

THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE FROM CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this very worthy fundraising campaign. The original target of £1500 was met, in fact the total raised was £2080, well done everyone who donated.

Cefn Community Council would like to convey special thanks to the family of the late Mrs Hughes for the very generous donation received from Mrs Hughes' funeral. Also, to Francis Roberts funeral directors for their generous donation. I'm thrilled to announce that the defibrillator has been installed on the front of the George Edwards Hall building, at the last meeting of the Community Council it was resolved that Cefn Community Council will fund another five units which will be installed over the coming months at various locations in the community.

There will be a training event at the George Edwards hall for everyone in the community in the next few weeks/months when we are able to re-open the George Edwards Hall.

Pictured left are Phil Vaughan Chair Cefn Community Council, Craig Roberts, and Tomos Hughes Welsh Ambulance Service.



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Wherever it's been humanly possible, we've stayed open, we've been there to support you and we've taken extra measures to protect your health and wellbeing. We've done this because we know a Slimming World group is so much more than a place to get help with your weight, so much more than finding that help to become slimmer, fitter and healthier.

In the whole world of help for slimmers, there's nowhere like a Slimming World group. A Slimming World group is place where people find compassion and understanding, friendship and fun, a shot of motivation and the confidence to carry on, even when times get tough.

Working together - our groups give people hope in a world that can sometimes feel full of desperation.

We know (we've witnessed it so many times) our groups bring out the best in people. We recognise and applaud you, as you show that same compassion and kindness to others. Your warmth and kindness shines out and lights up the world. True to form, that is exactly what you've been doing throughout these past few weeks of uncertainty.

Our team at Head Office are working behind the scenes to develop temporary 'virtual' community options that will ensure we can bring a remote Slimming World service to you at home. Our aim is to bring these to you this week (w/c 23rd March) if we possibly can - because we know that for many of you, the thought of trying to manage your weight alone at home, when life feels as though it's been turned upside down is a frightening thought. And continuing to nourish our bodies with healthy, family-friendly, home-cooked meals has never been more important.

Whilst a remote group will never be the same as your physical Slimming World group, technology means that we can maintain connections even when we're physically isolated from each other. We are searching for the best way to do this, whether we use social media, a specialised online service such as Slimming World Online or something more intimate and supervised so we can continue to support our members while not abandoning those most vulnerable in our society. We are searching for a Slimming World solution, where we can give each other motivation, practical help and advice, tips, hope – and make each other laugh with that famous sense of humour you possess. We will draw on our courage and strength and help others do the same. We will raise your spirits when you're down and let you raise ours when we falter.

We may be apart but we do not have to be alone.

Despite the difficulties we are about to face, we will face them together and, with our combined energy and creativity, determination and compassion, we will all resurface stronger, braver and fitter than ever.

Stay with us, because we will always stay with you.

Love to our Acrefair members and your families from Sam and Lisa

Acrefair slimming World Consultants x

WCBC SCHOOL TRANSPORT

From **Monday March 30**, home to school transport will be suspended until further notice across the county borough. This is to reduce non-essential travel and to ensure social distancing of children. The take-up of home to school transport has been extremely low this week, which has also contributed to the decision. SEN (Special Education Needs) home to school transport will continue for children travelling to their usual facilities.

LLANGOLLEN GARDEN RAILWAY FESTIVAL

After hearing the new guidelines from the Government is felt that we have little choice but to postpone Festival which was planned for **May 30th**. It is looking clear that this original date will fall at the height of the Covid19 virus, and as we are wishing to make every effort to keep everybody safe we have decided to hold the festival later in the year.

So we are pleased to announce that the **Llangollen Garden Railway Festival 2020** will be held on the **3rd of October** this year. I really hope that you will still be with us and that together we can make it the great success which it was proving to be. <https://www.lgrf.co.uk/>
Kind regards

Llangollen Garden Railway Festival Team



YSGOL RHIWABON UPDATE

Ysgol Rhiwabon opened its doors from to support key workers and vulnerable children. Precise times and activities will follow shortly.

Who are the key workers - and which children are classed as vulnerable?

In his speech, Boris Johnson said schooling would still be available for the children of:

Health workers
Police officers
Supermarket delivery drivers
Workers looking after the vulnerable and elderly.

Key workers are people who work within the public sector in roles that are vital to the infrastructure of the community. While a full list has not yet been revealed, this could also include:

Teachers and nursery nurses
Police officers, Community Support Officers and some civilian police staff
Prison officers and some other Prison staff
Probation Service staff
Social workers, educational psychologists and therapists
Local Authority Planners
Firefighters
Connexions Personal Advisers
Some Ministry of Defence personnel
Environmental Health Officer
Highway Agency Traffic Officers

Who are **vulnerable children**? "Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with a statement of educational need".

In addition, we aim to have catering available to provide meals for those on free school meals as a minimum

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to let school know if your child intends to attend

Follow the school Twitter: @ysgolrhiwabon

Website: www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk

CRITICAL WORKER AND ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

There has been some confusion regarding whether child care should be available in schools for families of key workers with one key worker parent. This has been received today from Wrexham CBC .

"Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be and only where there is no safe alternative should provision be made in schools or other settings. If you are classed as a critical worker but are able to perform the critical parts of your job effectively when working from home, then you should do so. If one parent is a critical worker but the other parent is not then the other parent should provide safe alternative arrangements at home when possible."

