

Gwernymynydd & Cadole



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Parents Get A Taste Of School Life

MUMS, dads and grandparents have been back in the classroom thanks to an open morning at the village school.

It was an opportunity for parents to get a taste of what lessons are like for their children and also gave pupils the chance to put mums and dads through their paces too.

Head teacher Louise Williams says she was delighted with the response from parents and grandparents with those who were able to attend the open day arriving in big numbers.

She said: "It really has been a very productive exercise. Parents joined in with lessons and had a chance to see what their children are learning. It meant they got a feel for the school while supporting their children. There is no doubt children gained from the experience too.

"It really has been a fantastic turn-out and we are delighted with the way the morning has gone. We also had Flintshire School Meals Service here showing parents and children their new menu and giving them a sample of what is in on offer."

Two parents, who had a taste of a reading lesson with the children taking over the teaching role, were Trish Lloyd of Mold and Sefton Chambers of Gwernymynydd.

Trish said: "I have really enjoyed the open morning. It gave me a chance to see what my daughter, Sophie, is learning and how the school day is organised. It's been a lovely experience."

Sefton said: "It has been very enjoyable and a great way to see what work Reece, my son, is doing and how well he is getting on."

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Main Photo

Reading lesson: Parents Trish Lloyd and Sefton Chambers are giving a good telling off for not reading properly by their respective children, Sophie, eight, and Reece, nine, while head teacher Louise Williams looks on.

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Laura England and Jane Edmund-Davies of Flintshire County Council's School Meals Service handed out tasters from their new menu to both children and parents and explained how meals are prepared.

Jane said: "Children can go through the menu in the morning with their teacher, decide what they want and order it. The full order is then passed to our central kitchen at Ysgol Glanrafon where meals are freshly prepared and delivered to Gwernymynydd in time for lunch.

"Children can choose a packed lunch, jacket potato or a choice of one of two hot meals. It means they have a choice and get to eat what they want and what they will enjoy."



COMPUTER SKILLS: Mum Claire Parry works on a computer during a lesson at the village school with her daughter, Year 1 pupil, Eleri



DINNER CHOICE: From left, Laura England and Jane Edmund-Robinson, of Flintshire County Council's School Meals Service, dish out samples to Morgan and James Richards, while their grandmother, Kath Bradshaw, looks on.

School's Harvest Festival Celebrations And Reindeers!

THE village school is holding its Harvest Coffee Morning on Friday, October 24 at the school and everyone is invited for a coffee and a slice of cake or a biscuit.

Pupils are rehearsing some special songs and are looking forward to entertaining guests to the school.

And they are collecting food items that will be donated to Mold Food Bank. Why not drop in, preferably with a few groceries to boost the donation, and show your support.

And Santa's reindeer will once again be visiting the village having promised to drop in on the village school for the Christmas Fayre. The event takes place on Thursday, December 4 from 5-7pm and will include stalls, refreshments and, of course Father Christmas himself.

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O Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore Art Thou?

A NEW village-based theatre company is looking for adults who would like to give acting a try.

But there's plenty of opportunity for people who would enjoy getting involved behind the scenes too.

Clwyd Creatives has been set up by professional actor, Claire Barron, who hails for the village, with the idea of creating a new piece of theatre from scratch.

Claire, 36, (pictured right) who trained at London's Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama and is part of the Clwyd Theatre Cymru Company as well as being artistic director of the Shed Theatr Company, says it doesn't matter if people have no previous theatre experience.

She said: "The idea is to start a project from scratch which will, hopefully, end up with a production being put on in the village centre in the spring. We are looking for actors but also writers, set designers, costume makers.

"In fact everything needed to put a performance on stage. We want to see new people and if someone has experience, of say comedy, then we'd look to widen their experience by getting them to try something different.

"I'm really interested to see what ideas we can come up with. It maybe the group decides on something historical, factual, fictional or mythical, the possibilities are endless.

"It's going to be an exciting project and something I'm really looking forward to."

Former Community Councillor, Elwyn Owens, is working on the Clwyd Creatives project with Claire and says it's something that will bring people together.

