



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY IN BLOOM 2016 COMPETITION WINNERS

Best Large Garden

- 1st Mr S Jones 9 Plas Isaf Rhosymedre
2nd Mr K Simpson Mostyn House Church Street Rhosymedre
3rd C & Rodgers 47 Coronation Street Cefn Mawr

Best Small Garden

- 1st Barbara Lloyd 18 Erw Deg Acrefair
2nd Mr Geoff Langford 5 Malbrook Plas Madoc

Best Container Garden

- 1st Mr S Jones 9 Plas Isaf Rhosymedre
2nd Mr K Simpson Church Street Rhosymedre
3rd C & S Rodgers 47 Coronation Street Cefn Mawr

Community Gardens

- 1st Ysgol Acrefair, Acrefair
2nd The Haven Community Garden Cefn Mawr

Best Overall Garden

Mr Stephen Jones 9 Plas Isaf Rhosymedre

Gardens of Merit

Peter Davies Belle Vue Park Road Newbridge
Gareth Davies 39 Emmanuel Grove Cefn Mawr
S & M Jones 38 Coronation Street Cefn Mawr
Nigel Fawcett Lamorna Plas Kynaston Lane Cefn.

Mr Jones pictured right, being presented with the trophy and certificate.

More photos on pages 2, 3 and 22



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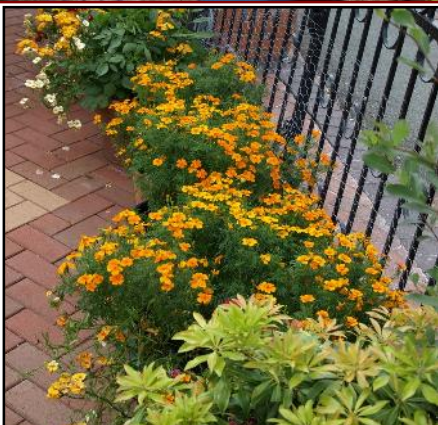


CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Will be held at the War Memorial on **Sunday, 13th November, 2016**, commencing at 10.45am, at which it is hoped the Community will be

well represented. For more information please contact the Clerk: **Mrs T Nicholls-Smith** on **01978 821298**. **Mr Len Salisbury** is planning a march past again this year which will include members from the Air Training Corps and the Brownies. If you would like to take part please call him on **01978 820508** or **07879 847554**

COMMUNITY IN BLOOM WINNERS AND THEIR GARDENS





PLAS KYNASTON OPEN DAY



We are please to announce that our open day for Plas Kynaston will take place on **Saturday 19th November 2016** from **11am to 2pm**. Please come and see the restored building and the new flats. Check the George Edwards notice board for further information nearer the time,.

Community in Bloom A selection of photos showing the winners and some of the garden entries for this years Community in Bloom competition. We would like to thank our Judges Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs Audrey Bowen who gave informative and encouraging comments about all the gardens judged. After the presentations, all present enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch provided by the Clerk Mrs T Nicholls– Smith and Mrs B Lloyd. Cllr K Bathers, Council Chair thanked everyone and hoped more people would enter next year as it was a pleasure to see how much time and effort went into the garden. He went on to say the Council was developing its new website and all the photos would soon be uploaded there.

HOMELINK LIBRARY SERVICE

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YSGOL CEFN MAWR

Year 6 pupils have been learning about **World War 2** as part of their topic. Families were invited to a class assembly to share their hard work.

Harvest Festival the children at enjoyed a lovely celebration of Harvest in October. Each class shared a poem or a song. Children also baked bread and shared it with some Community Groups in the library. Pupils and staff would like to thank parents for their kind donations of food for the local food bank.

Cefn Regeneration Project Councillors Derek Wright and Ken Bathers visited school and talked to the children about the Cefn Reaeration Project and the competition to design a logo.

Christian was the lucky winner, and Brie was a runner-up. Well done and congratulations to you both.