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TOWERS DAY NURSERY

Since the last newsletter, the children have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year, St Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day and St Patrick's Day.

They have enjoyed stories, drama and art/craft work. They have baked Welsh Cakes and also dressed up for St David's Day.

For Mothering Sunday we were busy making cards and gifts and are looking forward to celebrating Easter.

Now that Spring is in the air there will be more opportunity for outdoor play and for work on the garden. The children will soon be busy planting seeds and putting in plants ready for the Summer. The staff have been busy too, renewing their Food safety Certificates. Two members of staff have attended a course on "Risk taking in the outdoor environment", three are working on C.A.C.H.E. levels, and two are attending training on second language Welsh for nursery children. We also have two students on a traineeship programme in partnership with Wrexham College.

Due to the latest guidance we will be opening the nursery ONLY for key worker's children until further notice during the current crisis.

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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

Everyone has been very busy this term in Ysgol Min y Ddol. Our Nursery children studied the farm and have had a real tractor in school as well as a farmer

who they quizzed in Welsh about what he does. We have also got potentially 12 new additions to our Nursery – little chicks that are due to hatch in our incubator in the next couple of weeks! We celebrated St David's Day with a concert in school showcasing all the favourite traditional Welsh songs. Each class performed brilliantly. Following from then, the whole school dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day, with some excellent costumes including Pinocchio, Harry Potter, Thing 1 and Thing 2 and the Tin Man.

One of our classes, Dosbarth Draenog, have been studying The Rainforest and they have become passionate about helping the Orang-utan. To support their plight, the children decided to raise some money by hosting some fundraising events in school. They decided upon a café in their classroom for the local community to attend whereby they would sell their homemade biscuits. They had an excellent turnout and between the café and a pyjama day, raised nearly £250. The children then decided what to do with the money and have collectively agree to adopt an Orang-utan from Chester Zoo.

Sporting Events have been frequent this term with our teams competing in swimming galas and football tournaments within the local community.

In supporting the children's health and well-being, we have had workshops take place highlighting healthy relationship and the rights of the child. The children learnt about our differences and that, despite them, we are all equal.



As part of their Mindful Monday sessions, the junior children have been to Bod Llwyd to paint with the residents, litter picked at Ty Mawr, they have created scrap books with a community member, played problem solving games at Plas Madoc and have cooked healthy burgers with our school cook. The children get to participate through earning points during the week for their independence, perseverance and effort in school.



Coronavirus Community Volunteering

During the coming weeks, our stretched Health and Social Care service will need support from volunteers within their community. Pressures will arise as a result of increasing demand and the risk of staff reductions due to self isolation. The tasks which will be open to volunteers are likely to be dependent upon local requirements and in relation to the ongoing situation.

As the situation changes there will be numerous roles that you can help with. Please register your interest on the Volunteering Wales website using the link below.

Volunteering Roles:

- ✔ **Drivers with own vehicle** – delivering items, collecting/dropping off staff.
- ✔ **Catering and Cooking** – cooking a meal for an elderly neighbour, or supporting health staff
- ✔ **Childminding** – helping at local childcare settings, baby sitting for a neighbour who works
- ✔ **Administration** – answering the telephone and/or computer inputting
- ✔ **Bereavement Counselling** – qualifications needed
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So that we can continue to be operational and keep up with demand we are reverting back to you not having to pay online for Click & Collect orders and in fact, you can pay in-store upon collection.

You will not be permitted to enter our stores without a Click & Collect order already being placed so as to minimise the risk to you and our workforce.

We are terribly sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, but as with many businesses we are trying to react to an ever-changing situation as quickly and as best we can.

If you have had any problems with placing a Click & Collect order please let us know via Facebook messenger. We are here to help.

There is a change in operating hours - weekdays are 9-6 for *Gledrid*. This may be subject to change. Our stores will be operating on a click and collect only basis - no browsing in the store, stock must be ordered online or via phone in advance. We can accept telephone orders - phone your local store on **01691 770084** or call **01492 542662**.

We would also ask that you order online where possible at **www.farmandpetplace.co.uk**

There is no need to "panic buy", so please be mindful of others during this time.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

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To help us run efficiently and SAFELY we are following the Government guidelines and only letting in 2 customers at a time and we will be asking customers to wait outside until someone leaves. So as much as we would love to stop and chat to customers like we usually do please make your shopping as quick as possible.

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This change will be effective from Tuesday 31/03/20.

We are only delivering to the following areas: **Cefn Mawr, Newbridge, Rhosymedre, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Garth, Trevor, Fron, Pentre, Whitehurst and Chirk.**

Please note some items of meat may not be available so I will put something else in, there will be limits on the amount of meat we allow you to have of each item. Once again, thank you for your support. **Craig and Sarah**

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How could the current situation with COVID -19 virus affect the funeral of my loved one?

Currently funerals in The Chapel at the crematorium are continuing as usual. If this changes we will let you know immediately.

A maximum of 30 mourners will be able to attend a service in The Chapel at the Crematorium.

Additional mourners will be able to listen to the service via the speakers outside the crematorium building, standing in groups no closer than 2 meters (6') apart.

Unfortunately **you will be asked not to gather round, touch or kiss the coffin** at the end of the service.

