



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Cefn Bychan/Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
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Plas Kynaston Foundry Arch comes to rest by the George Edwards Hall. Cefn Community Council were delighted to welcome this historic arch when it had to be moved from Cefn Bank and agreed to site it next to the museum along with one of the commemorative benches commissioned by the Flexsys T & G (Unite) Union Members.

Special thanks must be conveyed to Trevor Williams of T & G (Unite), also to Ian Biggs and Eastman's for funding the installation of the Arch, bench and commemorative stone.



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EISTEDFORDD GROUP VISIT HOME AND PERFORMS FOR BOD LLWYD RESIDENTS



Every year the organisers of the International Eisteddfod very kindly send a choir to sing for the residents at Plas Bod Llwyd Residential Home Cefn Mawr. This year they were treated to a lovely teenage group from South Africa called 'Parky' who not only sang but they also danced for them. As you can see it was a lovely day for all.



Ysgol Cefn Mawr were shortlisted for the Daily Post Healthy Living Awards 2017. Mr Williams, Mrs Moore, Brie Roberts and Joshua Philips attended the Daily Post Awards at Coleg Cambria, Deeside. This was in recognition of the sports clubs run by parents & teaching staff, Rugby Cups we have won, girls rugby and football, healthy snacks, tooth brushing, healthy week and Wrexham FC Health & Well Being Project etc. We didn't win but were pleased to be shortlisted for the Healthy Living Award which covers the whole of North Wales. Their behavior was brilliant and they represented the school well. They enjoyed their lunch and did well in the quiz.



Healthy Week In June the whole school worked on the theme of Healthy Week. We would like to thank **DanceZone's Emma and Sian** for the keep fit sessions with every class. Thank you to **Tesco's Vicky Bolton** for working with Foundation Phase making fruit kebabs and working with Key Stage 2 tasting healthy food and learning about what makes a healthy lunchbox. All pupils entered a healthy lunch box competition and **Helen Jones, Healthy Schools** came in with resources to talk about a healthy diet. Thank you to **Designed to Smile's Caroline Bulger** for talking to all classes about the importance of brushing teeth regularly. The children took part in competitive and inclusive sports days, all classes used the glitter bug to witness how easily germs spread. **Paramedic Mr Tim Green** came to Nursery and Reception to show the children some first aid and talked about how to keep healthy. The very busy week ended with all classes taking part in a sponsored run for Cancer Research dressed in pink or red. £177 was raised for this worthy cause.



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From the left: John Hughes; Cefn Druids chairman, Tracey Roberts; Carer, Ennis Wood; Resident, Judith Richards; Home Manger and Haydn Evans; Chairman of Cefn Albion at the presentation.

CEFN DRUIDS AND CEFN ALBION PARTNERSHIP WINS FOR BOD LLWYD

The recent pre season friendly between the two Cefn Sides was a big success, not only for the great spirit the players on the pitch displayed but also because the evening raised **£540** for **Plas Bod Llwyd Residential Home** in Cefn Mawr. A big thank you to Players and Fans alike who donated to a fantastic cause, the donation was presented to the workers and residents of Plas Bod Llwyd. Judith Richards, Manager at the residential home gave a massive thank you on behalf of all the residents for the kind donation, the money will be put towards a comfort fund which

allows the residents to enjoy treats and excursions. The recent partnership between the two clubs is already proving a benefit to our local community and we look to strengthen these ties and build on these successes going forward.



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Our Knit and Natter group pictured above enjoying a special Memory Session viewing old photos of Cefn Mawr at the library recently. As this was such a success, more of these sessions will be put on so look out for these dates

Fun Fridays Simple Crafts for Little Hands!

Every Friday from 3.30 – 4.30 No charge but a small donation greatly received to replenish materials.

Lego Club Do you like Lego? Starting Thursday 7th September and this will be every Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm. For children aged 6 and over, come with your friends to create Lego models 50p per child which will include a soft drink. We are still asking for donations of Lego please, as we only have a tiny amount thank you.

