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 The Community Newspaper for Carrog and Parc
 

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As an experiment we have decided to hold the July editorial meeting in the Foyer of the Neuadd on Wednesday 21st June at 7.00pm so that members of the community can come along with ideas, articles or simply for a chat. If there is sufficient response we will use this format for editorials more regularly. We are in the process of organising training courses for the camera and computer after which both will be available for community use.

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**YSGOL CARROG CELEBRATES AN OUTSTANDING REPORT.**

Ysgol Carrog has received yet another glowing Estyn Report. The Inspectors praised the way in which bilingualism was very well integrated into the life of the school and that the pupils' bilingual competence was outstanding in Early Years and Key stage 1 and good in Key stage 2.

They noted that all pupils were well motivated and showed an excellent level of enthusiasm for their school and related activities. Pupils behaviour and attitude towards their work were described as exemplary and an outstanding features of the school.

Half of the lessons seen by the Inspectors contained outstanding teaching, which included tasks closely matched to pupils' ability and stimulated learning through a rich variety of positive learning experiences. Teachers' use of praise and encouragement helps to raise pupils' self esteem and confidence.

The school was praised for the close links with the community and for providing the cohesiveness which enables it to flourish. They acknowledged that Ysgol Carrog is at the heart of the community and that all parents are proud of their village school and in what it provides for succeeding generations of their children. The ethos and the sense of wellbeing that prevail are well valued by all. Pupils say they enjoy all aspects of school life and feel valued as individuals whatever their ability or cultural background.

The Inspectors commented on the excellent behaviour at playtime and were impressed by the use of playground games and equipment which help to channel their energy throughout the day. They saw pupils and Staff working well together which ensured harmony throughout the school day.

The school Governors make an excellent contribution to the running of the school guided by a very experienced Headteacher, a hard working Deputy and other committed Staff. The School has definite aims and values that are clearly understood by Staff and Governors whose aim is the care of pupils and an equality of opportunity for all. The Inspectors commented on the good quality of the accommodation which is very well used by the teachers. They were impressed with the outdoor areas including the secure play area for the Under Fives and the Millennium Garden. They noted the very good use of the Neuadd throughout the year for physical education, concerts, drama and dance workshops, and community linked activities.


**EASTER EGG WINNER**

Pictured is a very happy Jac Dolben who won the draw for the Twinning Giant Easter Egg.

**PONT CARROG**

We are sure many of you will have noticed at the weight limit on the bridge has been increased to 18 tonne, but you may have also noticed that we now have large warning signs at Groes Faen and at Parc warning drivers the bridge is unsuitable for long vehicles. Let us hope this will prevent further damage and inconvenience.

**NEUADD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 15th May with the Agenda including reports from the Chairman and Treasurer and the election of Officers. Chairman's report The Outgoing Chairman began by stating that he had been asked to do the job for twelve months and eight years later found himself still in office. He was pleased to report that the hall was now on a firmer financial footing, with bookings up and extra funding being found. There was still a problem with

minor vandalism and graffiti. The garden was being recreated outside, another volunteer activity from the village with a work party due to complete the work the following weekend.

**Treasurer's Report** To the year ending 31/03/06. Total income for the year was £6,791.43 with expenditure being slightly less at £6,682. Heating oil was now the highest item of expenditure at £1,856.50 and with current trends this sum will likely increase further. Funds held at the above date amount to:

Main account £4,549.06 Building Account £30.25  
this represents an increase £108.58 on funds held at 31/03/05.

The Treasurer pointed out that £800 had been received from the Neuadd Lottery after the year end but had been collected during the year ending 31/03/06 so should be included in the overall figures. This means the lottery raised £1300 during the year, making the year end difference £908.58.

**Election of Officers** - The following officers were elected:

Chair - Paul Fisher  
Vice Chair - Jayne Knight.  
Secretary - Janice Sheasby  
Assistant Secretary - Valmai Webb  
Treasurer - Colin Roberts  
Booking officer - Nia Roberts



Our picture shows Rhys Webb, O.B.E. and Marc Paraye, joint Presidents of the Carrog/Plouyé Twinning Association opening Cornel Plouyé, our new community garden.

