

# Gwernymynydd & Cadole

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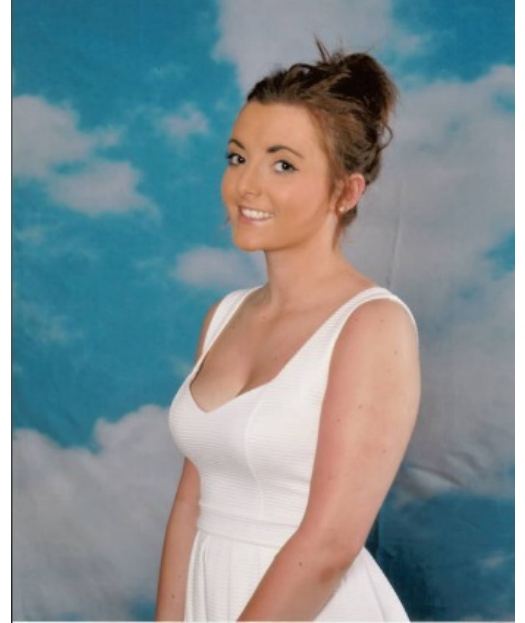
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## Car Crash Claims Life of Popular Village Girl

THE community is in shock after the death of a Cadole teenager following a crash on the A5104 at Penymynydd on Friday, November 1st.

Sarah Jepson, 16, suffered serious head and chest injuries in the crash after the Peugeot 206 she was a passenger in was in collision with a cattle truck.

Tragically, Sarah passed away at Stoke Mandeville Hospital the following day with her grief-stricken family by her side.



*TRAGIC: Sarah Jepson*

The driver of the car, a 21-year-old from Queensferry and a 17-year-old boy, from Mold, who was also a passenger remain in hospital having suffered serious injuries in the crash.

A statement released by the family read: "Sarah was taken from us so tragically and there is nothing that can be said to comfort us at this time of loss.

"Sarah had such potential and aspirations for the future. She leaves her mother and grandparents who are completely devastated by her passing.

"Sarah's family would like to thank everyone involved who have gone the extra mile to make this distressing time more bearable including the A&E staff at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, North Staffordshire Trauma Unit, North Wales Police and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service."

Community leaders have spoken of the community's devastation at the tragic loss of such a popular young lady.

Gwernymynydd and Cadole Community Councillor, Vicky Hinstridge, said: "The Cadole community is in complete shock. Everyone is devastated by this tragic event. All in the village are thinking of Sarah's mum, Jacqui, and, while I'm sure no words anyone can say will comfort her and her family at the present time, the community will offer any help we can in the difficult days, weeks, months and even years ahead."

Penyffordd County Councillor, Cindy Hinds, said: "It is so sad when it is such a young person that has lost her life. My deepest sympathies go out to her family and all those involved."

## Christmas Party Time!

THE Village Lunch Club Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 9th at the Plas Hafod Hotel.

The afternoon will consist of a three course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, accompanied by a glass of wine, followed by tea/coffee and chocolate mints.

Raffle tickets will be on sale with fabulous prizes up for grabs. Flintshire U3A Singing for Pleasure Group will entertain.

All those who attend, and please arrive from 11.30am to be seated by noon, will receive a gift at the end of the afternoon.

If you would like to join us at this event the cost to non-members of the Village Lunch Club is £15 per person.

This will be an enjoyable afternoon, with good food, good entertainment and good conversation, an ideal opportunity to catch-up with old and new friends.

To book your place and pay the fee please contact either June Perrin on (01352) 219371 or Jean Caddick on (01352) 756654 before December 1st. Bookings will be on a first come first served basis.

## Christmas Fayre & Festive Fun

THIS year's Christmas Fayre will take place in the village centre on Sunday, December 1st between 11am and 4pm.

The fayre has become established as a traditional Christmas occasion in the village with more than 600 visitors enjoying the stalls and entertainment last year. Already this year all the indoor stalls have been snapped up with just a few outdoor stalls still available.

Organiser, Anu Beadle, says: "The Family Christmas Fayre is not just a charity event but a fabulous community event and family day out. This year we will bring the Fayre even closer to home by donating all the money raised to village activities.

"We will announce at the event which organisation will benefit during the day. This is what community should be, bringing joy to all the people in the village."