Summer Reading Scheme If you've been taking part in the **Summer Reading Scheme** certificates will be sent to schools the 3rd week of September, make sure you finish your last visit before this date.

Every Wednesday we have **Citizens Advice Bureaux** drop in sessions from 1.30 to 4.30pm offering impartial, confidential advice on any topic. Their number is **03003 301178** if you need to contact them.

Knit and Natter Group We also have a knit and natter group who 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.

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Children from Ysgol Rhosymedre's Story seekers have been visiting Cefn library once a week for the last term, they were adapting the story of Gelert and making their own book covers for it. On their last session in the library they made Hedgehogs from book folding.

THE TOWERS DAY NURSERY

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of all the nice weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the sunflowers are out and the children have been harvesting herbs, strawberries and potatoes. The garden has recently been judged in the community garden competition.

Other visitors to the nursery include the co-ordinator from the Healthy Schools campaign and the dental nurse from the Designed to Smile initiative. Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Our older children are soon to leave us ready to go to school. We wish them well in the next stage of their education.



ST JOHN'S RHOSYMEDRE

The next dates for the monthly fish and chips and bingo will be

Tuesday September

9th at 12.30pm, all are

welcome and then **Tuesday 10 October**. Please let **Beulah** know if you plan to come on **01978 810868**

St Mary's Church, Ruabon are running a club for the elderly 'Time well spent'. The day starts with coffee at 11am, followed by a hot lunch, a talk and it finishes about 3.30pm with tea. If you wish to come please contact **Jenny** on **01978 823550** or **Andrea** on **01978 810676** to find out more and book a place.

On **Sunday 13th August** at 2pm **St John's** are holding a *Butterfly Service* in the churchyard to remember loved ones who are buried here in the churchyard or elsewhere. You are welcome to come and remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died by putting a butterfly on a tree.

St John's Church wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the upkeep of the graveyard by raising money, donating money or by coming and cutting the grass and tidying the area up. We hope that this wonderful community effort by all who value the graveyard will continue, thank you.



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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS AND UPDATES.

PLATSCHEME Cefn Community Council members decided, and are delighted to announce that Council are to fund a playscheme during the Summer and October half term holidays through WCBC, these sessions are free open access provision for ages 5+ and will be held **Monday and Wednesday at Plas Kynaston Park** from 11am-1pm and on a **Friday at Acrefair School Playing Field** from 11am-1pm. Council also agreed to fund detached Youth Work during term time which will commence in September 2017, this is aimed at engaging with the teenagers in our community.

Cefn Community Council have been successful in obtaining a grant for play equipment in Plas Kynaston Park, these funds will be spent on a replacement roundabout which will be installed in early September, as the grant did not cover all costs involved the remaining balance has been paid from Council's reserve fund.

THE ARCH We are pleased to report that the **Plas Kynaston Foundry Arch** circa 1793 which was donated to the Cefn Community from Eastman's (Monsanto) along with one of the two benches donated from the Retired T & G Union Workers are now in situ at the back of the George Edwards Hall, next to The Historical Society's Museum. We are looking for a suitable location in Acrefair for the other bench.

WHAT IS BEHIND THE NAME? Want to know where the name *Oxford Street* came from? An unveiling took place recently at Tesco, Cefn Mawr where you can find a Oxford Bomber plane in a presentation box with the information enclosed. Please go and take a look, special thanks go to local historian **Michael Roberts** for his time and effort spent on the research.

Thank you to **Cefn Druids FC** for donating a set of goal posts to the Community Council which have been put at the MUGA ground.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! Cefn Community Council are looking to commemorate the end of the First World War 1914-18 and the being of remembrance/armistice with a tribute to the service men and one woman who died during this and subsequent Wars and Conflicts. This would be done as follows: People from the Cefn Communities who know specific details of the people commemorated on the cenotaph family members friends etc. These people should come forward with those details. If there is enough information gathered this would be given to the four primary schools for them to research the individual's family history, war and service records. It is then envisaged a special edition of the Community News would be issued to coincide with November 2018. We believe this will truly bring together all sections of our communities in commemoration of the people who gave their lives for us to live in our present day democracy.