THE JOLLY MASONS

Rock Road Rhos y medre

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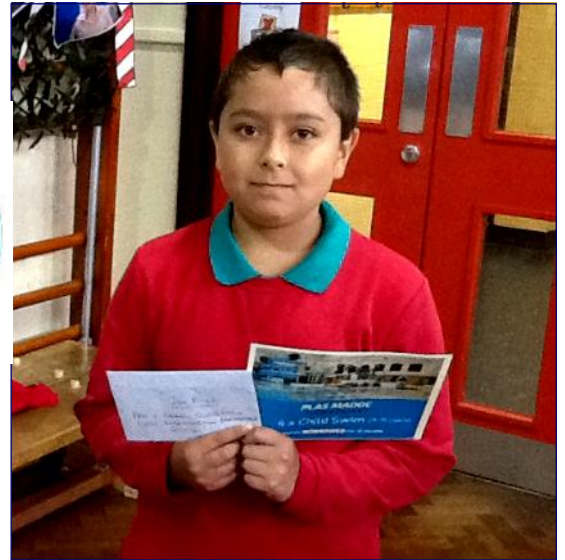
BACK TO THE FUTURE UPDATE

Since September, we have been talking to people about our 'Back To The Future for Cefn Mawr' bid to the BIG Lottery. A week of presentations at George Edwards Hall was followed by a display in the library and by the time you read this, we will have moved onto TESCOs. And will return to the library for a final week. It has been fascinating to hear about people's experience of living in Cefn Mawr and their hopes for the future. Although the numbers of completed survey forms was fairly low, support for the proposals has been very strong. If you have not already filled in a survey form, please contact **Sonia Benbow-Jones** on **01978 823603** or go online at **www.facebook.com/BTTCefnMawr/**

People were also invited to vote for entries in our competition for children attending local schools to design a logo for the project. There were 295 votes cast and the winner was **Christian A Hughes** from **Ysgol Cefn Mawr**, well done to all who entered. We also invited local organisations to a meeting on 13th October during which 3 options for re-opening the Ebenezer Centre were presented. All of the options include a café, information point and space for heritage and arts exhibitions. Option 3 - to move the museum from the George Edwards Hall to



The first floor of Ebenezer was ruled out because it was not supported by members of the Historical Society. However, they are very interested in putting on exhibitions at the Ebenezer, which is great news. See detail below. Our guiding principle here is that we will not proceed unless we are certain that the project is financially viable. If you have any comments on these proposals please contact Mark Lacey at Dee Valley Trust email mark.lacey@deevalleytrust.org.uk



BACK TO THE FUTURE UPDATES

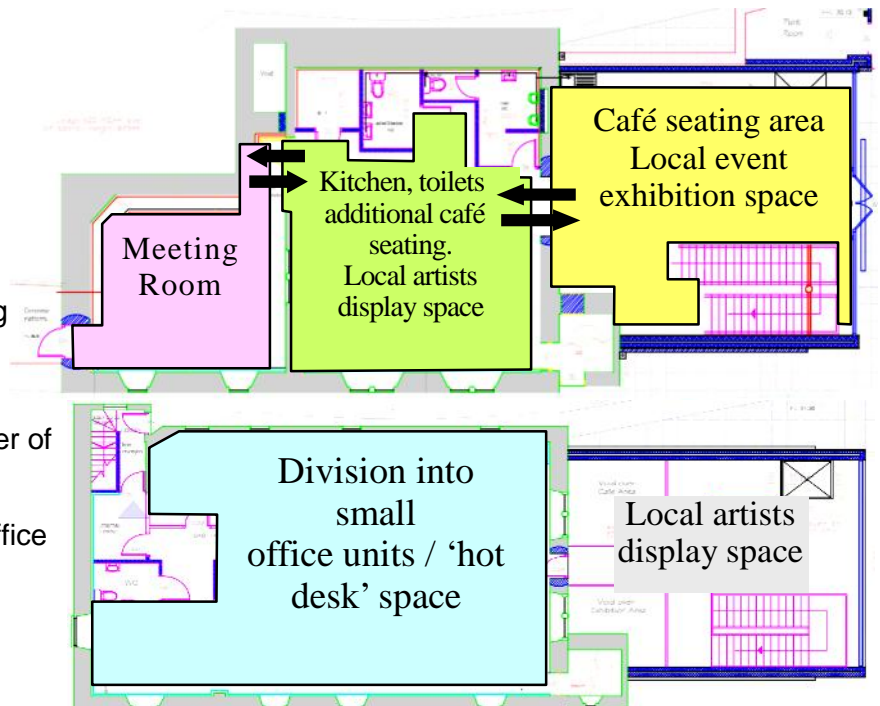
Two options have been developed for the **Ebenezer Centre** from consultations with the local community and other stakeholders as well as an assessment of needs in the local area.

