

Gelligaer Community Council Newsletter

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In my last Newsletter, I explained to you about the Community Council introducing and funding a School Environmental Competition.

I must say it was a huge success and all eight schools that took part have really shown great potential, creativity and an environmental awareness.

Some of the Members visited each school along with the judge, Mr Derek Price, Caerphilly County Borough Councils Parks and Open Spaces Manager and all were taken aback by the children's enthusiasm, knowledge and hard work.

They have created special areas within their school grounds where they can have story time, reflection, bird and insect watch, lessons and allotments/vegetable planters. **So here are the results of the competition:**

1st PRIZE - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bro Allta



2nd PRIZE - Tir y Berth Primary School

3rd PRIZE - Derwendeg Primary School

I presented trophies and shields to the three schools at a celebratory presentation evening that took place at the Gelligaer Community Council Office. All three schools also received bird boxes, generously donated by Caerphilly County Borough Councils Park Services. Children, Mums, Dads, Teachers and Head Teachers were at the presentation and we were also very fortunate to have the company of the Mayor of Caerphilly, Cllr John Evans.

As it is an ongoing project and competition, all schools have recently received a £1,000 cheque again this year to develop their projects further.

We also welcome our new school to the competition, Ysgol Penalltau. We are looking forward to accompanying the judge again this summer to witness and enjoy the school children's achievements.

Well done to you all.

Cllr Dennis Bolter, Chairman



I PROMISED TO SHARE A SMALL SELECTION OF PHOTOS OF THE CHILDRENS WORK WITH YOU.



***Are you interested in what is going on in our schools
and do you have any time to spare?***

We are looking for Minor Authority Representatives on the Governing Body of
Derwendeg and Ystrad Mynach Primary School. Interested?

Then please contact the Clerk for further details on

01443 821322/ 07933 725094

Project Update

Maes yr Adar

On a beautifully sunny day back in August I was greeted with a breathtaking scene at Ystrad Mynach Park. On the banking, like spectators swaying in the breeze, were hundreds of sunflowers.

Our sunflower project was a huge success at Ystrad Mynach.

We commissioned Caerphilly County Borough Councils Park Services to create sunflower fields at three sites within the community. These areas were not only created for visual impact but more importantly to help feed our birds through the winter months, and it certainly has been a hard winter for them.

David Beveridge, Caerphilly County Borough Councils Urban Environment Awareness Officer has undertaken a couple of bird ringing sessions at the park to track and monitor their movement and well being.

Unfortunately due to a very wet summer, our other two sites failed at Glyngaer School and Coed Top Hill Landfill, Llancaiach. However, it is a case of trial and error and as it is an ongoing project Dave Beveridge will attempt to develop other more suitable sites and will return to Llancaiach using a different seed mix.



Cllr Dennis Bolter, Chairman

The Sultans Challenge

The Sultans Challenge, is an annual event, which is held at Parc Penallta in memory of the late Cllr Keith Derrick. The Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn and the Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Community 1st Partnerships invited local school children to compete in various races.

All children that took part had an excellent time and I too was delighted to be invited along to present them with trophies and rosettes.



Great Success - The Casc-Aid Carnival

In the Chairmans absence, the Vice Chairman Cllr Martyn James was invited to judge the floats alongside Mr Jeff Cuthbert AM, at the Cascaid Carnival.

Despite the atrocious weather, all who attended had a really great time.



Ystrad Mynach Fun Day

The Ystrad Mynach Fun Day was an excellent family day out. The weather was kind and there were plenty of activities for the children to enjoy. From physical activities to arts and crafts, chocolate fountains to a dog show, this really was a good traditional family fun day out, and not a mechanical show in sight.

If you missed it last year I suggest you don't miss it this year.



Sponsored Convalescence Holiday at The Rest Porthcawl

Monday 26th April – Monday 3rd May 2010



If you are aged 60+, reside within the Community of Gelligaer and in need of a Convalescence Holiday then you are eligible to apply for a week's holiday sponsored by Gelligaer Community Council.

For an application form and/or further details please contact

The Clerk to the Council: Ceri Mortimer on 01443 821322 / 07933 725094

or apply in writing to:

Gelligaer Community Council, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol, Hengoed, CF82 8BB

The Community of Gelligaer covers Gelligaer, Glanynant, Glyngaer, Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed, Penpedairheol, Penybryn, Tiryberth and Ystrad Mynach.

