

# *Nercwys News*



In September, we spent a long weekend in Germany, staying in a very picturesque area, well off the usual tourist trail, east of Luxembourg and (for the racing aficionados) south of the Nürburgring. On the Sunday, we went to the Himmerod Abbey, a place of pilgrimage and a working monastery. Unfortunately the numbers of monks are declining but the service was very impressive and considering that the Abbey is in the middle of no-where, the choir sang beautifully. The sermon, being in German (and although I worked in Germany for a few years, my German consists mainly of 'noch ein bier, bitte!'), meant that my mind wandered. I noticed that the building, although very impressive, was starting to look a little frayed around the edges and I wondered how the Abbey was financed.

Later, there was a collection. We were in the fifth row, with at least ten people in front of us. When the plate reached us, I was surprised to see just a few coppers, probably not more than about two euros worth. No wonder the place looked a little tatty.

But what do we want from churches? Do we want them just for the major celebrations in our life? If so, how do we propose that the buildings are kept in good order in between? Churches, like any other building, need adequate funding and maintenance and it is up to us to provide it, otherwise births, marriages and deaths will no longer be celebrated as we have become accustomed to over many centuries.

This leads very neatly onto an excellent article on Family History, written by Cllr. Norma Evans. I hope that it provides food for thought as well as providing an impetus for further research.

Finally, I would like to thank very much all the distributors and writers of articles who have kept the Nercwys News going through the past year.

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.**

*(Cover photo: The new light outside St. Mary's)*

Peter Addiscott

## **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 Fete Committee	- 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**

Having hoped that the saga of the Bryngwyn Quarry would be over by the time that this issue was produced, it is disappointing to report that the matter is by no means at an end. For the second time, the owners of the site of Bryngwyn Quarry waited until the last possible moment to register their objection to the Prohibition Order (when the Welsh Assembly was due to vote on the Order) and the Assembly have now started the procedure to hold a Public Enquiry (at whose expense?) which is to be held at Gwernymynydd Village Centre, starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2008. The Enquiry has a limited remit, only considering (and I quote), 'The objections against the confirmation of the Flintshire County Council (Bryngwyn Quarry, Gwernymynydd) (Prohibition of resumption of Mineral Working) Order 2007.

The effect of the order, if confirmed, will be to prohibit any development consisting of the winning and working of minerals and/or involving the depositing of mineral waste at (sic) land at Bryngwyn Quarry'.

The last section is also of concern because even if no minerals are extracted, there could be proposals to deposit mineral waste which has not been advertised or considered. This would still involve heavy vehicles going along single track roads.

We hope to provide further information as soon as possible.

Peter Addiscott

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## **CAPEL SOAR NERCWYS**

Mae'r Ysgol Sul wedi ail agor ar ôl gwyliau yr haf ac mae paratodau yn mynd ymlaen i'n Gwasanaeth Nadolig fydd yn cael ei gynnal ar Rhagfyr 2 ac mi fydd parti Nadolig i'r plant ar ôl cael stori gan ein Gweinidog y Parchedig Nan Powell Davies. Hefyd mae croeso i'r gynulleidfa cael paned a mins pei ar ol y gwasanaeth. Dyma ddechrau ar ein Nadolig.

Chwith yw meddwl na fydd un o'n ffyddloniad gyda ni yn ein Gwasanaeth. Rydym yn meddwl am Irene a'r teulu yn eu colled fel rydym ni yn teimlo yn ein colled o gollu un mor ffyddlon i bopeth oedd Mr. Woodward yn ei wneud i'r capel. Rhaid diolch i'r Brenin Mawr am gael ei gwmni ar hyd y blynyddoedd.

Diolch i bawb am gefnogi'r Gwasanaeth Saesneg ar Hydref 21ain a bydd un arall ar Tachwedd 25ain ac mae ein croeso yr un mor gynnes i bawb. Diolch i'r rhai gymerodd ran yn ein gwasanaeth – mae hyn yn dweud llawer wrthym ni.

Cawsom wasanaeth Diolchgarwch llwyddiannus iawn er nad oedd cymaint yn y gynulleidfa, er hynny cawsom neges dda oddi wrth Y Parchedig Meirion Morris. Diolch i bawb am gefnogi'r cyfarfod.

Mi fydd aelodau yn cymryd rhan yn Wasanaeth yr Eglwys ar Rhagfyr 23ain ac yn y nos am 7.15 o'r gloch yn y capel. Mi fydd Mrs. Marion Simkin yn gyfrifol am wasanaeth y **PLYGAIN** a chofiwch yr amser – **7o'r gloch** bore'r Nadolig.

