to the village to visit mum, Lynn, and dad, Colin Jones, at least one weekend a month. She said: "I had a large lump on the right side of my neck which for a number of months doctors put down to a throat infection. I was eventually sent to an ENT specialist in Wrexham. He took one look and arranged a scan.

"I was admitted for a biopsy and had a small piece of tissue removed for tests. This left me with a large scar and seven stitches. Less than a week later I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. I must admit it was a shock, after all cancer only happens to other people and you never imagine it will be you, but I was also relieved in a way."

Over For The Rainbow?

A PUB chain has quashed rumours that a popular village inn is to be flattened to make way for a housing development.



The Rainbow Inn closed after the licensees took over the reins of The Tavern, Alltami and it didn't take long for word to go around that the once thriving pub was to be demolished to make way for a new housing development on the prime site.

However, a spokeswoman for Punch Taverns, who own the building, said: "We can confirm that the Rainbow Inn is not being knocked down. We are currently looking for a new licensee to work in partnership with us to build a successful and sustainable business."



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She added: "I started chemotherapy three days after my diagnosis and had five weeks of treatment. I had weekly chemo injections and consider myself lucky, I lost my hair but didn't really suffer too many side effects! I spent six weeks at The Christie Hospital in Manchester, where I underwent radiotherapy treatment. I stayed as an in-patient only coming home to Gwernymynydd at weekends."

Now fully recovered Bethan says she wanted to do something a bit different to raise funds to support cancer charities as a thank you for the help and treatment she received.

She said: "I enjoy going to the gym and particularly like the rowing machine. I came across the Million Meter Club and decided to tackle a million metres myself before my 30th birthday.

"I hit 30 on New Year's Eve. I just thought it would be a great way to raise funds to help in the fight against cancer. It's proving tough and I have the blisters to prove it! I'm over halfway now and would really appreciate any help from anyone who would like to sponsor me."

For further information, contact Bethan on bethanjones@hotmail.com or you can sponsor her on the Just Giving website using www.justgiving.com/BethansMillionMetres

International Call Up For Tom

CADOLE footballer Tom Allen has won a semi-professional Under 18 international Welsh cap.

Tom, 18, a second year academy player at Welsh Premier League side The New Saints (TNS) took to the field in front of 650 fans at Holyhead Hotspur, Anglesey but could do little to prevent a 0-2 defeat for the home nation. However, Tom, who lives in Cadole with his mum Tania and dad Ted, has been getting even more international experience having just represented TNS in a UEFA Futsal competition in Switzerland.

The rising football star, who is hoping to earn a full-time pro contract with the Welsh club side, says Futsal is a football game similar to five-a-side but more technical and much faster.



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Cup Heroics As Village Team March On

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Manager Glyn Jelley says he is delighted with the commitment shown by the team who also sit top of the Allan Baines Roofing Division Two table.

Glyn said: "The Bridge are a good team from the division above and were clear favourites going into the game. However, early goals by Neil Wynne and Mark Weir put us two up before Alec Stacey added a third. Their keeper then pulled off a good penalty save and that seemed to give them hope. They hit us with two goals to leave the game on a knife edge at half-time.

"In the second half it was a close game until Jac Murphy scored after a well worked corner and we then took control. Alec Stacey took over penalty duties after Mark Weir was brought down and scored his second of the game before Marcus McGuill wrapped it up with our sixth."



Mike Roberts sees his penalty saved by the Bridge keeper

Glyn added: "It was a really pleasing win and means we now play the cup holders Abbots in the next round. I am also delighted we top the league after two games.

"We beat AFC Bagillt after a good match and The Burntwood so things are going well for the team. We'd love to see more people come along and support us as we aim for promotion to League 1."

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