

# **Community News**

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
Issue 21 November 2013



## JUNIOR RANGERS PRESENTATION

PCSO Hannah Harris presented the Junior Rangers at Ty Mawr Country Park with a cheque for £50 to buy them some High Visibility Vests when out conducting Litter picks around the Country Park. This funding has come from the Arson

Reduction Team, litter picks will be conducted on a regular basis to keep the area clean and tidy for visitors and help reduce the risk of Arson.

#### POPPY APPEAL AWARD FOR JEREMY

Local Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund Raiser Jeremy Griffith of Cae Gwilym Lane, Cefn Mawr was presented with his 25 years Merit Award in recognition of his dedicated work over the years by North Wales District Chairman. Mr Peter Kingston MBE. at the Blind Veterans UK Centre in Llandudno.

See photo inside on page 4.

## **TESCO NEWS**

We would like to thank our customers and colleagues for helping us raise £2400 so far this year for our charity Diabetes UK.

Customers and colleagues have recently donated over £100 to Nightingale House by taking part in Socktober, wearing funky socks to work!

We have our cycle to Lapland challenge taking



place on Saturday 7th
December, colleagues will join
forces across the country to
cycle the distance to Lapland on
exercise bikes in every store. We
hope to raise £1000 for Diabetes
UK over the weekend of the 6th,
7th and 8th of December.

## CEFN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Have you booked your stall for the Cefn Christmas Festival on December 14<sup>th</sup>? Booking forms are available from Steve at **Lure-it Tackle Shop** on Crane Street or call Sonia on **07831 542872.** 

If the weather is good we will have stalls on the street as well as in the George Edwards Hall and hopefully the Ebenezer Centre.

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#### CRNCA COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday 29 November Santa's Chief Elf is coming to the Cefn Mawr Activity Centre at 5.30pm to help everyone write their

letters to Santa If you would like to do something different this year then come along and watch the induction ceremony of the helper Elves, write your letter and post it in our post box ready for the mail man to take it to the



North Pole. Buy items from the stalls and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake.

## **CEFN MAWR LUNCH CLUB**

The Lunch club is open every other Wednesday from 12.30pm if you are over 50 and wish to enjoy a good value hearty two course meal plus tea for only £3 book by calling at the CRNCA Cefn Mawr Activity Centre office between 9-2.30pm or Call 01978 821515

## **CHANGING SEASONS 50+ CLUB**

This meets every Tuesday 12.30 – 2-30pm if you are looking for an activity that is fun, creative and friendly come along for a cup of tea and a chat small charge applies

## **ROOMS FOR HIRE**

If you are looking for a reasonably priced venue for a small to medium group or to hold a children's party -, then look no further than your local Community Association CRNCA call or visit at the Old Canteen Activity Centre by the primary schools Office number 01978 821515 or the Secretary on 07531310335 for details.



## **WOOLLIES KNITTING & CROCHET UPCYCLING GROUP**

The group have had a very successful basic sewing course held at the Cefn Mawr Activity Centre focusing on getting to know your sewing machine, making button holes, fitting zips and doing simple alterations. This was thanks to funding from the Wrexham Small Grants Scheme and we will follow this on with another 6 week course in early February (weather permitting) so look out for dates and cost in the next edition of the newsletter.

The group have been looking as ways of reducing waste and have been making woven rugs using a variety of materials including the odd sock mountain that contains every sock known but never finding its marching pair!

## **CRNCA YOUTH CLUB PROGRAMME**

## **N**OVEMBER

**MONDAY 4**<sup>th</sup> Indoor Climbing - Nantyr

WEDNESDAY 6th Healthy Eating - cook and eat - Cefn Mawr Activity Centre

MON DAY 11<sup>th</sup> Indoor Climbing - Nantyr

**WEDNESDAY 13**<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER Quiz Night - Trevor

**MONDAY 18**<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER Indoor Climbing - Nantyr

WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER Outreach - Acrefair

**MONDAY 25**<sup>th</sup> **NOVEMBER** Indoor Climbing - Nantyr

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Alcohol Awareness – In2Change - Cefn Mawr Activity Centre FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER Sponsored Stay Awake to raise money for Charity (to be decided by young people) - Cefn Mawr Activity Centre