SAFER ROADS FOR CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA: An Area meeting was held on Wednesday 5th July between representatives of Cefn Community Council, the WCBC Councilors and Officer to look at the possibility of making the streets in our community council area safer. To this end it is suggested we adopted a general principle of 20 miles per hour on most of our streets and the installation of more zebra/pelican crossings in Cefn, Acrefair and Plas Madoc. However, In order to progress this matter WCBC will need to bid for grant funding from the Wales Government, to progress this matter. If that bid is successful WCBC Officers will consult with the community prior to any works being implemented on site, to ensure they achieve the measures the residents of Cefn Community desire. Cefn Community Council whole heartedly supports this project, and ask that you get involved with the consultation whether you agree or not with these proposals.

GARDEN COMPETITION *The Garden In Bloom Competition* was judged on Friday 28th July, postponed a week due to bad weather. There will be a presentation on **Wednesday 30th August 11am** at the George Edwards Hall, Well Street, light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome, please come and join us.

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

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

HALL HIRE Need a venue for Parties, Meetings, Events, Stage Productions or more why not book the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. We have free car parking at the rear and reasonable hire charges, please phone the Clerk for details or call in and check availability with the Caretaker. The opening times for the council offices are **Monday to Thursday 8am to 2pm** outside of these times The Clerk can be contacted on **cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com** or call **01978 821298**

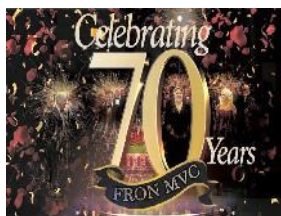
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70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS PART ONE COMPLETED

The first half of the **Fron Male Voice Choir's** 70th Anniversary celebrations

finished with a very busy week at the end of July. On the 22nd they sung in the *New Vic Theatre* at Newcastle-Under-Lyme's amazing theatre in the round. The guest soloist was *Caitlin Drake* from *Rhos*. On the 27th they gave a concert at *Seion Chapel Froncysyllte*. This was the venue for the meeting in 1947 that discussed forming the choir. A poignant concert for Dennis Williams, and Gren Gough, two of the founder members still singing with the Fron today. On the 29th they held a Garden Party at Trevor Hall, home of Louise Parker the choir's President and the venue of "the" wedding that started the choir on their Voices of the Valley CD success. 140 guests attended, choristers, their partners, Vice Presidents and founder members of the choir.

In August the choir usually breaks but the 26 new members recruited in 2016-17 wanted to carry on to catch up on the choir's repertoire. So for summer the choir can be found practicing at **Air Products Club from 7pm until 9pm every Monday**. Visitors are welcome and if any men fancy giving singing with the Fron a go this would be a good time to give it a try. Choir returns to normal practice on **Monday 4th and Thursday 7th of September**. They will be preparing for a number of concerts to finish off 2017 but the big local concert is at the William Aston Hall on the **11th of November** when they are joined by **Aled Wyn Davies, Aled Hall, and Rhys Meirion**, soloists in their own right, who are the fabulous *Three Welsh Tenors*. Tickets £15, concessions £12 available from the William Aston Hall box office, the Glyndwr University website and choristers.

RHOSYMEDRE BROWNIES will be back in **September** and have spaces available for girls aged 7-9. We meet at Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Plas Kynaston Lane on **Thursday** nights during term time from **6.15 to 7.45 pm**, cost is £2.00 per night. For more information please call **Tracy** on **01978 820686**

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We still meet every **Tuesday** morning at St John's Church, Rhosymedre between 10am and 12noon, come along and have a go, we have some paints, brushes and paper for you to try out before buying your own – try something new. Further information from **Laura on 01978 822 081**

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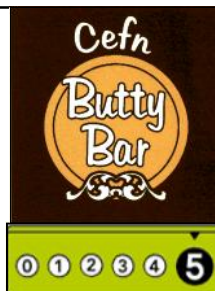
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BIG 10: Our brand new promotional Gym pass – You can use the Gym facilities at the Centre for 10 consecutive days for ONLY £14! No contract, No Joining Fee.

