

# Gelligaer Community Council Newsletter

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Welcome to our 2nd Community Council Newsletter. My name is Dennis Bolter and I was very recently elected by the Community Council to the post of Chairman. I have lived in Cefn Hengoed all my life and am therefore quite passionate about what goes on there and the whole of Gelligaer. I have been married to Beryl for 45 years we have three sons and three beautiful grand children.

Most people remember me as the local bus driver who started with Gelligaer Urban District Council around 1969 and with every council thereafter until privatisation in about 1989.

This will be the third time that I have had the honour and privilege to serve as your Chairman and have been a member of Gelligaer Community Council on and off since its conception. I also serve Caerphilly County Borough Council as County Councillor for the Hengoed ward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Chairman Cllr Rob Thomas, who had a very successful year in office last year.

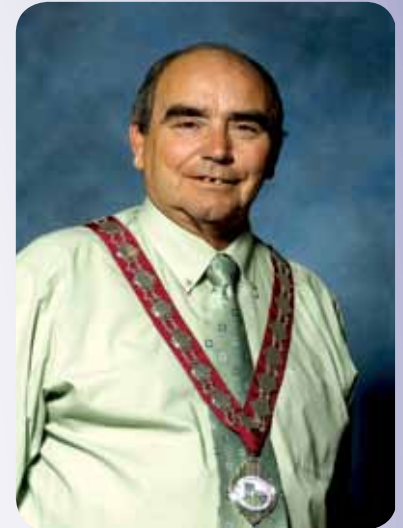
This year we are looking forward to some very exciting projects. Cars speeding through our villages concern us all and we are hopefully going to introduce Vehicle Activated Signs in some of the hot spots. I will give you more on this in our next issue.

In our 1st Newsletter we told you about the School Environmental Competition, where we presented £1,000 to each of the 8 primary schools in our community to undertake an environmental project.

Judging takes place on the 6th and 9th July when I along with the other Members of the Community Council and our judge Mr Derek Price, Caerphilly County Borough Councils Principal Park Services Manager, will visit each school in turn to see what they have managed to achieve.

I know the children have been very busy and this has been a great opportunity for them to learn about the environment, working as a team and sharing ideas. I will keep you posted of the winner and will hopefully have some photographs to share with you in our next issue.

Hope you enjoy this Newsletter, if you have an item that you would like us to include next time, please contact the Clerk on 01443 821322 / 07933 725094



*My Best Wishes*

*Dennis Bolter*

*Gelligaer Community Council Chairman*

## EXCITING NEW PROJECT – MAES YR ADAR

Over the last 20 years and more, farmland birds have disappeared dramatically in Britain. It is largely due to the change of planting crops in autumn rather than spring. Spring crops traditionally left the stubble standing in the ground over winter, providing the birds with food. Autumn crops plough the land up and have the crops growing before winter removing the food supply. A farmer in Glamorgan has been planting headlands around some of his fields with a seed mix left over from Winter. Chicory based with cornfield flowers such as poppy, cornflower and corn cockle, plus more. He has also planted a whole field with a different mix for birds. There has been a reversal of the downward trends in the populations of many of the birds on his land. The numbers of Tree Sparrow, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting and Grey Partridge have all increased.

The sites that were found to be suitable in Gelligaer and that have now been ploughed and sowed are Ystrad Mynach Park, Glyngae Primary School and Coed Top Hill Landfill near Llancaiach Fawr.

**So in August and September enjoy the beautiful sunflower fields and the return of the birds**



### **Other projects that we have recently funded are:**

Signs for the Ystrad Mynach Park Watch Scheme, Knee rail to the rear of Woodfield Terrace, Tir y Berth, Refurbishment work at St Cattwgs Community Hall, Convalescence holiday at The Rest, Porthcawl for 20 local residents and Goal Posts at Griffiths Street (to be installed shortly). If you have any ideas for future projects please speak with your local Ward Member or contact the Clerk –we look forward to hearing from you.

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM Cllr ROB THOMAS

The previous Chairman Cllr Rob Thomas held a Celebratory Event at the end of March 2009 and invited along members of the clubs, organisations and charities that the Community Council support.



It was his way of showing his appreciation, gratitude and recognition to all those that volunteer their time and help to make the community a better place to live. We were fortunate to have The Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir perform and children from the Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre performing street dance, so thank you to them for making it such a great day.

**The Community Council gives support by providing financial assistance to over 60 clubs, organisations and charities within Gelligaer.**

If you need our support, please contact the Clerk, Ceri Mortimer, for further details and a Financial Assistance Application Form on: **01443 821322 / 07933 725094**

# WHAT'S ON?

## Caerphilly County Borough Young Archaeologists

Proving to be very popular and well attended we meet once a month at the Cascade Community Centre and cover some interesting subjects such as the Aztecs, World War II, The Romans and much more. Some of the children have "uncovered" the remains of a Roman Skeleton (plastic of course!!) and are going on a proper dig on the 19th July 2009 at Llancaiach Fawr to celebrate the Festival of British Archaeologists, which is held from 11th – 20th July 2009.

**EXCITING SESSION COMING UP AND ONLY FOR THE VERY BRAVE – A VISIT FROM A VICTORIAN SURGEON**



If you would like further information please contact Caroline, Curatorial Archaeologist of the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd on: 07853 879059

## A Fantastic Event Coming Up

**Saturday 18th July 2009 12.00 – 5.00pm**

**Ystrad Mynach Fun Day - at the School Fields opposite the Church**

**Community Spirit Alive and Well in Ystrad Mynach**

Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership are holding their second community fun day. The event is aimed at people of all ages from the very young to the young at heart!

**Face painting, pottery, music, dog show, local group demonstrations, sports activities, local information stands and local traders.**

One of the key event organisers Cllr Alan Angel said *"Last year proved to be such a success and this year is looking to be even bigger and better with lots of local groups and businesses already getting involved"*

If you would like to attend the event to promote your business, group or activity, or would simply like to volunteer at this event, please contact **Natalie Sargent on (01443) 816998** for further information. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

