

Quarry Plans Take Centre Stage at Public Meeting

MORE than 40 concerned villagers attended a public meeting in the Village Centre to discuss an on-going Cambrian Quarry planning application.

ASH, formerly Alan's Skip Hire, are seeking permission to fill the quarry, over a period of years, with inert materials and carry out recycling processes on the site.

The proposed works would see up to 150 HGV movements per day coupled with increased traffic movement onto the busy A494 at the Glyndwr Road junction.

Residents heard from the chair of Gwernymynydd Community Council, Marjorie Thomson, who gave a detailed update with regard to amendments made to the previously submitted plans.

She told residents: "There are many issues which the community council have tried to address such as the potential for excessive dust, the proposed working hours at the site, disturbance to wildlife, including the resident bat population, as well as the issue of noise and vibrations from crusher machines.

"Then of course we have to look at the huge increase in traffic. Community councillors believe further lorry traffic through the village is simply not acceptable and there has not been a proper traffic assessment completed.

"For these, and a number of other reasons, the community council has asked that the views and objections of residents, and community councillors, be taken into consideration and the planning application refused."

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QUARRY CONCERNS:
From left, Gwernymynydd Community Council Chair Marjorie Thomson, County Councillor Nancy Mathews, Glyndwr Road resident Chris Bradshaw, and far right, Community Council Vice Chair, Keith Taylor, discuss with residents the proposed plans for the A494 junction with Glyndwr Road, Gwernymynydd.

Morris Lloyd Thomas

One of Gwernymynydd's oldest residents has passed away.

Morris Lloyd Thomas, of Hafod Cottage, died peacefully on Tuesday, November 5th aged 89.

A former Marine Commando, Morris saw action fighting in Burma and surrounding islands during the campaign against the Japanese in World War Two.

Always smartly dressed Morris was rarely see out without a shirt, tie and blazer and with highly polished shoes.

For many years he marched, and carried the flag, through Mold for the Remembrance Day parades. His coffin was draped in the Union Jack and bore his beret and campaign medals at his funeral service which was held at Gwernaffield church on Monday, November 18th.



Donations made by the packed funeral congregation will be given, in Morris' memory, to the Royal British Legion and the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

A proud and loyal man Morris Lloyd Thomas will be sadly missed by his family and many friends in the village.

You can read Morris' life story on the village website where it can be found in the Village People section.

FAREWELL: Morris Lloyd Thomas and above as Marine Commando.

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Lest We Forget

GWERNYMYNYDD villagers turned out in force for the annual Remembrance Day service held at the Village Centre.

The service was led by the Reverend Mary Brotherston and the wreath of poppies was laid by former Royal Navy serviceman Harry Beadles.

The chair of Gwernymynydd and Cadole Community Council, Marjorie Thomson, says she was delighted with the turn-out for the service.

She said: "Thanks to Louise Williams, the head teacher of the village school who encouraged pupils and their families to attend, we saw the largest congregation in attendance for many years at what, as ever, was a very poignant service.

"It was also a pleasure to be able to welcome some serving members of the armed forces along to the service as well as members of the Mold Squadron of the Air Training Corps."

She added: "We should also pay gratitude to the Stephenson family, who live in the former village school property, for ringing the old school bell 11 times at 11 o'clock to mark the start of the two minutes silence."



PROUD: Alicia Basnett, six, with her uncle, Craftsman Thomas Rosedale, both of Gwernymynydd, inspect the poppy wreath at the Remembrance Day service. Thomas is currently serving with 119 Recovery Unit of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

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THIS is a recipe we made at our recent soups workshop and of the four delicious soups made that morning this was by far the favourite.

We are still getting wonderful squash from Mostyn Gardens and the chestnuts give this soup a real taste of Christmas. It would make a great soup for lunch after a walk on Boxing Day. And it will freeze well.

Ingredients:

One pumpkin or squash	225g red lentils	One litre of vegetable stock
Two onions	Sprig thyme & sage	One small pack of vacuum packed chestnuts
Two tbsp olive oil salt& pepper		

Method

Sautee chopped onions in oil. Add chopped, peeled and scooped out squash and lentils and stir for two-three minutes, then add the chestnuts.

Add stock and herbs and continue to cook for a further 30 minutes until squash is soft. Remove stalks from thyme. Purée, taste and season. Christmas in a bowl!