Sadly **a service in a place of worship is not currently possible.**

If your loved one is to be buried this will be carried out with a short service at the graveside for close family and friends only.

When the time is right for you and when congregations are allowed to gather again **we can help you arrange a special memorial service or a Mass in memorandum**

How are we tailoring our service to meet the current government advice on social distancing?

Unfortunately we are currently not able to visit you in your home. We are asking you to come to our office to make arrangements and to sign any necessary paperwork. However we ask that no more than 2 people come at any one time. This is to ensure we can adhere to the advice to remain 2 meters (6') apart.

If you are unable to come to our office we can easily discuss all necessary arrangements over the telephone. If there are forms that need to be signed we will deliver them to your home. We would be very grateful if you could sign the forms while we wait outside.

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THE FRON INTEND TO KEEP CALM AND STAY HEALTHY

World events started taking effect on the choir in March. COVID-19 finally reached the UK and news came out that older people were the most vulnerable to succumbing to the Coronavirus.

Despite initial messages from the government to carry on as usual, that certainly did not happen; and the public stopped buying tickets for events. Sports events were cancelled, concerts were being cancelled, and choirs were suspending rehearsals until further notice. The Fron, following government guidelines, decided to carry on. If any of the choristers were unhappy or uncomfortable with attending rehearsals, they were free not to attend. Any chorister returning

from a trip abroad was told not to turn up for 14 days from the day they landed back in the UK. Anybody who developed new coughs or sneezes were also asked to stay away.

However, as we now know, things changed very quickly. The choir gave its last concert on the 14th March at *Grappenhall, Warrington*. They spoke to the organiser on the Wednesday before the concert, and he wanted the concert to go ahead. The Fron agreed but warned that they might be down in numbers as some of the choristers in the vulnerable category had decided to self isolate to be on the safe side. They spoke again on the Saturday morning and assured them that they would be there. As choristers arrived at the bus pickup points, there was apprehension as they had no idea how many choristers would turn up. They need not, however, have worried. 38 choristers took to the stage and were surprised at the size of the audience- the church was over three-quarters full.

There was one noticeable difference with this audience compared to all the Fron's other concerts - there was silence during the choir's singing; no coughing, no sniffles, no blowing of noses and no sneezes. It was either the healthiest audience they'd ever sung to or the audience were stifling coughs and sneezes in case they were asked to leave. The concert went well and the choir even managed to have a relaxing afterglow in the pub next door following the concert.

The following Monday, the Fron met for a rehearsal and decided to suspend all choir rehearsals until further notice. The May concert in Oswestry was postponed and Junes concert at Newtown was cancelled. The July **Brass and Voices** concert at the Stiwt is still on, but it looks highly likely that it will go the same way as the other two.

Another casualty of the current situation is the release of the Fron's new album **Voices of the Valley - Echoes**. The present restrictions mean that the choir will not be able to appear at launch events so, instead of a June launch, it has been postponed to later in the year.

An unexpected side effect of self isolation, however, is that the choir's Spotify statistics have changed. The total of their monthly listeners has increased by over 1,000 to give a total of 16,789 listeners in the last month. A pretty amazing result you must agree.

The choir has not suspended all choir activity, as new music has been ordered, The music team have created MP3s for each section to learn their parts and the choir have been experimenting with online virtual rehearsals. Will they be able to learn new music during this necessary forced suspension? You, like me, will have to wait and see, as all this is new to the choir. What is certain is that they are determined to keep in contact, look out for each other, and are trying to make the most of the dreadful situation we all find ourselves in.

So, to repeat David T Jones, the choir chairman's message, "Keep healthy, stay home, and listen to the Fron on Spotify 🎧 🎧 🎧".



WCBC HOUSING

Please note that all of our estate offices are now closed, including reception areas where kiosks and free phones were. If you have **URGENT HOUSING REPAIRS**, please contact housing on **01978 298993**.

For **URGENT HOUSING QUERIES** please call **01978 315305** Thank you for your continued support in this difficult situation.

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Please do not call the local estate office as they are not open for housing queries at the time, thank you.

WCBC GAS SAFETY CHECK

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FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Following these basic fire safety tips and adopting them into your daily routine will help to make you safer in your home.



Test your smoke alarms every week

Remember, a smoke alarm can only warn you if it works properly.



Plan an escape route

Plan how you would get out if there was a fire in your home.

Remember to keep the hallway, stairway and doors clear so that it is easy to get out in an emergency.



Have a night time routine

Every night, remember to close all doors, switch off and unplug appliances.

Keep a telephone and mobility aids close by if you need them.



Take extra care when cooking

Don't have anything near the cooker that could catch fire.

Remember to use a timer or something else to remind you not to forget about your cooking.



Take extra care with open flames and heaters

Always use a fire guard and make sure candles aren't on or near anything that could catch fire.

Don't leave a heater too close to anything and never cover it.



Store electric blankets either flat or rolled-up



Don't overload plug sockets

And never use them if wet.



Never smoke in bed

Always take proper care with cigarettes, especially if you're tired or unwell and put them out properly.



Never use your electric blanket at the same time as a hot water bottle

Who can help?

If you want to know more about keeping safe from fire in your home you could talk to your support worker who could arrange for you to have a Home Fire Safety Check if you wish.

This is a free service offered in Wales by the Fire and Rescue Services.