The ribbon had been made in the joint national colours

#### Neuadd Lottery

Mai/May	1st 32 Pam Evans	£20
	2nd 11 Jo Hopkins	£10
Mehefin/June	1st 27 John Roberts	£20
	2nd 26 Lloyd Davies	£10

#### RAMBLING APOLOGIES

A few mistakes last month in the type setting: In Len Weston's obituary I managed to call Joyce, Marjorie. Strange as I do not know any Marjories and I have known Joyce for years. This caused my wife to change 350 copies by hand. When someone pointed out she had not changed the Welsh edition she did suggest they might like to do it themselves.

Well, that was a summary of what she said.

- Somewhere in between the typing and the setting of Gareth's 'Wellies and Wheelbarrows' I lost Dan 'The Grouse' in Gareth's thanks for help. Apologies Dan. This was also strange as I distinctly remember typing this bit in.

- Then to cap it all I changed the Twinning arrangements in the Diary section, but not in the article, causing my long suffering wife to have to insert 350 addendums

I won't even summarise what she said.

It may, however, be catching. An email from our twinned village of Plouyé referred to one of our lady visitors as Virginie causing considerable consternation as her name is Valerie.

I should like to blame the computer and according to this poem by Margaret Roark, maybe I can!

Eye halve a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques for my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it to say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
It's rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
Eye am shore your pleased two no  
It's letter perfect awl the weigh  
My checker tolled me sew.

#### YSGOL CARROG

Many thanks for all the Sainsbury and Tesco tokens which we are now busy counting. Eleanor and Sioned spent a day at the Faenol Fawr, Bodelwyddan as the school's Road safety Officers. The recorder group, the band and the clog dancers had a good time in the Eisteddfod in Ruthin. We were pleased to see one of our past pupils, Bryony Keyse playing the piano on the stage in the Eisteddfod and we will be sending our congratulations to her.

#### FRIENDS' LOTTERY.

The winner of the May draw was Paul Fisher.

### Our Nellie

Driving through Corwen one fine day, where the speed limit's 30  
- no more!

Our Nellie's mind was far away and certainly not on the law!

The speedo clocked up 35, but Nellie hadn't thought  
That she was overdoing it, the day that she got caught.

Twas sixty quid to pay in fines; three penalty points to boot!  
The poor dear was so overcome she blushed right to her roots!

But everybody's human and is therefore bound to err,  
And having learned her lesson she'll be sure to take more care.

The moral of this story, like the tortoise and the hare,  
Is take your time, arrive alive, you're certain to get there.

And if the traffic builds up in a slowly moving line .....  
You'll be behind our Nellie, doing a steady 29!!

Annie Yaxley

### DIARY

Wednesday 19th July at 6.00pm  
Ysgol Carrog End of Term Concert

Saturday 8th July  
End of Eisteddfod Ceilidh hosted by International  
Visitors.

Monday 26th June 2006 7.00pm  
Neuadd Committee Meeting.

### My Day As Queen Chloe

On carnival day I was very excited. In the morning. I went to have my hair styled by Barber Ann. When I put on my special dress and shoes my Mum said I looked lovely. At Carrog Station there was a carriage with four horses waiting for me and my attendants. We all climbed in and I was feeling nervous about the speech I had to make. I enjoyed the ride through the village to my school, waving to everyone as we passed by. I was both nervous and excited as I walked down the hail and onto the stage. Valerie from Plouyé put the crown on my head and then I felt like Queen Chloe!! Queen Ffion from Corwen and all the attendants looked lovely in their dresses and outfits. Thank you to everyone who organised the carnival. I had a wonderful day and enjoyed the Hog Roast and the excellent Disco in the evening. It was a very special day for me and I will always remember it. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Queen Chloe

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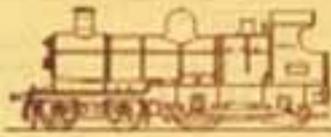
### **EDITORIAL MEETING**