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Cooking Up A Treat

Gluten free recipes were on the menu at a packed Gwernymynydd Village Centre cooking demonstration.

The Clwyd Coeliac Group's first meeting since it reformed saw more than 70 people attend with some travelling from as far afield as Corwen, Shrewsbury and Colwyn Bay.

Home economist Carol Carpenter, of Northop, was on hand to prepare a range of dishes including gluten free mince pies.

Coeliac disease is a common digestive condition caused by a sufferer's adverse reaction to gluten.

Gwen Kime, of Gwernymynydd, helped organise the event and said she was thrilled so many people attended. She said: "Everyone who came along was given goody bags courtesy of gluten free manufacturers Glutafin and Juvela.

"And we were able to hold a raffle with the main prize of a Christmas hamper of gluten free products donated by Tesco and the Co-op in Mold."

Emma Coates, group organiser and a Wrexham Maelor Hospital paediatric dietician, added: "I think everyone enjoyed the demonstration and picked up some useful tips and advice on how to cook simple, yet delicious, recipes."

The next Clwyd Coeliac Group event will be the AGM and afternoon tea at the Springfield Hotel, Halkyn at 1.30pm on March 15th 2014.



DELICIOUS: From left, Carol Carpenter, shows Carys North, seven, of Connah's Quay how to make a gluten free dish, watched by Clwyd Coeliac Group organiser, Emma Coates.

Gwernymynydd Food Co-op - Christmas arrangements

THE delivery for Christmas week will be organised for Tuesday, Christmas Eve. Please place your order, as usual, by Thursday 19th either at the Village Centre between 9.15 and 10am or at the Swan Inn anytime after 5pm. The collection on Christmas Eve will be at the normal times at the Village Centre but the Swan Inn will be open from 1pm if this is more convenient.



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County Councillor, Nancy Matthews, says she has invited ASH executives to a site meeting.

She said: "This has been agreed and will take place in the New Year. There are many issues that remain unresolved. The applicants have addressed some of the issues raised by the community council but there are a number of other important matters they simply haven't answered."

Resident Chris Bradshaw drew plans of the proposed alterations to the A494 junction with the Glyndwr Road to give other residents an insight into the proposed changes.

He said: "It is simply ludicrous and the potential for serious traffic issues should be obvious. We would have HGV's emerging onto a busy main road with very little views in either direction. And there are other issues such as water run off, drainage and the fact residents will lose out as property prices plummet. We must fight this application all the way."

Residents wishing to make their views and any objections know to Flintshire County Council with regard to the Cambrian Quarry need to do so in writing by December 12th. A copy of the community council's letter of objection is available for download on www.gwernymynydd.org.uk.

Walks around Gwernymynydd and Cadole



CHRISTMAS is a great time to explore our local countryside.

Whether it is walking off the Christmas dinner, entertaining visiting relatives, or simply enjoying the winter break there are lots of local walks available on our doorstep.

Many residents know the area intimately, often from childhood, but for those less familiar the Gwernymynydd web site offers some suggested walks with varying degrees of length and difficulty. There are currently seven walks described which can be printed off from the website in pdf format.

If you undertake any of the walks, then do send in any feedback via the same web page. Any suggestions for improvements or corrections to the description are most useful. If you have better photographs send these too. Even if you completed a walk and found everything all OK, then this is also useful to know. And there might be some additional walks you would like to suggest (starting from the Village Centre).

Visit www.gwernymynydd.org.uk and select "Walks around Gwernymynydd & Cadole"

Could You And Your Child Walk To School?

COMMUNITY Councillors are concerned at the number of vehicles parking around the village school in the mornings and at home time.

Godre'r Coed is becoming increasingly grid locked during these times and councillors are asking parents if, whenever possible, children could try the healthy alternative and be walked to school. New 20mph signs are being erected around the school site in the near future and councillors also wish to ask all village residents using estate roads to reduce their speed.

Rainbow Inn Development

CONSTRUCTION work on the site of the Rainbow Inn is to start shortly according to developers.

County councillor Nancy Mathews has spoken to Wheeler Homes who have confirmed that work on the construction of nine new dwellings on land adjacent to the former pub will get underway in the coming weeks. And the Rainbow Inn is to be converted into two, two-bedroom homes but due to the poor condition of the building's fabric, work may take longer than expected.