REMEMBER - NEVER fight the fire yourself

if a fire starts in your home, leave as quickly as possible. **phone 999** and ask for the Fire Service

Contact Wrexham Fire Station - 01978 367870



YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Our pupils have been so busy within School but the fun and learning doesn't stop at 3 o'clock! Our School offers a wide range of free Teacher led After School Clubs. Carry on reading to find out more about what our pupils have been up to out in our Community...

Pupils taking part in the School's 'Story Seeker's' After School Club have been visiting Cefn Mawr library. They were delighted to have the opportunity to experience an 'hour in the life of a librarian!'. Rosie (librarian) taught pupils how to sort through stock, replenish shelves making attractive reading displays to entice readers to choose certain books sorted according to colour, genre, author etc Pupils also had a go at scanning and stamping books, loaning them out and receiving them back whilst entering data and information on the computer. Needless to say they loved this session and some are even considering this as a career!

Reception Pupils and their families also spent some time after School on the mobile library van, many after getting their very first library card! Pupils got to choose a book which they will return and then be able to choose another the following week! How exciting! Thank you so much to all the library staff who support our pupils in *Cefn. Mawr library*



Our After School 'Clean up Crew' wrote to Tesco's Community Champion as they were concerned about litter within their local environment. They made posters advertising their services within the community and then set to work. Thanks to Tesco Cefn Mawr for providing a range of items to support this club including anti bacterial cleaning products and a first aid kit.



Community Support Officer
Abigail Land PCSO 3926
Mobile 07974 244132
email: Abigail.Land@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

**Cllr Sonia T Benbow-Jones,
Independent Councillor Cefn Ward**

You can contact me on
Tel: **07532 780007 or 01978 823603**
e-mail: **sonia.benbow-jones@wrexham.gov.uk**

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We would like to thank all our customers for their support over Mothers day, we are now ON-LINE only, We feel that it is important for our customers to be safe at this difficult time. We will still be delivering flowers and using a contactless method of payment, we will upload daily specials on our local selections page which you can purchase to be delivered, if you wish to collect your item we can arrange this by appointment to ensure it is within a social distance.

Our website is www.regenthouseofflowers.co.uk please bare with us as stocks are low, but if you ring **01978 357356** we can advise what is available... many thanks for your understanding and keep safe and well. **Laura and the Team**

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COMMUNITIES FOR WORK



****Coronavirus update****

Due to the latest information from the Government, we have made the decision to close our **Plas Madoc Office** along with our **Caia Park Office** until further notice. We are adapting the way we work to ensure we are able to continue to support you.

If you need to contact your mentor and have their number, please do phone them directly.

For general enquiries please email in the first instance cfw@wrexham.gov.uk or call **07976 200414** or **07976 200413** your call will be answered between the hours of **10am - 3pm**, otherwise you can leave a message and your call will be returned, however there may be a delay.

We are still accepting referrals, however these will be done via telephone.

So please rest assured that we are still here and will continue to update our social media pages with any changes, and will share any jobs as we come across them.

The Team.

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Mawr, Dee Valley &
District**

This will keep you up to date during this challenging time. We will also keep updating information from businesses that are open and those also offering home deliveries so we can all stay safe.

You will also find an album of photos that includes the ones we could not fit in to this edition of the newsletter.





YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

In January, building work began on the front entrance of the school. Although we have had to shuffle around where we come into school and where we leave, it hasn't greatly affected our school day and instead has led to lots of interesting investigations, such as Year 6 calculating the costs of carpets and furniture for each of the new rooms that have been created. Year 4 met with the builders to find out more about the work that goes on behind the scenes when such a project is undertaken and they have been busy making their own design plans too. The building work was carried out right on time and we are looking forward to being able to begin to move the furniture back in after Easter.

In other news, we were excited to be chosen to work as the lead school on a collaborative project between three schools from Wrexham and Denbighshire during which we have been investigating the impact that different approaches to teaching can have on the engagement and progress of pupils.

This has involved training for teachers and a range of different experiences for the children, including working with a storyteller and finding out more about traditional tales related to our local area, visiting the aqueduct to study photography and working with an artist, **Jon Clayton** from **Kelsall Primary School**, to produce our own landscape artwork based on the photographs we took.

We have loved to see how much the children have enjoyed the project and the work that they have produced across the curriculum which has linked to it.

This is all part of our journey towards implementing the new curriculum for Wales, which we are very excited to do.

It was a sad ending to the term, as we had to say goodbye to our pupils earlier than expected. We have been very grateful to all of our families for their support at a time which has been challenging for our whole community- they will all be in our thoughts over the coming weeks and we will look forward to welcoming them back to school when the time is right to do so.

In the meantime we are enjoying keeping in touch with the children remotely and seeing how their learning is continuing at home.



WCBC FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We're working hard to try and provide free school meals to

children who aren't in school at the moment.

If your children are entitled to free school meals, you'll be able to collect 'grab and go' packed lunches from one of the following sites from **Friday 27 March 2020**.

- ◆ **Caia Park Estates office**
- ◆ **Plas Madoc Estates office**
- ◆ **Broughton Estates office**
- ◆ **Gwersyllt Estates office**
- ◆ **Rhos Estates office (Stiwt)**
- ◆ **Memo Hall Wrexham**
- ◆ **Plas Pentwyn Coedpoeth**
- ◆ **Llay Resource Centre**
- ◆ **Overton Library (Cocoa Rooms)**
- ◆ **Ysgol Y Waen Chirk**

You can go to the nearest site. Packed lunches must be collected between **11.30am and 1pm** by a parent or carer.