Option 1 – Café and Workspace

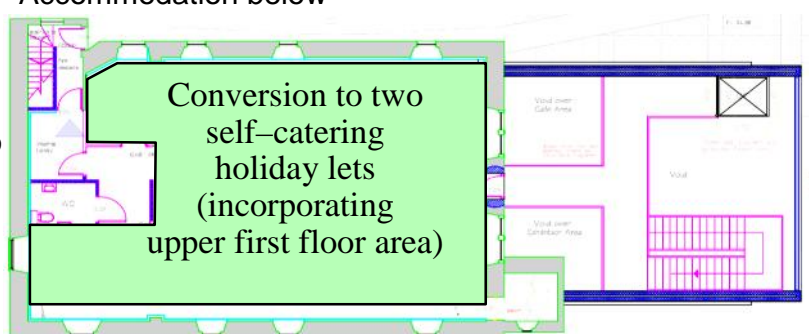
This shows the ground floor of Ebenezer re-opening as a café. The glass extension at the front could be used both as a café seating area and to exhibit information about local events and activities. There is space on the café walls for local artists to display material. This shows the first floor divided into a number of small workspaces to be rented out to local businesses or as 'hot desks' for people who mainly work from home but want to rent an office space for a short time. There is scope for the room at the rear of the café to be used as a meeting room for users of the office space.

Option 2 – Café and Self-Catering Holiday Accommodation

Again, this option shows the ground floor re-opening as a café, with the glass extension used as café seating area and exhibition space. There are options for the café to develop as a local food centre, using local produce, training volunteers and staff, and linking in with local food networks within the Dee Valley. This shows the first and upper floors of the building converted into two self-catering holiday accommodation units. This contributes to the demand that exists for a choice of quality visitor accommodation, and help bring people to Cefn Mawr as a centre from which to explore the wider area.



Option 1 Community Café and Workspace as above
Option 2 Community Café and Self-Catering Holiday Accommodation below



YSGOL RHIWABON

Our 6th form Geography students recently visited Snowdonia to study a post glaciated valley. Starting in Cwm Idwal, in the heart of it, down to the coast in Bangor. They looked at cwms, hanging valleys, arêtes, pyramidal peaks and ribbon lakes and at glacial deposits at the coast. The students reported it was very cold but they saw the lot including arêtes that came from other places. We celebrated European Day of Languages recently giving students the chance to learn about other cultures and taste some delicacies from different countries.

Year 7 students enjoyed taster sessions in Spanish, Japanese and Greek and learnt about the culture of Ghana. Flags and displays of common phrases set the atmosphere for the

lunchtime activity hundreds of students enjoyed the opportunity to learn a little more about different countries. With tables set up dedicated to Greece, Japan, Spain and France and of course Wales, there was no shortage of things to look at and food to try, but the helpers insisted that youngsters could pronounce at least one phrase in the appropriate language to say hello and thank you. Most thought it was well worth going to the trouble of learning a phrase in exchange for such food as French crepes.



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Saturday 12 November Christmas Craft Fair
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PLAS MADOC
Leisure Centre

Urban Villages Communities First Pentrefi Trefol Cymunedol yn Gyntaf

Communities For Work are now based with us in the centre. **The Youth Mentor**

is working with 16 – 24 years old who are not in Employment, Training or Education. **The Adult Mentor** works with 25+ who are also not in Employment, Education or on any work programme. This is intensive mentoring support for people who are furthest away from employment. Helping to identify the barriers that people face and advising on all the support that is available for them, whether it be referring to a wide range of specialist services across Wrexham, Training, volunteering or just that extra bit of help with confidence that we all need at some time.

Come and learn with us and let us help you to kick start your own learning, we offer the following:

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Tea and Toast on Monday 10 – 12 noon. CAB are here **Monday 9 – 11:30am and Fridays 1 – 3:30pm** NO Appointments necessary.

We also have computers for Job Search and telephone for public use regarding Benefits, Power suppliers, Solicitors, Housing, Health, Learning or contacting the Police. Pop in and have a chat we may be able to help you!