## **Y Gymdeithas.**

Un waith eto yr ydym yn cynnal ein Gymdeithas bob yn ail nos Lun.

Yn gyntaf cawsom wasanaeth gan ein Gweinidog Y Parchedig Nan Powell Davies ac fe arweinodd ni at fwrdd y Cymun. Cymerwyd rhannau gan aelodau'r Gymdeithas. Ar nos Lun, Hydref 22 fe gawsom gwmni Ieuan ag Emily Davies gyda Euryr Jones. Yn anffodus fe gollodd Emily ei llais ond gyda help Mrs. Eirwen Jones a ddaeth i lenwi'r bwlch cawsom noson arbennig o dda. Roedd Euryr Jones, sydd yn adroddwr digri pen ei gamp, gyda arweiniad ac adroddiadau pwrpasol cawsom noson werth chweil fel agoriad i'n Cymdeithas.

Nos Lun, Tachwedd 5 cawsom ymweliad a swyddog o'r Llyfgell Cenedlaethol, Aberystwyth. Roedd Mr. Cyril Evans yn ddiddorol iawn ac yn dangos inni fel oedd y Llyfgell wedi newid a gymaint o bethau ar gael yno. Llywyddwyd y noson gan Y Parchedig Eirlys Gruffydd a oedd yn adnabod Mr. Evans yn dda iawn am ei bod yn ymwelydd cyson a'r Llyfgell, Rhoddwyd y diolchiadau gan Mr. Dewi Hughes ac fel yr ydym yn awr yn gyfarwydd, cawsom baned o de a bisgedi M. Eirlys Roberts a Beryl Jones.

Cynhelir Swper y Llanciau dan ofal Mr. Roger Roberts ac wedyn Codi Cwestiwn ar Rhagfyr 3ydd gyda Phanel – Mr. Philip Davies, Mr. Islwyn Jones, Mrs. Luned Edwards a Mrs. Non Lloyd Hughes. Cofiwch am eich cwestiynau a chroeso i bawb.

Mi fyddwn yn paratoi i'r Nadolig i orffen am y flwyddyn. Mae croeso i bawb ymuno.

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## **BRYN GWYN QUARRY**

**Although this seems quite a distance away from Nercwys, the village would be affected by DP Williams' proposed re-opening of this Quarry behind the Owain Glyndwr Public House. The access to the quarry would be along Ffordd Bryn Gwyn, down the hill on Glyndwr Road to the phone box and right up to the cross roads with the Eryrys Road, then left down Nercwys Road to the junction with Wrexham Road and thus on to the by-pass. The owners propose to extract 10.8 million tonnes of stone which would result in 272 lorry movements per working day.**

**Cllr. Nancy Matthews**

## Summer Holiday Playscheme

It may seem a dim, dark memory, but during the summer holidays Nercwys was once again fortunate to have its own council run playscheme.

This year it ran from 10:30am each week day for two hours for the first five weeks of the holiday.

It was free and a fantastic way for the children to meet up and burn off a bit of energy. They played various ball and team games, had a treasure hunt, a sponsored run, a fancy dress day, or if they wished there were craft activities on offer. It culminated with a party on the final day and a trip to Camelot (another triumph of Tracy Horrigan's organisational skills!).

We are hoping this will become an annual fixture during the long summer break but will only be a success with your kind and valued support. Any age is welcome, but children under the age of 5 must have an accompanying adult.

Sarah Crosby



## FAMILY HISTORY

Who's interested in family history? It is an 'age' thing! It's only when most of your relatives have gone and you have no-one to ask questions of, that you realise how ignorant you are of your ancestors.

Since the Nercwys book (*only a few copies left, Ed*) was published, I have been amazed at the number of contacts I have made from those who are looking for information about their family.

The lady from Milton Keynes, whose ancestors lived in Tir-y-Coed, was thrilled to visit, realising that lots of children had played in the farm yard and had run up and down the long drive / cart track from the road to the house on school days.

Another lady visited, just after the Nercwys sign by the White Lion, had been erected – her name incidentally, is Nerquis Lloyd (I wonder how she coped in school!).

The last Village Fete brought a lady looking for her Grandparent's grave in our churchyard. She has just moved to live in Mold.

