

# Gwernymynydd & Cadole

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## Public Meeting Will Discuss Quarry Plans

THE Community Council's response to a planning application which would see the Cambrian Quarry, off the Glyndwr Road, filled in with landfill material, will be discussed at a public meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7pm.

The Council has been asked for its views on the Alan's Skip Hire application which seeks to use the quarry for landfill over a number of years.

A new road and exit onto Ruthin Road, just down from the Rainbow Inn, forms part of the application.

One resident, who doesn't wish to be named, says it appears to him that the application is being rushed through.

He said: "This seems to be nothing more than a full blown re-cycling operation, which will go on and on for 20 years or more.

"The total area has not be quarried or worked for 15 years or more and has, in this period, regenerated itself into an excellent wildlife habitat, which would take twice that long by a so called landfill operation.

"The company Alan's Skip Hire Ltd has other re-cycling sites not many miles from this location and requires this site for nothing more than a very lucrative commercial, financial gain for their company.

"Flintshire County Council should be refusing this application for a very major reason due to the actual fact of the very serious danger it would involve to all villagers and road users."

Chair of Gwernymynydd Community Council, Marjorie Thomson, says anyone interested in hearing more about the application and the Community Council's response to it, is welcome to attend the meeting which will take place in the Village Centre.

*Main Photo: OFF WE GO: Walkers prepare to start the fund raising sponsored walk for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. (See story inside)*

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## Dancing In The Streets!

GWERNYMYNYDD Primary School pupils have taken to the streets to show off their dance credentials.

Excited pupils took part in the Flintshire Festival of Youth Sport 2013 with the year 3 and 4 street dance team winning their competition while the Year 5 and 6 team came away with the runners-up trophy.

The Festival, supported by Airbus and Sport Wales, has been going from strength to strength since it started seven years ago, and is the largest of its kind for schools in Wales.

This year's event saw more than 2,000 children take part at 10 different events, from cheer-leading to speedball and touch rugby league to street dance at venues across Flintshire.



*SLICK MOVES: The Gwernymynydd Primary School Year 3 and 4 street dance team which won the Flintshire Festival of Youth Sport 2013 street dance competition.*

Head teacher, Louise Williams, says pupils are thrilled with their success.

She said: "They put so much effort into their routines and deserve their success. We certainly had some very excited and happy children returning to school with their trophies."

*JUMP TO IT: The Gwernymynydd Primary School Year 5 and 6 street dance team which came second in the Flintshire Festival of Youth Sport 2013 street dance competition*



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## A Word Or Two from Nancy

MANY people ask me what, as a county councillor, I have to do so I thought I would use this column to give a picture of my month.

There is always an Easter Monday concert in Capel Soar in Nercwys which really taxes the very small amount of Welsh I know. I would say I understand one word in 50 (despite the Welsh teacher's best efforts) but the singing was great.

Lots of small meetings that week, varying from the Village Hall Committee to giving a talk, about waste and recycling, to Buckley Methodists.

Since the beginning of the year there have been funerals of a number of village residents and this month was no different. A sad start to the year for many families and my thoughts are with them.

Much of my work involves following up questions asked at meetings. They can be about anything from planning matters to school dinners and a quick phone call to the right person can often provide the answer.

This is the year of family graduations, well at least two! They are big events in the lives of two nephews. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, they live in the United States. The first one was in New York. My brother took me along with him and our sister joined us too. The graduation play was fabulous - nephew is an actor and hopefully the next Kevin Spacey. The bonus was a weekend with my siblings as we couldn't remember the last time we were together without spouses and children.

It was soon back into the fray learning about teaching through the medium of Welsh and the Government's plans to increase the number of pupils in Welsh medium schools.

More little meetings on many subjects and then the Mayor of Mold's Ball, the purpose of which is to raise funds towards a new X-ray machine for Mold Hospital. The League of Friends promised that if the Health Authority kept our X-ray and Minor Injury departments open, the League would buy a new X-ray machine. The machine costs £200,000 and already half of that sum has been raised. At the Ball we raised about £10,000 to add to that sum. Watch this space next month for how you can help.

As always the month ended with Community Council meetings in Gwernymynydd and Nercwys.



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## Village Centre - Big Thank You To Volunteer Workers

A BIG thank you has been extended to members of the Village Centre Management Committee at the end of what has been a busy year for the team.