FREE Family Fun Swim: Free Swim for local residents - Normal Pool Ratios apply. 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov & 8th Dec 2017 Fridays 6.00-7.30pm

FREE OVER 60s Swimming: If you are Over 60 you can now swim for FREE at Plas Madoc, you simply need to fill in a form at Reception and pay £5 for a card which entitles you to Free Swimming for 12 months! This also includes FREE morning Aqua classes! From September onwards we will also be offering FREE 60+ swimming lessons on **Tuesday** mornings 9am-10am

JUNIOR FITNESS: We offer Junior Gym sessions for 11-15 year olds. **Monday-Friday** 4pm-5pm & **Sunday** 10am-11.30am From **September** we will be offering Junior Fitness in the Pool (Ages 11-16) Ask for more details.

CLUBBERCISE: Our Fun and Fantastic Clubbercise fitness classes are back with Crazy Carys leading all the dancing and boogying! Bring a night out to your work out – **Monday's @ 7pm Friday's @ 6.45pm**

ZORB Sessions! Adult zorbing at Plas Madoc, we cater for hen/stag parties or a group of friends, be prepared for a lot of fun as you try out your skills in our inflatable zorbs!! Those interested such get in touch via **01978 821600** or email **info@plas-madoc.com**

CLIMBING WALL: Why not try **THE WALL** at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, we now offer Junior & Adult climbing courses, call to book your place. We now also offer private Parties on our Climbing Wall as well as private bookings. Those interested such get in touch via **01978 821600** or email **info@plas-madoc.com**

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Cllr Paul Blackwell **Councillor for Plas Madoc**

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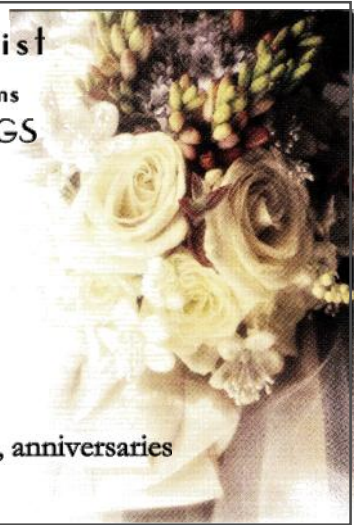
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PLAS MADOC HOSTS 'PLASTONBURY'

The people of Plas Madoc didn't let the rain dampen their spirits, as over 350 people attended a community Funday called 'Plastonbury'. The celebration built on last year's successful Summer event. But this year, as well as the rides and stalls, the community also got family entertainment and, to finish off the evening, a live band. The event was part of the Invest Local programme, which gives the area £1 million of funding over 10 years – and the community decides exactly how it will be spent.

Over the past 12 months the steering group have consulted with the community over what's important to them and how life on Plas Madoc could be improved. One of the outcomes from the consultation is that community events and activities are important and make life better on the estate. As a result of this feedback, part of the first plan for using the £1million includes running a series of regular events/activities. Other priorities include sustaining and developing current Playwork provision, as well as keeping the local leisure centre open. Sue Tookey member of the Plas Madoc Steering Group said - "Events like this are so important to the community, it gives us a sense of pride and togetherness, a real feel of community spirit." Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, Invest Local has only two criteria – that as many people as possible from the community have their say in how the money is spent, and that some of it is spent on projects or activities that have a long-lasting effect on the area. We meet most Thursdays 10am at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre in the Aqua Lounge. For more information, contact Gwen Thirsk on gwen.thirsk@bct.wales or **07736 158 829**.

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Thank you Kath Johnson



CRNCA NEWS

CRNCA Lunch Club The lunch club continues through the holidays and is on every Wednesday @ 12.30pm for local residents over 50+. Most dietary needs are

catered for. Please ensure you book by Tuesday lunch time, leaving a message on the office answerphone **01978 821515** or call Kris **07531 310335** as some occasions may be fully booked. The lunch remains at £3 for two courses and a hot drink thanks to Fare Share Charity and Tesco FareShare cloud.

