



## Revealing - The Legend Of Loggerheads

SHOUTS of ‘He’s behind you’ will soon be ringing out from the Village Centre stage.

Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group is preparing for its fourth production only this time the show is a brand new fairy tale penned by the village’s professional entertainer Barry Matkin.

The Legend of Loggerheads will be performed by a cast of 16 children and eight adults between Thursday, February 19th and Saturday, February 21st.

The group’s chairwoman, Karen Jones, says rehearsals have been going well and it promises to be the best show to date. She said: “There is a huge amount of work involved. We have been rehearsing for several months and then there are costumes to be made and sets to be designed. Everyone pulls together and it’s a real team effort from wardrobe assistants to make-up and set designers.

“We decided this year to try something different with Barry Matkin writing a brand new wonderful show with something for everyone.”

Barry, who also uses the professional name, Martin Barry, says writing and producing the show has proved a labour of love.

He said: “It has taken about a year to come up with the basic idea and then write the story. Almost all of the cast have appeared in the group’s previous pantomimes and know what is required.

“There’s a lot of hard graft involved and dedication needed. We started rehearsals more than two months ago. It’s a traditional pantomime with lots of songs, baddies, and flamboyant characters. And of course we have to have a dame.

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*Main Photo COSTUME FITTING: Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group’s Jayne Borthwick gets her costume and hair checked by, from left, Karen Jones, the group’s chairwoman and wardrobe assistant, wardrobe dresser Adele Wynne and hair stylist, Mary Davies.*

“But no pantomime would be right without a really good helping of family comedy and I hope that’s what we have achieved. I have no doubt the group will put on a good show and I’d encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the show.”

The Legend of Loggerheads will be performed at Gwernymynydd Village Centre at 7pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 19-21st with a 2pm matinee performance of the Saturday. Tickets, which are £5 (no concessions), are available from The Swan Inn, Gwernymynydd or from Karen Jones on (01352) 756954.



*YOUNG STARS:* Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group young cast members get some script advice from assistant artistic director, Cameron Williams, of Bagillt. From left, Bryn Parry, six, Rowan Macey, 12, Jenny Wilde, 11, Seren Hughes, 11, Lola Roberts, seven, Kayla Forde, nine, and Angharad Parry, eight.



*READ THROUGH:* Young actors, Molly Wynne, 12, and Justin Melliush, 25, go through their lines with *The Legend of Loggerheads* writer and executive director, Barry Matkin.



*CAST:* The Pantomime Group are looking forward to performing *The Legend of Loggerheads*.



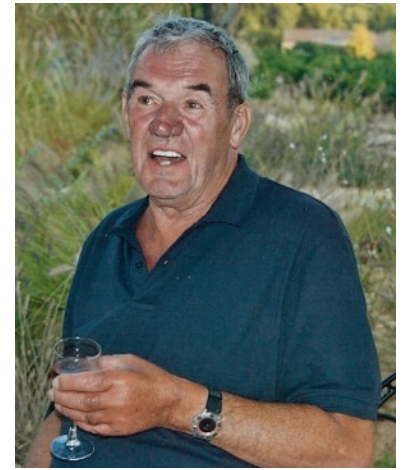
## Farewell to Fred

THE family of Fred Llewellyn-Jones have announced that Fred passed away on Tuesday, February 3rd.

The funeral has been arranged for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am and will take place at St Mary's Church in Mold.

Fred's daughter, Lucy Demaine, says her family are grateful to all those who supported Fred over the years and for all the kind messages they have received since he passed away.

Flower tributes and any enquiries should be made to James Hughes and Son, Funeral Directors, Glanrafon Road, Mold. (01352) 700266.



*Sadly Missed:  
Fred Llewellyn-Jones.*

## Newsletter Changes

THE Gwernymynydd and Cadole newsletter is set for big changes.

A survey carried out within the village made it clear that, although the newsletter is well read and appreciated, many find the font too small and difficult to read. So the Village Centre Management Committee, which is responsible for producing the newsletter, have decided to move to a bi-monthly edition with larger page size.

This will give us more opportunity to increase revenue by attracting more advertisers while giving those that already chose to advertise with us a far better service. And the increase in size means we will be able to lay-out the content better and increase the number and size of pictures we use. The next edition will be published in mid-March followed by mid-May, mid-July, mid-September, mid-November and Mid-January.

If you have any village news, or would like to contribute to the newsletter in any way, please e-mail [kevinhughes348@live.com](mailto:kevinhughes348@live.com) or call Kevin on (01352) 758600. And don't forget to check out the village website which you can find at [www.gwernymynydd.org.uk](http://www.gwernymynydd.org.uk)



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## Christmas Memories!

THE village was full of festive cheer throughout December and as this is the first village newsletter of the year here's a recap of some of the December highlights.

Global Lifts, a Flint-based company run by Helen Roberts, who lives in the village, once again treated village pensioners to an afternoon tea party full of Christmas fun.

The Village Lunch Club enjoyed their Christmas party at The Plas Hafod Hotel while the village school held a successful Christmas Fayre that brought in a much-needed boost to school funds.