#### DECEMBER

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER Closed

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER Closed

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER Christmas Card Making - Cefn Mawr Activity Centre

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER Outreach - Acrefair

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Trip - Bowling Wrexham
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Decoration Making - Cefn Mawr Activity Centre

W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER Christmas Holidays

W/C 29th DECEMBER Christmas Holidays

#### **CEFN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



The After School Cub in Cefn Mawr has been very busy this last half term, we have a full daily diary of activities and events; with many cooking sessions and competitions throughout the past 2 months. The baked bean challenge was a favourite where the children had to eat the most cold baked beans with a cocktail stick in an allotted time. Here are Garin and Callum taking part in the challenge.

PCSO Hannah having her nails painted by two of our girls, Ellie and Jordan. Hannah often drops into the club and most of the youngsters know her well. She also visited the club to do a talk on fire work safety.

The Club is open during term time to all 11 to 18 year olds and is FREE so just pop in any day during term



time and have a look around.

#### **NEWS FROM CEFN MAWR PLAYGROUP**

We would like to give thanks to all parents and everyone who supported us with our Halloween party, we raised over £170 which will help us massively to support the playgroup. We will be holding a Christmas party at the end of term and all will be welcome. Also we will have a stall in the CRNCA Christmas fair, hope to see you all there. There are spaces available in playgroup for Playgroup, Playgroup Plus and Day Care. Please contact us for more information on tel: 07980 754604 Email: cefnplaygroup@Gmail.com.

Early Education will be starting in January so if your child is entitled to this please feel free to call in for some more information.



#### THE CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Held their first trip in September, members, guests and friends visited Port Sunlight Village, art gallery, museum and gardens. Lunch at the gallery was followed by a stroll through the gardens to the war memorial and fountains. Our thanks to the drivers who provided free transport and to committee member Mr Peter O'Byrne who organised the event.



Local historian Mr Emrys Roberts gave a talk on Fron (with a few memories of Cefn Mawr) in October at the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. Please note programme change for November, a presentation of local photographs of Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Rhosymedre, Newbridge etc by Mr David Wood of Acrefair To be followed by a Christmas Social Evening including festive music, wine, mince pies, cakes, soft drinks etc. Donations welcome from the members for this event at the George Edwards Hall on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will also be a "Grand Xmas Raffle.". The society will not meet in December, information or inquiries to the Secretary, **Mrs Barbara Lloyd**, on 01978 823380.

## **CEFN WAR MEMORIAL**

The Community Council is fully aware of the poor state of some of the inscriptions on the War Memorial and has received two reports from Monumental Masons with both stating that this is due to salt content in the stone, which would prove difficult to eradicate without damage to the gold lettering, but further enquiries are being made with regard to this problem



Jeremy Griffith with his 25 year Merit Award from the Royal British Legion, well done. 'We shall not forget them'

## YSGOL CEFN MAWR PC PUPILS STEP BACK INTO HISTORY

The children in years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time when they visited Park Hall Farm and the Victorian School in October. They dressed up in Victorian costumes and had plenty of time to visit the farm and the many activities on the site. The photos show them in a classroom setting and they must have been behaving themselves and not spoken in Welsh as it was banned. The second picture below shows Sam, Celyn and Levi walking the shire horse.



#### **NEWS FROM YSGOL MIN-Y-DDOL**



The School held a fundraiser on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the last day before the half term. It was called 'Min-y-Ddol's got Talent', and pupils, staff and parents put together acts for a talent contest. It was the first time we had ever done a fundraiser like this, and it was very successful. We had singing, comedy, magic and dancing; and even some very impressive hula-hooping (from pupils and staff!). The couple in the foreground of the photograph were our celebrity judges, Dyfed and Julie Thomas. They did a really great job of judging the competition. Caitlin Holman won the singles category with her hula-hooping; The Marvellous Magical Mysterious Morrisons won the group category with their fantastic magic show; and Lily-May Jones won a special prize of a free place in Julie Thomas' 'Grease' musical

workshop which took place over half term, for her fantastic singing. Our Christmas Fair is due to be held at school on the evening of the 21st November from 5-7pm. There will be the chance to buy unique festive gifts, entertainment with our pupils performing some lovely Welsh festive songs and refreshments. Last year's fair was a huge success, and I'm sure that this one will follow suit. If anyone has anything to sell and would like to book a stall they can contact **Shannon** at the school on **01978 820903**. Below are some of the children going to litter pick on the Environmental Day



