



# The Pantlan Reporter

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## TRAFFIC

The Llanymynech & Pant Bypass remains at the top of the Agenda and the Council continues the campaign led by Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill. Considerable progress was made during the year thanks to the support of the residents. Joint meetings were held with neighbouring Parish and Community Councils and pressure was kept on the Government Office for the West Midlands, who did not support the Bypass, as well as the Welsh Assembly. Owen Paterson MP and Lembit Opik MP continued to support the community, reporting back on their efforts to bring the matter before Ministers.

Hopes were raised in June when the study commissioned by the Welsh Assembly gave priority to the A483 Bypass of Llanymynech, they were willing to fund the Welsh section of the road, but unfortunately that only amounted to 300 metres.

Residents were asked to send Christmas Cards to the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) and many did.

In February Cllr Mrs. Gaskill attended the Inquiry for the Shropshire Structure Plan as she had been an objector to the lack of in-

clusion of the Bypass route in the Plan. She was invited to attend for a second day as the GOWM Officer would be in attendance. It was there that they announced their support for the Llanymynech & Pant Bypass and that they would be recommending the route for inclusion in the roads programme to the Roads Minister.



A complete change of opinion in the space of a year and due, mostly, to the pressure kept on by local people writing or raising the profile. The Parish Council are very appreciative of the effort and support of everyone in the community and will continue to press for the Bypass.

## LLANYMYNECH HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership formed in February 1999 comprising representative of organisations or statutory bodies with an interest in the area has made great strides in the past year. Designation of the Conservation Area. Appointment of a Project Officer, Ivan Biggs, following the successful bid for Heritage Economic Regeneration funding of £88,000. The Conservation Area grant scheme and the very well attended Repair and Restoration Seminars which hosted Speakers of international repute have all happened as a result of the Partnership.

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The Parish Council organised a tremendously popular Memories Day event held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2000 which made everyone aware of the value of the local history held within the community. A bid is being made to another Heritage Initiative Fund to employ a person to catalogue and archive this rich store of local information.

One of the most notable achievements of the Heritage Partnership is the cross border co-operation between local authorities. There now exists a Working Group of Officers on both sides of the border. Powys has matched the Conservation Area with a similar designation on the Welsh side of the village and their Officers support a variety of initiatives.



*Memories event Llanymynech May 2000*

*Cllr Terry Mason and wife Cynthia, Michael Limbrey*

*[Waterway Restoration Trust] Cllr Dilys Gaskill [Chair of Heritage Partnership]*

## **PANT VILLAGE GREEN**

The Village Green is now an area of beauty thanks to the efforts of the Appraisal Group who continue to lead a number of village projects. The Green now features the rock donated by La Farge quarry, which echoes the shape of the hill behind Pant. Spring bulbs were planted and have flowered. Specimen trees have been donated and planted as well as a time capsule buried by the children of Bryn Offa Primary School. The Shropshire Star Millennium Oak is the feature at the centre of the Green and a semi circular seat was chosen to be placed in front of it. The final touch will be the decorative edging chain. Eventually it is hoped it will become a place of tranquillity when the village is bypassed and the road in front is just a quiet local lane.



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## MILLENNIUM

Mrs. Jennie Crosier has kindly been preparing the Council's Millennium Memories Books for printing. The books have been circulating the village for residents to write down their anecdotes and tales of the past. The beautiful embroidered Parish Map panels will soon be completed and the Parish Council has agreed to become their official owner. This will enable them to be insured and displayed at various venues throughout the village



## WORKING AND WALKING TOGETHER

Since the joint Village Appraisal the Parish Council has worked more closely with Carreghofa Community Council. We have matched funding on the re-lettering of the War Memorial as well as replacement goal posts for Llanymynech Junior Football Club. The Llanymynech Bowling Club aspiration to replace their pavilion has been supported. Llanymynech Village Hall have been given a letter of support for their funding application to refurbish the Hall.

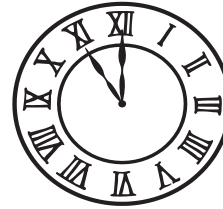
The annual Parish Council Footpath Walk involves as many people as possible. The 2000 Walk took place around Llanymynech and was led by Cllr Bob Jones. A great deal of footpath clearance and maintenance work has been carried out by the Community Service Team under the supervision of Cllr Robin Morris.



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# MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

. Accounts for the year 1999/2000 have been audited. Income amounted to £11 773 and expenditure was £11 462. Of this £1 865 was grant funding for specific projects and £481 was recharged, e.g. the Christmas Dinner Councillors fund themselves. Under section 137 of the Local Government Act the Council is able to make donations. Out of a budget of £100 donations of £25 each were given to Youth Service, CAB, The Samaritans, and Helpmates. £100 was also granted to maintain the Church Clock.



## WHO ARE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS?

The Chairperson is Cllr Bob Jones. Other Councillors are Adam Brown, Stan Brown, Billy Desborough, Mrs. Dilys Gaskill, Mark Keaveny, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Robin Morris, Ian Pollitt and Mrs. Janet Smith. It is the first time the Council has had a father and son serving at the same time – Stan and Adam Brown. Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill is the Deputy Mayor and the newly elected County Councillor for the Ward.



## WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Councillors are kept busy with the everyday matters of roads, footways, street lighting, name signs and planning. Very many representations have been made on planning issues, particularly about the development at Briggs Lane, where planning agreement has not been adhered to.

The play equipment is inspected and maintained and when necessary old equipment removed and replaced.

The problem of dog fouling continues to be an ongoing issue. The nuisance was particularly noticeable when all the rights of way were closed due to the foot & mouth disease. Notices are now in place to remind people of the ByeLaws – Fines of £1,000

can be imposed if dog owners are prosecuted for not clearing up after their pets. The Council is particularly concerned about the health threat to village children using the playing fields, where dogs are being taken for exercise. They have displayed further signs, appointed responsible people to gather evidence and will shortly be having dog warden visits.

The Council, jointly with Carreghofa Community Council, operates the cemetery. Both Village Halls are supported usually with small donations.

