

# **The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations**

**Sunday 12th June 2016**

The residents of Tredegar gathered in large numbers for a party in Bedwellty Park. The event was organised by Tredegar Town Council to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The Park looked resplendent, the bandstand centrepiece cloaked in gay bunting surrounded by immaculate lawns dotted with brightly coloured flower beds.

Pupils from Tredegar schools joined over 200 invited guests of all ages who enjoyed a picnic as a thank you for their dedicated voluntary service to organisations, clubs and societies in the town. The picnic bags contained a selection of finger sandwiches, fresh cream scone, traditional trifle, mini tarts and welshcakes.

The entertainment for this special event was provided by our champions, Tredegar Town Band who delighted the audience with highlights from their broad repertoire. A finale of toe-tapping numbers transformed the Park into the last night of the proms.

Aneurin Leisure who run Bedwellty Park put on many activities for the younger guests with craft activities, face painting, croquet and giant board games such as snakes and ladders.

Tredegar Town Mayor, Cllr Jacqueline Thomas said, "as Town Mayor you meet many people who dedicate their lives to the clubs and organisations in the town. Their voluntary service makes Tredegar a rich and diverse hub of cultural and sporting activity and makes the town a better place to live. It is a privilege to reward these volunteers in a small way to say thank you for their efforts."

The Leader of Tredegar Town Council, Cllr Tommy Smith added, "I would like to put on record our thanks to the staff at Bedwellty House and the young volunteers who made the party such a success. Days like this makes you really humble when you see so many people who have given so much service to our town."

One of those guests, Sue Woodward of the Blaenau Gwent Otters Swimming Club added her thanks, "On behalf of The Otters I would like to thank you for the wonderful day down Bedwellty Park. The band were fantastic and so was the food. The Otters thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to all concerned."

Both St James Mothers' Union and Gwent Defibbers sent in their thanks for a wonderful afternoon.