The Opportunities Centre now have the **Foodbank** open for food parcels on Wednesday at 10am to 12 noon and Fridays from 1.30 to 3.30pm. We are also a designated food collection point and can supply vouchers. Contact the **Urban Villages Communities First Team** on **01978 820520**. Our opening Times are 9am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3pm Please note we do shut for lunch between 12 and 1pm

LUNCH AT ST JOHNS CHURCH RHOSYMEDRE Fish and Chips and prize bingo continues on the second Tuesday of the month. The next sessions are on **November 8th** and **December 13th** at 12.30pm. All welcome, please let **Beulah** know if you are coming **01978 820851**.

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Christmas Fair the Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 3rd December**. We are looking for any interested craft stall holders who may want a pitch. Please contact the centre on **01978 821600** or denise.chadwick@plas-madoc.com Santa's Grotto available between **12noon - 4pm**. Bring the kids along for a magical day as we celebrate our 2nd Anniversary.

Free Family Fun Swim 11th Nov & 9th Dec we will be holding Free Family Fun Swims for local residents from 6-7.30pm. Normal Pool Ratios apply.

Free Girls Only Swim Session 12-16 year olds

Friday Nights 8.15pm-9pm (term time only)

Climbing Wall Parties are now available. If you're interested in trying the Climbing Wall email us on info@plas-madoc.com or call us on 01978 821600.

We love your old books! If you have old or unused books don't throw them away bring them down to the Leisure Centre and leave them on our honesty table, our supporters and customers love to check out the books on offer and leave us a donation. It's yet another way you can help raise money for our fantastic community Leisure Centre!

Cllr Paul Blackwell
Councillor for Plas Madoc

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

FLEXSYS COMMUNITY HALL Thursday Bingo in the lounge from 7.30 to 10pm, admission 30p, with a Snowball each session. Admission free, all welcome. See our **Facebook** page **Mike Flexsys Hall Bithell** for events including live football. We have our 5 star food hygiene rating and are selling hot snacks pies, wraps and burgers prices start from £1. Activities are open to all; Snooker room, Darts and Dominoes, Function room available, Main Hall suitable for children's parties with room for bouncy castle, contact us on **01978 812738**

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THE PALETTE PEOPLE ART GROUP

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This year has flown by and we are now planning our Christmas break and our last meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th December** and we meet again on **Tuesday 17th January 2017**. Hopefully Santa will bring lots of new paints and pencils and ideas so that we can start afresh next year. We would love to hear from any prospective new members hoping to find a new hobby for the new year, join us on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon at **The Opportunities Centre**, Plas Madoc, next to the school. Contact **Peter O'Byrne** on **01978 824411**, email jpeterob@hotmail.com or **Laura Davies** at lauradavies3802@btinternet.com
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ACREFAIR BROWNIES

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CEFN MAWR LIBRARY

Thursday 3rd November, new **Language and Play** sessions, these will be on every **Thursday** from 1-2.15 (term time) and for parents and children from birth to 3 years.

Adult Reading Group - we hold a monthly reading group that meets every four weeks, Our next meeting will be **Monday 14th November** at 2pm, we will be discussing '**The Letter**' by Kathryn Hughes. Decembers meeting will be **Monday 12th December**, we will be discussing '**No-one ever has sex on a Tuesday**' by Tracey Bloom. Contact the library if you would like to come along for a light hearted discussion of the chosen book with a brew!

Every Wednesday we have **Citizens Advice & One Stop Shop drop in**. Free independent, impartial, confidential advice on any topic. Benefits checks and Debt service from 1.30 to 4.30pm

Knit and Natter Group which also meet every **Wednesday**, come along and share your knitting and crochet skills with others, swap patterns and designs. No need to book, just bring your knitting. All levels of knitters welcome, as long as you can natter! Knitters meet 2-4pm



Friday 18th November 3.30-4.30pm – To raise money for Children in need we will be having an afternoon of children's activities such as colouring, Pudsey hat making, cake decorating, plus lots, lots more. There will be a charge of £1 per child for all of these activities. We will also be announcing the lucky winner of

our **Chocolate Bouquet** The raffle tickets for the chocolate bouquet are on sale in the Library 50p per ticket. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

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Thursday 29th December – Closed

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Tuesday 3rd January – Closed

Wednesday 4th January – Open as normal 1-5.30pm

DVT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Toastie After -School Club is based at the CRNCA Activity Centre off Bro Gwilym and is open daily during term time for all year 6 and above pupils, from 3:10 to 5:10pm.