There is a Society called the Clwyd Family History which is very helpful in this field. They publish a magazine three or four times a year and people from many parts of the world contribute articles, relating their journey to find their ancestors. The Society helped me to 'find' a relative in Los Angeles. Her Great-grandfather, Dafydd Jones, was a brother of my Great- grandmother. Judy came to stay with me in 2004 and we went to Llanwchllyn, near Bala, where many of our relatives have lived. Churchyards / Burial grounds become very familiar places and one learns a lot from gravestones, so the disposal of 'old' stones creates a problem for those keen on Family History.

Cllr. Norma Evans

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## Mother and Toddler Group

Due to dwindling numbers we have changed the day of this group to  
**Tuesday.**

We hope this will be convenient for more people and looking forward to welcoming old friends and new faces for a cup of tea (or coffee).

Tuesday mornings (term time) 9:30 – 11:30

Soar Chapel School Room

£1.25 per week

We look forward to seeing you next week.

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

(All Mondays) 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January,  
9.30 – 10.30am 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **BUTCHERS ARMS, NERCWYS**

**OCTOBER 1907 - OCTOBER 2007**

**Richard and Sue Jones of the Butchers Arms, Nercwys would like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes on the event of their 100 year family celebrations which were held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

**During the evening, a raffle held, raised £400 of which:**

**£100 donated to the Soar Chapel, Nercwys,**

**£100 donated to St. Mary's Church, Nercwys and**

**£200 donated to Breast Cancer Research.**

**Sincere thanks.**

## **The Friends of Nercwys School**

### **A Big Thank You**

A Pumpkin Party was held during Half Term week and was well attended by children from the Village School. The children played various games and enjoyed a feast of soup, hotdogs and of course sweets, before heading off 'Trick or Treating'.

A Christmas Shopping Night was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November and managed to kick-start a few people's Christmas preparations. It was particularly pleasing to see so many members of the community supporting this event. We hope you enjoyed your evening in the school, seeing some of the displays of the children's work.

The committee would like to thank all those who supported these events; they raised over £300 which will help buy further resources for the school.

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**Carols around the Christmas tree on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.30pm.**

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## **JUNK MAIL**

Do you share my irritation at the amount of junk mail that lands on the doormat? Not to mention the 78,000 tons that ends up in landfill every year (letsrecycle.com).

If you want to avoid the bulk of unsolicited mail, then there are three organisations to contact:

- 1) The Mail Preference Service (MPS) at: [mpsonline.org.uk](http://mpsonline.org.uk) will take about four months to remove your name from direct mail lists. Or phone: 0845 703 4599.
- 2) Mail sent to 'The Occupier' can be stopped by contacting: [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com)
- 3) Unwanted telephone calls (no, I don't want my house double glazed / to change my electricity supplier...) can be stopped by speaking to the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707. This service apparently cannot stop calls that originate from outside the U.K.

However, none of these will stop the mail that you receive from people that you have dealt with and who have 'captured' your name and address on their mailing lists – or have sold their lists to another organisation but it does clear a lot of the clutter. In future, look carefully for the 'small print' that must be on the paperwork to enable you to opt out from unwanted mailings.

Mavis Bartlett

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## **FLINTSHIRE TALKING NEWSPAPER**

I work for this on the week 4 team. We have a different team for each week of the month, consisting of an editor, a technician, four readers and admin staff. We record items from the Leader and the Chronicle and the Royal Mail delivers the tapes free of charge. It takes about two hours on a Friday evening, once a month from 5pm and we are generally on our way home by 7pm.

If you can't read N14 print easily, you might enjoy listening to this tape of local news items.

If you would like to help produce the tape, or you would like to receive the tape, then please phone:

Mary Roberts on 01352 73380 or me, Nancy Matthews on 01352 757328.

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## **THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR**

Presents take up a lot of time around Christmas – giving and receiving. Maybe you make a list of things you’d like – maybe you get some or all of them! Perhaps you are careful and methodical, buying surprise gifts for friends and loved ones throughout the year, or perhaps you brave the last-minute crowds for bargains on Christmas Eve! And, yes, we have to remember those who neither buy nor receive gifts at Christmas, because they can’t, or won’t. “Whatever”, we can all bear something in mind as we come close to Christmas – God’s presents to us, in all His Goodness, throughout the year, and His greatest present is His Presence!

Think of that – **God’s Present – His Presence.**

Come to Church and Chapel this Christmas and enjoy His Presence!

Christ’s Blessing to you all this Christmas and the New Year.

John and family, Treuddyn Vicarage.

### **MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**WHAT?** Evening of musical entertainment.

**WHERE?** St. Mary’s Church.

**WHEN?** Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm.

**WHO?** Martin Barry, who will entertain us with songs from popular tunes, Country and Western, Rock & Roll, sing-a-longs and by request.

