

# *Nercwys News*



As we approach the start of the National Eisteddfod (4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August), it is time to reflect on the extraordinary efforts made by the Nercwys Eisteddfod Fundraising Committee. Each town and village was requested to raise a certain amount of money and as Nercwys was one of the closest villages, our target was £5,000, which for a parish of about 400 people was a very formidable total. But in less than 10 months, Nercwys has not only raised the £5,000, it has gone way above that target and at the moment, the figure stands at well over £8,000. Osian, Mair, Bill and the rest of the committee are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts. In the wider context, only Cilcain have raised more on the 'Village category', but as Rhydymwyn is also included in their area, it is clear that Nercwys has done remarkably well.

There were many highlights of the fundraising, but who could forget seeing Horace in his pink romper suit being pushed all that way in a pram by Mair and Tom!!

As so much fun was had by everyone who organised, took part in or helped in any way, the intention is to continue fund raising, not for the Eisteddfod, but for the village and the next big event is the **Village Show** which will be held on **Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of August**. It promises to be bigger and even better than last year, so make sure that you keep that date free. It is a Bank Holiday Saturday, but who wants to be stuck in a traffic jam, anyway?

In this issue, there is a report from the Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch in which they explain how the scheme has expanded since the idea was first set up. Included is a survey (as a loose insert) which the FACT team would be very grateful if the forms could be completed and returned either to PC Gary Aldous or Mold Police Station. If unable to do that, then please bring the form to me at Glasfryn, Ffordd Y Pentre and I will return them for you.

On an entirely different subject, although it does involve fundraising, an extended NADRA News has been included, giving the background of the Association and ending with uncertainties over the future of the Nercwys News. This is produced for the benefit of the village, but as emphasised at the last Community Council public meeting, I regard myself as an editor, not a reporter (I've enough to do as it is!) and I do rely on articles and reports being submitted in good time for me to practise my one fingered typing so as to try to get the newsletter out on time. If the reports are submitted by e-mail (preferred), I usually send an acknowledgement, so if you don't get one, then I haven't received it! If you know of, or hear about an interesting topic, please feel free to write about it and not just to tell me and expect me to write it as well. I would like this newsletter to be a collaborative effort, not a monologue. Help me to make the newsletter more interesting for you.

I mentioned fundraising. Please consider joining NADRA or at least giving a donation for the Nercwys News. I want it to continue – do you?

## **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

Bowling club	- Ken Jones	01352 759816
Craft Group	- Elfrida Jones	01352 756445
Friends of Nercwys School	- Jo Capstick	01352 770924
Griffith Roberts Charity	- Mavis Bartlett,	01352 810416
Mother and Toddler	- Tracy Horrigan	01352 754119
Nercwys and District Rural Association	- Malcolm Parry	01352 756401
Nercwys Cricket Club / Pool Team	- Mark Gracey	01352 752333
Village Hall Committee	- Liz Holland	01352 759722
Women's Institute	- Mrs. Sheldon	01352 810446
Youth Council	- Bill Brereton	01352 758723

Would you like your organisation details included in future issues? If so, please contact Peter Addiscott on 759986 or at Glasfryn, Ffordd Y Pentre.

**Village Website:** [www.nercwys.org.uk](http://www.nercwys.org.uk)

**Community Council Website:** [www.Nercwys.net](http://www.Nercwys.net)

## **NADRA NEWS**

At a recent meeting it was pointed out that NADRA has been in existence for longer than most people realise. Being a relative newcomer to the village, I thought that it would be interesting to find out about the origins of NADRA, or the Nercwys And District Rural Association, to give it its full title.

In the late 1970s, Burley Hill quarry was owned, we think, by Welsh Aggregates. Those who, like me, regularly commuted to Manchester will remember that the M56 was only open from Elton to Preston Brook and from the Lymm interchange with the A556 into Manchester. Welsh Aggregates had a contract to supply limestone during the construction of the middle section of the motorway.

Long term residents will remember that the road from the village up to the quarry and on to Eryrys wasn't a proper two lane road and if two lorries met, then they just went over the grass verges. Coupled with the suspicion that some drivers were being paid by the lorry load, speeds up and down the local lanes were excessive and things were getting dangerous. An action group was formed by people living along the road to try to improve road safety and NADRA (a non-profit making, voluntary group) was subsequently formed. Since then, despite criticism from some quarters that NADRA was a 'quarry bashing' group, the Association has campaigned to keep the activities of the quarry to within the agreed planning constraints, especially in terms of operating hours and extraction rates. However, our activities have become more varied since the early days. When the C107 towards Mold was

reconstructed in the 1990s, it was NADRA that persuaded Clwyd County Council to provide a footpath all the way into Mold.