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## FRON SCHOOL 150th ANNIVERSERY



Dawn Needham a former pupil of Froncysyllte School, and now school cook and founder member of Cakes and Company Community Cafe is pictured presenting mugs, bought by Cakes and Company that were designed by Tommy Needham, a former pupil of Fron School to commemorate the schools 150th anniversary with Jamie Thomson, Aimee Valentine, Andrew Roberts, Jack Maxwell, Reuben Leech, Delilah Hayward.

#### REUNION

Fron School is holding a reunion for former pupils and staff on **Sunday 17**<sup>th</sup> **November** at the Fron Community Centre from 12noon to 4pm. Refreshments will be on sale.



Eco Centre Millennium Volunteers who did a great job litter picking in the deluge, on the environmental day.



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#### **ACREFAIR OVER-SIXTIES CLUB**

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Following our excursions during the summer we are now planning for the Christmas period. We have already booked our Xmas lunch and had a trip to the Moreton Garden Centre to see what seasonal displays are on offer and get ideas for the festivities.

With the autumn changing towards winter arrangements are in hand to enable people to get to our Tuesday morning meetings for a chat, sometimes a raffle to boost club funds and a game of Bingo.

You don't have to live in Acrefair if you want to join us so give **Clive Austin** a call on **820392** to see what its all about, and we will arrange transport if you do not have any. We meet in the old Activity Centre behind Acrefair School starting around 9.30am every Tuesday.

CEFN ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - Organised by Plas Madoc Estate Office in partnership with the WCBC – Housing & Environment, Cefn-Wide Tenants & Residents Association, North Wales Police, Fire Service, Communities First, Keep Wales Tidy and the Eco Centre Millennium Volunteers. This event was a great success despite the torrential rain, the skips were well used and CRNCA kept all those taking part

sustained with bowls of delicious stew. We were joined by children from Ysgol Min-y-Ddol who also helped with the litter picking.



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- Never leave anything on display in your vehicle; a bag on the back seat is enough to tempt a thief.
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- When you leave your car, close all windows including your sunroof and ensure your car has been locked.
- Never leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment and don't leave the vehicle documents in the car.
- Mark items such as CD players and sat nav systems with your postcode or vehicle registration using a special security marker. Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are able to assist you.

#### Security devices to deter a thief

- If your vehicle doesn't have electronic immobilisers, install a steering wheel lock; these are inexpensive and easy to fit.
- If you don't have an alarm, get one fitted by a professional.
- Get a lockable petrol cap. Some new cars have these as standard.

#### Keep your keys safe

- When you leave the car always remove the key from the ignition and lock all doors – it only takes a few seconds for a thief to jump into your car and drive away.
- At home, never leave your car keys, or house keys, near a door or window. Some thieves use a fishing rod or magnet on a stick to steal them through the letterbox.
- When you're out and about ensure your keys aren't exposed – it's all too easy to leave them on a counter top or in an open handbag.

## **Parking**

- If you have a garage, use it. Always lock your car and your garage door. If you don't have a garage, park on your drive or on a well lit street
- Thieves always like to steal from cars which are parked in places where they run the least risk of being seen. Avoid parking in places that are concealed from public view.

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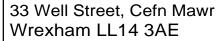
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These Friday sessions will run from 1pm to 4pm and will offer a safe and quiet space in which individuals can come and use the facilities to learn, study, and accesses free courses such as the OU Open Learn. This session will have a tutor qualified 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**.

For information on any other courses that may be available please contact the Urban Villages Learning Officer on **01978 813910** or email **urbanvillagescf@wrexham.gov.uk** for information.