**COST?** £3.00 (inc. light refreshments) on the door or,

**CONTACT?** Tickets also available from Mrs. Nichols on 752482.

The Mobile Office will be visiting Nercwys on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January and probably Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Times of all visits are 10.15am - 10.45am and the Office will be parked opposite the Children’s Playground.

## **COED NERCWYS**

At the time of writing, we're not quite into December – yet we have had our first covering of snow, heralding the arrival of winter. Many of us assume that the wildlife in our countryside sets off into a deep sleep to survive the onslaught of the cold months that lie ahead. But if you look around, there is still plenty of activity.

Coed Nercwys is home to large numbers of winter migrant birds who have escaped colder climes. On the ground layer, Woodcocks, who reside here all year round have their numbers buoyed from an influx of winter visitors - and around the edges of some of the wetter areas, snipes sit tight, who use their long beaks to probe into the soft soils in search of food. In the tree canopy, flocks of siskins, bramblings and crossbills can be seen feeding in amongst the conifers.

But it isn't just wildlife that can be seen in the forest at this time of year! This is the fourth consecutive year that pupils from the Mold Alun School have been coming to the forest as part of a Green Gym. Each week, the students have been working tirelessly, focussing on key conservation projects that have been of benefit to the habitats at the forest.

It is anticipated that students from Llysfasi will also be involved with works here this year too.

If you would like to get involved there are always volunteer days taking place too. Up and coming are:-

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December** – we will be clearing Lodgepole Pine trees that are regenerating freely, this will prevent the heather and bilberry that grows here too from being shaded out. If any one finds a suitable specimen, they are welcome to keep it as a Christmas Tree!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January** – we will be clearing trees from the southern end of the forest where our visiting nightjars like to nest. This should also be of use to work off all of the turkey from Christmas!

For anyone interested, we meet at the main northern car park at 10.00am. More details and a Programme of Events area available from Loggerheads Country Park, or contact me directly.

May I wish all readers an enjoyable festive period – Nadolig Llawen,

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# ST MARY, NERCWYS CALENDAR:

## December

- 2: **Advent Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.**
- 9: Advent 2: Matins, 11.15am.
- 16: Advent 3: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am;  
(Christingle Service at St Mary, Treuddyn, at 5.30pm).
- 23: Advent 4: (no morning worship):  
**Lessons & Carols, 2.30pm.**
- 24: **Christmas Eve: First Eucharist of Christmas, 11.15pm.**
- 25: **Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day:**  
**Holy Communion, 8am.**
- 30: Christmas 1: Holy Communion, 11.15am.

## January 2008:

- 6: Epiphany: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 8: (Tuesday): Parochial Church Council meets at 7pm.
- 13: Epiphany 2: Matins, 11.15am.
- 20: Epiphany 3: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 27: Epiphany 4: Matins, 11.15am.

## February 2008:

- 3: Sunday before Lent: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 6: **Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent:**  
**Holy Eucharist 10am.**
- 10: First Sunday in Lent: Matins, 11.15am.
- 17: Lent 2: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.
- 24: Lent 3: Matins, 11.15am.

## March 2008:

- 2: **Mothering Sunday Service, 11.15am.**
- 9: **Passion Sunday: Matins, 11.15am.**
- 16: **Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.**
- 20: Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist, 11am.
- 21: **Good Friday: Service at 11am.**
- 23: **Easter Day: Holy Eucharist, 11.15am.**
- 30: Sunday after Easter: Holy Communion, 11.15am.

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## POSTAL SCAM

**DO NOT** reply to a card posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service), inviting you to call on a Premium Rate Number to retrieve a parcel. It is a scam from Belize and you will be charged an extortionate rate.

Contact Royal Mail Fraud (0207 239 6655) or  
ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at [www.icstis.org.uk](http://www.icstis.org.uk)

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*Overleaf, Nercwys then and now, looking towards the Old Smithy and New Terrace.  
(Can anyone date the old photo, please? 'Now' photo: Mr. Lowens)*



## **A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM THE FLINTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION!**

With the Christmas holiday season almost upon us, now is a good time to take steps to make sure your Christmas isn't spoiled by criminals.

**CRACKING CRIME @ CHRISTMAS TIME IS THE MESSAGE FROM FLINTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH....**

**Whilst shopping, Remember !**

The busy town centres at this time of year are ideal for criminals to steal from people who are distracted and sometimes flustered. We might also be more trusting and generous at Christmas when requests for charity are made, giving the unscrupulous a chance to collect for themselves.