Speaking at the Annual General Meeting of the Village Centre Management Committee, Chairperson John Seddon thanked in particular Bookings Secretary Anita Thomas, Treasurer Helen Roberts and Newsletter Editor Kevin Hughes for their unstinting work supporting this valuable village asset. Bernard Kassel and Kelly Hughes were also thanked for keeping it spick and span and so well maintained. And the Committee was also very grateful to Councillor Nancy Mathews for her liaison with Flintshire County Council who own the building.

The Centre is in regular use by local and Flintshire-based groups such as Pilates, Flintshire Fitness and the Mountain Harmony ladies choir. It is also now a great venue for parties. A bouncy castle was purchased last year which has seen regular use and is well on its way to paying for itself.

Village-based events such as the Pantomime, Summer and Christmas festivals have continued to flourish and Committee Member John Homersley explained the plans underway for the Gwernfest Music Festival to be held in June 2014.

It is hoped next year the entrance way to the Centre will be upgraded by Flintshire to allow for better disabled persons' access. The Committee would like to refurbish the kitchen but the recent cold weather has shown the rather ancient boiler and heating system now needs to be treated as priority for the year ahead.

John Seddon emphasised the willingness of the Committee to help anyone interested in getting new ventures started in the village. He said, "We have had various suggestions including a cricket team, half marathon run, computer courses and a bee keeping club. We just need more organisers prepared to roll their sleeves up and get things going."

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### Poached rhubarb with Greek yoghurt & toasted oats



Rhubarb is at its very best at the moment. A couple of crowns at the bottom of the garden will make many desserts and cakes. This is a very simple recipe that makes a great mid week pudding. It can be made healthier by using low fat yoghurt or 'poshed up' for a supper party by using a blow torch on the sugar and adding some chopped nuts to the oats.

6 sticks of rhubarb  
2 pieces of stem ginger  
1 orange  
Tub Greek yoghurt  
100g oats  
Demerara sugar

Wash rhubarb and chop into 2 cm pieces.

Chop stem ginger into small pieces.

Slice skin from orange and chop into small pieces removing pithy bits.

Place rhubarb, ginger and orange in a pan and place on low heat. There is no need to add water but just watch during the first few minutes of cooking before the rhubarb juices start to run.

Cook gently for about 10 minutes until rhubarb is just soft.

Take care not to over cook. Poaching in the oven will help retain the shape of the rhubarb pieces.

Place oats on a baking sheet. Place under a hot grill for about 30 seconds until just browning.

Place fruit into a dish, place a dollop of yoghurt on top and sprinkle with the toasted oats and demerara sugar.

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## Groups Picked For Parliamentary Battle!

TWO bands of musicians have received the support of Delyn MP David Hanson and are hoping to win 'Rock the House' – a parliamentary battle of the bands in June.

The two local Flintshire bands, Luminova and The Gleeks, have been nominated by Mr Hanson in the competition to find the 'best band' and 'best under 19 band' respectively.

The Gleeks are a group of young people aged between nine and 19 brought together by Kayleigh Melliush of Gwernymynydd.

Kayleigh set up the group as a diversion for her young brother Dominic who was 14 at the time and her other brother Justin, who is 23 and has down syndrome, and whose first love is performing.

The idea grew and they have now put on two shows at Chester's Forum Theatre and have been finalists in two talent competitions.

They have also twice performed at the switch-on of Mold's Christmas lights.

Luminova are an emerging Mold-based band and have played gigs at numerous venues across the UK including Gullivers in Manchester and Central Station in Wrexham and Revolver in Birkenhead.

David Hanson MP said: "It's great to be able to support two local bands and hopefully see them get through to the final in London. They have two very different styles but hopefully they will beat the tough competition and do Flintshire proud."

Kayleigh Melliush said: "We are thrilled to have been chosen by Mr Hanson for this competition and to perform at The House of Commons would be amazing."

Luminova's bass player and vocalist, Tony Nicholson, of Mold, said: "Hopefully, we can get parliament rocking!"



*PERFORMERS: David Hanson has nominated The Gleeks for a parliamentary competition*

## Sun Shines On Fundraising Walkers

Fundraisers stepped out in style enjoying beautiful Spring sunshine as they tackled a sponsored walk for the charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

More than 50 dedicated fund raisers set off on either a 2.5 mile gentle walk around the base of Moel Famau or a more strenuous 4.5 mile hike taking in the Jubilee Tower at its summit.

