

Community News

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
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CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The community of Cefn came together at the annual service of Remembrance and Re-dedication at the Cenotaph, Plas Kynaston Lane, Cefn Mawr on Remembrance Sunday. The service was led by the new vicar of St John's Rhosymedre the Revd Anthapursha with Miss B Grey Davies and Mrs C E Edwards. *The Ode to the Fallen* was given by Mr D C Roberts, Royal British Legion and the Standard Bearer was Mr J Griffiths. See more on page 11 inside.



HALLOWEEN FUN AND GAMES



Member at the Cefn Mawr After School Club got the chance to try their hand at pumpkin carving.

At the Venue Plas Madoc they celebrated Halloween by making tasty chocolate apples.



DIARY DATE Tuesday 4 December Cefn Santa Parade. DCVP Trading CIC are pleased to confirm that the Lions will bring their Santa Parade to the village. The parade will start at around 6.30pm and weather permitting Santa will be going through Cefn and down to Lower Cefn. We would like to thank Cefn Community Council for their support. Watch out for posters with more information or call **07831 542872**

THE HISTORY OF FRON - a talk by Emrys Roberts will be held in the Fron Community Centre at 1pm on Wednesday 5th December. All welcome. Admission £1.50 including tea/coffee. Proceeds to St David's Church Froncysyllte.

PLAS MADOC ESTATE OFFICE is open for the payment of **Rent, Council Tax, Water and Sewage All other council invoices.** Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 4pm. For more information call **01978 813000**

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CLWYD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY is in The Enterprise Centre by the Co-op on Well Street, Cefn Mawr, free parking for visitors, our opening times are **Tuesdays 10am to 7pm, Thursdays 10am to 4pm & Saturday 10am to 2pm.** Membership is £12 per year. Ancestry on-line available at the centre for visitors to use.

CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Should you need a venue for Parties, Meetings Stage Productions or more why not book the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr where excellent facilities are available at reasonable hire charges. Phone 01978 820215 or 01978 821298 for further details.

FATHER CHRISTMAS TO VISIT TY MAWR.



On **Sunday 9th December** it will be '**Christmas Crackers**' at Ty Mawr Country Park, and rumour has it that a certain white haired gentleman will be paying a visit!

If you come down to Ty Mawr from 1.30pm onwards you can

make Christmas Crafts with the Rangers using natural and recycled materials, have tea and cakes with the 'Friends of Ty Mawr' and visit Father Christmas in the grotto. Entrance to the park is free, but there will be a charge for the craft session and to see Father Christmas.



MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PCSO

I am PCSO 2940 Stuart Roberts I have just taken over the Cefn Mawr/ Newbridge ward from PCSO Emma Owen who has moved onto Mold, I would like to wish Emma good luck in her new challenge. I

have worked for North Wales Police as a PCSO for 5 years working from Rhos and Overton Police stations, covering Cefn is a new challenge for me and so far I am really enjoying my time here with everyone making me welcome so thank you. I am here to help you and make Cefn a safer place to live but I need your assistance, if you see or hear anything going on please make contact with me by calling my mobile number or email address below. If you do not report any incidents that may occur in your area we are not able to gather accurate information to have a true picture of what is going on so please let me know or call the 101 number.

Whilst conducting my patrols I have seen many vehicles being left unattended with windows unlocked with expensive items on show, which makes it very easy for someone to grab, please ensure you check your vehicles before leaving them unattended. I have also had some complaints about parking outside the schools please ensure you don't park on double yellows or other road markings as there are many car parks free for you to use. We have had some damage caused to outside of the schools and Country Park which the local policing team are looking into anyone seen to cause damage will be dealt with by North Wales Police, if you see anyone please call 999 for an emergencies or 101 non emergencies. Many thanks

PCSO 2940 Stuart Roberts

Mobile – 07791278740

email –stuart.roberts@nthwales.ppn.police.uk

HOMELINK LIBRARY SERVICE

If you are disabled, housebound or have difficulty in getting to the library do you know about the Homelink Library Service? Offering a home visit every four weeks, this gives members access to the whole range of library and reference services whilst providing a great selection of books, talking books, large print materials, CDs and DVDs. To find out more call **Ellen Edwards** at Wrexham Library on **01978 292090** who looks after this service.



