



Christmas Celebrations

The Fron Coffee Club in Old Colwyn held a festive afternoon in their local community centre on Thursday, 4 December 2008. The Fron Estate is one of 19 sheltered schemes that are now managed by Cartrefi Conwy, the newest housing association in North Wales.

Around 45 elderly residents enjoyed mince pies and sherry whilst enjoying the talents of local resident Ted Roberts on his organ. A group of young children from Ysgol Hen Golwyn also came along to the event to sing to the residents.

The event was also attended by senior management from Cartrefi Conwy as well as the local community Police officers.

On Thursday, 18 December 2008, there were more events held. One on the Peulwys Estate in Old Colwyn, and another in Llanrwst for sheltered tenants.

It was a first for the community carol service held at the Peulwys and District Community Centre and led by the Ysgol Tan Y Marian Choir. The carol service was themed on the nativity with carols interspersed with readings. The event was supported by the local community, local sheltered scheme residents, Working Links, North Wales Police, and Cartrefi Conwy. Refreshments during the carol service were prepared and served by members of the Peulwys Youth Club. Thanks for organising the event go to Ysgol Tan Y Marian's Head Teacher, Paul Davies, and his staff.

Cartrefi Conwy's Warden, Mandy Williams organised a Christmas lunch at the Eagles Hotel in Llanrwst, with entertainment afterwards. The event was well attended by residents of Tan y Graig, Scotland Street and Glanrafon. Entertainment was kindly provided by Glyn and Iris Lloyd, who organised bingo and Rhona Gray-Jones who played the piano for a sing song. Gwenda Sinkinson helped to organise a raffle, which local businesses generously provided prizes for.

Helen Egan, Head of Cartrefi Conwy's Landlord Services, who attended the Llanrwst event said, "I was delighted to see a real community event at this time of year, so thank you to all who helped to make it happen, particularly Mandy Williams, the Cartrefi Conwy Warden, who was also responsible for encouraging all the local businesses to give raffle prizes."

Cartrefi Conwy is keen to support community events and is happy to see independent groups making efforts to create communities to be proud of.