When the shops are crowded, a pickpocket has more chance to steal from a person. Try to shop at less busy times, make sure you stay alert and be extra careful with your wallet or purse. Always zip up your handbag and never leave it unattended on a counter or on the floor.

If you have too many bags you will be too busy trying to hold on to these to be aware of anyone stealing from you.

- It may be worth arranging smaller shopping trips so you don't have to carry too many bags at once.
- Keep your purse or wallet close to your body and don't carry too much cash.
- If you travel by car, make sure you park in a well lit area. Be careful to lock all doors and windows and do not leave presents in view.
- Try not to return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing with your shopping trip as thieves may well watch car parks for just such a chance.
- Arrange to collect heavy items from stores when you have finished all your shopping. Keep your chequebook and cheque card separately.

## **YOUR HOME**

Having bought all your presents, make sure to keep them out of sight until last thing on Christmas Eve and if you 'hide' or store larger items such as bicycles in the shed or outbuildings, make sure they are secure and CODED to protect them ! (Permanent Ultra Violet Marker pens are available from Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch Association)

With the extra presents you have bought and have stored in your house, you may well find you need to check your insurance to make sure you are covered for the value of goods.

Make a note of the frame numbers of new cycles and the serial numbers of new electrical equipment for future reference.

Also, empty boxes left outside, advertise that you have new goods inside - dispose of your packaging carefully.

### **The time for Christmas and New Years parties will be here soon.**

- If you go out for the evening make it look like someone is at home by turning on lights and the radio.
- Close your curtains as potential thieves could see into your home.
- Always be careful about locking doors and windows.
- As a fire precaution, don't leave Christmas lights on in the house whilst you are out and don't overload extension cables. Be careful using scented candles - do not leave them unattended. If you do not have a smoke alarm please get one fitted - you can either contact North Wales Fire & Rescue service or contact us at the Neighbourhood Watch office who will make a referral to them on your behalf.

**REMEMBER - forming a Neighbourhood Watch in your area especially on the run up to the festive season - COULD SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS.**

If you go away for the holiday period - use an automatic timer for lights and ask a trusted neighbour to watch your home.

Don't forget to cancel newspapers and milk if you have them delivered and either redirect your mail through the Post Office or have your neighbour take mail into the house - unopened Christmas cards and mail are a sure sign that a house is empty.

If you would like to find out more about Flintshire Neighbourhood, visit the website at [www.fnwa.org.uk](http://www.fnwa.org.uk)

If you would like to start a Neighbourhood Watch, contact their office on 01352 707545 or e mail them at [enquiries@fnwa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fnwa.org.uk)

If you wish to contact North Wales Police, their telephone number is 0845 607 1001 (Welsh Language Line) or 0845 607 1002 (English language line).

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## The Friends of Nercwys School

We currently have the following items for sale to raise further funds for the school:

### **Tea towels**

All the children have drawn a self-portrait which has been printed on to a tea towel, together with the new school logo. These are £3.95 each.

### **Reindeer Food Cards**

The ideal Christmas card for the family. It comes complete with a sachet of Rudolph's favourite food, mixed with some magic glitter to help guide him to his next delivery point. These are 50p each.

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

These annual favourites are back. Five hampers are up for grabs: Festive, Luxury, Breakfast, and 2 children's confectionery. Tickets are 20p each or £1 per book.

The lucky tickets will be drawn the after the School's Christmas Concert on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

If you wish to purchase any of these items please contact either:

Tracy Horrigan - 754119  
Jo Capstick - 770924  
Sarah Crosby - 758334

## FLINTSHIRE RECYCLING

Following on from the article in issue 13 about which materials can be put into the blue boxes, I wanted to find out what happens to the various materials once they have been collected from the various public recycling sites. This is not an exhaustive list but I hope that it gives an indication of what awaits the collected items. (All information supplied by the Recycling Office of Flintshire County Council).

PAPER – sent to Shotton Paper Mills – converted into newsprint.

CARDBOARD – sent to Oswestry - converted into egg boxes, etc.

CANS - sent to a FCC depot in Flint, where magnets and eddy currents are used to separate the steel and aluminium cans.

Steel - sent to Corus – used for new steel products

Aluminium - sent to Warrington (Novelis) – made into new cans.

PLASTIC - Bottles – sent to St. Helens – made into drain pipes, etc.

All other plastic – possibly as a result of adverse publicity towards other authorities and waste disposal companies exporting their waste, all other plastic collections have now ceased and this plastic is now taken to land fill sites.