Derek Wright's Autumn 2012 Newsletter



Dear Constituents: Thank you to all who voted for me in the May elections, I'm enjoying representing everyone in the ward on the Borough Council, though the financial restrictions being placed on all Councils is beginning to bite with WCBC having to make saving of £40 million over the next 5 years, which is around 1 sixth of the overall budget. I have been elected to several committees in the Council including Employment, Business & Investment, the Partnerships & Collaboration and the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committees.

CCTV in Cefn: I'm please the CCTV and recording equipment camera I've pushed for is up and running at the corner of Hill & Well Streets.

Communities First: This was previously a funding agency for Plas Madoc only in our area and is now in the process of widening its scope into the Urban Villages Strategy which will include Cefn 3 which is the bottom of Cefn area meaning community projects in there will be able to access funding once it is up and running hopefully early next year.

Local Schools: I have instigated a plan whereby the 4 schools in our area for this first time will compete against each other in sports and non sporting events, having had meetings with representatives from all four schools, though this is in its infancy at this time is hoped it will grow and allow pupils more interaction between themselves prior to going to secondary school.

I'm working alongside Dave Taylor trying to get maximise resources, facilities and finance for our area hopefully we will start surgeries early in the New Year. If you have any problems you feel I can help you with please contact me as follows:

Phone **(01978) 822497** – email **derek.wright@wrexham.gov.uk** – or write to me at, Fern Villa, Church St, Rhosymedre, Wrexham, LL14 3EA.

CRNCA SUPPORTS THE HEROES

Want to play secret Santa for those serving overseas this Christmas?

Items are now being collected to give our heroes in Afghanistan a Merry Christmas.

The CRNCA have "adopted" the **34th Regiment** and are collecting items and money to send our soldiers parcels of Goodies. If you wish to help and support us in this project please phone **Eileen Parry** on **01978 821190** for more information and a list of suitable things for their parcels

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- **Housing Repairs** 0800 085 5808
- **Housing Benefits** 01978 292033
- **Council Tax** 01978 292031
- **Registrars Office** 01978 292027
- **Highways** 01978 298989
- **Visiting Warden Service** 01978 315300
- **Dog Fouling** 01978 298989
- **Telecare Solutions** 01978 292075
- **Welfare Rights** 01978 298255
- **Planning** 01978 292016
- **Trading Standards** 01978 292045

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Adult Social Care 01978 292066

CAB 01978 364639

Consumer Direct Wales 08454 04 05 06

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 8010800

Bus Line 01978 266166

Home Fire Safety Checks 0800 169 1234

Community Fire Safety 01745 352693

Wrexham Care & Repair 01978 268120

Wrexham Credit Union 01978 266843

Wrexham Family Information Services

01978 292094

ROYAL WELSH HOMECOMING On **Thursday 29 November** at 11am the **1st Battalion The Royal Welsh** led by Billy the Battalion Goat and the Band of The Prince of Wales' Division will step off from Yale College and parade through the town. This is a Homecoming parade as the Battalion along with some members of the 3rd TA Battalion have been serving its third operational tour in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan which ended this Autumn. Come along and show your support for the parade, for more details contact **Craig Stevens** Senior Civic Support Officer on **01978 292276**

ACREFAIR OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Our club continues after the finish of the Acrefair Community Association for the benefit of all over sixty fives residing in the Acrefair neighbourhood. The club continues to meet on a weekly basis, in the Activity Centre behind Acrefair CP School, meeting every Tuesday morning weather permitting. The numbers vary between 16 and 20, both male and female and we have a tea/coffee morning chat and up to date news. We start about 9.30 am and each session lasts about



two hours. Sometimes we have a guest speaker on subjects that interest us all regarding safe living and advice on other activities. The group had several coach trips last summer to different places of interest to all our members and we are again organising a Christmas lunch out for everyone. New members are welcome to come and join us to see what we are all about and anyone interested can contact **Clive Austin** on **01978 820392**



**Contact your
local PCSO's:**



Plas Madoc Community Support Officer

PCSO 2857 Thomas Dewberry

mobile: 07854 336368

e-mail: thomas.dewberry@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Plas Madoc Community Support Officer

PCSO 2916 Hannah Harris

Mobile: 07854 997046

e-mail: hannah.harris@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

If you need to contact the police and it is not an emergency there is an easy number you can use. You just dial **101** and this will put you through to the main police call centre.

**METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET,
RHOSYMEDRE. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Regular Sunday Service: 11am

Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month

Tuesday Fellowship at 2pm weekly

Social Events are Published locally

After School Club at Ysgol Rhiwabon Based in the Sixth Form Study Room at Ysgol Rhiwabon, young people can play console games, enjoy a snack, play games or complete their homework in School. The club runs from 3:05pm – 5pm Monday to Friday and costs 50p to attend, which includes a drink and snack. The Club is run by experienced staff. No need to book just turn up! For further information please contact **Victoria Westaway** on **01978 813910**.

Adult Learning Space AVOW Plas Madoc Department will be working in partnership with Job Centre Plus, Careers Wales, Key Connections and the Open University to deliver an Adult Learning Space in Plas Madoc two days a week. The Tuesday session (9.00 am to 12.00 pm) will run a 'Job Club' offering support with CV building, job hunting and employability skills. The session will also be open to participants who wish to come and use the space to study. The Friday session from 1pm to 4pm will offer a safe and quiet space in which individuals can come and use the facilities to learn, study, and access free courses such as the OU Open Learn. This session will have a tutor qualified to assist with the development of basic skills to enable more tailored support to participants. Participants will receive a free 'learning pack' upon their second visit. For further information contact **Victoria Westaway** on **01978 813918**.

Youth Team During the Half Term holidays AVOW Plas Madoc Youth Team and North East Wales Wildlife Project worked together to provide a workshop for young people to build hedgehog boxes. The session was attended by 10 young people who were shown how to use the traditional craft of willow weaving to build a safe haven for hedgehogs to hibernate in during the winter months. Two baskets were completed and will be donated to Rhosymedre Community Primary School for use in their environmental area. Another session was provided where 8 young people used willow to create baskets, dream catchers and Christmas wreaths which they could take home. Halloween was celebrated by the young people in the Venue through a variety of activities including making chocolate apples, quizzes, apple bobbing, guess what's in the box (beans, tomatoes, jelly and cotton wool) in addition to the normal activities that are on offer. The kind donations from TESCO helped make this possible. For further information on what the Youth Team delivers please contact **Clare Barnes-Kandeh** on **01978 813910**.



Autumn 2012 Newsletter from Paul Blackwell



COUNCIL HOUSING MATTERS

Changes in housing benefit and the way it is paid come into force in 2013. Dubbed the bedroom tax by many, some tenants may find their benefit being reduced and then have difficulty paying their rent. If you think you may be affected please do not hesitate to contact the Estate Office now for advice. Residents can also contact me if they wish.

If tenants are experiencing problems with housing repairs, you can contact me, I may be able to help. I have helped tenants over the years with repair problems.

COMMUNITIES FIRST

Communities first will be changing in 2013. Up to now it has involved just Plas Madoc. As of 2013 it will involve areas such as Cefn, Pant, Brymbo, New Broughton etc. The programme will be overseen by the council and a partnership board will be set up to run projects, this board will be made up of residents and outside agencies. I would urge any resident who would like to make a difference to Plas Madoc to come forward and become a member of the board.

TENANTS & RESIDENTS GROUP

We are in the process of setting up an active Tenants and Residents group for Plas Madoc. Any tenant or resident interested in being involved more in Plas Madoc life and making a difference to your area I would strongly urge you to either contact me or the **Estate Office** on **813000**

CONTACT ME

Residents can contact me on **07855 620891** or e-mail me at **paul.blackwell@wrexham.gov.uk**