The Changing Seasons 50+ group meets every Tuesday from 12-30 to 2.30pm all are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and cake, small subs apply. During the summer CRNCA have been trying to keep the grass cut in the adjoining field to allow use of the football goals, any help would be appreciated, even if it is just litter picking as you know this centre is run by volunteers and all help is very welcome.

Parents please check what your children are up to as we have some external graffiti to the Activity Centre, we are checking the cameras and parents will be notified and billed for repairs.

ACREFAIR BROWNIES Our Brownies meet on Thursdays in the Activity Centre by Ysgol Acrefair from 6 to 7.30pm during term time. For more information please call **01978 821601**

ACREFAIR OVER-SIXTIES CLUB

The Club is now in the midst of its summer outings. As Acrefair school is running a summer club during the recess, thus making the Centre unavailable, we have arranged five weekly trips to various Garden Centres and similar establishments that can provide some food, drink and toilets. None being more than 45 minutes coach ride away, the furthest being Chester and Welshpool. The Club is continuing its usual meetings when the new school term begins in September. We continue our morning chats, with tea and biscuits, and would welcome anyone interested to come and join us on a Tuesday morning. The next planned outing is probably some Christmas shopping in October/November. It may seem a long way off but will arrive quicker than you think. Come along if you want- everyone is welcome. If you are interested then ring us on **820392** (Clive) for more information. We can arrange transport.

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DRUIDS NEWS



We have signed some exciting new players this season and kept the nucleus of our last seasons successful team so are looking forward to a good year. **Wrexham FC Season Ticket Holders** have entry to

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The really big event is on Saturday 19th August when we have **Chris Coleman** and **Kit Symons** at the Club for an exciting evening. The event is being hosted by **Ian Gwyn Hughes**. Tickets to include a hot - pot supper are £30 each call **01978810287** for more information and tickets.

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The Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship meets in a community centre, the CRNCA Centre beside the Cefn schools - still known to many as "the old canteen". And they "do" church in a café setting and learn about God together through chat, videos, crafts and other activities you might not associate with "church". **CaféChurch** - from 10.30am on the first Sunday of every month- is open to all and has something for all ages. At a recent CaféChurch gathering there was someone from every decade from 3 - 80+. Families love the crafts and colouring and the special pre-school children's area. **The next CaféChurch events are on 3rd. September, 1st. October, 5th. November and 3rd. December** - you would be very welcome! Cuppas and cakes from 10.15am for the 10.30am start. CaféChurch usually ends around 11.45am - **and it's ALL FREE!**

Jesus met so many people in informal situations - at a meal table, on a journey, on the beach or amongst the fishing boats of his local community. He loved to be with people - ordinary people - and make Father God known to them using stories and everyday experiences that were easy to understand. In the same spirit, the **CMCF** (Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship) seeks to make it easy for people to discover that God loves them and cares for them. That's why they meet as **CaféChurch** and why they recently held two **Healing Cafés** in the CRNCA Centre, offering prayer in the power of God's Spirit. Several local people found help in their need: help with ill health, bereavement, supporting others who are ill or troubled, and so on. CaféChurch always includes prayer for healing and help: folk can write a need or a name on a "sticky note" and place it on the Prayer Board and as the gathering closes a simple prayer asks God to touch all the people and problems placed there.

The CMCF is hoping to hold **another Healing Café on Thursday 16th. November from 7.15pm**, probably with an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died and are still grieved for, as well as prayer for other needs. In December it will be time for the popular **Community Carol Service, most likely on Thursday 14th at 7.00pm**, hopefully with the Ysgol Cefn Mawr Choir. Look out for posters nearer the time of these events, or check out the Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship's **Facebook** page. You'll find details of all activities there or try calling 810761 / 824785. The CMCF: making God known in the community - **and café.**



CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum's latest special exhibition is a celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the consecration of St John's, Rhosymedre 6 July 1837. We have a variety of pictures, documents and objects to illustrate the history of our local church. The exhibition will continue until the end of August. The next special exhibition, which will run through the autumn, will focus on items from the home and kitchen.