#### **ONE-STOP-SHOP**

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**Cefn Mawr** – in the **CRNCA Activity Centre** 1:30pm to 3:30pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In addition there will be **Job Clubs** running at the Activity Centre along side the One Stop Shops on Wednesday 13 November, 27 November and 11 December all from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Plas Madoc in the Opportunities Centre 10am to 12pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday For more information contact the Urban Villages Financial Inclusion Officer on 01978 813910 or email urbanvillagescf@wrexham.gov.uk

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Art Group Come in and be creative! Come meet new people, learn new skills and have fun! Every Tuesday 10 –12.30 At The Opportunities Centre Plas Madoc. For further information please contact Victoria Westaway on 01978 813918

Call for volunteers needed to help maintain the community garden and allotment. Every Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 -11.30 at The Opportunities Centre

**PLAY** The AVOW Play Department facilitate a wide range of play opportunities including '**The Land**' which is a junk playground situated in Plas Madoc, '**Get Out and Play**' and also '**Street Play**', all projects aim to provide stimulating experiences that will encourage more children to play out in the communities. All services are free to attend for all children and young people aged 5 – 15 and will be running in **Plas Madoc** on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday then **Cefn Mawr** on a Wednesday and Saturday (all days are subject to change). For more information regarding times and



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locations please contact Claire Griffiths on 01978 813912

Little Sunflowers After School Club This service runs Monday to Friday during the school term times only. For further information please contact Sharon Evans on 01978 813914.

Clir Paul Blackwell Councillor for Plas Madoc

Residents can contact me on **07855 620891** or e-mail me at

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## CHRISTMAS IN CEFN

CRNCA Meet the Elves and write Letters to **Santa Friday 29 November** 5.30 - 7.30pm
Cefn Christmas Lights Switch On **Saturday 7 December** 4pm
Cefn Library Monday **9 December** Stories and Songs with Santa 3.30 - 4.30pm
Cefn Santa Parade Saturday **9 December** starts from Tesco car park 5.30pm

## Cefn Christmas Festival

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Our Regular weekly **Story and Rhyme Time** sessions on a **Thursdays at 2-2.30pm** 

Cefn Mawr Art group will be exhibiting some of their work during December

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 3.30pm -4.30pm Stories and Songs with Santa.

Opening Hours Monday 9.00 am - 6.00 pm, Tuesday 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm, Wednesday 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm, Thursday 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm and Friday 9.00 am - 6.00 pm. The library will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. We would like to say a big thank you to all our Visitors to the library who supported our Macmillan event a total of £181 was raised on the day. Sale of DVDs Adult and Junior from £1.50 come and stock up for the long winter nights when all you want to do is get into your pi's and snuggle up on the couch! We offer a range of services including: Jobcentreplus – Customer Access Phone (CAP), Large print books, DVDs, talking Books, Request Services, Internet and e-mail access, Local study resources, ICT taster sessions, Wheelchair access, Photocopying facilities, Toilet facilities, Baby changing facilities, Free e-books & e-audiobooks. Please call us on **01978 820938** for more information. Or email us on cefnmawr.library@ wrexham.gov.uk

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## YSGOL RHIWABON CELEBRATES OPEN WEEK

Staff at Ysgol Rhiwabon have been overwhelmed by the number of parents, students and members of the local community who have flocked to the school's Open Week and Open Evening

recently. Mr Alun Harding, Headteacher, said The move to an Open Week format was to show members of the local community what a leading local school looked and felt like during a normal working day'. Ysgol Rhiwabon has recently been awarded The Prince's Teaching Institute Mark for 2013 in recognition of its work in English, History, Languages and Music. The Headteacher, said, 'We are delighted to have been awarded the PTI Mark for our innovative work, and will be proud to carry the Mark on our stationery and website as evidence of our commitment to inspirational teaching. The recent Open Week is a way of sharing with current and prospective parents the hard work and success that is achieved at the school by its students and staff'.

## TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK

#### **SPONSOR AN ANIMAL**

Looking for gift ideas? Why not sponsor on of our many animals? Call into the Visitor Centre and find out more about the 'Sponsor an Animal Scheme' at Ty Mawr. Small Animals are £10.00 Large animals are £15.00 for a year with a special day for you to meet your animal. Please call in at the Visitor Centre and give the present that lasts a whole year.