Stay Safe And Think About Neighbours This Christmas

THERE have been a number of thefts reported in the area in recent weeks including the Victorian post box that was stolen from Cadole. If you see anything suspicious don't hesitate to call the police by ringing 101 or 999 if it is an emergency. And have you got an elderly neighbour who may be alone this Christmas? Why not give them a call and invite them around for a sherry and a chat.

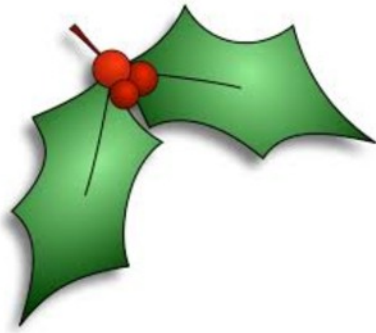
Your Festival Needs You

THE Gwernfest Group is organising an outdoor family event to showcase local musical talent on Saturday, June 28th 2014.

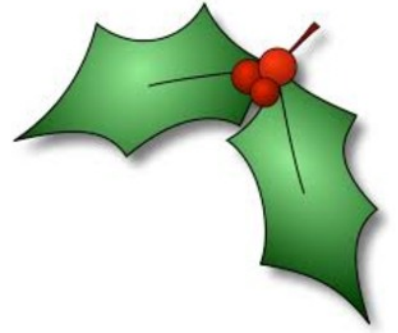
The event will be held on the field at the rear of the Village Centre Field.

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? If so we would like to hear from you. Contact Neil Worthington at gwernfest@gmail.com





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Cakes, Crafts And Gift Ideas At Christmas Fair

THERE was plenty of Christmas spirit on show at a Christmas fair held in the Village Centre.

The event, which has now become a traditional event in the run-up to Christmas was organised by community councillor Anu Beadle.

She says she was delighted to have 12 stalls offering crafts, cakes and home-made gifts in attendance.



She said: "I'm really pleased and can say that all the proceeds from this year's event will be going back into the village and will be given to the village school.

"I'm returning to live in Finland with my family so this will be my last Christmas Fair. I'm handing the reins to Shirley Hughes, who I hope will carry on the event in support of the Village Lunch Club."

CUP CAKES: From left, Anna, two, of Maeshafyn, Primrose, four, and Lavinia, two, both of Gwernymynydd, decide which cup cake they would like from Community Councillor Shirley Hughes.

RAFFLE: Jean Caddick, of Gwernymynydd puts her raffle ticket into the bucket, watched by Jean Wilde, of Maeshafyn and Steve Glass of Gwernymynydd who were running the Village Lunch Club raffle.



CRAFTS: Lorna Fielder, six, and her mum Adele Fielder of Wellhouse Crafts, Mynydd Isa check out the glass ornaments being sold by Rosie Robertson of Rhes-y-Cae who runs Rosewood Crafts.

Get Your Thinking Caps On!

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Village Pub Quiz in aid of Gwernymynydd CP School the PTA have organised their second annual event.

PTA spokeswoman, Emma Williams, says the event will raise funds toward new outdoor equipment for the school. She said: "The quiz will be held at the Plas Hafod on Friday, January 17th starting at 7.30pm. It's a ticket only event with tickets costing just £5 which includes food.

"Simon, of the Plas Hafod, has kindly agreed to donate hot food and allow us use of the venue free of charge which is fantastic. There is no limit on participants per team as success is not necessarily dependent on knowledge. This will be a quiz with a twist!"

Tickets can be purchased from either the school or by contacting Emma Williams on 07595305566.

Keep Fit And Healthy The Chinese Way

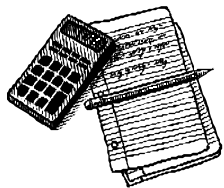
THE first Tai Chi class of the New Year will be held in the Village Centre on Wednesday, January 8th.

Community Councillor Keith Taylor says new members will be made very welcome and anyone interested should contact him on 01352 757339 for more information.

ANOTHER big thank you to our team of newsletter distributors who get the newsletter round the village in good time every month: Thomas Roberts, Olive Sweetman, Keith Taylor, Norma Humphreys, Garmon Roberts, Ian Joseph, Jaqui Morriss, Liz Wolfenden, Pauline McCracken, Joyce Withington, Gary Williams, Rose Barron, Ann Harney, Vicki Seddon, Lilian Roberts, Sue Elseley, The Swan and last but not least, Elwyn and Jane Owens, for co-ordinating the distribution.

