

Gwernymynydd & Cadole

NEWYDDION Y PENTREFI COMMUNITY NEWS

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Thank You to Carl and Di!

Carl (Jacko)and Diane Jackson have been the super efficient caretaker and cleaners of the Village Centre for many years. They retired at the end of June.

There are not enough words to express our thanks for their very hard work, not only with the obvious jobs , but those many unseen tasks which go towards the upkeep of our Village Centre. Thank You!



Community Council Report

Summer Playscheme took place at the village centre play area for the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays and was very well attended. The play leaders were 2 local girls Charlotte Percival & Tilly Buckley both from the village.

Auditions have taken place for the pantomime, with rehearsals beginning in September, the performance is due to be held in February 2024.

Repair works will begin mid September on the Llys Enfys play area with the replacement of the retaining wall, new swings and safety flooring. I am waiting for confirmation from David Coggins Cogan for a site meeting regarding the developments on the planning for the dwellings at Signal Uchaf. As it stands the area has outline planning and the community council have

no objections to the plans, but the conditions of the outline planning have to be addressed. New plans have been submitted to address access and movement of service vehicles.

All photographic entries for the calendar have been received and the winners will be announced in the coming months and the calendar will be published in time for sale at the Christmas Fayre.

Colette BUCKLEY, clerk to the council.

**October
litter pick
will be
Saturday
12th.**

Remembrance Service will take place Sunday 12th
& Christmas Fayre December 2nd.

YOUTH CLUB

Gwernymynydd Community Council are looking to restart a Youth Club in the Village Centre and if there would be enough interest.

We would love to hear from you if you have a child who would be interested and also from parents who would be willing to volunteer their time to help run a Youth Club.

Please drop us an email by 25 October:

Karen Hughes:
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Sharon Godwin:
sharongodwin40@aol.com

COFFEE CLUB

Coffee morning is on the last Friday each month.
Cakes to suit all diets.
10am – 11.30am everyone is welcome.

THERE WILL BE A
BUFFET LUNCH ON
22 DECEMBER
ORGANISED BY THE
COFFEE CLUB

To book a place please
contact JUNE PERRIN on
01352 219371

INDOOR BOWLS

Thursday 2pm – 4 pm
at the Village Centre

SAYING GOODBYE

We have recently bid
farewell to Bronwen Todd of
the Firs, Ffordd Pentre Bach
/ Swan Lane

Llys Enfys Play

Following from the
Community Council report
about the Llys Enfys Play Area,
here is a bit of history...

The play area in question was
on the original house building
plans but when the houses
were completed (we bought
ours in 1978) the piece of land
designated was just waste land.

We consequently found out
that the owner of the house
adjacent to this land had
applied to buy it in order to
build an extension to his own
home. Vincent Burgess
(former resident) asked for an
onsite meeting with Flintshire
County Council and the
Community Council. He also
took round a petition to all the
neighbours on Bryn

Eithin and Llys Enfys
explaining he intended to ask
the council to uphold the
original design of a play area.
Only two householders
refused to sign, the owner of
the house adjacent to the site,
I cannot remember the other
one.

After exchanging numerous
correspondence and onsite
meetings it was agreed that the
original plans should be upheld
and the play area was
constructed.

The wooden 'fence' next to the
entrance gate are giant pencils.
A neighbour christened the
play area 'Vinny's pencils' and
we still call it that today.

Book Club

The Book Club meets in the Swan Inn at 7.30pm, the first
Wednesday each month. There are no set books we just discuss
the books we have been reading and always have a laugh as well
as some interesting discussions.

Daniel Owen	<i>Enoch Hughes</i>
Edith Pargeter	<i>The Brothers of Gwynedd</i>
Alison Weir	<i>The Heart and the Crown</i>
Thomas Armstrong	<i>Pilling Always Pays</i>
Jo Bartlett	<i>The Cornish Midwife</i>
Antony Seldon	<i>Johnson at Number 10</i>
Joanna Cannon	<i>Three Things About Elsie</i>
John Connolly	<i>The Book of Lost Things</i>
	<i>Every Dead Thing</i>
Hannah Hendy	<i>The Dinner Lady Detectives</i>

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre was a great success despite the weather! We even introduced a new type of dog competition... 'Dog Show in the Rain!'



Christmas Buffet Lunch

The four people who organise the monthly Coffee Mornings at the Village Centre thought it might be a nice idea to have a Christmas Buffet Lunch instead of an ordinary coffee morning in December.

We have managed to acquire a grant from the Village Trust and we've booked the Village Hall, and everything is now being organised for a Buffet Lunch at the Village Hall on Friday 22nd December at 12noon - 4pm. This is a free event for our community, but as the Village Centre has limited accommodation it is a ticketed event.

We look forward to seeing you either at the coffee morning and hopefully at the Christmas Buffet.

Tickets will be available at our coffee morning on Friday November 25th between 10am and 11.30am. Unfortunately as tickets are limited it will be first come first served.

Young girl reunited with doctors who saved her life

In October 2021 Niamh, who lives in the village, went from being in perfect health to critically ill within minutes. She was rushed to Wrexham Maelor Resus then on to Alder Hey ICU.

Nine-year-old Niamh and her family have thanked Wrexham Maelor Hospital staff in person for saving Niamh's life after she became so unwell that her heart stopped, and she needed emergency surgery.

In October 2021 Niamh

Williams had a sudden onset of uncontrollable vomiting and became increasingly unresponsive, and was taken to Wrexham Maelor Hospital by ambulance. She had a severe, sudden onset of pain in her stomach, which then started to swell. As doctors started to intubate her to perform a CT scan to find out more, she went into cardiac arrest.