The Toastie offer a free open access facility with loads of different activities and crafts. Please feel free to just pop in and see what happening in the "Toastie". We have been getting ready for the 'Spooky' season making Hallowe'en crafts and decorations. We recently completed our Food Hygiene training and the Toastie now has its Level 5 rating.

Thank you to CRNCA for their donations to enable us to offer our children and young adults free tea and toast.



LUNCH AT ST JOHNS CHURCH RHOSYMEDRE

Fish and Chips and prize bingo continues on the second Tuesday of the month.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS



Happy Birthday to local resident Mrs Megan Hughes from Rhosymedre who celebrated her 90th birthday recently. Cllr K Bathers Council Chair was delighted to present her with a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion. They had a lovely time and enjoyed talking about the good old days!

Remembrance Service will be on **Sunday 13th November**, at 10.45am by the Cenotaph - service to be held by Rev Kate Tiltman - there will be a march past this year with members from the ATC, along with the band.

Small Grants are now available from Cefn Community Council for local organisations, please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Streetlights Any streetlights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk, on **01978 821298**.

There will be a **Christmas Faye** this year to be held at George Edwards Hall on Thursday **1st December** between 4-7pm - come and visit Santa and enjoy the many stalls on offer selling various goods and refreshments.

There was an article in the local press regarding the state of the overgrown tress, hedges, verges etc. in Cefn Community. Please be assured that numerous complaints have been reported to WCBC as unfortunately it is not within the remit of Cefn Community Council to carry out these works. The Clerk is chasing WCBC on a regular basis to ensure the works are carried out.

If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their 90th or 100th birthdays please can you let the Clerk know thank you.

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Cllr Derek Wright Councillor for Cefn Ward

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CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum's special exhibition for September and October focused on 'Schools', with photos of local schoolchildren and teachers across the years, a splendid model of Rhosymedre School as it used to be, and some books enabling visitors to revisit the 11-plus exam! The most painful object on display was a bamboo cane! We also have an excellent display to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, with a beautifully-made model dugout from the trenches, some medal and a helmet on loan, and contemporary postcards showing the damage caused to French towns by the shelling, as well as films of the battle and music sung by the soldiers at the time.

We are also exhibiting some recent work by local Artists. Our Exhibition for November and December is musically themed: *'The Way We Have Listened To Music'*, which includes items from our own collection as well as one or two loans. Our Facebook page continues to stimulate interest and responses, and we feature an Object of the Week to share the Museum contents with the wider community. Visit our Facebook at 'Cefn Mawr and District Museum'. We also now have a phone number: **07972 528626**. The Museum is a partnership between Cefn Mawr Historical Society and the Cefn Community Council. Our opening hours are **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**, as well as the **second Saturday** of the month, all from **10am-12.30pm**. Admission is free and car parking space is available in the car park at the rear of the George Edwards Hall, Well Street, Cefn Mawr. We look forward to seeing you shortly. We can be found on Facebook at '**Cefn Mawr and District Museum**'.

CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society will conclude its 2016 Programme of Events with its annual Christmas Social Evening, Quiz and Guest Speaker, to be held at the George Edwards Hall on Friday 25 November, beginning at 7pm.



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THE TOWER NURSERY NEWS

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the nursery welcomed several new children. They have all settled in very well and are enjoying all the varied activities on offer.

During October, the children had lots of fun dressing up for Halloween, making craft items and helping to carve a pumpkin from the nursery garden. They are also celebrating Bonfire night by learning about Guy Fawkes. The Tempest photographer has been to take photos of the children and we have also had a visit from Helen Jones; as part of the Healthy School Campaign. The nursery is involved in the HIPP organic baby food initiative, and three members of staff are currently updating their Food Safety qualifications.

This month the nursery will be raising money for the **Children in Need Appeal** by having a "spotty" dressing up week and by making and selling cakes. Christmas is going to be a very busy time for everyone with lots of art, craft, and singing taking place. The final event before closing for Christmas is the Christmas party; which Father Christmas has said he will attend, bringing a gift for everyone.

Finally, we would like to remind parents of children who are entitled to Free nursery care as part of the **Flying Start Campaign**, that we have spaces available for January.

ACREFAIR OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The club is now back at the Centre behind Acrefair School after spending August on the road to various locations. We had an enjoyable morning with a visit from two members of the Cefn Mawr Historical Society who brought along some old photos, records of local chapels and much more interesting historical and local information. The club welcomed a new member Pat who has recently moved into the area. We have agreed the date for our Christmas Lunch and the menu and getting ready for the festive season. It may only be early November but our members are busy and always plan well ahead. With other potential members enquiring about the club we may have to look for more chairs and tables, but there are plenty of cups and saucers, plus biscuits to go around. If you need transport give **Clive** a ring on **01978 820392**.