Sunday 8 December - Christmas Crackers Festive crafts from using recycled and natural materials. Sessions from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. All ages £2

Remember Ty Mawr Country Park is open all year round for walks, visits to the animals and just for somewhere to go to let the children run off all their energy and for you to get a breath of fresh air. The visitor centre is open every weekend from 10.30am to 4.30pm and closes for the two weeks over Christmas and the New Year

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## Cllr Derek Wright Councillor for Cefn Ward

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or e-mail me at derek.wright@wrexham.gov.uk



## SAFETY AT HOME TOP TIPS FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Every year firefighters in Wales attend over 2,000 accidental fires in the home. Follow North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's 12 top tips for fire safety at home:

- Fit smoke alarms on each level in your home.
   Test them once a week. Keep them free from dust. NWFRS will fit these for free.
- 2. Make a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there's a fire.
- Keep the exits from your home clear so that people can escape if there's a fire. Make sure that everyone in your home can easily find the keys for doors and windows.
- Take extra care in the kitchen never leave young children alone in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended.
- 5. Take extra care when cooking with hot oil. Never use a chip pan use a deep-fat fryer which is controlled by a thermostat.
- Never leave lit candles in rooms that nobody is in or in rooms where children are on their own.
   Make sure candles are in secure holders on a surface that doesn't burn and are away from any materials that could burn.
- Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out properly and are disposed of carefully, and never smoke in bed.
- 8. Get into the habit of closing doors at night. If you want to keep a child's bedroom door open, close the doors to the lounge and kitchen. This may well help save their life if there is a fire.
- 9. Don't overload electrical sockets. Remember one plug for one socket.
- 10. Keep matches and lighters where children can't see or reach them.
- 11. Take special care when you're tired or when you've been drinking.
- 12. Don't leave the TV or other electrical appliances on standby as this could cause a fire. Always switch them off and unplug when not in use.

Keep responsible - Keep safe! North Wales Fire and Rescue Service offers free home fire safety checks and will install smoke alarms where necessary - to request a visit contact our 24 hour hotline on freephone **0800 169 1234** or e-mail **cfs@nwales-fireservice.org.uk** 

#### **BROWNIES HELPING OUT AT TY MAWR**



1st Rhosymedre Brownies have been busy helping Ty Mawr Country Park tackle the ever growing Himalayan Balsam weed. The girls went prepared to help destroy as many of the weeds as possible by pulling them up from near the roots and squashing the stem. Their effort was greatly appreciated. We have spaces available for girls aged 7-9 who would like to join Brownies. We meet at Cefn Mawr C.P. School on Thursday nights from 6.15 pm - 7.45 pm during term time. For more information please call in to one of our meetings at the School.

## **Cefn Mawr Townscape Heritage Initiative Traditional Building Skills** & Awareness Training

Brick & Terracotta Day Wednesday 18 December 9.30am to 4pm in the George Edwards Hall Cefn Mawr

- History of brickwork and terracotta
- Manufacturing techniques
- Causes of failure and methods of repair
- Conservation and repair
- Cleaning and maintenance

For information and to book your place please contact Nathan Evans at DVCP Trading CIC. Community Enterprise Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham, LL14 3YD. Tel 01978 814920

Email: nathan.evans@dvcptrading.co.uk



Cefn Mawr Community **Support Officer** PCSO 2916 Hannah Harris mobile: 07854 997046 e-mail:

hannah.harris@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

## GOING OUT LOCALLY

**CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB (THE** LEGION) open Saturday from 11am to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm. Sunday open from 12 noon to 11pm. Bingo nights Tues, Sat & Sun from 8.30pm. Friday 13 December 80's Disco in aid of the Football Team,

come in fancy dress, door open 7pm tickets £3 available from the club.

Open to all call 01978 821345 for more information about the clubs events and activities, bookings welcome.

#### **FLEXSYS COMMUNITY HALL**

Tues Modern Sequence & Modern Ballroom Dancing from 8 to10.30pm, admission £2. Thurs & Sun Bingo from 7.30 to 10pm, admission 30p, with a Snowball each session. Sat 16th Nov Maelor Boxing Club Tournament 2pm, tickets £10, family ticket £25. Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Flexsys Retired Section Social evening at 7pm, with Stevie H in main hall all welcome admission free.