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Acrefair Brownies 01978 821601
Acrefair Evergreens 01978 821562
Acrefair Mothers & Toddlers 01978 810242
Acrefair Youth Football Club 01978 812109
CRNCA (Cefn Rhosymedre & Newbridge Community Association) 01978 821515
CRNCA/Cefn Wide Lunch Club 01978 821515
CRNCA Eco Team/Tidy Wales 07531 310335
CRNCA Gardening Club 01978 821515
CRNCA Heritage Trail Group 07531 310335
CRNCA Youth Club 01978 821515
Cefn Changing Seasons 50+ Club 01978 821515
Cefn United Football 07791 707594
Cefn Mawr After School Drop-in 01978 821515
Cefn Mawr & District Heritage Group 07531 310335
Cefn Mawr Playgroup— 01978 821515
Cefn Wide Tenants & Residents Ass. 01978 823603
Cefn Mawr Walking Group 07531 310335
Crazy Tots Parent & Toddlers 01978 813914
DanceZone 01978 824055 or 07903597093
Friends of Ty Mawr 01978 822780
Kiddies World 01978 810242
Kraft Club 01978 821190
Little Sunflowers 01978 822505
Llangollen Maelor Angling Club 01978 820608
Maelor Boxing Club 01978 823551
Parent & Carers Group 01978 813914
Plas Kynaston Canal Group 07796 260 666
Plas Madoc Community Safety Group 01978 813917
Plas Madoc Lunch Club 01978 813917
Plas Madoc Over 50s 01978 813917
Plas Madoc Opportunity Centre 01978 813910
Play Project 01978 813912
Rainbows Group for Girls 01978 823395.
Rhosymedre After School Club 01978 812786
St John's Sunday School 01978 810176
The Circle of Spiritual Friendship 07791 709883
TOCRA Top of Cefn Residents Ass. 01978 448932
Ty Mawr Junior Rangers 01978 822780
Ty Mawr Wednesday Afternoon Volunteers 01978 822780
VIP - Visually Impaired Club 01978 822194
Ysgol Rhiwabon After School Club 01978 813918
If your group is missing please send an e-mail to sonia@dvcptradingcic.co.uk with the group name & contact phone number for inclusion in the next issue

NORTH WALES GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE NUMBER 0300 123 5566

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CEFN MAWR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Is based in the Cefn Activity Centre off Bro Gwilym is open to all 11 to 18 year olds who are in education during term time from 3.15 to



5.30pm. Please feel free to drop in and explore our many facilities. We now have an X-Box and Kinect so along with computers, games, crafts, pool and table tennis we can offer a wide variety. We enjoyed pumpkin carving for Halloween and members took part in our now infamous Pool Tournament which was won again by Callum Jones.

TOCRA TOP OF CEFN RESIDENTS

TOCRA will be arranging a "Christmas Social Event" as usual and are currently considering a film and refreshments at The Glasshouse where there could be a licensed bar. There would be a brief Open Forum and possibly a speaker. We would need to be a small charge for this. Suggestions from members would be welcome and they can email jpeterob@hotmail.com or phone him on **824411**. Members of the committee will meet shortly to finalise these arrangements. TOCRA urgently needs some committee members (very little commitment required as there are now only four Committee Meetings per year). TOCRA is a good forum for local residents. so help us keep it going.

CEFN MAWR LIBRARY

New Story And Rhyme Time on **Thursdays** from 2.15 - 2.45pm. Simple stories and Rhymes with Rosie For Mums and toddlers



Monday 17 December

from 3.30 -4.30pm Story with Santa .
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Library opening times are:

Monday 9am to 6pm,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 2 to 5.30pm

Friday: 9am to 6pm.

Read any David Baldacci yet? We are having a special promotion of his work so come in and see what you think about his books, these include The Camel Club, Evil, Zero Day & First Family. Don't forget our DVDs for those cosy night in are only £2.50 per week adults and £1 per week for children's. Please call us on **01978 820938** to find out more about our events. Or email us on cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk

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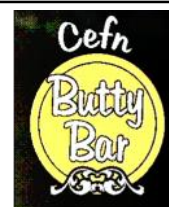
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TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK



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the animals which includes, housing, feed and veterinary bills. If you would like to sponsor an animal, large or small, as a gift for someone or as a gift for yourself it is only £10.00 per year for small animals and £15.00 for larger animals, for this you will receive a personalised certificate, a fact file and a chance to meet your chosen animal on a special sponsor day, please contact the Rangers **01978 822780** for more details



Sunday 9 December Christmas Crackers, festive craft from recycled and natural materials 1.30 to 3.30pm all ages £2.



Need to walk off that Christmas pud? You don't need to go far for a bit of fresh air and a lovely country walk, and burn off a few calories at the same time! Ty Mawr is open every day to visit the animals and walk around the well surfaced paths, or for a longer walk carry on up to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Site.

If you want to check your calorie count the walks have been measured and information is on the map at the start of your walk, or pick up a leaflet for this and other calorie counted walks. The visitor centre is open every weekend 10.30am to 4.30pm until Sat 22 December, then re opens on 4 January 2013.