He said: "We have decided to make it an adult project, for those 18 years and older from Gwernymynydd and the surrounding areas. We felt the hugely successful village pantomime caters for children so this will be solely an adult production.

"We are fortunate to have a professional actor such as Claire to lead the project. Initially we will meet at the village school with the first meeting taking place on Thursday, November 6 at 7.15pm and anyone interested should get in touch or just come along.

"I think it's an exciting project and, like the stories, the possibilities are endless."

Anyone interested can contact Claire Barron at clairebarron@btinternet.com or on (01352) 740370 or Elwyn Owens on (01352) 755157.



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Good Causes Benefit From Musical Event

NERCWYS Music festival once again raised a kettle drum full of cash for good causes – despite the cold.

Around 275 music lovers attended the festival, which was held at the end of April, which raised a massive £3,444.

Phil Gerrard, who organises the annual event, says although that figure is down on previous years, the cold weather and threat of rain put a few people off.

He said: “It was a cracking evening with Dilwyn Peirce as proficient as ever at keeping things running smoothly and on time. I want to thank everyone who did manage to come along and those that helped make it all possible.

“And those who didn’t make it, well there is always 2016! I’m looking at moving the festival to a later date, probably sometime in May. So watch this space.”

This year the donations will be split between, Cancer Research - £1,000, British Stroke Association, £900, British Heart Foundation, £600, Clic Sargent, £400, Freya Francis Fund for Meningitis, £200, St Mary’s Church Nercwys, £100, Soar Chapel Nercwys, £100 and Nercwys School, £100.

Total money raised during the three years the event has taken place is a massive £19,747, all of which has been donated to good causes.



One of the performers at this year’s Nercwys Music Festival.

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Back To The Future For Night Of Nostalgia

THERE'S a night of 1940's fun and music on offer as Martin Barry presents Time to Remember at the Village Centre on Saturday, November 15th from 7.30pm.

The atmosphere sounds and music of the War Years will be created by a talented cast led by professional village entertainer, Martin Barry.

The night of entertainment is back by popular demand so get your tickets, which are £10 each including supper, early to avoid disappointment.

The songs of Vera Lynn, Anne Shelton, the Andrew Sisters, George Formby and Glen Miller coupled with the comedy of Flanagan and Allen will be re-created live on stage.

A night not to be missed!

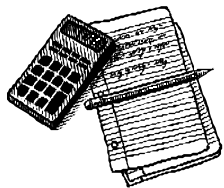
Caretaker Appointment

THE Village Centre Management Committee is delighted to announce that Carl Jackson (pictured below) has been appointed as Village Centre caretaker.

Kevin Hughes, who chairs the committee, said: "Carl has been doing the job temporarily and we are pleased he applied for, and agreed to take, the job on a permanent basis once we advertised the role and had gone through what is a robust recruitment process.

"Carl is conscientious and puts in far more than his agreed hours of work. He is an asset to the Village Centre."

He added: "As a committee we continue to investigate taking the lease of the Village Centre from Flintshire County Council and improving the facilities and what we can offer residents in the future."



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A Word Or Two From Nancy



Well, what a month September has been!

It was a return to meetings at County Council which includes the administration's major panic about a shortage of funds. Everyone had an opportunity to answer questions on an online questionnaire with ideas about how to eke out the budget - including a question on whether you'd like to pay more Council Tax!

Back here in Gwernymynydd we are looking forward to Youth Club starting again. A leader and assistant leader have been appointed and, fingers crossed, the Youth Club will have its first meeting on Thursday (October 16).

Work to complete the required conditions at Cambrian Quarry continues. The applicants have made the badgers and the newts comfortable and, after some interesting excavations, have settled the bats. When the ecologists and the Planning Department are satisfied the conditions have been met, then ASH will be able to begin to work on building a new access road.

We were thrilled the recent Macmillian Coffee Afternoon was once again such a success raising £350. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of chat and once again the village school children entertained us with some lovely singing.

At home September has been a whirlwind month with visitors from Canada and America arriving at intervals ready for our son's wedding on

September 13th and then leaving at varying intervals afterwards. There is nothing like a family party to make everyone feel good and we now have a double strand Canadian branch with our two Canadian daughters-in-law.