WOOD - sent to Chirk (Kronospan) – used in paper production.

SOIL & RUBBLE – used for capping land fill sites.

SCRAP METAL - sent to Sandicroft (Chadwicks) – sorted into various metals for further use.

TYRES - sent to Rochdale – converted into playground surface material and garden mulch.

GLASS - recycled into new bottles

GREEN MATERIAL - sent to FCC's Greenfield site - converted into organic fertiliser / soil improver (for sale at most recycling centres at £2 per bag!)

GENERAL WASTE - sent to Material Reclamation Facility at Buckley - sorted and all recyclable goods sent on and the residue sent to the local land fill site.

OIL - sent to an oil salvage company and re-refined to produce new oil based products.

PAINT - (FCC rep. not sure what happens to the paint but it is treated (?) and not dumped).

ELECTRICAL GOODS - sent to Manchester (Symonds) - all components recycled.



I hope that some of our readers may be able to expand on what is fairly basic information. Although recycling is very much in fashion, there are some unanswered questions about the efficiency and cost effectiveness of this expanding industry. My own view is that it has to be a good thing if we can become more aware of what we are consuming in terms of raw materials and subsequently, the less we have to dig out of the ground, the fewer holes we leave and the less energy wasted in transporting the materials, often over vast distances. Although we as a nation are slowly appreciating these choices, there is a lot of work to be done to convince other countries. My Son and Daughter-in-law travelled throughout China in the summer and they were appalled by the pollution, both airborne and on the ground.

Can I have some other viewpoints or more detailed information on this vast subject, please?

Peter Addiscott

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## CHURCH CHAT

The beginning of another (Church) year!

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of December** is the first Sunday in Advent when we begin the period of reflection leading up to the Birth on Christmas Day. It is also the day on which we light the first of the candles in the Advent Wreath. There are 5 candles, 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white. On each Sunday an extra one is lit, purple to begin with then pink for a touch of colour in the gloom and finally the white one for joy on Christmas morning. Services all begin at **11.15am** except for Christmas Eve when the Eucharist begins at **11.15pm** and Christmas morning when the 1662 Service of Communion is celebrated at **8am**. Why not come along and fill in the background to the commercial side of the celebration?

Have you got your tickets for the entertainment in Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November? It looks like being a fun night and there will be a cup of coffee and a mince pie thrown in for the £3. This is the last of the year's fundraising events, such a necessary part of keeping the Church open. If you were married in Nercwys Church in the last few years or if a baby in your family was baptised there or if someone you knew and loved is buried the churchyard, have you thought of making a Christmas gift to help St. Mary's pay the bills that increase with every year? Also, if you are a taxpayer and willing to sign a Gift Aid form, the Treasurer (Mavis on 810416) will be delighted to hear from you to explain how the Church could turn each £1 into £1.28 – magic!

## SOAR CHAPEL

The Sunday School has started again after the Summer Holidays and they are practising for their Christmas Service which is on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> when the Rev. Nan Powell Davies will be telling a story to the children before they have their Christmas Party. The congregation will have a Mince Pie after the Service.

It is with regret that we are without one of our most faithful members – Mr. William Woodward. Irene and the family are in our prayers and thoughts and their loss affects us as Chapel members like wise.

Thank you for supporting the English Service on October 21st and the next Service is on November 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank all who participated in the Service.

Our Thanksgiving Service was well received, although not so many attended.

Chapel members will be taking part in the Church Christmas Service on Sunday afternoon and the Chapel will be holding their service at night at 7.15pm. There is a warm welcome to you all. Don't forget our Christmas Morning Service (**Y PLYGAIN**) at **7am** on Christmas Morning and you are all welcome to start Christmas Day with us.

### The Literary Society

We hold our meeting every other Monday evening and we had a service on October 7<sup>th</sup> with Holy Communion.

We then had Ieuan and Emily Davies to entertain us on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eirwen Jones who helped out because Emily had lost her voice. Mr. Euryrn Jones was our compère and also recited for us. A great evening to open our Society.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we were given a talk on the Library of Wales in Aberystwyth by Mr. Cyril Evans who had travelled from Tregaron. The Library is celebrating 100 years this year and he gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Library. Mr. Evans was thanked by Mr. Dewi Hughes and tea was served by Eirlys Roberts and Beryl Jones.

We celebrated the Bachelor's Supper on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November which was served by the gentlemen and entertainment provided by Mr. Darren Williams.