Local photocopying services are available from:

- ◆ CRNCA (Cefn Activity Centre) **821515**
- ◆ Cefn Mawr Library **820938**
- ◆ Plas Madoc Community First **813910**
- ◆ W.T. Evans Printers Cefn Mawr **821292**

GOING OUT LOCALLY

CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB (THE LEGION) open 12 noon to 3pm & 7pm to 11pm Monday to Saturday & to 11pm on Sundays. Bingo nights Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday from 8.30pm. **Christmas Week: Fri 21 Dec** Xmas Prize Bingo. **Sat 22 Dec** Bingo & Members Draw with 5 x £50 prizes. **Sun 23 & Mon 24 Dec** Bingo, **Tues 25 Dec** Charity Quiz Night for Nightingale House £1 per person, **Wed 26 Dec** open all day, Charity Race afternoon & Bingo at night., **Fri 28 Dec** Darts & Dominos Knock Out Night & Bingo, **Mon 31 Dec** New Years Eve Family Disco tickets Adult £2.50, Child £1.50, tickets from 14 Dec at the Club. Open to all call **821345** for more information about the clubs activities and events.

FLEXSYS COMMUNITY HALL

Monday Flexsys Spiritual Group meet in the lounge at 7.30pm, admission £3.50 all welcome, **Tuesday** Spiritualist Awareness Circle at 6pm admission £3 Old time and modern dance from 8 to 10.30pm. **Thursday & Sunday** Bingo from 7.30 to 10pm, admission 30p, with a Snowball each session. Quiz League. Our activities are open to all; watch Sky sports on 10 ft screen in the members bar, snooker room, darts and dominoes, Function room available, Main Hall suitable for children's parties room for bouncy castle in bad weather, call **01978 821252** for information about events.

AIR PRODUCTS CLUB

Live Entertainment in the club lounge **Fri 23 Nov** Lee Tyson, **Sat 24 Nov** Phil Summers, **Fri 30 Nov** Robbie James, **Sat 1 Dec** Mark Saint, **Fri 7 Dec** Rick James, **Sat 8 Dec** Pete Carlisle, **Fri 14 Dec** P J Lee, **Sat 15 Dec** Alan George, **Fri 21 Dec** Kris Kane, **Sat 22 Dec** Pete Madison, **Mon 24 Dec** Diamo, **Wed 26 Dec** Live music in Lounge & Bingo in the Hall, **Fri 28 Dec** Darry Lee. **Sat 29 Dec** Mary Jade, **Mon 31 Dec** Robbie James in the Lounge, Live Band Lush & Disco in Concert Hall admission by ticket £2 for Club and £5 for Concert Hall Bingo on Fridays and Sundays in the Concert Hall, at 8.30pm. The Club is open for bookings call **01978 820471** for more information.

CEFN DRUIDS CLUB

Sat 15 Dec Christmas Dinner and Cabaret Night with the comedy duo 'We Are Confused' and disco, tickets £15 each available from the Club or Sandra. **Sat 22 Dec** Rock 'n Roll Christmas Party with 50s and 60s music by Darry Lee, tickets £4 each including buffet available from the Club and Sandra. Function room for hire for information please call **Sandra** on **01978 823151**. Druids Goldmine is £5 per month with the chance to win £1000 contact the Club for details. See website www.cefndruids.co.uk or Facebook us at Druids Social-Club.



I am delighted to extend my best wishes to you for a very Happy Christmas. I always feel it is a great privilege to have my office in Cefn.

This year I have been honoured to have been able to attend the opening of Rhosymedre's fantastic new Primary School and the 175th Anniversary of St John's Church. Also, along with Councillor Derek Wright and Chair of the Community Council Mr Ken Bathers, the opening of the new Tesco store in Cefn Mawr.



I know that this is a very difficult time economically but I would like you to feel free to contact my office if there is any matter that I can help with.

With Very Best wishes for a happy Christmas period,
Susan Elan Jones MP Member of Parliament for Clwyd South

email: susan.jones.mp@parliament.uk Phone: 01978 824288 Letter: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Susan Elan Jones MP & Ken Skates AM - Joint Surgery Dates - 2013

Friday, 4 th January	The Parish Hall, Rhostyllen, Wrexham LL14 4AR	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday, 15 th February	The Leisure Centre, Plas Madoc, Wrexham LL14 3HL	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday 15 th March	The Stiwt, Rhosllannerchrugog, Wrexham LL14 1RB	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday 12 th April	The Library, Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NY	4.00pm – 5.30pm

REMBERANCE SERVICE continued



Cefn Community Council organised the well attended annual service of Remembrance and Re-Dedication at the Cenotaph, Plas Kynaston Lane, Cefn Mawr. The new Vicar the Revd Anthapursha spoke about the importance of remembering those who had died not just on this day but by taking time when passing the memorial to stop, read the names inscribed and think about them, their families, their sacrifice and also to think about those who still go into combat zones.