More recently, NADRA has funded the construction of the village website ([www.nercwys.org.uk](http://www.nercwys.org.uk)) and then organised the first two litter bins within the village.

At the moment, our main activities are split between the village electricity supply problems, road safety in conjunction with the Community Council and the Nercwys News. The latest news from Scottish Power is that the maintenance section is slow to release information about their schedule but we will keep on asking until we get a satisfactory answer.

The Nercwys News is distributed, free of charge, to every household within the Parish (and beyond, where we have NADRA members). Our main income comes from membership subs and, so far, the Nercwys News has been financed partly from NADRA, donations and also from the FLVC. Funding has been found for this year, but with general cut backs, future help is not guaranteed so NADRA would like to boost its membership to provide a more secure future for our newsletter.

So, are you interested in joining us? NADRA has shown over the years that it is a capable, respected and flexible association, ready to work with other organisations, but also prepared to battle for the wellbeing of the village and surrounding areas.

Enclosed is a membership application form and we thank those who have already renewed their membership. The subs have remained the same since the beginning (how many organisations can match that?) of £1 each per annum, or 50p for Senior Citizens. Please contact me on 759986, by e-mail, [nercwys.news@glasfryn.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:nercwys.news@glasfryn.eclipse.co.uk), come along to the AGM or talk to any committee member:

Peter and Janina Addiscott – 759986

Malcolm and Jan Parry – 756401

Peter Leach – 754748

Lucy Hobhouse – 770227

David Jones – 756445

Michael Fearn - 757802

Our **AGM** will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> of June** in the Soar Chapel Schoolroom starting at **7.30 pm**. After refreshments and a raffle, **Mr. David Rowe** from the Mold Civic Society will give a talk and film show on **'Interesting houses in and around Mold'**. It promises to be a good evening.

After many years of service, David Buckland has asked to step down

from the committee. We thank him for all of his hard work. This means that we will be looking for another committee member so please consider joining us. The duties are not onerous and we only meet when there is something to discuss! Elections take place at the AGM. We look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Addiscott

## NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES 2007

Most people in the parish will be aware that the National Eisteddfod of Wales is going to be held in our local area during August 2007. It is our country's largest annual, cultural event which visits North and South Wales alternatively, and stages traditional ceremonies and competitions for music, recitation, literature, dance, arts, craft, science, etc for a whole range of ages. Many of the events are staged in a pavilion, which will soon be erected on one of the fields on the Mold / Pontblyddyn road, but other concerts and events will be staged in various venues throughout the area during the days and evenings.

Thousands of people will attend the events during that week: **August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Those living locally will be pleased to have the festival on their doorsteps, but the teams of volunteers, working to help the main band of experts, will have organised car-parking and caravan parking for thousands of visitors. Others choose to spend a week's holiday in the area of the Eisteddfod in order to get a taste of the locality and to take in places of interest.

If you have (i) any spare rooms which you would be willing to let to visitors during the week, or (ii) even a caravan which will not be in use during that week, you might wish to contact the Eisteddfod Office, Old School House, Glanrafon, Mold CH7 1PA on 0845 122 2003 or visit the website [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk) to discuss costs, prices and availability of dates. Make a point of visiting the Maes (Eisteddfod Field) at least once during the week, you will be amazed at what, and who you might see there.

## CAPEL SOAR

Daeth tywydd hafaidd iawn ym mis Ebrill a diolch amdano am fod y tywydd heddiw fel gaeaf unwaith eto. Er newid yn y tywydd mae'r capel yn dal gyda ni diolch i Dduw am ei roddion i ni.

Wedi i'r Gymdeithas orffen gyda'r Cyngerdd ardderchog cawsom nos Lun y Pasg, yn awr rydym yn paratoi am y gaeaf unwaith eto a bydd cyfarfod nos Lun, Mai 21 i drefnu rhaglen. Byddwn eisiau ysgrifenyddes i'r Gymdeithas y tro yma, swydd a chyfrifoldeb iddi.

