



# Gelligaer Community Council Newsletter

## Newyddion Bro Cyngor Cymundeb Gelligaer



It has been a privilege and an honour to have served Gelligaer Community Council as Chairman for the past year.

In my role as Chairman, I have attended many functions from presentation nights to school challenges, and have met many interesting and talented people along the way.



One of my most enjoyable duties was to deliver flowers to residents that have reached wonderful milestones in their lives.

I really enjoyed having a cup of tea with them and sharing their memories of the area.

A big part of our role as a community council is to support local projects and clubs that benefit the whole community. I have seen the hard work and dedication that volunteers from the community put into improving the lives of others, and I am proud to be associated with them. We have also been able to support young athletes and sports people - the budding stars of the future!

I would like to thank all Community Council members for their hard work and dedication over the year and our clerk, Ceri Mortimer for her support and commitment. I wish colleagues and residents every success in the future.

*Cllr Martyn James*  
Chairman



We have recently launched our new web site:

**[www.caerphilly.gov.uk/gelligaer/](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/gelligaer/)**

*It contains lots of useful information including Local Events, Dates, Agendas and Minutes of our Meetings, Financial Assistance Application Forms, History of Gelligaer, Community Centre and Partnership contact details. You will also find contact details of your local Ward Member and you can easily contact them via the website.*



# School Environmental Competition

The School Environmental Project is developing very well. There continues to be plenty of enthusiasm, confidence, knowledge and team spirit shown by the children of the nine primary schools that we fund. Ysgol Bro Allta came 1st for the second year running, Ystrad Mynach Primary came 2nd and Derwendeg came 3rd. We awarded trophies and plaques at a Celebratory Presentation Evening. Certificates were also awarded to each school for participating. Well done to all of you, the members and judge are looking forward to visiting your schools again in July. Good Luck.





# The Roman Fort Interpretation Project

The Roman Fort Interpretation Project is very near completion.



Guide books, walk leaflets and educational packs have been printed and are available at the Gelligaer Community Council Office, Neuadd St Catwg, Local Libraries, Caerphilly County Borough Council Offices, Llancaiach Fawr and many other tourist attractions throughout Wales. Educational packs have been distributed to schools throughout South East Wales. Funding for this has been received from the Heritage Lottery, WAG and the Community Council. The fencing is up and the clue trail and viewing panels are about to be installed. An excellent and informative Roman Fort website is up and running with an interactive map and films etc: [www.romangelligaer.org](http://www.romangelligaer.org)

To engage the community with this project, local school children were invited to take part in a Clue Trail Design Competition. The creatively talented winners listed below, all pupils at Greenhill Primary School, had their winning designs printed onto T-Shirts and presented to them at a special school assembly. They were: Jordan Lewis, Aurora Leigh Preece, Ieuan Evans, Georgia Mullins, Kimberley Matthews, Kimberley Jennick, and Shaunnah Edwards.

However, a delighted Holly Holmes (pictured) who attended a Roman Fort Event held in November, was awarded her T-shirt and additional prizes by Cllr Wynne David, Chairman to the Roman Fort Working Group and Cllr Martyn James, Chairman to Gelligaer Community Council.



## PROJECTS THAT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAVE FUNDED INCLUDE:

- 2 Vehicle Activated Signs—rotated throughout various locations
- Forge Mill, Ystrad Mynach— Grit Bin
- Ladies Chapel St Catwgs— Designs Cost for Stained Glass Window
- Ystrad Mynach Fun Day
- Sultan's Challenge
- Tir y Berth Woodland Walkway & Ponds
- Park Lane Playground, Tredomen
- Ystrad Mynach Bowling Pavilion—Porch and door closures
- Maes yr Adar—Sunflower fields at Ystrad Mynach & Hengoed
- Village Green, Penpedairheol—Knee rail fencing
- School Environmental Competition
- Wynford's Park, Pen y Bryn
- Hill View Hengoed—Foot path, Car Park & Fencing
- Roman Fort—Bilingual PDF Guide Book on Web site

If you have any suggestions for further projects, please speak with your Ward Member or contact the Clerk.



# Projects

## Parent & Toddlers

The playgroup project that the Community Council have funded, held every Tuesday 9.30-11.00am at Tir y Berth Village Hall have been so successful that they have recently been introduced at Neuadd St.Catwg, Gelligaer also every Tuesday 10.30-12.00

Parent & Toddler Sessions are a great way to make new friends and to share experiences. New mothers can often feel quite isolated so it really is important to have groups like these for support and friendship. Health professionals are also on hand should you have any concerns about your baby/toddler or yourself. Regular activities at these sessions include storytelling, baby massage, baby/toddler CPR etc. and after Easter they are starting a Language and Play Course. So why not go along to one of these sessions, I'm sure you and your child would enjoy, as the pictures prove.



## Healthy Living and The Sultan's Challenge

This was so successful last year that it's going ahead again in July. Children from eight Primary Schools throughout the Gelligaer Community Council area will take part in this action packed day. Children compete in races, play cat & mouse with the parachute, learn about healthy eating and the perils of smoking and much much more.





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## Our principles

The Citizens Advice service provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on his or her rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

**Weekly Sessions every Wednesday at:**  
**YOUTH CENTRE CEFN HENGOED**  
**(opposite the Cross Keys pub)**

**Wednesday 9.15am – 12.00**  
**No appointment needed, just pop along.**

**Fortnightly Sessions on the 2nd and 4th**  
**Thursday of each month at:**  
**Neuadd St Catwg 10.00 am – 12.00**



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**Are you in need of a Sponsored Convalescence Holiday at**  
**The Rest Porthcawl, 16th May – 23rd May 2011**



**For an application form please contact the Clerk on 01443 821322 /**  
**07933 725094 or email: [mortici1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:mortici1@caerphilly.gov.uk)**  
**Closing Date: 2nd May 2011**

***If you have any suggestions, concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with your Ward Member or the Clerk please feel free to contact them either by email, telephone or visit one of their surgeries or the Council Office at Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.***

## **Your Ward Members are:**

### **Cascade Ward**



Cllr Wynne David  
Hafren, 9 Tai'r Heol, Penpedairheol  
Tel: 01443 832278  
**Surgery every Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 at  
Neuadd St Catwg**

### **Cefn Hengoed Ward**



Cllr Rob Thomas  
45 Hengoed Avenue,  
Hengoed  
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Cllr Dennis Bolter  
12 Heol y Felin, Cefn Hengoed,  
Hengoed CF82 8FL  
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### **Greenhill Ward**



Cllr Roger Bevan  
19 Church Road, Gelligaer, Hengoed  
Tel: 01443 833952  
**Surgery every Friday 10.00am – 12.00 noon  
Neuadd St Catwg**



Cllr Bill Griffiths  
1 Claerwen, Gelligaer, Hengoed.  
Tel: 01443 822252  
**Surgery every Friday 10.00am – 12.00  
Neuadd St Catwg, Gelligaer**



Cllr Tommy Matthews  
1 St Cattwgs Avenue, Gelligaer, Hengoed  
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### **Hengoed Ward**



Cllr Judith Pritchard  
14 Barry Close, Forest Park, Penpedairheol  
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Cllr Teresa Parry, Vice Chairman  
1 Kingswood Close, Hengoed  
Tel: 01443 814826

### **Tir-y-Berth Ward**



Cllr Barry Shannon  
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### **Ystrad Mynach Ward**



Cllr Alan Angel  
27 Heol Brynteg, Ystrad Mynach  
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Cllr Martyn James, Chairman  
2 Hill Street, Ystrad Mynach  
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Cllr Gethin Roberts  
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### **Clerk**



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