- Successful applicants will be required to pay a £15.00 contribution fee (non-refundable) towards the cost of the holiday
- Due to the limited type of accommodation available, same sex single applicants must be prepared to share a room
- Priority will be given to those that have not been before
- Transport will be provided to and from the hotel

**The Closing Date for the Receipt of Applications is
Friday 2nd April 2010**

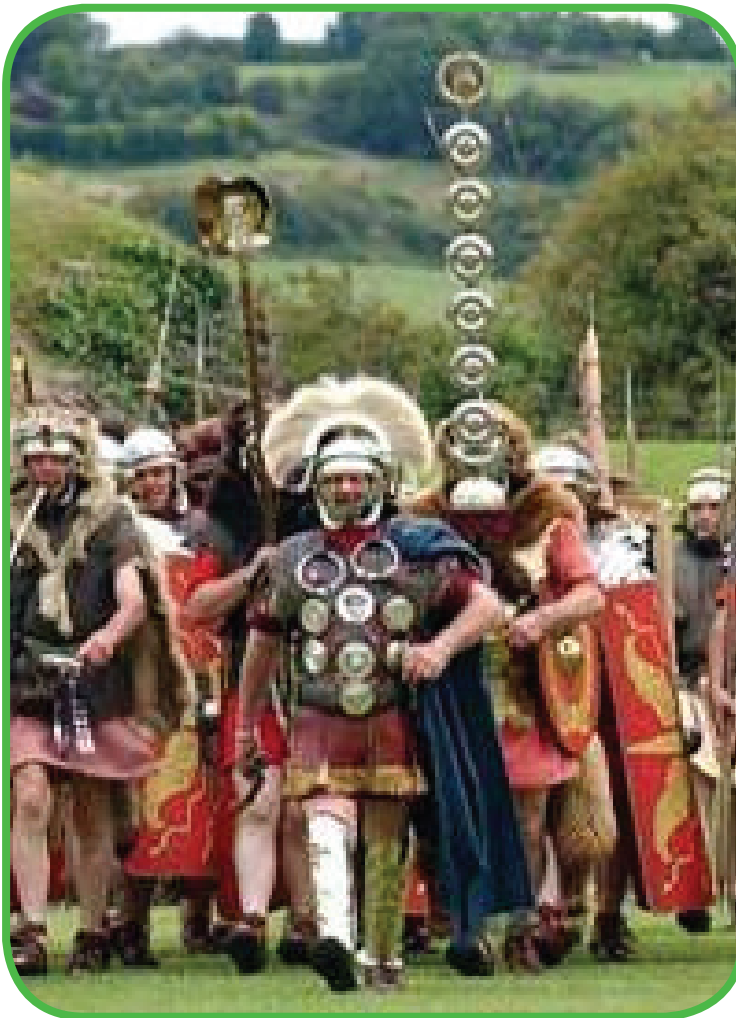
Gelligaer Roman Heritage Project



Cronfa Amaethyddol Ewrop ar gyfer Datblygu Gwledig:
Ewrop yn Buddsoddi mewn Ardaloedd Gwledig
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:
Europe Investing in Rural Areas

What did the Roman's ever do for us? Well, after 3 years of hard work, the Roman Heritage Project Group has secured funding (from the Welsh Assembly's Rural Development Scheme and the Heritage Lottery Fund) to use our rich history to help put Gelligaer on the map.

The project intends to increase people's awareness of the sites associated with the Roman period in a variety of ways including:



- Road-side panels etc to explain where the stone fort was and what it looked like
- Education packs for use by local schools
- A self-guided audio tour walk and a family clue trail around the various sites within the village to help inspire any budding Indiana Jones' out there
- An improved web presence
- Public celebratory events

The Roman Heritage Group has engaged a locally based company (Can Do Team) to help deliver the project. If you would like to find out more and have a say, or are interested in joining a 'Friends of Gelligaer's Roman Heritage' group, then come along and have a chat with Ruth and Kim (Can Do Team) and some of the project partners on Friday 16th April between 2pm and 4pm in the Gelligaer and Penybryn Communities First Office.

SEE YOU THERE!

Alternatively you can contact Ruth at lethaconsultancy@fsmail.net

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The Gelligaer Roman Heritage Project includes various partners representing your community including Gelligaer Community Council; Gelligaer and Penybryn Communities First; Caerphilly CBC; Gelligaer History Society; GAVO; Groundwork; Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust and others.