Cofiwch am ein gwasanaeth Saesneg Mai 27<sup>ain</sup> am 2.15 o dan ofal Y Parchedig Nan Powell Davies. Mae croeso i bawb ac fe fydd paned o de wedi'r oedfa. Gwasanaeth Saesneg y tro nesaf bydd Hydref 7<sup>fed</sup>.

Yr ydym wedi trefnu noson Goffi gyda stondinau cacennau a raffl ar nos **Wener, Mehefin 8<sup>fed</sup>** ar elw yn mynd tuag at Sierra Leone. Mae'r Cyfundeb wedi gofyn i bob aelod gyfrannu £10 ac roeddwn, fel swyddogion, yn meddwl y buasai noson Goffi yn help at y casgliad, felly, dewch i helpu'r tlawd yn Sierra Leone.

Gwnaed Mair Roberts, Tom Roberts a Horace Nicholls ymdrech arbennig yn y Rasio Pram a chodwyd £850 gan Mair i wneud targed Nercwys llawer uwch na'r gofyn. Er fod ambell codwm ar y dydd Sadwrn daeth y tri yn ol yn i Nercwys yn ddiogel a diolch yn fawr i bawb am fod mor hael yn eu cyfraniadau.

Braf yw gweld Mrs. Elisabeth Ingman wedi gorffen gyda'i thriniaeth a bod Mr. Woodward yn gyfforddus adref gyda'i deulu. Drwg iawn oedd colli Mr. John James Parry un oedd yn fyddlon iawn i'r Gymdeithas pan oedd yn iach. Hefyd mae ein trysoryddes Mrs. Lis Jones wedi colli ei mham yng nhyfraith, Y Chwaer Reene Jones, Eryrys, ac rydym yn cydymdeimlo a Vernon, Lis, Edward, Sarah ac Andrew brawd Vernon.

Duw a'ch Bendithio chi.

Diolch i'r rhai sy'n gofalu am y blodau yn y capel. Diolch i Ifor, Dewi ag Olga am eu cymorth yn Gymdeithasfa'r Gogledd.

**The Mobile library will be in Nercwys on the following dates:**

(All Mondays)	11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> June,	9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July,
9.30 – 1030am	6 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> August,	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> September.

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# **THANK YOU**

**Alistair, Stephen & Sean  
Lawrence & Valerie  
Joyce & Eph  
Nanny to Dean & Luke**

Would like to say thank you for your support at the sad loss of Beryl. Also, a big thank you for the donations received amounting to £470 for the High Dependency Ward and Nercwys Church.

## **NERCWYS HIGHWAYS**

Recent information from the Highways Department of Flintshire County Council is that there is a large programme in the Nercwys area in the immediate future. Some of the roads affected are:

Ffordd Bryngwyn, Ffordd Glyndwr, Ffordd Cae-newydd, Henffordd, Ffordd Llewelyn, Ffordd Plas Urcha, Ffordd Talwrn, some of the lanes towards Treuddyn and some of the lanes in the Black Mountain area. In addition, sections of the C107 (Mold – Nercwys – Eryrys) will also be treated.

All of these roads will have a surface dressing laid (the dreaded tarmac and stone chippings) in an attempt to seal the road surface. The County Council anticipate that most of the work should be completed by the time you read this but the information is included in case they are running late.

My contact in the Highways Department is David James (01244 550213) and he noted my comments about potholes forming at the entrance to the village (outside The Crossing House) and down the edges of the lane past Ty-newydd Cottages and Ty-newydd Farm going towards the Leeswood Hall gates. Having many cyclists and motorcyclists living in the village, they are particularly vulnerable to road defects (anyone who watched the very recent ITV programme on the state of Britain's roads will have been shocked by the overall deplorable condition) so if you see damage to the road surface, please report it to the County Council (number above); someone's life may be at risk, otherwise.

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**This year's Owain Glyndwr Festival will be held on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The profits will go towards 'Miles for Smiles'.**



# THE FRIENDS OF NERCWYS SCHOOL

## ATTIC SALE

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at 3.30pm on the School Yard

- ◆ Bric-a-Brac
- ◆ Book Stall
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Bottle Tombola
- ◆ Refreshments

## VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at 3pm

- ◆ Starting and ending at the White Lion this will run throughout the village, mainly along Ffordd Y Pentre. It will of course be suitable for pushchairs and small children. Please take care if driving through the village!
- ◆ There will be 2 clue sheets aimed at children 3-7 and 8-11.
- ◆ Entry is £2 per clue sheet and all entrants will receive a prize.
- ◆ There will also be a main prize for each age group winner.
- ◆ B-B-Q at the White Lion afterwards.