Volunteers from the Museum have recently been invited to do 'Museum in a Box' presentations at *Chirk Court* and *Plas Telford*. These events are very rewarding, both for the presenters and for the residents taking part, and we shall be very happy to accept further invitations to go to community groups and homes. We also look forward to a visit from *Rhosymedre Primary School* in September. Our Facebook site continues to be well followed, and we now in addition have our own website up and running – if you wish to visit it, please go to www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk

We are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12.30pm and on the second Saturday of each month (same times) we are open over the summer period thanks to our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you when you come to visit us in the Waterloo Room at the rear of the George Edwards Hall. Admission is free.

Find us on Facebook at 'Cefn Mawr and District Museum'. Telephone **07972 528626**. The Museum is a partnership between Cefn Mawr Historical Society and Cefn Community Council.

CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the June meeting of the Society members heard Martyn Allmand deliver a talk on 'The Mining History of Cefn Mawr and District' to an especially large audience. The July meeting had a change from the programme with an evening entitled 'Travel Back in Time', where Howard Paddock and Dewi Davies introduced DVDs on local train and coach journeys from the past. There was also a short Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a new Chair and Treasurer, and to fill some vacancies on the Committee.

The next meeting will take place on **Friday 29 September** when we have Lowri Williams talking about 'The Ladies of Llangollen' Then on **Friday 27 October** our speaker is Jill Burton on 'Erddig: The Jewel in the Crown of Welsh Country Houses'. Meeting start at 7pm, admission is free to Members and £2 to non-members and guests on the door. Refreshments will be available

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TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

Our 'Friends' Dog show was a success with 71 dogs attending a big thanks for everyone help on the day. Our photo on the next page shows Barbara and John Heyward's lovely dog winning first in Best Condition Class

Thursday 17 August Tractor Rides and Farm Scavenger Hunt. From 1.30 to 3.30pm all ages, £2.50.

Saturday 19 August Ty Mawr Annual Fun Day. From 12 noon to 4pm fun, games, rides, stalls, food raffle, sensory play area and more organised by Your Space For information on the event or to book a stall please contact **Karen Williams** at Your Space on **01978 756804** or email **yourspacewales@hotmail.co.uk**

Thursday 24 August Medieval Crafts & Legends from 11am to 3.30pm, Listen to stories and legends, watch the medieval crafts and even have a go! There will be a Storyteller/actor on the picnic field, birds of prey, Children's 'messy play, lots of spinning and dyeing activities, woodworking and much more for you to try, why not dress up for the occasion?

Wednesdays 6 September, 4 October & 2 November for our monthly spinning, knitting and weaving group from 1 to 4pm. Beginners welcome please contact **June McLaughlin** on **07780 000206** See our facebook page **Ty Mawr country park spinners/weavers/knitters**

Thursday 2 November Starscopes & Rockets from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Make an eco-rocket to launch and a starscope to help you see your favourite constellations all ages £2.50.

Sunday 12 November Craft Fair from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Start your Christmas shopping with handmade and unique gifts supporting local craft workers. This event is supported by 'The Friends of Ty Mawr Country Park'.

The park is open 7 days a week and the Visitor Centre is open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm hot drinks are available if the Café is not open. Hel's Kiosk is normally open in the daytime weather Permitting for cakes, snacks and drinks. Tel: **01978 822780** for more information and see our facebook page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group**.

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MAELOR BOXING CLUB

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TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS



New arrivals! We have had new goats named Ifor, Eira and Mwg, a cockerel named Bjorn and two beautiful rabbits named Rapunzel and Flopsy photo below. One of our lovely Dog Show winners above.