The sponsored walk is one of the main fundraising events organised by the committee of Flintshire Breakthrough Breast Cancer Group which was set up in 1995.

The hard-working band of committee members have raised more than £78,000 since they began fundraising and they now aim to raise a minimum of £1,000 a year.

Committee member, Gwen Kime, of Uchre-Dre, says the Moel Famau sponsored walk began as an event in 2008 in memory of one of the groups' original members.

She said: "Doreen Toogood both lived on, and loved, Moel Famau. As one of our founding members she was a very loyal and hard-working supporter right up to the end of her life.



*SIGNING IN: Registering ahead of the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Walk is Irene Coppack, of Gwernymynydd, right, with committee member Gwen Kime.*



"The walk, dedicated to Doreen's memory, has remained a popular event and we were delighted to see so many come out to enjoy the sunshine and help us raise around £800 which is fantastic.

"In total the Moel Famau walks have raised than £7,000 since they started which is absolutely brilliant."

Retired Pendre Surgery, Mold, Practice Nurse, Irene Coppack, of Gwernymynydd, says she and her husband have always supported the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Moel Famau walks.

She said: "I've missed one or two as we have been away and sadly my husband has had to give this year's a miss following medical treatment.

"It's such an important charity and the committee do a wonderful job. If I can raise a few pounds to help then it's definitely worthwhile."

*COMMITTEE GIRLS: The ladies of Flintshire Breakthrough Breast Cancer Group, from left, Linda Hunter, Janet Hunter, Cerys Hughes, Joan Bevan, Elizabeth Morgan and Gwen Kime.*



## Fresh Local Veg For £3 A Bag

FRESH, locally produced vegetables may soon be available at bargain prices if a local initiative has enough support.

Members of the Village Centre Management Committee recently visited the Vegetable Co-op run at the Ffrith Community Centre. Under the co-op scheme, each Friday residents place an order and pay for a £3 bag of vegetables.

A local farmer takes these orders and delivers the vegetables "in bulk" to their Community Centre early the following Friday. A rota of volunteers then sort out the produce into the different orders and prepare the bags for the residents to come in to the Centre mid-morning on the Friday to collect. Fruit and salad bags are also available.

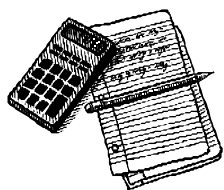


So successful has the scheme been in Ffrith that the Friday sessions have developed into a really good social event where people meet to have a cup of tea and a chat in an informal cafe atmosphere.

Helen Roberts who visited the Ffrith Co-op said "The scheme is supported by the Welsh Assembly who provide all the bags etc. It's an excellent way of getting good food at lower than supermarket prices whilst supporting the local farmers and growers."

More information has been put on [www.gwernymynydd.org.uk](http://www.gwernymynydd.org.uk). Anyone interested in helping take this scheme forward in Gwernymynydd and Cadole, either as a helper or just to receive the bargain vegetables and fruit can phone Anita on 752537 or email [villagecentre@gwernymynydd.org.uk](mailto:villagecentre@gwernymynydd.org.uk).

It is planned to hold a meeting at the Village Centre on Wednesday, May 15th at 10.30am to explain more to which everyone is invited.



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## Lucky Escape For Village Driver

FIRE fighters were called to a car blaze in Godre'r Coed after a resident had a lucky escape.

Andy Bell arrived home and just a few seconds later his Saab estate car burst into flames.

The fire started after fuel leaked from the engine onto a hot manifold.

Andy said: "The car was smoking a bit when I stopped, I got out and could see smoke. Then flames took hold."



## Festival Boost From Music Gig

PLANS for Gwernfest 2014, a festival showcasing musical event, had a shot in the arm following a gig by local band No Stamp Required at the Swan Inn.

The party night raised more than £735 toward the cost of running the event.

## Rainbow Inn Closure Angers Residents

MORE than a dozen angry residents attended MP David Hanson's constituency surgery to try and find out what is happening to the Rainbow Inn.

Community Councillor Keith Taylor, says the once thriving pub looks a complete mess now it has been boarded up.

