



Gwernymynydd School Vocal Group

#### Community gets together for charitable brew

RESIDENTS got together for a cup of coffee, a slice of cake and a good old chat while raising more than £700 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

As part of the cancer charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning the Village Centre was packed - even if the fund-raising get-together wasn't held until the afternoon.

Originally set up by County Councillor Nancy Matthews, who was unable to attend due to council commitments, the organisation of the event fell into the capable hands of Margaret and Peter Fraser who live on the Glyndwr Road. Cllr Matthews says she was disappointed to miss out but is thrilled that a cheque for £712.90p will be handed over to Macmillan Cancer Support.

She said: "It's wonderful that residents came out in force to enjoy what was a really good community event and help raise so much money in support of such a deserving cause. Margaret and Peter Fraser, and their team of helpers, did a marvellous job organising the afternoon and I am sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

"And a special thanks must go to the children of the village school (pictured above) who went along and sang so beautifully."

The amount of cash raised on the day was boosted by the donation of £105 from Dennis Hughes of Hafod Park, Mold in memory of his wife, Rosemarie Hughes, who passed away, aged 71, on August 31st.

One of Mr Hughes' two sons, Mark, lives in Godre'r Coed with his wife Shirley and daughter Leanne, who both helped out selling raffle tickets at the event.

The Gwernymynydd School Vocal Group's next performance is the Harvest Festival at the school on Thursday, October 20th at 9.15am. A warm welcome will be extended to any villagers who would like to attend.



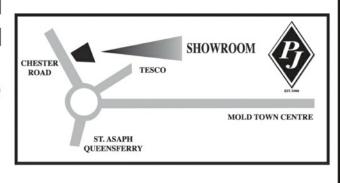
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#### Newsletter a big hit with residents

THE first edition of the all new village newsletter certainly seemed to go down well with villagers. We received a number of positive e-mails and comments and would like to thank all those that took the trouble to get in touch.

There is lots going on at the Village Centre, from Tai Chi to Welsh lessons and a toddlers group to pilates. Check out the full calendar of events on <a href="https://www.gwernymynydd.org.uk">www.gwernymynydd.org.uk</a>.

The new Village Centre Management Committee is hard at work looking at ways in which to improve the facilities on offer both inside the Village Centre and within its grounds. Any suggestions on what improvements you would like to see would be welcome.

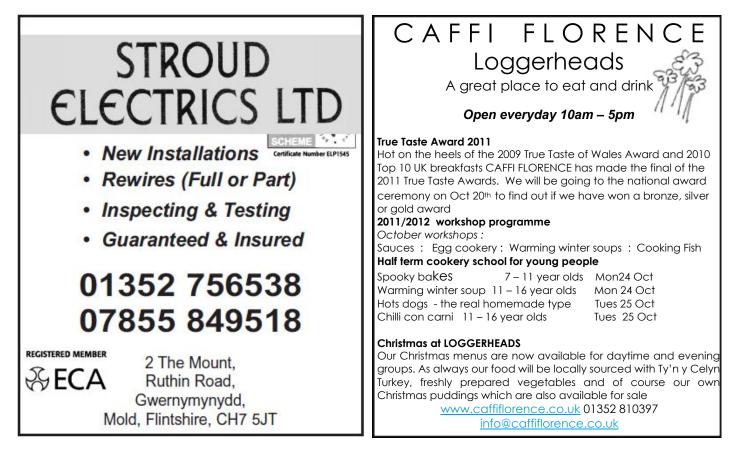
It was nice to see so many youngsters and adults enjoying the Arts Council for Wales-backed Circus Berzercus night out. It is hoped to put on many more of these nights in the future providing the community support the events and the funding is available.

And don't forget to let us know of any achievements you, or a member of your family, are celebrating whether it's a significant birthday, a silver or golden wedding or a charity feat.

Last month we featured Bethan Jones' story and how she is rowing a million metres to raise funds for a cancer charity. Bethan wants to thank every one that has logged onto her website, <u>www.justgiving.com/BethansMillionMetres</u> as a result of our report and made a donation - your support is very much appreciated.