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**7.00pm Wednesday 21st June 2006**

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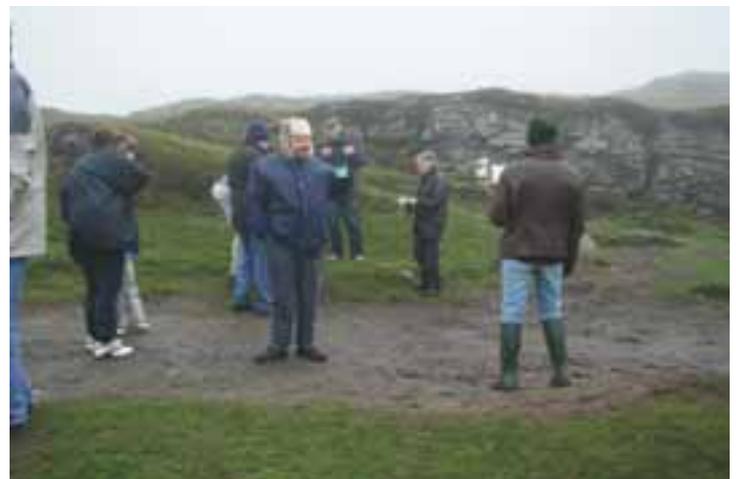
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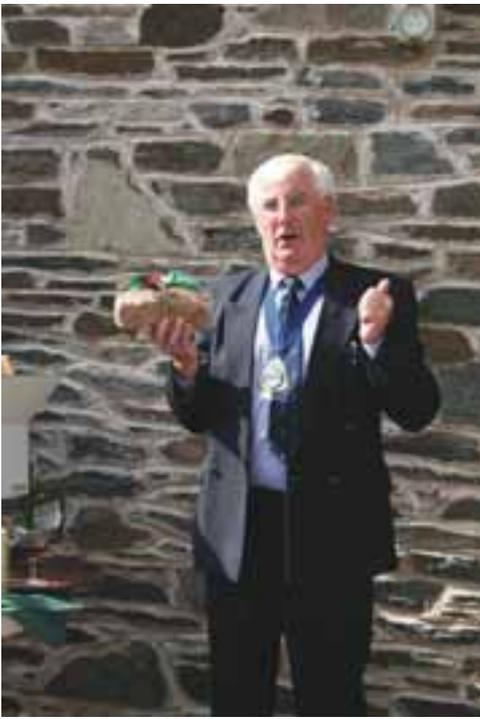
Part of the exhausted team relaxes but at least it had stopped raining



A summer day on the Wayfarer where our visitors were taken to enjoy the views!



# Y Bont



Councillor Hughes extolls the virtues of Bara Brith



Establishing closer ties



Councillor Hughes welcomes our visitors



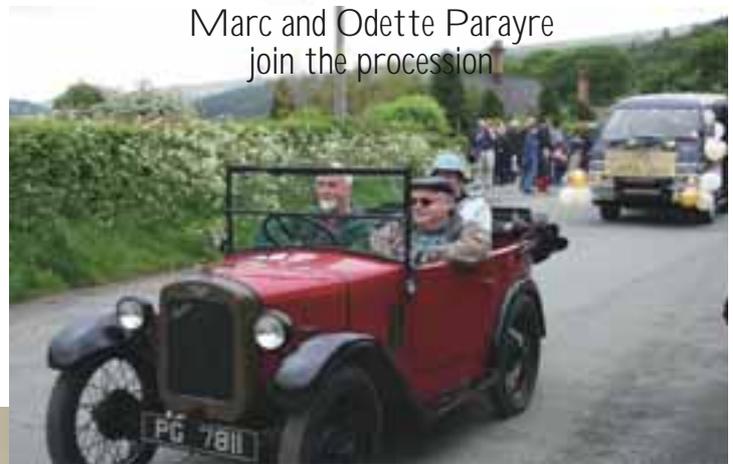
Unveiling the plaque



Queen Chloe makes her speech



Marc and Odette Parayre join the procession



Ysgol Carrog Band entertain the visitors



Preparing for the procession