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Cllr David Taylor Councillor for Cefn Ward

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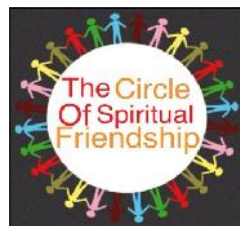
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the **first two weekends of November**, with volunteers recreating the workings of a traditional country station in the steam age. Enjoy cream teas in the station tea room, explore the riverside walks or take a trip along the Llangollen Railway. A website for the station is being developed, see www.berwynstation.co.uk for more details. In the underpass to the Chain Bridge at the eastern end of the station, there are poignant reminders of local sacrifice during the First World War. The white glazed bricks that line the underpass seem to have taken pencil marks readily, with some of the still legible messages dating from 1914 - 1918. One is signed by R. Roberts in July 1913. Next to it and dated 25 December 1914, is written Lance Corporal R. Roberts suggesting he enlisted, had been promoted and returned for Christmas leave. One message says "Berlin last stop", another is signed "Balls from Belgium". One is signed A. J. Candy an Alfred James Candy is honoured on Llangollen's War Memorial (this was unveiled by Capt. Best of Vivod on July 1923) as having fallen in action. Four of eleven soldiers' names researched appear on the war memorial. A **commemorative poppy wreath** will be on display at Berwyn for the first half of November as a mark of respect. If any readers have any memories or artefacts relating to the station, please do get in touch: peter.dson@hotmail.com

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Thank you from all of us at Cefn Mawr.



CEFN MAWR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IS 5

Family members and friends from the community helped *Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship* celebrate its 5th. Birthday recently. The group began in a local home but now meets at the CRNCA Centre on Bro Gwilym every Thursday evening, to encourage one another in their friendship with Jesus. The Centre was the venue for a special gathering where the table was groaning with good things to eat! And of course, there was a Celebration Cake made and decorated by a group member.



The **CMCF** hopes to start a friendly, easy to join, easy to belong to form of church at the Centre in the New Year. They've held free craft for all events at Ty Mawr to celebrate Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter and also tried Café-style church amongst themselves. The Birthday Party was such a hit, we are planning a **Harvest Supper on Thursday 3rd.**

November at 7.00pm, at the Centre, giving members and guests an opportunity to display their craft skills, hobbies and even their work, as a way of giving thanks to our Creator God for our gifts and all that He provides. The Fellowship is also holding another **Community Carol Service on Thursday 15th. December at 7pm at the Centre**, with Ysgol Cefn Mawr School Choir as their special guests once again: *you're warmly welcome to join in!* If you want to know more about the CMCF or any of its events, please contact us on **01978 810761** or **01978 824785**, or find us on Facebook.





YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE & YSGOL MIN Y DDOL
 Cllrs Derek Wright and Ken Bathers visited the schools to talk about Cefn's Regeneration Project and logo design competition. Amber and Dana represented **Rhosymedre** (above). Angharad and Aimee (left) represented **Min Y Ddol**. The designs went through to the judging in the George Edwards Hall. They were all presented with their runner up swim vouchers before the half term

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YSGOL ACREFAIR CELEBRATES!

Councillors Derek Wright and Ken Bathers visited the school and talked to the children about the Cefn Reaeration Project and the competition to design a logo. Drawings by Josh and Lexi went through to the final judging. They were presented with their swimming vouchers at a school assembly. The Children had also entered the Community Council's **Community in Bloom Competition** and were delighted to be named winners in the Community Garden sector. The Judges were very impressed with the

work around the school grounds and the variety of plants especially the vegetable plots and the great use of tyres for Planters. The children, accompanied by Mrs C Moyson attended the awards presentation.