You'll need to give staff the name of your child / children and the school they attend, and you'll only be able to collect a packed lunch for your own child / children.

You'll also need to follow social distancing measures...maintaining your distance from other people. We'll continue to provide this service during normal school days.



WCBC WASTE AND RECYCLING

Garden waste. We were due to implement a new garden waste collection service in April that residents would have to

pay for each year. We're now suspending the introduction of that service, and will continue to collect everyone's garden waste for free for as long as we can.

We're unable to issue any refunds, but if you've already **paid the £25 you'll get a full 12 months service** from when the scheme begins...so you won't lose out. You don't need to contact us, as we have a full record of customers who've paid so far.

To help ease pressure on our Contact Centre staff, we won't be taking payments for the new scheme until further notice, and will only be handling enquiries for critical services. If you haven't already paid, don't panic. We'll start taking payments again when the emergency is over, and we're in a position to introduce the new service.

Easing pressure on our Contact Centre staff is really important, as people with underlying health conditions will be receiving letters from the Government in the next few days, and some of them will need to contact us for support. So it's important our staff are available to help them.

If you do need to contact us, please email contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk or **visit our website**.

TESCO

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ONE PERSON.

EVERYONE ELSE PLEASE

STAY AT HOME.

YOUR LOCAL TESCO STORE ISN'T THE

PLACE FOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS.



REMINDER – PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS

As we mentioned yesterday, the Government is sending letters to people across the UK with underlying health conditions that make them more vulnerable to Covid-19.

The letters will **advise people to stay at home and avoid any face-to-face contact for at least 12 weeks**.

If you receive one of these letters and you don't have any friends, relatives or neighbours who can deliver food and medicine for you, or you can't order your food online, the letter will tell you to contact us using a phone number provided.

If you need to call us, rest assured that we're working hard with partners to put in place measures that will enable us to help you.

WCBC PLAY AREAS

All council-managed play areas have been shut since the start of this week to support social distancing.

Despite this, we're still getting reports of people using them. Please don't. Our play areas are shut and the Government has made it clear that people should only be leaving their homes for very limited purposes.

It's difficult to physically close some play areas off, but where possible we'll be taking measures to try and secure them and keep your child safe.



UPDATE FROM MARIE CLAIRE
Cefn Community Council's Community Agent.

Hello, some of you may have had a chance to meet me before the lockdown. I want you to know I am on hand to

collect prescriptions, do shopping, pick up/drop off laundry, dog walking, etc. If you do require anything from the supermarkets then I need to ask everyone to write me out a list, sign it and date it please. Having spoken to Tesco yesterday, without this I cannot do the shopping.

A wonderful gentleman today suggested that I am paid by a bank transfer, which avoids the need for cash to be touched, and/or your bank card being needed. I will of course provide all receipts! I will provide my details for anyone that needs to do this. You can contact me on **07925 048711** email: **cefncommunityagent@gmail.com**

There is a Facebook page set up by Tyger Benbow-Jones called **Cefn Mawr and district Support Group** that you can join and leave messages to get help, it also has updates and information.

Is there anyone that would like to volunteer to help within the community at this time? This can be as simple as just checking on neighbours, walking a dog, or picking up some shopping when you go out and if they have any concerns then they can contact me on **07925 048711** or email **cefncommunityagent@gmail.com**



HOME FARM OVERTON

Due to people self isolating and otherwise unable to leave their homes we are offering home delivery to the following postcodes on selected days

LL11LL12, LL13, LL14, LL20, SY11, SY12, SY13, Please note if your postcode isn't included do contact us to see how we can help.

As well as our usual produce: sausages, bacon, eggs, meat, pies, sausage rolls, cooked meats etc we can also offer daily staples such as milk, cheese, bread, potatoes and other vegetables and salad where available. We will get other essentials if you are desperate please don't hesitate to ask, if we can we will! Also if you are self isolating we can deliver to a safe place of your choosing.

We also have a portable card machine for ease of payment or you could simply place your order with us and we can send you our PayPal details! Please contact us **01978 710141**.

Replies may be a little delayed on our **Facebook** page but we will reply as soon as we can! Thank you and stay safe!

Some resources that may help in these worrying times.

Calm offers a resource page with meditations, Sleep Stories, music, talks, and resources, all hand-picked to support your mental and emotional wellbeing. We decided to make all of the resources on this page free of charge please share with anyone who might benefit. Let's breathe together.



<https://www.calm.com/blog/take-a-deep-breath>

The Virtual Concert Hall

In response to the closure of so many entertainment and socialising places and the continuing impact of the Virus, a public Facebook page called The Virtual Concert Hall has been set up and each day they are uploading a range of entertainment for you to enjoy. Generally the daily schedule will work like this
Morning 8am Morning Thoughts and Music
Lunchtime 12 noon Classic Comedy
Kids Time 3pm Fun and Films
Evening Concert 7pm Music right across the genres

After Hours 10pm Late Night Jazz Blues and Soul

Here is the link to the page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106805319668553/>

UPDATE FROM ST COLLEN PLAYERS

Come and join us next Wednesday 1st April at 7pm to enjoy the Variety show to raise our spirits. Our Performers will do a turn live from their homes. Tune in to The Colleen Players Facebook page.



LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM

Following the guidelines the museum has closed. We look forward to welcoming you back later in the year. We will let you know when this is through our facebook page, thank you.



CLWYD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY RESEARCH CENTRE,

Community Enterprise Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr LL14 3YD

We are close for the time being and look forward to reopening later in the year, thank you.

CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY & CEFM AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Members were delighted by the February meeting when Peter Read and Eric Jones gave a dramatic presentation entitled 'The Brothers Yorke' — the story of Philip and Simon Yorke of Erddig. As Cefn Community Council have taken the decision to close the George Edwards Hall because of the Coronavirus. This means that there will be no more meetings of the Society until further notice.

It also means that the Cefn and District Museum, which is based in the Hall building, will also be closed until further notice. We will notify you when circumstances allow us to get both the Society and the Museum up and running again. In the meantime the Facebook pages for both the Society and the Museum will be kept active, so we hope to bring you good news before too long. You can find us on Facebook at 'Cefn Mawr and District Museum' and 'Cefn Mawr Historical Society'. See our website: www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk for updates, thank you.

THE RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE



We have suspended the group for the present time being. We hope everyone stays safe! < If anybody needs anything please message one of us through our Facebook page.

We look forward to getting back together when this is all over.

NHS DIRECT WALES AND SHROPODC

GP out of hours services share this easy to remember number 111. It's free and will help you find the right advice, support and treatment.

Phone 111
When it's URGENT but not life threatening



POSTPONED

We have been carefully following advice from the government, health services and cinema organisations

regarding COVID-19.

As the situation around the country has worsened, the Town Hall decided to close until Monday, June 15th - a decision we fully support. Our main priority, like the Town Council's, is to ensure our audience is as safe as possible. However, this means that we will no longer be able to show most of our Spring programme. We are very excited about the films we have lined up for the upcoming quarter but we will be equally excited about them when we are finally able to resume screenings in the Summer.

Online tickets will be automatically refunded, paper tickets can be returned at Llangollen Oggie Shop & Fine Foods for a refund.

We will let you know when we can resume screenings and we hope we can come back with something cheering after what is likely to be a very trying and difficult few months for everyone in our community. In the meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and well. See you soon! ...from the New Dot volunteer team.



LLANGOLLEN COUNTRY MARKET

is suspended until later in the year, we hope this will not be too long, thank you.



TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK SPINNERS/ KNITTERS/ WEAVERS

Hi everyone, just checking in with you, hoping you are all ok and keeping calm and crafting. Are you taking part in the project of knitting, crochet, weaving squares? Be as creative as you wish!! I thought I'd show the type of things I'm doing!! Follow us on facebook and stay safe.

CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Due to the current Covid-19 Coronavirus the George Edwards Hall is closed for the foreseeable future. We will re-open when the government make recommendations that it is safe to do so. All Community Council meeting are cancelled for the foreseeable future, if you need to contact the Clerk please do so on **01978 821298** or contact cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com please visit our website www.cefncommunitycouncil.co.uk for up to date information in relation to Coronavirus.

Trefynant Cemetery: due to Covid -19 and updated government advice we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery you distance yourself two metres apart from other people. If you require any help or guidance in these uncertain times please contact Cefn Community Agent on **07925 048711** or email cefncommunityagent@gmail.com

Chair Cllr Phil Vaughan was due to visit Mr Harry Smith on Monday 16th March who was celebrating his 90th Birthday, due to the current circumstances Mr Smith received a card and voucher via post, we hope you had a splendid birthday Mr Smith.

Street lights: any street lights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk .

Our new defibrillator in place at the front of the George Edwards Hall giving 24 hour access as and when it is needed.

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.

Dog fouling: Council urges residents to report this to: environmentalcrime@wrexham.gov.uk

During this period you can contact The Clerk by **01978 821298** and leaving a message or by email: cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com Stay safe and follow the guidelines, thank you.



TONG'S UPDATE

We hope that you are keeping safe.. Further to the current government guidelines we have implemented the following for the coming weeks and will of course keep you updated with any changes.



****Please take heed **** All remaining sold items need to be paid for and collected or delivered this week.

For collections, bookings please call **07803 334089**.

Other staff will be working remotely to take calls and assist where we can with any questions you may have call **01978 822769**.

We have 2 members of staff and we are only allowing 1 customer at a time in the building to collect their items.

****There will be no booking in I'm afraid until further notice**** it would not be sensible, nor would it be morally correct to do so. Clearances may still need to go ahead so in this case if we do have any auctions in the next few weeks they will be online only.

We are also currently running an online timed auction if you missed out on any items at the weekend.

Sending love and hope that this awful time passes for us all very soon. Please please, please stay safe and trust in the current guidelines. Be safe not sorry!

Take care everyone.

Vicky, Matt and all the Team at Tong's Auction House.

COVID 19 Outdoor Access Guidance

Please follow Government advice:



One outing for exercise per day - walk, run or cycle, alone or with members of your household.



Stay local – don't get in your car to drive to other areas. 



Keep your distance - Stay at least 2 m away from other people when out and about, but do call a friendly greeting or give a wave.

Avoid contact – Avoid touching surfaces as far as possible. Use gloves or hand gel if you need to open gates. 