Wreaths were laid by Cefn Community Council, Cefn Wide Tenants & Residents Association, Cefn Rhosymedre & Newbridge Community Association (CRNCA), Top of Cefn Residents Association (TOCRA), The Glass House, Cefn Community Social Club, North Wales Police and others.

Crosses, wreaths & flowers were laid by Rhosymedre Brownies, the Edwards Family, the Newton Family, relatives and friends. The hymn singing was accompanied by members of Brass With Class.

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Tuesday 25 December at 10.30am Family Service

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Wrexham Yoga on **Thursdays** 10.30 to 11.30am, £4.50 per person £4 concessions.

Cefn Mawr Palette People meet on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10am to 12 noon for painting and related art contact Peter O'Byrne on **01978 824411**

Stitches meet on the 2nd Friday of the month from 10am to 12 noon contact Sandy O'Byrne **01978 824411** email: sojourner22@hotmail.com

PUBLIC MEETING

The Plas Kynaston Canal Group are holding a public meeting at the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr on **Friday 23 November** from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Regarding the Remediation of Cefn Mawr and surrounding villages. This meeting will explain how the clean-up of our villages can actually pay for itself, improve our local economy and provide a significant number of full time jobs and worthwhile training opportunities for our young people. There will also be a 2 day exhibition on **Saturday 24** and **Sunday 25 November** from 10am to 4pm both days in the George Edwards Hall. Come along and find out what this could mean for our communities, visit our website: www.plaskynastoncanalgroup.org Tel **01978 822 823** or **07907 004 182** Or speak to Dave & Janine at the Post Office.

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL KNITS FOR 'FISH & CHIP' BABIES



Members of the Tuesday Fellowship Group have made 150 little 'Birthday Suites' for babies born to Aids victims and contribute hand-knitted items regularly to Oxfam and the Hear Foundation hoping to make a little difference. The African babies are sent home wrapped in newspaper as the families are so poor hence the name fish and chip babies.

CEFN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PKC Group are forming a Chamber of Commerce to give local traders and businesses a stronger voice when dealing with issues that could affect their businesses. The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is on Wednesday 28 November at 7.30pm in the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr if you are a local business come along and find out more.

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CRNCA HERITAGE GROUP

Our heritage group would like to set up a Cefn Bychan / Newbridge Village Heritage Group to look at and record all aspects of this villages life. We hope to be exploring the development of its housing, transport routes, industry and identify interesting people who may have lived there along with any significant events that have helped shape it through to the present day. Anyone wishing to be part of this adventure into the past please contact Kris Morrison **07531 310335** or e-mail **kristynamorrison@hotmail.co.uk** and

Sonia Benbow- Jones **07831 542872** or e-mail **tyger@tygertactics.org.uk** A meeting will be held at the Black Lion Pub, Park Road, Newbridge on Tuesday 27 November at 1.30pm

SANTA IS COMING BACK TO THE CRNCA ACTIVITY CENTRE!!!!!!!

Santa Klaus enjoyed his visit to the children of Cefn Mawr so much he has decided to come back to the CRNCA Christmas Fayre on **Friday 30 November at 5.30pm** in the Cefn Mawr Activity Centre He hopes everyone will enjoy the fund raising stalls, enjoy a cup of tea or hot chocolate and cake that will be available. So everyone YES including you parents and teens get your Christmas lists ready to hand to Santa in time for Christmas .

THE CRNCA & CEFN WIDE TARA LUNCH CLUB

This is held every fortnight on a Wednesday at 12.30pm, lunch is £3.00 for two course plus tea. Anyone in the local area over 50 is welcome to attend but booking is essential to avoid waste so please book by Mondays prior to meal day You can book at the CRNCA office from 9am to 2.30pm weekdays office no is **01978 821515** or phone Kris **07531310335** Lunch club dates **Wednesdays November 28 and December 12 Christmas lunch** we are back on **Wednesday January 9 and 23**. Please note numbers are limited and bookings are taken on a first come basis.