As usual there will be no January newsletter.

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A Word Or Two from Nancy

Our Council Tax notifications come around every Spring and is made up of three separate charges: Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police and the Community Council. But I'm often asked how is that money spent?

Flintshire County Council: Community services, education, environment (highways, waste collection, drainage, etc) and corporate services.

North Wales Police : Flintshire collect this and pass it on.

Community Council: The precept – collects £14,000 from Gwernymynydd. The amount carried over from 2012-13 was £26,843 therefore the council's budget for 2013-14 was £40,843. This included £12,000 saved to cover the cost of the BMX cycle track.

The council's Budget for 2013-14 has been allocated as: Administration £5,500, street lighting and energy £2,000, subscriptions £300, support grants £3,000 (Village Centre, school, etc), community development £20,000 which covers, support for the youth club, recreation/play areas, summer play scheme, street light improvement, Gwernymynydd Development Plan and community festivals.

This should leave an estimated carry over of £10,000 for 2014-15 therefore enabling the Community Council to maintain the precept at £14,000, which is good news.

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Every year at Christmas, we have the opportunity to get together with friends and family at this special time and putting up the Christmas tree is just the start of the excitement at our house. This year we have two toddlers with us so Christmas Day will be very different.

In Gwernymynydd we are looking forward to school plays, pensioners' parties, and the Lunch Club festivities as well as various Christmas fairs. There's an exciting month ahead.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Our Man in Westminster

Cambrian Quarry

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the public meeting about the Cambrian Quarry landfill site but I'm aware of the concerns raised about the potential for increased traffic, noise, pollution and dust from some of the plans for the site.

I sincerely hope these issues will be taken seriously by the council as they consider options for development, as I know how much they concern people in the village.

The public meeting was a useful opportunity to pull together all the concerns and worries of local people and it's important these concerns are addressed so the quality of life for people in the village is not affected.

I will be keeping a keen interest in the application and I hope the concerns and wishes of residents are paramount.

Energy Prices

Last month I wrote about Scottish Power's price increase and many people have contacted me to raise their concerns. These are concerns I share. With the cost of heating homes rising by 10%, we are seeing increasing numbers of people struggling to pay bills and slipping into fuel poverty.

I think the latest price rises show the need for an energy price freeze which would save the average person in Flintshire £120. I'll be continuing to call on the Government to take real action to help people struggling with this cost of living crisis.

Surgery

Each week I hold a local surgery where people can come and talk to me about any issue they may have. I

will soon be releasing the latest surgery list and, as always, one of it will include a surgery in Gwernymynydd.

In the meantime contact me through my constituency office on 01352 763159 or e-mail david.hanson.mp@parliament.uk or on Facebook or Twitter.

Merry Christmas

Finally, I'd just like to wish everyone reading a very merry Christmas and happy new year. I hope it's a wonderful festive season for everyone and people are able to enjoy time with family and friends.



David Hanson MP.



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Swans Soaring High In Cup Contest

GWERNYMYNYDD Swan have only played one game since the last newsletter but that was a pretty dramatic affair.

The Queensferry Sports Challenge Cup is being played in group stages with Swan playing home and away games against Claims Solutions UK, Mechanics and the Castle Inn.

Topping their group after playing three games the village side looked to secure a win that would keep them well on track for a place in the knock-out section.

Playing the Mechanics, the Swans raced into a two goal lead thanks to strikes from hit-men Mark Weir and Terry Pughe. However, the Mechanics came back strongly in the second-half scoring twice to level. But with almost the last kick of the game, Terry Pughe pounced again to give the Swans the win and leave them comfortably on top of their group.

Manager Glyn Jelley said: "Although qualification for the quarter finals is pretty much guaranteed we are keen to win one of our remaining two games to ensure we secure top spot and be seeded against a 2nd placed team from one of the other leagues when it comes to the quarter finals.

"We are expecting disrupted fixtures over the winter months but are looking to push on in the second half of the season and finish well." He added: "I'd also like to say get well soon to Ryan Roberts, our goalkeeper, who suffered a horrific injury which required 14 stitches in a head wound following a clash during the Mechanics' game."

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