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



## A warning from Nancy

COUNTY councillor Nancy Mathews is warning residents to remain vigilant following a dwelling house burglary in the village.

She said: "I understand that cold callers had been active around the village the day before this burglary took place. Gwernymyndd and Cadole are particularly safe places in which to to live and we should not become too alarmed by what is likely to be an isolated incident.

"However, can I ask that everyone keeps an eye out, not only on their own property but for those of their neighbours too. And take down registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles in the area and don't hesitate to call the police if in doubt. It's always better to be safe than sorry."





## Rainbow back in business

THE Rainbow Inn is back open after briefly closing when the previous licensees left to take over the reins of the Tavern, Alltami.

Darren and Dawn are the new licensees and say they are looking forward to welcoming villagers and residents to, what has always proved to be, a popular pub and restaurant.

Darren says they are back serving good home cooked food every day of the week and already their generously portioned Sunday roasts are proving a big hit.

And Darren added that it isn't all about food as they welcome those that just fancy a pint or a glass of wine.



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#### Snow White gets on her starting blocks

ALMOST 40 people attended the first 'read through' of Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group's next production, Snow White, in the Village Centre.

More than half of the stage hopefuls were children or teenagers and according to director Kayleigh Mellusih, there was a buzz of enthusiasm throughout the evening.

She said: "It was a great start. We were delighted to see the familiar faces of those who were in Cinderella last year and it was it was especially pleasing to see several people who are joining us for the first time".

Everyone who is hoping to be in the cast was given the opportunity to read a variety of parts.

At the end of the evening Kayleigh said she hopes to find a place in the pantomime for all those who want to be involved. Rehearsals start at 7pm on Wednesday, 19th October.

For further information call Kayleigh Melluish on 01352 759865 or the pantomime administrator Elwyn Owens on 01352 755157.

#### A taster session and tea with Tania

AGE Concern North East Wales' Tania Allen has completed training that enables her to run "Low Impact Functional Training sessions" for older people. Tania lives in Cadole and is planning to run sessions on Wednesday mornings in Gwernymynydd Village Centre.

A "Taster session" will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 10.30am and all village senior citizens are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee and transport will be provided.

For further information or, if you would like to help with refreshments or transport, call or email: Tania Allen on 08450 549969 (tallen@acnew.org.uk) or Elwyn Owens on 01352 755157 (elwyn.owens@virgin.net) The programme is supported by Gwernymynydd Community Council and Age Concern North East Wales.



### County's Chief Executive visits Gwernymynydd

Members of both the Village Centre Committee and the Community Council met with Flintshire's Chief Executive Colin Everett and Head of Planning Policy Andy Roberts when they visited Gwernymynydd.

Mr Everett was presented with a copy of the Village Development Plan by Marjorie Thomson who chairs the Community Council.

Mrs Thomson said: "We were particularly pleased to welcome the Chief Executive so we could thank him for the support and assistance we received from him and other senior officers at County Hall when we were working on the Plan."

The subsequent discussion focussed on the strategic agenda in the Village Development Plan, and ways in which the Village Centre may be developed.

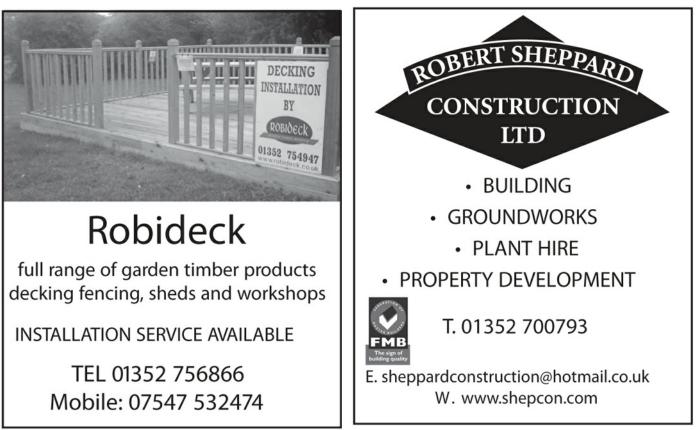
Paul Roberts, who chairs the Village Centre Management Committee, said: "We really appreciated Colin Everett meeting us and the discussion was constructive and helpful.