Mr Hanson agreed to write again to Punch Taverns to see who they sold it to and what their plans are for the building.

He also agreed to contact the Land Registry to determine who bought the site should Punch Taverns fail to respond.

## Roll Up For Summer For Event

THE VILLAGE Lunch Club is organising a Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th June.

It will be held in the Gwernymynydd Village Centre and, weather permitting, the adjoining playing field. There will be displays by local businesses, games, homemade cakes and items made by Club members for sale. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available all day and the intention is to make it a fun day out for the whole family.

Shirley Hughes one of the organisers says, "The day is being organised by members of the Club to raise money for an outing in the autumn and a special Christmas Lunch for Pensioners. Last year 80 people enjoyed a superb meal at the Plas Hafod and providing we can raise the funds we'd like to do it again this year." Anyone who wishes to provide a stall or volunteer to help on the day should contact : Shirley Hughes (01352 755243 [shirleyahughes@live.com](mailto:shirleyahughes@live.com) ); June Perrin ( 01352 219371 [juneperrin@talktalk.net](mailto:juneperrin@talktalk.net))

## Happy Birthday!

KENDAL Thomas will be celebrating her 10th birthday on May 21st. Have a nice day Kendal and don't eat too much cake!

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary or special event? Let us know and we will include it in the newsletter.



## Councillors Address Road Safety Issues

COMMUNITY councillors have held a site meeting with a Flintshire County Council senior traffic engineer after highlighting road safety concerns in Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

Following the meeting the engineer has recommended, that to resolve the speeding problems being experienced at Cadole Village Road, particularly at its junction with the Gwernaffield Road section, the straight section to be removed and landscaped and the informal T-junction be adopted as the new entrance into Village Road. This would have the effect of making vehicles slow down or stop in order to negotiate the new T-junction entrance/exit.

The 30mph signs at the same section of Village Road, Cadole are slightly obscured, the overgrown tree partially hiding the sign will be trimmed back and the sign opposite will be off-set to ensure it is clearly visible to road users.

A request by the Community Council for a Pelican/Zebra Crossing to be located at the upper section of the A494 (near to the Rainbow Inn) is to be actively pursued by Flintshire County Council. However, the decision for such a crossing to be installed lies with the North and Mid-Wales Trunk Road Agency.

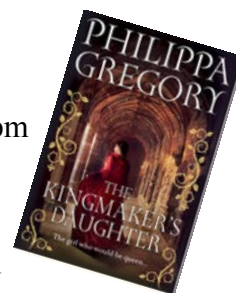
And informal 20mph signs are to be installed around estate roads, particularly around and near to Gwernymynydd CP School.

### Book Worms Open Invite To Thriving Club

THE next Book Club meeting will be held at The Swan Inn on Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm and anyone from the village who likes a good read is welcome to join in.

The group meets monthly to discuss books and share their thoughts on particular authors and all things of a literary nature. It's very informal and all sorts of books are discussed and shared.

The latest group read is he Kingmakers Daughter by Philippa Gregory. Why not pop along and give the Book Club a try?





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## Hounds See Off Swans

GWERNYMYNYDD Swan have suffered a cup final defeat to Connah's Quay's Hare and Hounds.

After beating Mechanics 2-0 in the semi final the week before thanks to goals from Josh Jones and Matt Hughes hopes were high that Glyn Jelley's side could once again bring silverware back to the village.

However, the Hare and Hounds had other ideas and used the swirling winds to great advantage with three goals coming from first half long balls.

Wes Bretton's brace for Gwernymynydd Swan proved scant consolation for the village-based side who won the league title last season.

Manager Glyn Jelley said: "It was a massive disappointment as I know we can play a lot better. The wind killed us and we just didn't cope with their long balls.

"It means we just have four league games left to play with nothing really to play for. The April snow means there is quite a back-log of fixtures yet to be played."

## Race Date For Marathon Man

THE tough Excalibur Marathon, which takes in Moel Famau and other peaks, which was cancelled due to the snow has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18th.

The village's veteran runner Eric Davies (right), of Godre'r Coed, would like to thank friends and neighbours who've supported his marathon fund-raising effort for Claire House Children's Hospice so far.

Eric has confirmed he will be taking part in the race and says he is still looking for donations which can be made at [www.justgiving.com/EBD](http://www.justgiving.com/EBD)



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