CRNCA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The CRNCA Youth Club has been running at the Activity Centre for many years and following discussions we will be open for a wider range of age groups as follows:

Monday for young people aged **14+** (Year 10 and above) 6.30 to 8.30pm

Wednesday for children aged **10 to 13** (Years 7 to 9) 6.30 to 8.30pm

Thursday for children aged **8 to 11** (Years 4 to 6) 5.45 to 7pm

They can enjoy a facility with computers, electronic games, cooking facilities pool tables and more and can take part in activities like gardening, and cycling. For more information contact Richard Cowan at the Activity Centre.

The Activity Centre can be hired for parties, training sessions or fund raising events, phone the office on **01978 821515** for more information.

CEFN WIDE TARA

We continue to work with the CRNCA in support of the fortnightly Lunch Club and would encourage you to come along to these, they cost £3 for a two course lunch and a cuppa. We have worked with the Estate Office and have had skips in the area for tenants to have a good clear out, these were placed on Plas Issa and Bro Gwilym and were well used. Members had been concerned about what could be the changes to benefits due to the Welfare Reform Bill that comes in next year and we held an open meeting at the Activity Centre with representatives from WCBC Housing Department and the Estate Office who went through the way it will be introduced, who will it target (those aged between 16 and 61). How it will affect the way payments are made, what steps people can take to be better prepared for these changes, the need to access computers to make a claim, the role of the Credit Union and looking at how they are working to support Tenants and Residents especially the more vulnerable.

BANKING in Cefn with the closure of the HSBC bank, accounts can be accessed at Cefn Mawr Post Office, Crane Street and Cashpoint machines can be found at the Coop, Well Street and Tesco.

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Acrefair Toddlers Group

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BROWNIES NEWS

1st Rhosymedre Brownies will be 50 years old on 5th December. We invite all past and present Brownies to join us in a celebration at the George Edwards Hall on **Saturday, 8th December 2012**. Refreshments will be available we will also have games, a raffle, lucky dip and of course a camp fire so we do hope you will be able to join us. We meet every Thursday night at Cefn Mawr CP School Hall, 6.15 pm - 7.45 pm during term time.

SOUTH WREXHAM SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The South Wrexham Small Grants is available for groups in Cefn Mawr, Chirk, Johnstown, Pant, Plas Madoc, Penycae, Ponciau or Ruabon needing a grant of up to £250 for any project which can be seen to be of benefit to the community are being asked to contact **Steve Robinson** of Wrexham County Borough Council's Assets & Economic Development for information and an application form at **steve.robinson@wrexham.gov.uk** the next Grants meeting is in January so apply now.

MESSAGE FROM CLLR DAVE TAYLOR — INDEPENDENT

Dear Residents of Cefn ward, it has been nearly 6 months since you kindly voted for me in the County Council elections as your Independent candidate and a very steep learning curve to my political career which is for the next 5 years. Since being in position it has given me an appreciation of all past and current members of the public who have given up their time to undertake the work for their communities in the Council as the workload is vast, so firstly I must say a big thank you to all the members of the public who undertake work within the community to improve the lives of the population and their areas.

Please note this is an overview of what I have been involved with over the last 6 months. To list everything would take up the entire leaflet. Within WCBC I am sitting on a number of committees which I feel would benefit the ward, these include: Partnership & Collaboration, Employment Business and Investment, Audit, Appointment's committee, Employment Appeals Panel, UV Cluster Steering Group, Residential/Nursing Home Inspection Team as well as attending Council Workshops, Training Days, Full Council and Executive Board meetings, to name but a few, as well as now sitting on the Community Council and I have put myself forward as a Governor for Cefn Mawr school, as well as running the Cefn Mawr PO and shop. Another group where I am actively involved is looking to promote and improve the Wrexham Town centre. Both Derek Wright and I have been vocal in regards to ideas and ways forward to improve the shopping experience and enhance the physical aspects of the town.