Dogs need to be kept on a lead or under close control, do not let them approach others and as always pick up and remove all waste.

Remember it's lambing time, so give a wide berth to farms where possible, don't take dogs into fields with lambs or other young animals in them and avoid disturbing any wildlife or livestock. 



Public Acts of Community Kindness

Ysgol Rhiwabon staff and Governors would like to send our very best wishes to all our students, their families and the wider Ruabon community, including our feeder primary schools, through the Cefn Mawr News Letter.

We realise that this is a difficult and challenging time for all of us and that it is important to look after each other.

As a school, we have decided to send a kindness challenge out to everyone in the local community and particularly to the young people who attend Ysgol Rhiwabon. Last week we sent a pack home with every child to support learning at home. Now we are asking for a pack back!

Public Acts of Community Kindness

We are looking to award positive behaviour points to our learners for any public act of community kindness carried out from the safety of home. This might be writing postcards and letters to people who feel lonely through the necessary isolation, sharing creative art, music and dance through technology or completing chores around the house! Adults can join the challenge, as we would like to hear how our families in the area might be volunteering to shop and carry out important deliveries to those who are vulnerable or to hear about essential jobs that highlight a selfless way commitment to the health, safety and wellbeing of others.

Next week there will be a form on our website to complete ready to share, or simply email in any information about acts of kindness in the community. In the future, we plan to celebrate this challenge through an Awards Ceremony and we will look forward to seeing you there.

We hope this will help our young people to, "Stay Home. Safe and Kind!"

With all our best wishes,

Melanie Ferron-Evans

Headteacher



Are you setting up a small support group in your area? How do you connect with your Members? Can you let me know by messaging me as already we have on Facebook the following groups **Wrexham Coronavirus Support and Assistance**, and **Cefn Mawr and district Support Group**. I will be sending out a regular bulletin and would like to let others know if there is something in their area. Also this way we can link in with our great Community Agent Marie Claire and make sure we look after each other, together we can get through this. Thank you and stay safe. *Tyger Benbow-Jones*

FREE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

PE with Joe Wicks on YouTube Weekdays at 9am but you can visit any time on YouTube to view the workout.

Wildlife with Steve Backshall on Facebook every day at 9.30am for answering your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration questions.

Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube weekdays at 11am, Maddie a& Greg chat about science and nature.

Maths with Carol Vorderman free access to her maths website @ www.themathsfactor.com

Dance with Oti Mabuse on Facebook every day at 11.30am but children can view the class any time.

Storytime with David Walliams free story everyday at 11am on his website www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

Music with Mylee Klass on YouTube twice a week Monday & Friday at 10am



WITZEND GALLERY LLANGOLLEN

Just a reminder that we are auctioning this beautiful signed Ltd edition print to raise money for the

Llangollen Railway appeal. Please submit your bids before April 18th by messaging our Facebook page. All proceeds will go to the Railway appeal, thank you.

Supporting the national effort to keep people safe

At this unprecedented time, our priority is to support the national effort to keep people safe.

- Whilst our towpaths remain open, **use of them should now be limited**
- Avoid any stretches with boats moored against the towpath
- No fishing until further notice
- Strictly observe social distancing at all times
- Follow the latest advice from Government

For the latest information please visit our website: canalrivertrust.org.uk

For information on coronavirus, visit gov.uk/coronavirus



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TURNER AUTOMOTIVE ACREFAIR

Just to let people know as of now we will be operating on a strict appointment only basis. The gate will remain closed but you can contact us on **01978 448 411** for anything. We do have work booked in for this week that has to be completed but we will try and help in between jobs as best as we can. Thank you.

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CHURCH NOTICES

ST JOHNS CHURCH RHOSYMEDRE

All services have been cancelled for the time being

For funerals please ring the vicar
on **01978 824087**

METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, RHOSYMEDRE.

All Are Welcome!

Please note all services suspended
for the time being.

For Funerals please contact
Minister Rev P Poole Tel **01978 860877**

ST MARY'S SHARED CHURCH RUABON CATHOLIC SERVICES

St Mary's Ruabon
Holy Cross, Llangollen
Sacred Heart, Chirk
Please note all services cancelled

For funerals please call
Fr Anthony Nnamah, msp
Tel: **01978 821568; 07448 677200**
www.strichardgwynparish.uk

BIRTHS AND CLAIMING CHILD BENEFIT / UNIVERSAL CREDIT

You can now make a claim for Child Benefit or Universal Credit before you register your child's birth. Under normal circumstances, the birth must be registered before you make a claim, but the rules have been changed due to the current situation. All appointments at the Guildhall for birth registrations and marriage / civil partnership notices have already been suspended until further notice

WCBC WASTE ADVICE RE TISSUES

Please don't put tissue paper in your blue recycling sacks or top wheelie boxes. Discarded tissues should be bagged and placed in general rubbish bins. Our collection crews have reported an increase in the number of tissues being disposed of via recycling containers over the past week.

If any member of your household has shown symptoms of Covid-19, tissues should be double-bagged, tied securely and kept separate from other waste. These bags should be put aside for at least **72 hours**, before being placed into your external household waste bin, thank you.