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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

The children in Year 5 at Ysgol Acrefair thoroughly enjoyed spending the final three days of the summer term in Pentrellyncymer. We were blessed with wonderful weather for the visit which allowed us all to enjoy mountain biking, gorge walking, canoeing and climbing in the sunshine. The evenings were spent on long walks as the sun was setting, then around the campfire toasting marshmallows.

Many of the activities were really challenging, but they encouraged the children to go outside of their comfort zones and try something new. The children were a wonderful support to teach other, encouraging each other throughout. The teachers who accompanied the children were incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour throughout the visit, this was also noted by the staff at the centre who praised them very highly.



The Year 6 children in Ysgol Acrefair had a busy end to the year as they performed in their class production of 'Olivia', based on the original Oliver Twist. The performance was inspired by the topic of 'Windows to a Changing World', based on the Victorians. The children had enjoyed learning about this period of time with their class teacher Mrs Owens and were excited to begin preparing for their own play as part of ongoing drama lessons throughout the spring and summer term. The children



were outstanding and their parents and teachers were very proud of them. In the run up to the end of the year the children all took part in a 'laser combat' day in Llandegla. The children had to work together as a brilliant team to win the 'battles' and had a huge amount of fun in doing so! To end the year, the Year 6 children also presented their **Leavers Service** to the whole school and their parents. They reflected on their favourite memories of their time in the school and the things that they are looking forward to as they take the next steps in their learning journeys. Following on from the service they were joined by their families for a special, celebratory lunch. We all wish all of our Year 6 leavers every success in everything that they go on to do in the future.



YSGOL RUABON PROM

A few photos of our Year 11 leavers as they got ready for their Personal Profile Ceremony followed by their Prom..



MIN Y DDOL NEWS

The sun shone over the Cefn for Ysgol Min-y-Ddol sports day and we were all very pleased that Miss Edwards dashed to Argos that morning for Gazebos. The pupils were well prepared with hats, sun cream and water, they even had ice-pops half way through. There was some great cheering for all competitors from very sun kissed parents and supporters. We then moved back to the school for a BBQ and funday, with bouncy castle, tom bola, raffle and water slide! A lovely end to the school year



PKC GROUP UPDATE



Dear Fellow Residents of Cefn Mawr you may have seen mention of the consultation that the Canal & River Trust, Solutia and WCBC are holding regards the ex-Monsanto Site. This to try and gauge what to do with the ex works and now brings the total expenditure to almost £200,000.00 on consultants for so called master planning with nothing achieved. The leading THI work, the Ebenezer with £1.5 million pounds spent on it has remained closed and unviable for the last four years and our community has been segregated from the World Heritage Site despite being at the Centre of the WHS corridor.

The CRT are leading this consultation and if this is left up to them our community will remain isolated and forgotten. They have blinkers on and only think about the canal and about 2mts either side of it!

However this need not be the case and we can rise up and make them aware that Cefn Mawr should be connected to the aqueduct in ways that will work such as Jessop's Tramway, the Windborne Gate Car Park and the Plas Kynaston Canal etc. These things will bring tourism to our community centre and spur employment in Cefn Mawr. The PKC Group will make a case for this as usual but we also urge as many of us possible to do so as well. It is only by making these people aware that our community is here and that it should be included, will it be so. If we don't it will once again be forgotten and left out. WCBC see me as the Demon from Cefn Mawr who points out the truth, and here in is another lesson. WCBC need to start listening to what the people of Cefn Mawr are saying and have been saying for the past 7 years.

The real irony of all this is if the said parties here had worked with the PKC Group as we have asked them to do for the past 7 years JT and the WBG Parking would be open and we would be seeing at least 10% of the tourist count in our village centre. That is 25 to 30 thousand people.

The cost of JT & WBG (that would have been completed by our local people and trades men) is less than has been spent on highly paid consultants from outside our community with nothing achieved so far.

So we ask that you join in and tell them to listen and work with us to reunite Cefn Mawr and the aqueduct so we can start to rebuild the economy of our community.

And if any one would like to join me for a beer at the Holly Bush Inn to talk about this and what practical things can be done you are always welcome.

Regards,

David Metcalfe.

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