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## NERCWYS COMMUNITY HALL

Flintshire County Council are now studying the Business Plan drawn up for the Community Hall so there will be a further delay before a decision is taken on the lease on the plot of land required for the building.

We look forward to meeting you all at the Village Fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August where greater detail can be given about this ambitious project.

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## BOWLING CLUB

The Season is well under way and we are having some good results in the Flintshire Midweek League and the Deeside Veterans.

Our **Open Day** this year will be held **on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of September**, starting at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to have a go!

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2007.

The meeting was chaired by Cath Houghton. She offered condolences to the families of Beryl Elliott, and Blodwen Jones [our Chair's mother], two well known and loved members of our community who have sadly passed away.

There has been an issue over the precept – Nercwys Community Council Precept has risen by 160.32%. This is due to an administrative error caused by the budget figure having been inadvertently taken as the precept figure. While this is a large percentage it is in fact a small sum in money – a difference of 43p per week on a Band D property- making a total of £36.50.

Of the thirty four community councils in Flintshire, eight have a precept higher than this, and five have a precept higher than £40.00. Seventeen have a precept higher than £30.00. The average precept for Flintshire Community Councils is in fact £31.42 on a Band D property.

The view from Flintshire County Council is that it is not possible to 're- precept', as this would be an expensive and overly bureaucratic task. The advice received from its Financial, Legal and Democratic Services Directorate is that although there is a large percentage increase, that indeed the actual sums involved are small –the advice is let the precept stand, and to rectify it next year.

The Chair of Nercwys Community Council has sincerely apologized for this situation.

The website has been set up, [www.Nercwys.net](http://www.Nercwys.net) and is developing. Our thanks to Richard Thorogood.

The Youth Council has been established and had its third meeting. It looks like developing into a very useful forum for young people in the village, and we hope that it prospers.

We have also secured a bid from the Welsh Assembly Active Lifestyles fund for £5,500 for bicycles for the village. The purpose of this fund is to encourage mature persons to take part in physical activity, thus improving their health. We will be discussing that next week at our meeting. [Note: this is progressing.]

**Bus Shelter.** County Councillor Nancy Matthews indicated that Flintshire County Council [FCC] would match fund with the Community Council [£2,500 each] to replace the existing shelter with one with sides, and move the existing one to another location within the village.

Mrs Lisa Fearn asked whether it was not the responsibility of FCC anyway.

There was also an issue over where to place the moved shelter. The view was expressed that the village had actually got one shelter provided by FCC, the sides of which had been removed as the result of a public request. It was felt that a more substantial shelter would be beneficial. [Note: Bill Brereton has conducted a

survey which resulted in a disappointing level of response; however the overwhelming view was that the re-deployed bus shelter be located opposite the Old Smithy.]

**Stones by Church Gate.** These have been removed but the area is now muddy. [Note FCC has now made good the area, and put some posts up there!]

**Christmas Tree.** Mr. Paul Roberts raised this issue. It was agreed that he and the Clerk would have a site meeting and then report to the Community Council as how to proceed. [Note – To take power to a site for the Christmas tree would cost several thousand pounds so this is not being progressed.]

Mrs. Mair Roberts raised the issue of the bench at the north end of the village repeatedly crossing the road. The Clerk undertook to speak to those who may be involved should it stray again. [Note – the bench has been spoken to and has promised to stay in place!]

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- i. 042934 – Erection of agricultural building Swan Lane - REFUSED by FCC.
- ii. 042720 Bryn Estyn, Ffordd Llewelyn – Returned to FCC 8.5.7.
- iii. 042740 Ty Coch, Ffordd Plas Ucha. Returned 12.4.7. Six no objections. Three point out in contravention of planning.
- iv. 042824- Extension of car park Waen Farm House. APPROVED by FCC.
- v. 043013 –Barn Conversion Bryn Onn. Eight support/no objection [one not available].
- vi. Single storey extension Bryn Gwyn Farm. APPROVED by FCC.
- vii. 043113 America Farm – single storey garden room extension. All nine offer no objection or support.
- viii. 043186. Air wave Transmission dishes Bryn Gwyn Farm. Concerns expressed re radiation.