Note: The village school is holding a coffee morning to celebrate St David's Day at 9:15am on Friday 27th February – as March 1st falls on a Sunday. All welcome.



*SING: Global Lifts' Susan Terry, left, and Helen Roberts sing a carol.*



*CHEERS: From left, Marina Mawer, 80, of Mold and Margaret Williams, 88, of Gwernymynydd raise a glass to Christmas.*



*ARTS & CRAFTS: Year 5 pupil, Louise Bonar, making Christmas decorations at the school fayre.*

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*SERVING UP A TREAT: Helping out at the Global Lifts Christmas party for village pensioners are, Carl and Dianne Jackson and Sylvia Vaughan.*



## Youth Club a Big Village Asset

YOUNGSTERS are enjoying having their own youth club since it re-started under the leadership of Wayne Hughes in November of last year.

The club meets every Thursday at the Village Centre from 6:30pm and is open to young people aged 11 and over and it's only 50p a week to join in.

Supported by the Community Council, the club has purchased a TV and X-Box for use by members and there's table tennis, table football, board games and plenty of other activities going on including cooking sessions – pancakes were being tossed at a recent meeting while Spaghetti Bolognese has also been on the menu. And there's a tuck shop and plans for a trip out for a night of ten-pin bowling.

Wayne, a Flintshire County Council Mental Health Worker, said: "I'm really pleased with how things are going. They are a great bunch of young people who enjoy having somewhere to go and meet up with people their own age. I'd encourage any young person living in the village who hasn't been along to come and give Youth Club a try."

And Wayne has invited Flintshire drug councillor and youth worker Gerry McNally along to several youth club meetings to inform young people about the dangers involved with drug, alcohol and smoking use.

Gerry said: "It's not a lecture but giving them information so they can make an informed choice of their own. If we lecture young people about the dangers of smoking for instance the chances are they will try it. But give them the facts in a non-judgemental way and they can make their own informed. I find most turn around and say they are never going to smoke, take drugs or drink to excess once we have been talked through the dangers."



*INFORMATION: Talking about the health risks from smoking at Gwernymynydd Youth Club are, from left, seated, Kendal Thomas, 11, Ben Singleton, 14, Youth Leader Wayne Haynes, seated, Jessica Wynne-Jones, 14, Hannah Mason, 14, and Flintshire youth worker and drug councillor Gerry McNally.*

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# A Word Or Two From Nancy



JANUARY seemed a very long month at our house and I don't really know why. However, I was very glad to see the beginning of February and to enjoy a bit of sunshine.

And the prospect of going to see the village pantomime towards the end of the month always brightens things up too. Good luck to all the cast, as the saying goes, break a leg!

From a County Council point of view, January has been very busy as we worked to tailor our services to the amount of money we receive from the Welsh Government together with that raised through Council Tax.

We had hoped for some extra cash which came from Westminster to Cardiff but no luck I'm afraid. All 22 authorities in Wales would have welcomed an extra few million!

DOG fouling continues to be a real problem and I know community councillors, like myself, receive so many complaints about this anti-social behaviour. Dog bins are provided around the village and all that is asked is that owners clean-up after their dogs. For those that don't it can prove very expensive – one village resident was fined £50 this month after their dog was seen to foul a public area and the owner failed to clean it up.

ANYONE interested in switching energy supplier needs, in the first instance, to contact 0800 093 5902 or visit [www.cydycymru-energy.com](http://www.cydycymru-energy.com). If you telephone my advice is to press the button for Welsh as you will then be put through to Cardiff - who can answer questions for you which the call centre cannot do. And they will speak to you in English if your Welsh isn't up to it. I used the on-line contact which was very easy. This process registers your interest in the scheme, the team then go away to negotiate a deal with energy suppliers. When they have found the best deal, they will contact you and you can choose to join in or you can decline the offer. There will be deals for gas and electricity or just electricity.

Good Luck and happy Valentine's Day!  
Nancy Matthews County Councillor for Gwernymynydd.

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# Our Man in Westminster

## Rainbow Inn

I'm sorry the ongoing lack of action at the site of the former Rainbow Inn is continuing. Only this week, once again, I have had constituents complain about the deterioration of the site. I have raised this with the owners on two occasions but have not had any response. Consequently, I have, this week, written to Flintshire County Council to ask them to look into this matter and to treat it as an enforcement issue. Hopefully, this will have the desired effect and we will see the site cleared up and made safe.



*David Hanson MP.*

## Voter registration

As you will know, the General Election will be held on Thursday, May 7th and whoever you intend to vote for, you can only do so if registered to vote. If you want to check if you are already registered to vote you should contact your local electoral registration office.

You can find contact details for them by entering your postcode in the 'Your local area' section of the aboutmyvote.co.uk website. You can also use this website to register to vote, if you are not currently registered, and to register for a postal vote. The deadline for registering for a postal vote is 5pm, 11 working days before the poll – which this year will be Wednesday, April 22nd.