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CEFN MAWR PLAYGROUP

The children have been busy making autumn and Halloween crafts. We had our food hygiene inspection and we are pleased to announce our 5 star rating. A big thank you to Cefn Albion & Cefn Druids for holding a fundraiser for our playgroup. With the funds raised we have purchase some much needed new toys, also a tablet for our ICT area. Next term Sarah Jackson will be returning from maternity leave, we are looking forward to having her back. We would be extremely grateful for donations of unwanted children's clothes as we are very short of spare clothes. Tempest photography will be visiting us on Friday 4th of November from 9am onwards all are welcome to come and have a photograph taken. We hope you have a lovely half term. For more information call us on **07980 754604** email cefnplaygroup@gmail.com



FUN AT FLYING START Its been a busy Autumn term here at the Flying Start playgroup based in the CRNCA Activity Centre, Thanks to all the parents that came and joined in with story time ,songs and craft activities with Jane from the Language and Play team. The children enjoying splashing in the puddles wearing their colourful wellies.



CLWB RYGBI RHOS

Boys and girls welcome from Year 2 upwards. We usually train **Sundays** from 11.30am to 12.30pm on Pant playing fields, unless we have a match on. We try to arrange matches every other week with local teams.

See our facebook page: **Clwb Rygbi Rhos** – mini's New players welcome – Just turn up!!!



CRNCA News

SPONSORED WALK Thank you to all who donated money for my recent sponsored walk from Llangollen to Chirk I raised £330 pounds which is going towards essential maintenance at the Cefn Mawr Activity Centre this walk was great fun and I met a lot of lovely people **Kris Morrison**

CRNCA

BINGO NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS STALLS There will be a **Prize Bingo** night at the Cefn Mawr Activity Centre on **Wednesday 16th November**, doors open 6pm any funds raised will be towards the **CRNCA Lunch Club Christmas Dinner** and Winter Activities there will be refreshments and Christmas stalls to peruse during intervals.

LUNCH CLUB Please note it is essential to book for the Wednesday lunch club by 1pm on Tuesday as places can be limited. The Christmas dinner on the 7th of December is now fully booked. We now have a 4 star food rating for our kitchen.

CHANGING SEASONS CLUB This is a 50+ club and is open 12.30 to 2.30pm every Tuesday come along and see what goes on, crafts, baking, outings, etc YOU decide, small subs apply.

As we go into winter we feel sure all our building users will benefit from the insulation already we can feel it a lot warmer inside. We would also like to give a big thanks to **Sparkle Window Cleaning Services** for the great window clean they did for us after the builders had left you left us sparkling too.



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The PKC Group continues to work on the LDP2 by WCBC for our community. The villages of the Cefn & Cefn Mawr are at the centre of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site which is an important intersection of three main forms of transport and unique to our community. We have the Llangollen canal, one of the busiest canals in the UK, we are on the main railway line from Chester to Shrewsbury which passes through the heart of our community and we are surrounded by three main trunk roads that travel in a north south and east west directions, the A483, the A539 and the A5. The combined road traffic count for the three main roads is in excess of 14 million vehicles annually. The PKC Group has looked at the Planning Policy for Wales 2016 by the Welsh Assembly Government and related this to our community and all the proposals we have made as a community over the last six years and combined into a document called Cefn Mawr & PPW 2016. In this document it shows how all the proposals we have made comply, agree and support in practical terms the PPW 2016 by the WAG in terms for Sustainable Tourism Development and Economic Regeneration for our community in accordance with the Future Generations Act 2015 again by the Welsh Assembly Government. During the course of the LDP2 by WCBC our community can have a very bright future if WCBC will work with us on this in accordance with WAG guidance.

The booklet is well illustrated and can be referenced straight back to the original PPW 2016 documentation if required which governs what WCBC should be doing to help our community. We have tried to include as much local reference as possible to ensure that everyone sees the whole picture and we feel that it does relate to our community very well. Printed copies will be available for reading at Cefn Mawr Library and at the Holly Bush Inn. PDF copies can be down loaded from our [LDP2](#) page on our website free of charge or you can purchase printed copies from **WTE Printers on High Street, Cefn Mawr, telephone 01978 821 299**. Printed versions come in full colour gloss paper and perhaps this would make an inexpensive and interestingly Christmas present for someone in your family. After all this is all a part of the living history of our community and well worth having looking at, and a lot of us are in it which is the best bit. It is not another line of crap merchandise or sales pitch designed to make money while removing it from you.

Remember whenever you can think local and shop local wherever you can because this helps support our local community in the long run. This is what the Welsh Assembly Government wants, so let's help them and hopefully they will help us, so we can make a better future for our children and grandchildren. See you all at the Holly Bush Inn for a beer, Dave Metcalfe.

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