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### **Kick Back Wall**

The Youth Council has discussed a kick back wall for the village – the members are currently looking at options as to what might be included. To the great credit of the members they are getting on raising their own funds!

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### **Twmpath / Barn Dance**

The Village Fete committee will be holding a Twmpath/Barn Dance at the White Lion on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Watch out for tickets which will be coming out soon



**Pram Push!**



**NERCWYS & DISTRICT RURAL ASSOCIATION**

**CYMDEITHAS WLADAIDD ARDAL NERCWYS**

**NADRA** will be holding their

**Annual General Meeting**

On

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**At the Soar Chapel Schoolroom starting at 7.30pm**

Followed by a talk and film show on  
**'INTERESTING HOUSES IN AND AROUND MOLD'**

Given by **David Rowe**,

**( Mold Civic Society)**

All are welcome; refreshments & raffle.

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**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER  
PLAYSCHEME FUNDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
NERCWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY TO FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**10.30 AM - 12.30 PM**

**COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS**

**ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:**

**ROUNDERS - FOOTBALL  
SKIPPING - ARTS & CRAFT  
DRAMA BOX - PARACHUTE**

Last year's Playscheme was a great success and all the children had a wonderful time. This year's activities promise to be even more exciting for everyone, so the more children that turn up, the better the facilities that can be provided.

## CHURCH CHAT

The major festival of Easter has been and gone; now the Church is ready for a string of 'Red Letter Days' - so called because they were originally printed in red ink on the calendar.

May 17th will be Ascension Day, the sequel to Easter, and St. Mary's will be holding a service at 11a.m. Sunday 27th May will be Pentecost or Whitsunday and FOR ONE DAY ONLY the service will start at 11.30a.m. instead of the normal 11.15. The following Sunday, 3rd June, will be a celebration of Trinity Sunday. These are all services of Eucharist or Communion and everyone is welcome to join the congregation and celebrate.

Forthcoming fundraising events will include a Strawberry Tea in the Church grounds at the beginning of July and the usual stalls at the village Fair on August Bank Holiday Saturday, 25th August.

The 'regulars' look forward to welcoming visitors so come along and join us.

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## FOSTERING

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the marketing and recruitment officer for Flintshire County Council's Children's Services.

I am currently trying to find new foster carers in Flintshire and I wondered if I could ask for the Community Council's support.

There are currently very few foster carers in the Gwernymynydd area.

I would be delighted to contact the local community and hold an open information session for those interested in learning more about fostering.

I would be delighted if you could offer me any support or suggestions for promoting or organising the event,

Jill Nixon

01352 701182

Marketing & Recruitment Officer

Email: [jill.nixon@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:jill.nixon@flintshire.gov.uk)

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The Mobile Office will be visiting Nercwys on Monday 18 June, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July and probably Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Times of all visits are 10.15am - 10.45am and the Office will be parked opposite the Children's Playground.

## SOAR CHAPEL NEWS

We have enjoyed a month of lovely summery weather in April and today, it's cold like winter again but the Chapel is still here and we thank God for all his gifts.

After our wonderful concert on Easter Monday, we are preparing for our winter programme and we have arranged a meeting for May 21<sup>st</sup> to arrange a programme.

Our English service is on May 27<sup>th</sup> when the service will be taken by the Rev. Nan Powell Davies. There is a very warm welcome to you all to the service and a cup of tea will be served after the service. The next English service will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

We have arranged a Coffee Evening at the Chapel Schoolroom on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 8.30pm and the proceeds will go to Sierra Leone. As the Connexion has asked for £10 per member, we, as officials, thought that a coffee evening would raise funds for these poor people, so do come and support this good cause.

Mair Roberts, Tom Roberts and Horace Nicholls did a wonderful job at the Pram Push for the Eisteddfod and Mair collected £850 which is excellent. There were a few mishaps but the three completed the Push in one piece. Nercwys has now reached its target and is at the moment well over. Many thanks to all for their effort.

It's good to see Mrs. Elisabeth Ingman with us again and she has had her last treatment. Also Mr. Woodward is at home with his family. The passing of Mr. John James Parry is a loss to the Literary Society as he was a faithful member when he was well. We also sympathise with Mrs. Lis Jones, our Treasurer, who has lost her Mother in Law, Sister Reene Jones of Eryrys. We sympathise with Vernon, Lis, Edward, Sarah and Andrew, Vernon's brother. May God Bless you all.