## Parliamentary news

I hope you have received a copy of my Parliamentary Newsletter, and will have had the opportunity to have a look at what I have been doing in the constituency. I also held a surgery in Gwernymynydd just before Christmas, at which a range of issues were raised with me. With the Election coming, I'm the Member of Parliament for Delyn until 5pm on Monday 30th March, after which there will be no MP until a new one is elected on the May 7th.

In the meantime my contacts remain the same: by phone at the Delyn office on 01352 763159 or at my parliamentary office: 0207 219 5064 or by e-mail on [david.hanson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.hanson.mp@parliament.uk). You can also write to me at in Parliament at David Hanson MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or here in the constituency at David Hanson MP, 64 Chester Street, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5DH.

## Promise Something in Sarah's Memory

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Auction of Promises which helped raise more than £7500 in memory of road crash victim Sarah Jepson, who lived in the village, a second fund-raising event is planned.

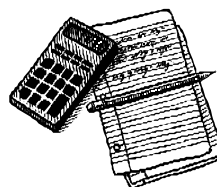
As last year the charity North Wales Emergency Doctors (NWEDS) will benefit from the event which is being organised by Sarah's mum, Jacquie Jepson, and Sarah's friends.

This year's event will take place at The Plas Hafod Hotel on Friday, May 22nd and business and individual sponsors are now being sought.

Do you have a service you could offer as an auction lot? Maybe you could offer horse riding lessons, driving lessons or perhaps you'd like to offer yourself up as a personal housekeeping slave for a day.

And the organising team is on the look-out for a band or individual singer who could provide entertainment on the night – free of charge.

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## Joe Picked for Cardiff Blues and Wales U20 Squad

GWERNYMYNYDD has a star player in the Wales U20 Six Nation's squad.

Cardiff Blues Academy tight head prop, Joe Jones, 19, who hails from the village, was on the bench for the opening Six nations clash against England at Colwyn Bay's Eirias Park.

Now Joe hopes to get his chance in the remaining four Six nations games – away ties against Scotland, France and Italy and home game against Ireland. But ambitious Joe says he hopes playing for the U20 international squad will prove a stepping stone on his journey to full senior international honours.

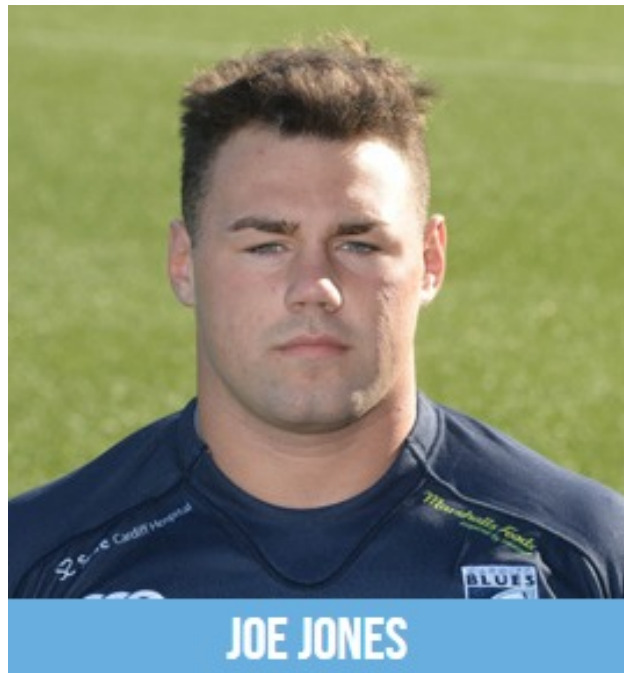
He said: "My dream is to step out at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff or at Twickenham to play for Wales against England."

The former Mold Alun High pupil was a member of a hugely successful Mold Rugby Club junior side between the age of 11 to 16 and represented North Wales at U14, 15 and 16 level.

After completing his GCSE's Joe joined Sale Sharks Rugby Club's Academy playing every game in the English Premiership Academy League in the two seasons he was there.

He said: "After two seasons I really wanted to get the opportunity to play for Wales and, after several tough trials, I joined Cardiff Blues. They sent me to RGC back in North Wales mainly for specialist coaching.

"I played for RGC in the Championship League and played a few games for Cardiff and Pontypridd in the Premiership as well as Cardiff Blues Academy matches.



"I was also thrilled to go on tour with the Wales U18 squad to South Africa where I played against both England and France."

And Joe, who is studying rugby coaching at the University of Glamorgan, is hoping to make his debut for the senior Cardiff Blues side before the season ends.

Joe says he tries to get back to Mold at least once a month although his granddad travels down from Gwernymynydd to see him play and rarely misses a game.

He said: "He gives me lots of stick and doesn't hold back if he thinks I haven't played well enough. But that's good, you need that. It keeps me on my toes and wanting to improve.

"My position, tight head prop, means I need lots of game time and experience and I feel I'm getting that. It's got to be a case of keep working and training hard and grabbing my chance when it comes along.

"I have that dream of playing for Wales in the Six Nations and beating England – that's all the incentive I need."

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