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Mama's Kitchen fantastic Motown Soul group playing live on in the bar admission free. Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Sing along with the brilliant solo guitarist Vic Creeky live in the bar admission free Flexsys pigeon club have shows most Fridays through December.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec live music with Chaos Theory Brilliant rock band and .they are back by popular demand 2 weeks later for New Years Eve Tues 31st Dec in the bar free Admission. Our activities are open to all; 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.

#### AIR PRODUCTS CLUB

Live Entertainment in the Club Lounge on Fri and Bingo on Fri and Sun in the Concert Hall at 8.30pm. The Club is open for bookings call 01978 820471 for more information about our Christmas and new year events.

#### **CEFN DRUIDS CLUB**

For information about events call the Club on 01978 810287, or Sandra 01978 823151 Druids Goldmine is £5 per month with the chance to win £1000 contact the Club, our website www.cefndruids.co.uk or Facebook us at Druids Social-Club.

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** Nov Pat and Carl Hulse wonderful mediums £3.50

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** a special evening of Clairvoyance with Lilian Rose Nicholson and Deborah Fletcher-Vranch £5, proceeds to the Walk On Wales Charity.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Karen O'Neil a lovely lady £3.50 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec a Variety Concert in Aid of Walk On Wales Charity, great singers and dancers, please support this great cause. Tickets £3 limited places so get yours early

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Cath and Chris from Runcorn brilliant mediums £3.50

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Pat and Jim Murray from Abergele great mediums £3.50 more info please ring Barb on **07791 709883** or Caz on **07518 562896** 

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Applications will be accepted and considered by the panel throughout the year. For further information and to request an application pack, please contact **Phil Hughes** on **01978 292456** or email him on **phil.hughes**@wrexham.gov.uk

## Cllr David Taylor Councillor for Cefn Ward

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## St Johns Church Rhosymedre

Sunday Morning 11am Holy Eucharist Wednesday morning 10am Prayer group meets, Everyone welcome to both these services.



## **Christmas Services**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Service of 9 lessons & carols at 11 am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Christingle Service 3pm

## **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Crib service at 4pm
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Communion at 9.30 pm
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Communion at 9.30 am.
A warm welcome is extended to all and the congregation of St Johns look forward to meeting anyone who comes to these services.

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## **Christmas Services**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Nativity Service at 11am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Mince Pies and Carols at 7pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Carol Service at 11am

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## **Christmas Services**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Shared Christingle Service at 4pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols and Christmas Vigil at 7pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass 9am Chirk and 11 am Llangollen



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#### PLAS KYNASTON CANAL GROUP UPDATE



The Holly Bush Inn, the oldest pub in Cefn Mawr and still open as promised, Lol and Sue assisted by Joe are doing a sterling service for all our customers running the bar. We have had to close the lounge while renovation works take place and hope to have it open again soon for everyone to use. The original beer cellar renovation has gone well and we are now able to store our beers below ground level in the Vaulted Beer Cellar again, as the pub was originally built for, before the invention of refrigerator units!

PKC Group are still actively promoting our local area, Cefn Mawr, although not able to attend the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Fun Day this year, the first time missed in 3 years, due to work commitments by all, we did put on a weekend event on the 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> of September through the Wrexham Civic Society Open Doors Program, that was reasonably well attended with people from other areas showing an interest in our area. A short tour was given through the Holly Bush Inn showing the three different eras of construction, 1800's Aqueduct, 1840's Viaduct and later 1890's JC Edwards. This was followed by walks around the village lead by Kris.

Other notable events from our year are, the PKC Website continues to do well with 157, 000 hits at the last count, the Cefn Chamber of Commerce which we actively support is doing well and planning a good Christmas Event, which we will be posting on the website. The Remediation Voting Program that we launched last year has returned 232 postal votes to our own Cefn Mawr Tourist Information Service, Lure It Fishing Tackle on Crane Street, with another 180 electronic votes and well over 500 applications for any work that could possibly come from such an enterprise, in total this gave a 99.99% in favour of, result, from those that took part and we thank you for this. Rest assured we are still in touch with Eastman's the present site owners regarding connecting our village back to the Aqueduct one way or another. So for now, all the best to everyone and we hope to see you at the Holly Bush some time!

www.plaskynastoncanalgroup.org