

Cloch Maelor



[Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Cloch Maelor.](#)

We had a somewhat mixed summer period. Rain, wind, oh and a little sunshine now and again. I am sure we all cast our minds back to the summer of 2018 and the absolutely gorgeous weeks and months of hot and totally enjoyable weather. Sadly, this recent summer failed to compare in any shape or form.

However, autumn is now here and I can't continue to wax lyrical about last year. The weather is what it is and neither you nor I can change it.

Moving on, I have taken on board comments made relating to having a printed version of the newsletter. I understand that this would enable the newsletter to reach a far greater audience, however, that would require either sponsorship or to open it up to advertising. Great, I hear some of you say, to which I would agree. However, gaining such sponsorship or indeed advertising is not an easy task. For a number of reasons this move forward is still in the pipeline. It has not been dismissed, far from it, it is just not easy in our current climate to persuade local businesses to part with their hard earned cash. In my defence, due to other commitments, I have not thrown myself at this task with 100% vigour.

There will at some future stage be a dedicated advertising page within the newsletter, when time permits to canvas local business leaders, until then sadly, we will all have to make do with this electronic version.

[Community Council News.](#)

I know it is only October, and Christmas is months away, but the dreaded 'C' word has to be mentioned.

The council is moving forward with regard to the Village Christmas Light display. Several proposals have been put forward and it is expected a decision will be made allowing sufficient time, to put a

chosen proposal in place. A number of options are being discussed including the usage of solar powered lighting.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the community council are steadily moving forward with a proposed development initiative regarding Penygelli fields. Having successfully cleared the first hurdle, the council is now in the process of selecting a consultant to conduct a topographical survey and feasibility study in relation to this adventurous plan. The project will benefit the village and in the very near future it will be open to public consultation. This newsletter will keep residents updated.

This project will also raise money for the village.

Plans are continuing with regard to the community council caretaker flat, within the Old Carnegie Library. There is an issue with damp which needs to be rectified at the earliest opportunity.

Other matters.

A Councillor did attend a new Police initiative seminar several months ago in relation to 'Rural Policing,' however, it appears that our council have been omitted from their current mailing list and no further details have been received. This matter will be looked into and a decision will be taken as to whether it would be something Coedpoeth would want to be part of.

Congratulations.

The council and the newsletter editor would like to congratulate Cllr Sheila Edwards being voted 'Villager of the Year.'

Well done Sheila you deserve it with all the work, time and effort you put towards making our village a better place. You are a credit to our community.

Coedpoeth Community Council would also like to welcome the newest Councillor to the fold, Mrs Kate Coventry.

Kate, now retired, has served in a large organisation for many years at a management level and will provide experience, common sense and expertise to the council as a whole.

Welcome Kate and good luck in the role.

Resident Information.

A local resident recently contacted the community council with regard to the Penygelli Fields. He noted that the grass was being cut right up to the perimeter fence. Clearly concerned about the local wildlife, he has suggested that a better course of action may be to leave approximately ten feet of grass to continue growing, thus encouraging butterflies and wild flowers to flourish. The council will contact WCBC for more information but agree that it should be something to be considered. Further updates on this matter will be provided when the information is to hand.

Tree Planting.

A number of requests have been received regarding planting more trees in open space around our village. This is another matter that is currently being looked into.

Plas Pentwyn Gardening Club.

Jane Robertson forwarded her report to the community council, without typing it word for word, if I may just summarise the content.

It was a fruitful, pardon the pun, year for the gardening club. July was a busy month, strimming and weeding paths, beds, walkways and orchards, together with harvesting fruit. Much maintenance work was carried out and display hanging baskets refreshed.

The club has been awarded the Green Flag for the fourth consecutive year — awarded as a benchmark for quality. Well, done to all.

With the support of local school children, a totally enjoyable summer was had by all. At the end of the summer each child was awarded a certificate, for their contribution. Bless them, they completed lots of bending down and running round, planting peas and sowing wild seeds. A great task for young legs. Well done to all the children.

Several of the children produced a booklet detailing their visits to the garden club, which, although I haven't read yet, is proving to be a fascinating read. Credit also to the Plas Pentwyn Management Committee for getting out and taking on the weeds and winning I am told, but also for the general tidying around the entrance to Plas Pentwyn.

A display was present at the 'Teddy Bear' picnic 27 July, which was well attended and much enjoyed. The work continued throughout August, harvesting a variety of crops and general maintenance. Feedback following the Green Flag award was positive and very encouraging.

All in all despite the changeable weather, it was a good year for the gardening club.

Very well done to all involved.

If you would like to get involved contact Jane Robertson as follows:

newhallroad@yahoo.co.uk

Community Agent.

Just a reminder, the Community Agent, Arthur Evans is available for a face to face chat (He'll talk about anything!) each Wednesday between 2-3pm at the Old Carnegie Library.

Pop in and say hello, discuss any issues or just join him in a cuppa. He would welcome a visit, alternatively, he can be contacted on Tel: 07908 801 471.

Anyone wishing to join any of the numerous groups meeting in the village throughout the month, have a word with Arthur as he has a full list, including times, dates and venues. Feel free, they are well worth a try-out.

Forthcoming Events.

Here's the 'C' word again!

Christmas is coming to Bellis Brothers Farm Shop & Garden Centre, Wrexham Road, Holt Village, LL13 9YU

Santa & Reindeer parade: Friday 29 November 6pm — 8pm.

Santa's Grotto: 29 November 6pm-8pm extra days also listed.