Niamh was resuscitated by the doctors and nurses in the emergency department before Mr Chris Battersby, Consultant Surgeon at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, performed emergency surgery,

with the support of dozens of staff members, which saved her life.

Niamh's mum, Sarah Williams, said: "Niamh went from being perfectly healthy to critically ill within minutes. Instinct told me something was seriously wrong. I thank my lucky stars we managed to get her to hospital in time"

"Everyone in Alder Hey Hospital was asking me who the surgeon from Wrexham Maelor was, because they saved her life."

Niamh was recently reunited with some of the medical teams who saved her life



Niamh had a blood clot which had stopped the blood supply to her entire bowel, releasing toxins into her body and weakening her heart, causing it to stop.

During surgery Niamh had a large amount of her bowel removed. She was transferred to Alder Hey Hospital by the North West Transfer Service team – the regional service for transporting sick children to intensive care units around the region.

Upon arriving, Niamh's family were told she had multi organ failure and to prepare for the worst. But her condition improved, and Niamh later had reconstructive bowel surgery, staying in Alder Hey for eight months to recover.

Sarah added: "What everyone did for Niamh was amazing. Dr Liz Richards, who Niamh is under the care of now, has been great, and I believe that some of the lead surgeons in Alder Hey have written to Mr Battersby to thank him for doing the surgery so quickly and that it had saved her life."

Niamh's condition improved and although she is able to eat and drink, she is now supported by Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), a liquid nutrition that is administered through a tube that goes directly into her veins.

Sarah added: "Niamh is the only child in Flintshire receiving the TPN treatment, and we were told that they guesstimate there's only about a one in 14 million chance of something like this happening, it's so rare there's nothing they could really compare it too.



She will come off TPN eventually, but it will take years of hard work.

"It's hard to put into words just how poorly Niamh was when she arrived at hospital but thanks to the knowledge, dedication and professionalism of the Emergency Department team at Wrexham Maelor, Niamh's life was saved. As a family we would like to give special thanks to Consultant in charge Dr Richards, Surgeon Mr Battersby and surgical teams, Mel the Consultant who initially attended to Niamh in resus and Carrie the nurse for not once leaving Niamh's side.

"We would also like to thank the North West Transport Service team for safely transferring Niamh to Alder Hey Intensive Care Unit and to the ongoing teams from both Betsi Cadwaladr and Alder Hey that make it possible for us to manage Niamh's condition at home. Niamh is thriving and always has a smile on her face. She'll forever remember the people who saved her and knows just how special they are."

Dr Richards, said: "As soon as Niamh arrived we knew we had to act fast. This condition is extremely rare and how she has recovered has been almost miraculous, she is a brave and strong little girl.

"There were also lots of staff from several different teams across the hospital including Theatres and Emergency who helped care for Niamh. We'd also like to thank the North West Transport Service, they gave so much support and help to Niamh, transferring her safely to Alder Hey that night."

Mr Battersby said: "Niamh was incredibly unwell when she came into hospital, and the outcome could easily have been very different. The progress Niamh has made is fantastic, and I am delighted for Niamh and her family to see her looking so well, and so happy."

The Williams Family
wish to send

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

To the neighbours who have been so kind during this difficult time: making meals; looking after their puppy Willow; and sending Niamh the most beautiful gifts.

REMINDER...

There is a defibrillator at the Village Centre

Look out for CPR refresher courses at the Village Centre later in the year.

The Royal Welsh

On Saturday 8 July St Asaph City Council awarded the Freedom of the City to The Royal Welsh, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the city, and for their courage and bravery in the execution of their duty, both at home and overseas.

Amongst the soldiers on parade was Carl Mason (son of Karen Jones).

Like several young people from Gwernymyndd he has joined the military.

In Carl's case he served an apprenticeship as a joiner when he left school, then decided to take a different route.



Outside Lives awarded Green Flag Community Award



Outside Lives have met the high standards needed to achieve the coveted Green Flag Community Award.

The group has achieved the award in recognition of its high environmental standards, cleanliness, safety, and community involvement.

A beautiful outdoor space developed and maintained by a team of volunteers and the local community, Outside Lives continues to build upon the great work carried out locally.

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Gareth Denham has secured a place in the London Marathon in April 2024 through the Motor Neurone Disease Charity.

Many of us in the area have known friends suffering from this disease

In order to secure his place he has to raise £2500!!!

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*Even if we can't run ourselves
we can support Gareth!*

The first event is an extra
COFFEE MORNING ON
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
At the Village Centre
10am – 11.30 am

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MACMILLAN COFFEE
MORNING
6 October at the
Village Centre
10-11.30am



“Hi, I’m Kate!

My husband and I, along with our two springer spaniels, Barney and Minnie, moved to Gwernymynydd in 2022 and we have loved becoming part of the village community.

I am the Operations Manager at Hadlow Edwards in Wrexham, who are a financial planning company that can help with retirement planning, buying property, investment planning, saving for the next generation, IHT planning, protecting what matters to you most, and much more.

As you have welcomed us so kindly into the neighbourhood, I would be more than happy to chat to you and introduce you to one of our friendly adviser team who can support you in creating bespoke financial goals for you and your family.

Please feel free to contact me on **07772 481604** or you might spot me walking the dogs around the beautiful fields and lanes that surround the village - I'd love to say hello.

I hope I get to meet you soon!" *-Kate*



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