

# Gelligaer Community Council Newsletter Newyddion Bro Cyngor Gymuned Gelligaer

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## Young Citizens Award

We introduced the Gelligaer Community Council's Young Citizens Award last year to give deserved recognition, praise and thanks to the youth that undertake good work in our community.

It gave me great pleasure in awarding these certificates and gifts to the following:

Alun Mountjoy and Marc Williams for their dedication to the opening and closing of the club, their reliability in being there every week and their involvement in the ESDGC award, and the club attaining a bronze level, being one of the first clubs in the borough to achieve this level.



Shauna Pugh for her long-term involvement in her club, becoming a police cadet and her overall involvement in the local community.

Joshua Reynolds for his reliability, eagerness and his hard work as a volunteer at Neuadd St Catwg Community Hall. He helps out on a weekly basis undertaking many duties such as administrative tasks, computer maintenance, fire alarm testing, event preparation and is a key holder, opening and closing the hall outside of the managers working hours.



# Gelligaer Historical Competition

A note from one of the judges, Annie Owen, Chairman to Gelligaer Historical Society...

“Some time ago, three Committee members of Gelligaer Historical Society spent a delightful afternoon judging the entries to Gelligaer Community Council’s Schools’ History Competition. Not only was it interesting to learn about such a variety of topics that had been thoroughly and imaginatively researched and presented, it was pleasing to note the high standard”.

Pictured receiving their certificates and prizes are Hengoed Primary School (1st) with their project titled “Horrible Hengoed” and Ysgol Bro Allta (2nd) along with Members of Gelligaer Community Council & Members of Gelligaer Historical Society, at our presentation evening.

“It was clear that pupils and their teachers had approached this with interest and commitment, and it was truly a COMMUNITY project with pupils’ family and friends contributing unique memories of such aspects as their school life and their experiences during World War II.

It proved difficult to decide on winners and runners-up. The high standard of this lively response to local history and heritage bodes well for local community interest and spirit. Gelligaer Historical Society commends all involved in this project, congratulates the winners and runners-up, and applauds Gelligaer Community Council for organising the competition that has elicited such a fine response. Well done to everyone”.

Annie Owen.

**Thank you to the judges Annie Owen, Dr David Williams and Greg Buick for giving their time to judge our competition and attending our presentation evening.**



## 1st prize

“Horrible Hengoed” will be made into a book and is currently with the printers!!





# Caerphilly County Borough Council's Pride in your Place 2012 Awards

Last year the community council nominated various projects for the Pride in your Place Awards, two of which were shortlisted:

## Alun Mountjoy of Cefn Hengoed Youth Club, under the 'Environmental Champion' category

Alun Mountjoy won his category and is pictured below receiving a certificate and cheque in recognition of his outstanding voluntary work within the Cefn Hengoed area and wider community. Alun was delighted and very proud to be photographed with the Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council, Cllr Gaynor Oliver and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Harry Andrews. Well done Alun!!



## Tiryberth Primary School under the 'Best Kept Area' category for their mosaic project

Congratulations also goes to Tiryberth Primary School, who came runners up in their category for the mosaic project, they too received a certificate and cheque.



## Bus Shelters

Due to popular demand the community council have funded 3 new bus shelters in the area:



O/s Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer  
(pictured, former member, Roger Bevan)



O/s Community Centre, Gelligaer  
(pictured, Cllr Wynne David)



O/s Cross Keys P/H, Cefn Hengoed  
(pictured, Cllr Judith Pritchard)



## Bands in the Park

Last year Gelligaer Community Council sponsored CCBC's Bands in the Park at Ystrad Mynach Park and Cascade Playing Fields. Due to atrocious weather at the beginning of July, we moved the band and the few spectators into the Cascade community centre, where they enjoyed cream teas, carrot cake and music played by Rogerstone Brass Band.

## Tiryberth War Memorial

After several weeks of consultation with local residents and many an Armistice day service spent sinking into the muddy grass, it was felt that Tiryberth memorial was deserving of a proper pathway and hard standing for its visitors. Gelligaer Community Council co-coordinated the project and part funded it along with Caerphilly County Borough Council. And what a difference it makes, giving much easier access to all, including wheelchair users. It was finished in time for last November's Armistice Day, and many who attended the service commented on how much better and safer the site was now.



# Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club

Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club first started in the Harp Hotel, Gelligaer, during the late 1960's, and has been operating for nearly 45 years.

**Its doors are always open Monday - Friday 5.00 -7.00pm.**

It's mainly a boxing club but a few youngsters, male & female, attend training session simply to keep fit. It is widely used by youths and adults with a membership of approx 40, which include a few disabled children.

The club has produced many champions over the years, but more recently include:

- Lauren Price 69 kilo (17yrs old) - very successful female boxer ranked No.3 in the world
- Kyron Jones 60 kilo - Gold medallist in the British School Boy Championships
- Ryan Williams 52 kilo - Silver medallist in the British School Boy Championships
- Morgan Palmer 54 kilo - Bronze medallist in the British School Boy Championships
- Dai Davies - has won many WABC Championships



The chairman pictured above (from left to right) with Ryan Williams, Kyron Jones, Aron Chapman, Morgan Palmer, Geraint Herbert, Huw Morgan, Tom Martyn, Dai Davies, Bill Summers (Treasurer & Head Coach) and Dai Gardener



Chairman, Cllr Martyn James presenting a cheque to ABC Boxing Club Chairman, Ken Harrison (who has been in service for 44 years and was their first trainer)





# Tiryberth Mosaic

The front to Tiryberth Primary School is much improved and welcoming, thanks to the children and local residents of Tiryberth. They have created a bright, vibrant and meaningful mosaic, which depicts local landmarks such as St Catwg's Church and Hengoed Viaduct along with other images such as children, pencils and wildlife. The designs were the children's and residents' own ideas.



Many hours, days, weeks, and months (and many little hands!!) were spent in piecing the mosaic together, firstly on tables, then spilling out into the hall, until it was finally ready to fix outside. And it looks amazing not just for the school but for passers-by too. Conscious of the environment and the necessity to recycle in this day and age, the mosaic was constructed from natural, recycled and reclaimed materials.

## Sultan's Challenge

Friday 6th July saw the Sultan's Challenge once again taking place, but due to the potential of "Adverse" weather conditions we were unable to hold the event in Parc Penallta and it was decided to hold it at Caerphilly Leisure Centre as this was the only indoor venue big enough. To coincide with changes within Communities First, schools in Bargoed were included, along with the usual schools at Ystrad Mynach, Gelligaer, Hengoed and Tiryberth.

The children arrived excitedly, anticipating what lay ahead. They were split up into 7 groups which gave them the chance to build their confidence by mingling and participating with their peers from other schools.

Each group had a "leader" to take them to each of the 7 events, which were:

- Cricket supervised by the Sports Development team
- Team-building activities run by the Hub team
- A free play-station which included hula hoops, swing ball etc run by the Tri-County team
- Rugby station in conjunction with the WRU
- Keep fit circuit station with rowing machines and a variety of exercises
- Soft drink awareness group which identified drinks with high levels of sugar content
- Spots & Stripes station which included a variety of trust-building exercises and team building

The children appeared to thoroughly enjoy the activities, with the Rugby event proving to be very popular. Soft drink awareness was very good, highlighting the high sugar content in some of our most popular drinks. I think it taught the children that looks can be deceiving. Spots and Stripes also proved very popular among the participants and they really enjoyed working together on this event.

All in all the children had a whale of a time. They got to meet new friends and participate in new activities that they might not normally do. WELL DONE TO THEM ALL. At the end of the morning, the leaders nominated their top 3 students from each group, who were awarded medals by Cllr Martyn James. They all, however, deserved and received praise for participating and being good sports. All the children that participated received reflective sports bags, bottled water & fruit, sponsored by Gelligaer Community Council. I was unable to stay for the afternoon session, but have been informed by Cllr Martyn James, that it was equally as successful and enjoyable as the morning. Our thanks goes to the volunteers who helped on the day and of course to the Community First Officers who organised and co-ordinated another fantastic event. Article written by Cllr Donna Cushing.

***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.***

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