Many thanks to members who put flowers in the Chapel. Thanks to Ifor, Dewi and Olga for their help in the 'Cymanfa'r Gogledd'.

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## TWILIGHT WALK

As we were unsuccessful in seeing or hearing a nightjar last year in Coed Nercwys, another walk has been arranged by NADRA on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of June**, meeting at the car park at the northern end of the Forest at **9.00pm**. Our thanks to Rhun Jones for giving up another evening for us. Everyone is welcome

## COED NERCWYS UPDATE.

Many of you who walk in the forest will have noticed quite a bit of work being undertaken there in the past few weeks. Access has greatly improved and it is now even easier to explore the delights of the forest. A local contractor has been consolidating and resurfacing sections of the All User Trail that was in need of a little TLC. Also, a couple of footpaths that were lost to the forest have been cleared of trees and are in the process of being opened up.

The wildlife at the forest have also benefited from work carried out by contractors, volunteers, pupils from the Alun School and students from Llysfasi. The works include clearing pine to benefit the nesting needs of the nightjars to creating new ponds.

A **walk** has been arranged for **June 21st (9 pm)** hopefully to see some of the wildlife of the forest and to look at some of the works undertaken.

There is a warm welcome for anybody that would like to get involved with any projects at the forest. We will be meeting at the main car park on 10th & 11th July, 10.00am to rebuild sections of the original drystone wall boundary. Full instructions will be given. Just bring some lunch and stout footwear!

For further information, please give me a ring.

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Rhun Jones

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### FUND RAISING CAR WASH

In aid of a kick back wall

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am

White Lion car park

Please come along, have your car washed and give a donation.

Organised by the Youth Council.

#### Mother and Toddler Group

At Soar Chapel School room every Thursday morning (term time)

9.15am – 11.30am, £1.00 per week. **Newcomers always welcome.**



## Nercwys School Council

School council has brought a lot to the school and has worked hard over the past year to help everybody get their ideas through. We have tried to let the infants join in more and have their say in what goes on. We had £100 from Ms Williams to spend on things that we would like to buy to make the school better, this is what we have bought so far; Mr. soapy soap dispensers and glue sticks which all came to a total of 47 pounds 27 pence. We have done a lot and have managed to bring into the school mirrors, fruit tuck shop, times table tests on sheets, Help wr heddiw, house points trophy, inter house games, play equipment, school council notice board, ideas chart, lessons outside. We bought netball posts with the Tesco vouchers and we have set up an eco council to help the environment. We hope to do more in the future and have many more reports in the Nercwys News.



## Treasure Hunt

(Photo: Bill Brereton)

# **Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch**

## **Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch are about crime prevention but also work to build better communities.**

Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch is a 5 times award winning organisation. Their office is based at Mold Police Station and its staff work very closely with its partner agencies, ie Police, Fire service, Flintshire County Council and many others.

A number of Neighbourhood Watch staff are funded by the Welsh Assembly until March 2008. Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch is unique in that it has a 'FACT' Team (Flintshire Active Communities Team). Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch and the FACT Team are constantly working to reduce crime and create a safer environment for all residents, old and young.

### The FACT team

- Identify youth and community projects in their areas
- Network with partner agencies, ie police, fire service, council etc
- Work together with members of the community
- Encourage the formation for neighbourhood watch schemes
- Attend Community meetings and Neighbourhood Policing Panel meetings

In an effort to increase awareness and develop more Watches in areas throughout Flintshire, Neighbourhood Watch have devised a survey (enclosed) which explains the concept of Neighbourhood Watch and, amongst other questions, enquires as to whether people would like to become a coordinator, or a watch member. The results so far have been astounding. The interest and enthusiasm generated by the survey forms has been extraordinary, to say the least.

### **Did you know that, on average 83% of residential crime that is committed in Flintshire is in areas that do not have Neighbourhood Watch Schemes?**

Neighbourhood Watch want to increase the Watches in all areas to try and improve this figure yet again!

If you would like to become a Watch coordinator you can contact your local Police Station or us on 01352 707545. Alternatively, speak to your Community Beat Manager PC 1700 Aldous. Community Beat Managers value Neighbourhood Watches in their areas as residents are the 'eyes and ears' of the community. In April 2007 Chief Constable Richard

Brunstrom stated that 'Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch is 'one of the very best in the UK'.

Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch can be contacted on [enquiries@flintshireneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@flintshireneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk). They also have a website at [www.flintshireneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk](http://www.flintshireneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk)

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## **ST MARY'S, NERCWYS:**

### **JUNE 2007:**

- 3 Trinity Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 10 Trinity 1: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 12 Parochial Church Council meets, Soar Chapel, 7pm.
- 17 Trinity 2: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 20 Bishop's Visitation to Mold Deanery: details to follow.
- 24 Nativity of John the Baptist: Morning Prayer, 11.15am;  
Diocesan Conference, St.Asaph, 2pm.

### **JULY 2007:**

- 1 Trinity 4: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.  
Strawberry Fair in Church grounds, 2pm.
- 7 St Mary Treuddyn Summer Fair, 2pm, Hafan Deg, Treuddyn.
- 8 Trinity 5: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 15 Trinity 6: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 22 Trinity 7, Mary Magdalene: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 29 Trinity 8: Holy Communion, 11.15am.

### **AUGUST 2007:**

- 5 Trinity 9: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 12 Trinity 10: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 18 Coffee Morning at Daniel Owen Centre, Mold,  
for St Mary Nercwys - to be confirmed.
- 19 Trinity 11: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 25 Nercwys Summer Fair.
- 26 Trinity 12: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

### **SEPTEMBER 2007:**

- 2 Trinity 13: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 9 Trinity 14: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 16 Trinity 15: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 18 Mold Deanery Conference at Llanfynydd, 7.30pm.
- 23 Trinity 16: Morning Prayer, 11.15am.
- 30 Trinity 17: Holy Communion, 11.15am.

# DOG SHOW

By popular request the demonstration of obedience by a totally deaf dog will be repeated at this year's Village Fair. If you missed it last time, then make sure not to this year.

Margaret has agreed to judge a short 'fun' Dog Show again and the entry form below should be returned to Mavis Bartlett at Cae Newydd or Mark Gracey at Glan yr Afon, with entry fee, by Monday 20th August. Prizes for the first 3 in each class!!

## **VILLAGE FAIR DOG SHOW**

**Saturday 25th August**

**Name of owner**

**Name of dog**

**Name of handler**

**age (if under 16)**

**Classes entered**

Fee enclosed (£1 per class for adult handlers, 50 p under 16) £.....

**CLASS 1 Best biscuit catcher**

**CLASS 2 "Show off " shaking hands/obedience/any clever tricks**

**CLASS 3 Naughtiest face (judges decision!)**

**CLASS 4 Most innocent face (judges decision)**

Enter your pet for a bit of fun - and don't forget to collect a bag and clear up after it, if necessary.

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## NERCWYS W. I.

Our President Mrs. Elfrida Jones welcomed members and visitors to the March, April and May meetings.

In March, we enjoyed a talk on Chirk Castle and the competition for a Welsh Souvenir was won by Mabel Roberts.

Just before Easter at our April meeting, an interesting lecture was given on Quilting and the competition was won by Elfrida Jones.

This month's talk was on Welsh Painting and the competition for a miniature picture was won by Elfrida Jones.

Our future meetings will include a demonstration by a Herbalist with an associated competition in June and a Guest Night in July, where members from other W.I.s visit us, when an eagerly anticipated talk on 'a Childhood in Wartime London' will be given. In return, our members have been invited to meetings in Pantymwyn, Gwernaffield and Gwernymynydd. In addition, six members will be visiting Penley W.I.

We are planning an outing to the Salem Chapel in Harlech soon and the dates for our annual weekend visit to Bala are the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.



Locally, a walk around Nercwys has been arranged on **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, starting from the Soar Chapel at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the walk and non-members are very welcome to join us. Cost – just £2. In August we will be having a stall at the Nercwys Show. We look forward to seeing you there.

Members (and we hope, potential members!) are reminded that there is no meeting in August, but our programme continues in September.