'Any Questions' will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the panel – Mr. Philip Davies, Mrs. Islwyn Jones, Mrs. Luned Edwards and Mrs. Non Lloyd Jones.

We are then rehearsing for Christmas. Anybody wishing to join our little Choir is very welcome.

## NERCWYS W I

The November meeting, held at the Soar Chapel Schoolroom, was our AGM. The Committee for 2008 will remain the same, so our Officers are:

President: Mrs. Elfrida Jones

Secretary: Mrs. Helen Bravey

Treasurer: Mrs. Jean Price

Our President then gave her report for the past year which has been busy and interesting. Most fortunately, our outings were all blessed with fine weather! Afterwards, we enjoyed a 'Fish and Chip' supper and the teas were served by Sheila Potter and Liz Denham. The raffle held during the meeting was donated by Elsie Sheldon, being won by Barbara Lowens.

During the last year, the Nercwys WI has also been involved with the Village Fete, The National Eisteddfod and we attended the National Conference which was held in Rhyl. On a sporting theme, we catered for the Bowls Competition held at the Nercwys Bowling Club and Christine and Rene paired with two others to be the winners in the team of four.

The wall hanging which is usually displayed in the Chapel Schoolroom is on tour throughout Great Britain with the WI Craft Heritage exhibition and nine of our members went to Cardiff for the weekend, being very proud to see it on show.

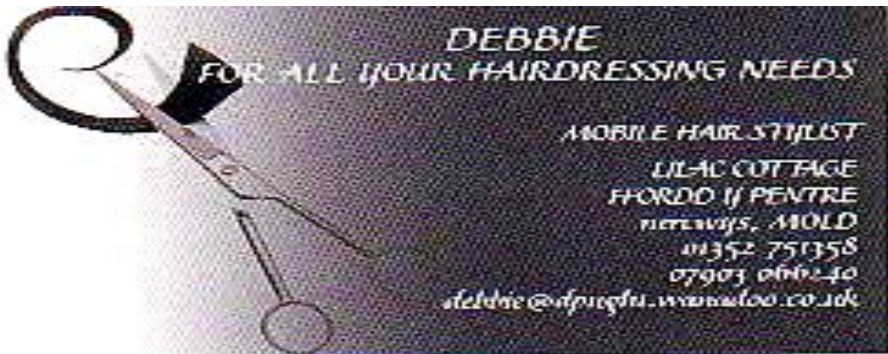
In November, members will have enjoyed pottery painting and also attending the County Darts Tournament. Following on in a Christmas theme, the December meeting will contain a Pot Luck Supper when tasty food will be served. In addition, the Holly Bush has been booked for our Christmas Dinner (14<sup>th</sup> December) and we plan to go to the Bethesda Chapel in Mold for a Carol Service.

Next year's programme looks very interesting and more details will be given in due course. New members will be made very welcome, so come and visit us to see if you would like to join.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elsie Sheldon

P.S. Don't forget, the Craft Group is still meeting!



## NERCWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL - CYNGOR CYMUNED NERCWYS

The Community Council is meeting each month – on the last Wednesday – as opposed to bi-monthly. Minutes are posted on the village notice board and on the website. Each meeting is now preceded by ten minutes for the public to discuss matters with councillors. Four members of the public attended the last meeting.

Mr. Clive Roberts raised the issue of street lighting from Isfryn to the Church. The Clerk has asked Deeco to survey the power provision.

Mr. Peter Addiscott raised the issue of the small area of ground by the small church gate. This was discussed with a view to FCC widening the area with a tar macadam surface. The Clerk has contacted Bill Jones FCC for a site visit with Councillor Horace Nichols.

Mr. Paul Roberts raised the issue of supplying electricity for the Village Christmas Tree. The Clerk and Gareth from Deeco have had a site meeting with Paul.

**\*Summer Play Scheme\*** was well attended and received very favourable feedback – an evaluation report from Mrs. Tracey Horrigan was very positive. It had been a very useful and enjoyable venture once again. The Council agreed that it was money well spent to provide summer facilities for children.

### **\*Bryn Gwyn Quarry\*.**

The Chair reported that this was now going to a Public Enquiry on 26th February, 2008. He and the Clerk would be attending a preparatory meeting at 8pm on 13th November, 2007 at Gwernymynydd Centre. He invited other councillors to attend to discuss this important issue. Councillors Gill Smith and Norma Evans undertook to attend.