Breakfast with Santa Saturday: 30 November at 10.30am — more times listed.

For full details on times for each event please contact **Bellis Brothers Tel: 01829 270 302.**

Nightingale House Christmas cards now available from Caffi Cwtch @ £3.50 each.

Go onto Facebook and check Nightingale House page, full details are listed.

[Well, that's the last time Christmas gets a mention until it is actually Christmas!](#)

I know it is someway off yet, but worth a mention.

[ERDDIG 10K TRAIL RUN.](#)

10 May 2020, National Trust, Erddig.

UKA Affiliated-£20.00

Non UKA Affiliated - £22.00

Sign up now via Nightingale House, either Tel; 01978 314 292 or email at

www.nightingalehouse.co.uk

This event is in aid of Nightingale House Hospice, take the kids along and have a fun time.

[Minera Quarry Trust.](#)

Congratulations to the trust for their open air cinema screening of Shrek, luckily the weather was kind and it didn't rain. It appears the attendees all had a great time.

Why not visit the Trust Facebook page and view their beautiful photographs and keep abreast of forthcoming events.

There will be much more happening during this autumn period, but sadly I have not been made aware of events

[Police Matters.](#)

Just a reminder, if you have a matter that is to be reported to the police, please contact direct via 101 for non-urgent and 999 for emergencies. Please do not ring the council.

[Further events taking place.](#)

Christmas Fair, Saturday 23 November at St. Margaret's Church Hall, Chester Road, Wrexham, LL11 2SH. Between 10am & 1.30pm. Stalls, refreshments, Christmas cards and gifts, plus much more are all available.

FREE Admission & FREE Parking. All welcome, come along and have some fun for the season.

[Christmas Tree collection.](#)

A team, of volunteers from Nightingale House will collect and recycle your REAL Christmas trees in return for a donation toward patient care at the hospice. The collection date will be Saturday 11 January 2020. To use this service in aid of a good cause, please visit:

www.nightingalehouse.co.uk/tree

Or call 01978 314 292 to book your collection.

Please note, all decorations must be removed, the tree must be left outside your property in a visible location, and must be placed outside before 7am on Saturday 11 January.

The following areas will be covered by the volunteer team;

CH4 Broughton, Kinnerton, Penyffordd & Pulford.

CH5 Ewloe & Hawarden.

CH7 Buckley, Caerwys, Drury, Eryrys, Leeswood, Llanarmon-yn-Lal, Mold, Mynydd Isa, Northop Hall & Treuddyn.

LL11 Bradley, Brymbo, Brynteg, Bwlchwyn,
Coedpoeth, Llandegla, Cymau, Ffrith, Gwersyllt, Gwynfryn, Llanfynydd, Minera, New Broughton,
Rhosrobin, Stansty, Tanyfron, Wrexham.

LL12 Caergwrle, Cefn-y-bedd, Cymau, Gresford, Hope, Play, Marford, Rossett, Wrexham.

LL13 Holt, Johnstown.

LL14 Cefn Mawr, Chirk, Penycae, Ponciau, Rhosllanerchrugog, Rhostyllen, Ruabon, Wrexham.

If you have family and friends in the above areas please make them aware of the collection dates. They too will be able to utilise this service.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 8 January at 11.59pm.

Editor's Comments.

It is with some regret that I have to inform residents that our trusted Community Council Clerk, Helen Belton will be leaving the post at the end of October and moving on to pastures new.

A long and trusted servant to Coedpoeth, I am sure she will leave with a heavy heart, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the future and may she return and pay the village a visit at some stage.

Good luck Helen from us all.

Meanwhile - not to forget about you too quickly Helen, it appears your replacement has already been interviewed, however at this time, I am unaware if the successful candidate has accepted the position. Further details and hopefully a welcome to the new clerk will appear in the next edition.

'So here's your hat and coat — what's your hurry!' You know my sense of humour Helen, no offence intended.

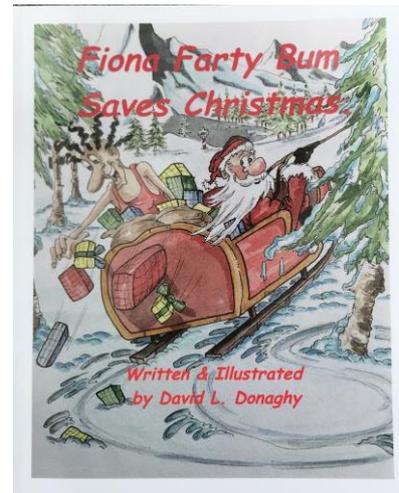
One for the Kids.

Having to mention the 'C' word yet again, This is a delightful little read for children aged between 5-8 years old. Written and illustrated by me (Editor). It tells the story of a witch with a very stinky bottom, who saves Christmas and Santa from the Crazy Red Eye Monk, who is intent on stealing Christmas.

Available now on Amazon.

A second book in the Fiona series will be published soon, which will be available in time for Christmas. Ideal stocking fillers and designed to make your children or grand-children chuckle.

For older children, between 10-14 years, I have a fiction novel 'A Boy's War' based on the Liverpool blitz during WWII which is also available on Amazon.



Just for fun

I couldn't let the opportunity pass to poke a little bit of fun at our very own Councillor Sheila Edwards. I know she has a great sense of humour and will see the funny side of this little cartoon below.

Well done Sheila.



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Last date for information for inclusion in the winter edition
will be [1 December 2019](#).