## INDOOR BOOT SALE

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Nov 20 Pie Making  
Nov 29 Tapas

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## Planning Appeal Public Hearing Held

THE appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a development of 18 new houses at Siglen Uchaf has been heard.

A Welsh Assembly Planning Inspector held the public hearing at the Village Centre after an appeal by Wainhomes against the refusal of planning permission by Flintshire County Council.

Chair of Gwernymynydd Community Council, Marjorie Thomson, says the inspector was fair to both sides.

She said: "The hearing went very smoothly and all those that asked to speak were allowed to do so. The initial hearing was held in the Village Centre and we then went to the proposed development so the Inspector could hold a site meeting and listen to further submissions.

"He closed the public meeting and made it clear that he will announce his decision in around five weeks time, which would be early December."

She added: "On behalf of the Community Council I'd like to thank everyone who turned up to put their point of view to the Inspector."

## Gwernfest Music Festival - 2014

THE Gwernfest Group is organising an outdoor family event to showcase local musical talent on Saturday, June 28th next year.

The venue will be the Gwernymynydd Village Centre Field.

Are you in a band or a group or are you an individual with musical talent who would be interested in playing to a large audience at our Festival in 2014 ?

If so we would like to hear from you. Contact Neil Worthington at [gwernfest@gmail.com](mailto:gwernfest@gmail.com)



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Christmas puddings are really easy to make and are great fun for children. It's really just a matter of getting the ingredients in, soaking the fruit the night before and starting early enough to get the long steam done.

#### **Makes a 2 pint pudding to serve 8**

250ml dark beer	50g chopped peel
zest of 1 orange & 1 lemon	100g cold grated butter
100g dark brown sugar	100g white bread crumbs
50g self raising flour	50g almonds
½ tsp each of ginger, cinnamon, cloves & nutmeg ( or 1tsp mixed spice)	
550g dried fruit : currents, raisins, sultanas, dates &/or figs	
1 large cooking apple peeled and finely chopped	
2 eggs	

Mix dried fruit, zests and beer in a bowl and leave to soak (preferably overnight).  
Butter inside of pudding basin.

Mix dry ingredients in large bowl, Add butter, eggs and fruit. Stir well.

Spoon into basin to about 2cm from top and press down.

Cover with greaseproof paper and foil with a pleat to allow for expansions and secure with string. Steam in a pan of just boiling water, halfway up basin, for 5 hours. Check water regularly and top up.

Recover with fresh paper and foil and store in cool place. Steam for 1½ hours to serve.

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## Michelle Aims For The Top in Beauty Contest

A VILLAGE beauty pageant contestant is putting Gwernymynydd on the map while raising funds for good causes.

Micelle Boyle, of Swan lane, entered the Crown & Glory Beauty Pageant at the Beaufort Park Hotel and raised a whopping £270 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd through her efforts.

And having being crowned the regional semi-final overall winner, Michelle, who runs Eyelicious, a brow and lash boutique based in Tanz N' Hanz, Mold, will now represent the village at the UK finals which will be held in the New year.

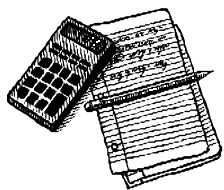
Michelle, who on the night won Best in Interview, Best in Fashion Wear, Best in Swimwear, and Most Charity Funds Raised in the 'Mrs' category, on her way to being crowned the overall winner, says she intends raising funds for the Dean Pulett Appeal when she appears in the UK finals.

She said: "I was proud to represent the village in what was a fun event. I'm now looking forward to the finals. It was pretty daunting as I've never entered a beauty pageant before and found it quite tough going on stage in front of a crowd of around 200 people plus a panel of judges."

Michelle's proud husband, Gareth, says he is delighted his wife raised so much money for charity through her efforts and hopes villagers will sponsor her as she aims to raise money for the Dean Pulett Appeal.



To learn more about The Dean Pulett Appeal visit <http://www.justgiving.com/DeanPulettAppeal>



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## A Word Or Two from Nancy

THE post box at the junction of village road and the A494 (Pioneer Stores) has disappeared.

The theft has been reported to the police who have handed it over to the Royal Mail's own investigation team. It appears there is a spate of thefts of post boxes at the present time and they are possibly being melted down by the thieves.

Our one was a Victoria Regina so it has been around a long time and we now have a big hole in the wall! If anyone has any information I urge you to contact the Post Office or police.



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THE sum of £288 has been raised through a combination of a 1940's evening at the Village Centre and the brown envelope donations toward Mold Hospital.