### **\*PLANNING APPLICATIONS – recently dealt with\***

1. 043831. Agricultural Storage Building, Ffordd Maeshafn. Returned to FCC. No objections. Approved by FCC.
2. 043643. Two storey house – Ty Draw. Returned to FCC. No objections. Approved by FCC.
3. 043969. Barn conversion. Ty Newydd Farm. Returned to FCC. No objections.
4. 044027. Barn Conversion Trefrwd Farm. Circulated 17.10.7.N.b. Declaration of Interest by councillors Gwilym Roberts and Olwena Roberts noted.

## **\*Bikes\***

The borrowing of bikes has gone very well – although tailing off now the weather is worsening. Lots of different people have been borrowing them, and all report favourably on them – and its very good for the cardio-vascular system!

**\*Fire Work Display\*** 3rd November, 2007. The White Lion had requested to use the Village green for a firework display -this proved to be a very successful display, followed by a group and buffet in the pub afterwards. Great to see well attended events taking place – well done to the White!

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## **NERCWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**NOVEMBER 2007**

- ❖ **Year 6 have started their cycling proficiency course at School**
- ❖ **The children have been taking part in the Mountain League football and netball tournaments.**
- ❖ **We are collecting Christmas Shoeboxes for the Link Romania appeal this year. If anyone would like to donate a shoebox, we have leaflets in School with all the necessary information.**

### **Forthcoming Events**

- ❖ **Monday 26 November - Victorian Evening at School at 6pm with all the children doing a presentation**
- ❖ **Tuesday 11 December - Community Christmas Concert at Church at 2.15pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 12 December - Christmas Concert at Church at 7pm followed by mince pies and raffle at School**

<p><b><u>KEYS</u></b> A set of house keys, including a car key (probably Ford) was found at the lay-by by 'Johnnies Avenue' on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> of November. The keys were subsequently handed in at Mold Police Station.</p>
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## NERCWYS YOUTH COUNCIL Update

The Youth Council continues to thrive. After the excellent fundraising by the girls, the lads have now taken up the challenge! James Jones, Simon Jones, and Jack Gaunt did a sponsored bike ride on Saturday, 17th November, 2007, and have raised £150. They went up to the forest, all round the forest, up to Eryrys, and back.

Their aim was to raise £200 towards the kick back wall – they have now nearly doubled that at £350 – so well done to all of the Youth Council.

Discussions are ongoing with Flintshire County Council over the Kickback Wall. That Council will be formally writing to the School Governors as the land is controlled by the Local Education Authority. It will then be seeking planning permission – letters of support from the community will be very much appreciated at that stage. A bid has been submitted for funding to the Landfill Tax Credit Fun, but other funding will probably be necessary.

The Youth Council is asking the Community Council to consider placing a bin and seat at the bus stop opposite to the Old Smithy.

The next meeting and AGM will be at 6.30p.m. Wednesday, 23rd January, 2008.



*Jack Gaunt, James Jones and Simon Jones*

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## DECEMBER

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Advent Sunday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Codi Cwestiwn – Capel Soar
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	WI meeting – Soar Chapel – 'It's Christmas again!'
7 <sup>th</sup>		WI Carol Service – Bethesda Chapel, Mold
11 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Community Christmas Concert – St. Mary's
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	School Christmas Concert – St. Mary's
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
14 <sup>th</sup>		WI Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Carols around the Tree
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Lessons and Carols – St. Mary's</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Gwasanaeth yn Capel Soar</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15pm</b>	<b>First Eucharist of Christmas – St. Mary's</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>Y Plygain – Capel Soar</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Nativity of Our Lord – St. Mary's</b>

## JANUARY

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	WI meeting – Soar Chapel - Talk
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Cyfarfod Gweddi Trefnydd – Capel Soar
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	PCC Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Taith i Kenya – Capel Soar
23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	Youth Council AGM – Soar Chapel
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Nercwys Community Council Meeting – Soar Chapel

## FEBRUARY

4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Noson yng Nghwmni – Capel Soar
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	WI meeting – Soar Chapel
6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Ash Wednesday - Lent</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Brethyn Cartref – Capel Soar
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>COPY DEADLINE MARCH NERCWYS NEWS</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
26 - 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Public Enquiry – Gwernymyndd Village Centre
27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Nercwys Community Council Meeting – Soar Chapel

## MARCH

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Swper Gwyl Dewl – Capel Soar
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	WI meeting – Soar Chapel
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Taith i Seland Newydd a Awstralia – Capel Soar
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Craft Group – Soar Chapel
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Cyngerdd y Pasg – Capel Soar
26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Nercwys Community Council Meeting – Soar Chapel

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