"We will be writing to him with some specific suggestions for about the building and we hope that some changes can be made fairly quickly."



WORK IN PROGRESS: Chair of Gwernymynydd Community Council, Marjorie Thompson, presents Flintshire Chief Executive Colin Everett with a copy of the Gwernymynydd Development Plan watched by, from left, Elwyn Owens and Paul and Jane Roberts.

The Community Council is looking to install seating in three bus shelters: two in Gwernymynydd, one in Cadole. Any joiner interested in quoting a price for the work should contact Kevin Hughes on 01352 758600 or email kevinhughes348@live.com



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ESTYN inspectors have published their report into standards at the village school and pupils and staff scored 10 out of 10 when it comes to maths, English and Science.

Inspectors noted that there was good relationships between staff and pupils and this enhances learning.

They also said the teaching of English, mathematics and science throughout the school is consistently good resulting in pupils' high standards in these subjects.

#### **Car cleaning time**

GET your car cleaned at the Village Centre on Saturday, October 15th and support a trip for village children to Gulliver's World Theme Park. Anita Thomas and Karen Jones have run several fundraising events to help fund the trip and the community council is chipping in by covering transport costs.

However, what they raise from the car wash event will help fund the October 30th trip so, hopefully, all children will go for free. To book a place for a child, and each child must be accompanied by a paying adult, contact Anita or Karen at the Swan.

FORMER Village Centre caretaker **Vince Jones** of Erw-Y-Fron, Gwernymynydd passed away on 13th September aged 70 years of age. His funeral service, at Pentrebychan Crematorium, was attended by many from the village. The Community Council was represented by Keith Taylor who said: "Vince was a lovely, lovely man who was well respected by everyone who knew him. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends."

**Mollie Gifford** of Godre'r Coed has lost her battle with motor neurone disease. Her funeral service was held at Pentrebychan Crematorium on September 27th. Mollie, and her husband Bernard, moved to Gwernymynydd from York to be closer to their son, Andrew, of Tafarn-y-Gelyn. Andrew wants to thank neighbours and friends for their kindness and sympathy at this sad time.



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# Swans flying high

GWERNYMYNYDD Swan sit proudly at the summit of the Allan Baines Roofing Deeside Sunday League Division Two table after an unbeaten start to their league campaign. And Glyn Jelley's warriors have also seen off the challenge of current Division One champions, and cup holders, Abbots Arms to progress to the next round of the cup.

Manager Glyn Jelley (right) says, since the last village newsletter, the team has played three times bagging 17 goals while conceding just one.

He said: "We played Red Lion Mold in a league fixture and put eight

past them in a one-sided game. Anthony Williams and Mark Weir getting a brace each with Alec Stacey, Gareth Hayes, Neil Wynne and Liam Hett also on the score sheet.

"We then played Abbotts Arms in the cup and surprised everyone by outplaying them and coming away with a 4-0 win. Neill Wynne bagged two with Alec Stacey scoring from the spot and a Matt Hughes wonder goal safely seeing us through to the next round.

"Then on Sunday, October 2nd we travelled to Flint to take on Mill Tavern, who are likely to be our strongest challengers for the title. However, it was pretty much over by half-time as we had scored four. Neil Wynne completed his hat-trick in the second half to add to Tom Stacey and Paul Francis' goals. They got a consolation with a last minute free-kick which I have to admit was a superbly taken goal."

Next up for the Swans is a trip to Old Wine Vaults on October 16th, a home match against White Bear on October 23th and a home fixture against Welsh harp on October 30th Kick-off's 10.30am. Why not go along and give the boys your support?