My main focus is and has always been brining an economy back into the area. Since the loss of Flexsys and Air Products we have seen a decline in the area's economic prosperity, this can only be addressed by utilising and enhancing on what we already have, i.e Tourism through the World Heritage site and the Conservation and Heritage of our villages. Working with Officers and Councillors a Destination Management Plan to increase tourism has been drafted which highlights the importance of Cefn Mawr to the World Heritage site. The extension to Plas Kynaston Canal is seen as vital to help in the economic prosperity of the area which is backed by Wrexham Councillors as well as Senior Officers at WCBC. A staged plan for the canal extension has been on view during October in all local village halls and comments from the public have been taken on board. But, with funding being slashed to Councils by Government we are now living in an era where less money has to go further with some services having to be reduced/cut in order to ensure essential services continue. We therefore have to work better together as a community to ensure the improvements that we all want/need within the area happen. To attract tourism to the area we have to tidy up the village areas and manage the trees in order to maximise the views across the valley and World Heritage Site. To do this I would like to set up a **Village Conservation Group** in order to tackle the trees, weeds and rubbish that spoil the area to enhance the heritage and beauty and entice visitors into the villages. As an established group funding would be sought to assist and maximise the change needed to help in the development of a tourist economy for the area. If you take pride in where you live and would like to volunteer some of your time to help tackle unsightly areas **please contact me at the Post Office in Cefn**.

Regards to all and if you need me you all know where I am, please call into the Post Office.



CHRISTMAS EVENT on Friday 14 December at Flexsys Community Hall.

Come and see Santa in his grotto from 5.30pm till 7pm £1.50 payable on the door followed by a concert at 7pm featuring Kate Sheridan a fantastic young lady who also sings with only kids aloud, and singers Janine Allday, Val Greenfield, Libby Gliksman and the band Orange Flavoured Floor Boards, A fantastic night for all the family, The Bar will be open, tickets are: £3 adults, £2 children, OAPS £2, Family Ticket £10 for 2 x adults, 2 x children 1 x OAP. Tickets will be available from various schools and Flexsys bar, limited seats so get you ticket early to avoid disappointment.

NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR CEFN MAWR

Following a recent meeting held the George Edwards Hall the Cymdeithas Hanes Cefn Mawr (Cefn Mawr Historical Society) came in to being at a well attended meeting with a steering group appointed to formulate the constitution and to set up a new bank account. A table-top sale will be held at the George Edwards Hall on **Saturday, December 8 2012**, in aid of Society funds and a general meeting will be held at the George Edwards Hall on **13th December, 2012**.

CEFN MAWR THI UPDATE

The first two building refurbishment projects under the Cefn Mawr Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) Phase 2 are now complete. 20A Well Street and Offa View High Street are both owner occupied residential properties, but both stand in prominent positions in the historic centre of Cefn Mawr, and both will set the standard for future residential refurbishment works within the Conservation Area.

20A Well Street is a relatively small 19th century cottage, just down from the George Edwards Hall and opposite the refurbished former furniture warehouse of 32 Well Street. Previous

alterations had damaged the character of 20A Well Street, but the THI has been able to restore or re-instate all original features including traditional sash windows, traditional door, Cefn sandstone steps and Welsh slate roof. The gable has been

carefully pointed or rendered using lime mortar or render. The early Wrexham (Ruabon) bricks, were cleaned of their peeling paintwork to reveal their original character. Replacement bricks were sourced locally to re-instate the original proportions of the upper window.

Offa View sits on historic High Street, just a stone's throw from the old Cefn Quarry, (the source of the stone for the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct), and makes a fine contribution to the restoration of this old street which was Cefn's original 'high street'. The project has involved

the restoration and re-instatement of original features, including wooden lead-lighted windows, traditional wooden door, Welsh slate roof, and the re-instatement of an ornate Ruabon brick and terracotta boundary wall. Cast-iron gutters and lime mortar pointing finish the job to high conservation specification.

These two projects, despite their relatively small scale, make a contribution to the restoration of Cefn's historic character disproportionate to their size. Currently 'on-site' is a restoration project at Robert's Electrical on Crane Street which will see the creation of two new flats in the empty space above, and the restoration of two separate period shop fronts from photographic evidence. These THI projects were funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Cadw, the Welsh Government and Wrexham County Borough Council.

TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILLS TRAINING @ CEFN MAWR FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2013

Wrexham County Borough Council will be hosting a Traditional Building Skills event in Cefn Mawr. The event will focus on traditional joinery techniques including the repair and maintenance of historic features such as windows and doors.

For further details and booking information, please contact **Nathan Evans** by phone on **01978 814920** or email him at **nathan.evans@dvcptradingcic.co.uk**