Our son, Rupert, married Lindsay Kelly eight years after our other son, Johnathon, married Jennifer Laxalt in Nercwys. Amazingly Rupert and Lyndsay first met at Johnathon and Jennifer's wedding and they met again at Jennifer's 30th birthday party two years ago when their romance really blossomed – helped by skype!

A year after they began going out Lindsay moved to the UK and the rest is history!

Johnathon and Jennifer have a son, Oscar, who is now three and Rupert and Lindsay have a daughter, Frances, who is two.

Both boys were pupils of Gwernymynydd CP School and Mold Alun High and both received doctorates from Nottingham University. Jennifer and Lyndsay first met as students at Kingston University in their native Canada.

The rest is history!

Nancy Mathews, County Councillor



From left, Jennifer, Rupert, Lyndsay and Johnathon.



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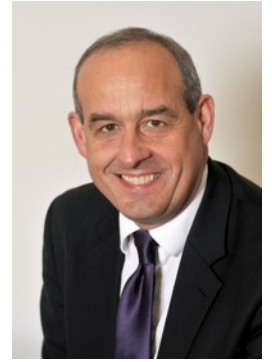
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Our Man in Westminster

Rainbow inn

I'm totally dismayed that no work has started on the Rainbow Inn site in the village – as people will know I, and many of you, wanted to retain the inn as a pub – now it has sadly closed its vital work is commenced ASAP to change the use to housing – it cannot be right that it's left in the state it is. It is currently an eyesore – I'll be looking at this urgently.



Gwernymynydd surgery

I've a surgery in the village on Friday, December 12th between 5-6pm at the Village Centre- any one is welcome to call in and raise any issue – if you want to see me before, I have a weekly surgery somewhere in the constituency and copies can be obtained from my office on (01352) 763159 or by going to the website www.davidhanson.org.uk

Speaking of the Village Centre, I was interested to learn of community attempts to get more involved in the running of the hall from Flintshire County Council. Local is always best and if it can be done as a viable going concern then it would have my full support. It's a trend in the county now and other village halls have been successfully run by local people – let's hope the support is there.

World War One

This year Remembrance Sunday will be particularly special as we commemorate those who died from the village during World War One. There are eight names on the war memorial in the village from that conflict - and when I think of the size of the village then it's hard to believe how much of an impact that must have had, not just on families but on the whole community. Although 100 years ago, it's important we remember the sacrifices made.

Mold Food Festival

I saw lots of local residents when visiting this year's Mold food festival – more than 13,000 people came to our area to visit and I think it was a great boost to the town – if you haven't been, look out for next year's festival as the buzz was amazing – and I got a stock of goodies from the many food stalls and could easily have bought lots more. And if you helped make it happen – thanks.

David Hanson MP

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Bright Sparks Land Fair Play Award

A TEAM of young footballers who play their matches on the Village Centre field won their league's Fair Play award.

Striker, Sean Mason and his brother, defender, Carl, both live in the village and play for Mold Alex Sparks along with other lads from the surrounding area. The award is given by match referees who mark the teams on their conduct and sportsmanship. The Sparks came away with maximum points to take the title.

Carolyn Goes Great For Claire House

CONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn Parry who completed Newcastle's Great North Run on 7 September.

Carolyn (right) has been training since April in order to raise a target £300 for Claire House Hospice. Despite sustaining groin injury after 7 miles which slowed her pace and then a painful bee sting she completed the half marathon in 2 hours 57 minutes.

Anyone who would like to add to Carolyn's total can do so at www.justgiving.com/CarolynMarieParry



Doubling Up at the Centre

DUE to increased demand there's now even more going on at the Village Centre to help keep fit and healthy.

As well as her popular 9am Sunday morning session, Lucy Palmer is now running Pilates on Monday evenings from 6pm to 7pm. Tai Chi is at 3pm on Wednesdays where beginners are most welcome to join. Kettlebell have sessions on both Wednesday and Fridays 7pm-8pm.

For a full list of sessions, including activities for children visit the Calendar page on www.gwernymynydd.org.uk

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