The **Craft Classes** are still continuing normally every other Thursday, with our next meeting changed to Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June, (this change owing to NADRA's AGM on the 14<sup>th</sup>), then reverting to Thursdays from the 28<sup>th</sup> of June onwards. Again, no meetings in August but we resume on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

Elsie Sheldon

## **NERCWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**MAY 2007**

- Mrs Ceinwen Parry is retiring this summer after twenty one years as infant teacher at Nercwys Primary School. We are holding a party at the Youth Centre (adjoining Ysgol Terrig) in Treuddyn on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm to 7pm. All past and present pupils, etc are very welcome to come along to join in the celebration.
- We would like to welcome David Cracknell and Alice Marshall who have joined our Nursery class.
- The junior children have taken part in several football competitions. All the pupils have received tennis-coaching lessons and the juniors will be taking part in a tennis tournament on 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- We held a St David's Day Service and the children took part in poetry, art and fancy dress competitions. Winners:
  - Junior poetry: 1) Danielle, 2) Helen, 3) Zara, 4) Alex Ridgway.
  - Junior art: Olivia, Lydia, Joe, John
  - Infants posters: Leonie, Abi Catherall, Megan, Alex Murphy
  - Infants models: Connor, Conlan, Tilly, Jake Smith
  - The Phoenix family received a highly commended award for their joint effort of their model of a dragon.
  - Junior fancy dress – Xavier, Katie, Zara, Alex Ridgway

- Infant fancy dress - Raphael, Abi C, Lauren and Alicia/ Megan.
- The juniors took part in a Tree for All planting event at Coed Talon Woods on 28<sup>th</sup> March. This was organised by the Woodland Trust who very kindly contributed towards the cost of the bus. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Mr Williams organised a 'Health Week' in school. The children went to Rhydymwyn School to play football, they took part in a skip-a-thon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and Lee Jones, ex-professional footballer came into school to give the children a talk about being a professional footballer.
- Heritage Alive have started a long term project with the children to create a tapestry for the entrance depicting scenes from Nercwys and its surrounding area.
- The juniors are taking part in two athletic competitions, one at Deeside Stadium and the other at Queensway Stadium in Wrexham.
- Friends of School are holding an attic sale on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm on the school yard. Refreshments available.
- Sports Day is being held on the school field on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm – weather permitting.
- The juniors are going on an Educational Visit to Plas Mawr Hall in Conway on 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our Year 6 Leaver's Service is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

## **FRIENDS OF NERCWYS SCHOOL**

The school will once again be running a Bouncy Castle at the Village Fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Also this year we will be having a Wellie Throwing Competition!

### **Dates for Diary:**

Thursday, 14th June - 8.00pm - Friends of Nercwys School  
Meeting - White Lion

Friday, 15th June - 3:30pm - Attic Sale - Nercwys School

Saturday, 14th July - 3:00pm - Village Treasure Hunt - White Lion  
Sarah Crosby

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# DIARY

## JUNE

5th	7.15pm	WI Monthly meeting – Soar Chapel - Herbalist
8th	7.00pm	Coffee Evening for Sierra Leone – Soar Chapel
12th	7.00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting – Soar Chapel
13th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel
14th	7.30pm	NADRA AGM and Talk – Soar Chapel
14th	8.00pm	Friends of Nercwys School meeting – White Lion
15th	3.30pm	Attic Sale – Nercwys School
15th	6.30pm	WI Ramble – Soar Chapel
21st	9.00pm	Twilight Walk – Coed Nercwys
23rd		Twmpath / Barn Dance – White Lion
25th	1.15pm	Sports Day – Nercwys School
28th		School Visit – Plas Mawr Hall
28th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel
30th	10.00am	Youth Council Car Wash – White Lion

## JULY

1st	2.00pm	Strawberry Fair – St. Mary's
3rd	7.15pm	WI monthly meeting – Soar Chapel – Guest Night
7th	2.00pm	St. Mary Treuddyn Summer Fair
10/11th	10.00am	Drystone Walling – Coed Nercwys
12th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel
14th	3.00pm	Treasure Hunt – White Lion
16th	11.00am	School Leavers Service
25th	7.00pm	Nercwys Community Council meeting – Soar Chapel
26th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel

## AUGUST

4th-11th		National Eisteddfod
18th		Coffee Morning for St. Mary's – Daniel Owen Centre
19th		<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NERCWYS NEWS</b>
25th	2.00pm	Nercwys Summer Fair

## SEPTEMBER

4th	7.15pm	WI monthly meeting – Soar Chapel – Talk
6th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel
16th		Owain Glyndwr Festival
20th		Craft Evening – Soar Chapel
21st-23rd		WI Weekend at Bala
26th	7.00pm	Nercwys Community Council meeting – Soar Chapel

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