The fund stands at just over £172,000 and we are looking to raise £200,000 to buy a new Xray machine. It was a condition of keeping open the Minor Injuries Unit and X-ray dept at Mold Hospital that the League of Friends and the Community would raise money to purchase new X-ray equipment. And its not too late to donate. Drop an envelope through the letter boxes at The Swan or 17 Llys Enfys.

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IN October I was invited to Gwernymynydd school to answer Juniors' questions about Leadership.

I found it quite a challenge to explain that I did not consider myself a leader but rather a 'servant' for the residents of Gwernymynydd and Nercwys, - someone there to help. It was a very enjoyable half hour. I was amazed by all the questions and their complexity. Although I knew all the juniors were with me in the classroom it was not possible to tell who was in which age group - other than their size! All the questions were so 'grown-up' and thoughtful. Thank you for having me.



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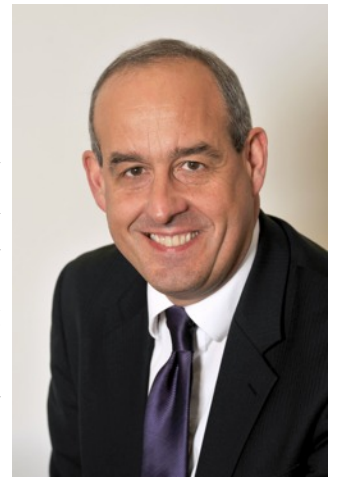
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## Our Man In Westminster

### Rainbow Inn

I've written previously about my concerns about the sale of the Rainbow Inn by Punch Taverns which I know a lot of local people are worried about. I've written to Punch Taverns to try to establish ownership of the building but I'm concerned that as we wait for a response the building is becoming more and more dilapidated. I have spoken with the local policing team for the area who agree that the building has been neglected and is in danger of falling into a state of disrepair. I will continue to press for clarity over the site's future and ensure the new owners do their job and take responsibility for the site and its upkeep.



*David Hanson MP.*

### Energy Prices

I was extremely disappointed to see Scottish Power raise its price in Flintshire and across the UK by 8.6% for dual-fuel energy bills from December 6th, meaning a £113 increase in the average annual dual-fuel bill to £1,424 which will seriously affect families in Gwernymynydd already struggling with already high fuel prices. Many people I've spoken to who are struggling with rising costs and stagnant wages, just don't understand how it can be fair, or reasonable, for the energy companies to continually put prices up by nearly 10% when the price of wholesale energy has barely changed. So I think it's vital we have a 20 month freeze on energy prices to reset the market and give some much needed help to people with their bills.

### Remembrance

This month sees the annual remembrance event at cenotaphs across the country. The centenary of the First World War next year also reminds us of the sacrifice made by people across the nation.

The National Lottery Heritage fund is open for local grant to groups who wish to remember the First World War in many ways, I have details at my office for any local Gwernymynydd individual or group to look at so please contact me if you'd like details.


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## Swans Grounded By Weather

GWERNYMYNYDD Swan have only managed one match in a month due to the inclement weather.

The village pitch has really suffered following the long hot summer and a very wet start to autumn. As a result it has had to be closed for a couple of weeks to allow the turf a chance to recover.

However, the one match they did play in the month was against Claims Solutions, who scored a freak 0-6 result over the Swans earlier in the season.

And the lads were certainly up for revenge, coming away with a 6-3 win thanks to goals from Mark Weir, a Terry Pughe brace and a Kallum Pierce hat-trick.

Manger Glyn Jelley says it was a good result but he was annoyed his side took their foot of the gas after half-time.

He said: "The match was in the 'Champions' League' format. We went in at half-time 4-1 up but we were far too comfortable and foolishly allowed Claims back into the game straight after the break.

"However, this triggered the Swan back into life and we added a couple more goals. In truth it could have been more by the end despite Claims getting a consolation goal that made the scoreline look a tighter affair than it actually was. The win puts Swan clear at the top of 'the group of death.'

He added: "On a personal note, I'd also like to thank Kev and Anita for supplying a bar for my christening party at the Village Centre and let people know how excellent the facility is.

"The bouncy castle is perfect for children. I have to say the Village Centre comes, as far as I'm concerned, highly recommended."

## Children's Parties

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## Family Christmas Fayre

Sunday December 1st

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