FOODBANK VENUE CHANGE

Please note that the Foodbank distribution point at the George Edwards Hall in Cefn Mawr has been temporarily moved to the **CRNCA Activity Centre on Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr, LL14 3AA** this is just by Hinds Shop and can be accessed by the school path if you are coming from Plas Kynaston lane. **Still from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday.**

Procedures are in place regarding maintaining space between everybody and ensuring minimal contact.

Pet food and toiletries are also usually available. If you need a food bank parcel and can not get a referral please call the Foodbank on **07538 547971** If you would like to volunteer to help then please email info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk.

COVENT GARDEN FRUIT & VEG WREXHAM

Due to the Prime Ministers announcement we are shutting our shop front to customers for the foreseeable future - we will however continue with our home delivery of veg boxes we ask one thing please be patient as the messenger and phone lines has been extremely busy we will get to everyone We will take telephone orders and payment over the phone by card and can leave a box outside for you. Call: **01978 266691** as we are still working in the shop.

The Meeting Place



For the time being all
meetings are cancelled
*We look forward to seeing you
soon at our very DIFFERENT
way of doing & being church*

WATKINS & WILLIAMS LLANGOLLEN

Llangollen's traditional DIY store, providing everyday essentials and speciality products for the home and garden. Also supplies coal, logs and aggregate. Order and pay direct, home delivery available. Call: **01978 860652**

DEE VALLEY PRODUCE

All Produce is daily market fresh, prices subject to change daily, fruit, veg, plants, dairy, eggs, jams and chutneys. Reduced shop opening Monday to Saturday from 9am to 4pm closed Sundays. We are very busy with orders so deliveries will take a few days, if you can visit the shop we would be delighted to see you but we kindly ask no more than 3 customers in the shop at any one time please so we all stay safe. Call: **01978 861805**

Community Support Officer

PCSO 3612 Purdy Jones

Mobile: 07989165527

email: Purdy.Jones@nthwales.pnn.police.uk



MAELOR BOXING CLUB NEWS

Great result for the Region earlier this month with the North Wales Boxing Squad V North West Regional Select at Audenshaw Manchester there were 13 bouts in all and we beat their squad 8 wins to 5 loses, 17 bouts were scheduled but after three pull-outs and one failing the medical this was down to 13.

Maelor had 4 boys ready to compete but only one boxed, Gary Richards and Thomas Roberts had their boxers pull out and Leighton Turnbulls boxer failed the medical on the day leaving just Harry Roberts. (This squad are all from St Martins).

Harrys opponent was a very good boy, Kei Pennington of Ashley VIP ABC who he beat on unanimous points decision, it was not easy and Harry had dig down deep to win.

Harry was then picked by the officials and coaches to be awarded the best boxer of the tournament which made me and his supporting family members very proud of him.

Next up for the Maelor is the WABA championships [hopefully].



Earlier this month we also had a great result with our Schoolboys Chris Phillips Maelor (Plas Madoc) v Toby Bowen Burslem ABC Stoke Trent, Chris won on a unanimous points then Joshua Pilgrim Maelor (Llangollen) v Alan Hanley Llay ABC our Joshua also beat Hanley on a unanimous points Decision. Well done lads.





YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

World Book Day We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as book characters and having a whole school activity day. The children were divided

into groups of different ages and moved around the school to have Roald Dahl themed activities from Key Stage 2 and Foundation Phase Teachers. Activities included drama from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the enormous crocodile was created from loose parts outdoors, marvellous potions were made outdoors, dream catchers made from the story 'BFG', work based on the illustrator Quentin Blake. Nursery pupils read the story 'The Tiger who came to Tea' and enjoyed a morning of activities from the book including a tea party,. Thank you parents for all the terrific efforts with your children's costumes. Pupils fed back on their learning to each other in a sharing session at the end of the day.

School Eisteddfod

We had a fantastic day celebrating our School Eisteddfod. The children looked very patriotic dressed in their Welsh costumes and colours of the Welsh flag. We were very pleased with their singing, recitations, Welsh themed stories, class folk dances and artwork. Our Design and Technology competition was to build a Welsh castle, we had a lot of brilliant entries and parents were invited to an exhibition of the castles. Children who were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the poem and singing competitions took home invitations to families to attend a Winner's Concert the following week. Thank you to our Eisteddfod Judges **Mrs Ferron-Evans** (Headteacher from Ysgol Rhiwabon), **Cllr Mrs Benbow-Jones** (School Governor) and **Mrs Ellis** (Welsh Curriculum Leader).



Super Learning Week celebrating Wales and being Welsh We had a fantastic week of cross curricular activities planned by the staff and children.

The Designed to Smile Team visited school with a special visitor 'Dewi Ddraig' to present us with a plaque and gold award certificate for cleaning our teeth daily throughout the school for 10 years.

The children made Welsh cakes, lovespoons, designed a Welsh flag for the school, enjoyed working with a local artist and enjoyed rugby sessions.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and hope you are all enjoying this lovely spring weather.





Dear All, it is with much regret that we have had to close the Holly Bush Inn as a part of the national pub shut down by the Government. I am sure this equally applies to all pubs in our area who we are contacting to form a Publicans Cartel. This will be necessary to help protect our mutual interests when we do get to reopen and serve you once again.

In the meantime, we will conduct maintenance to our premises so that we can hopefully reopen in the not to distant future. We understand the economic hardship that this crisis is forcing on our community in so many ways and sympathise with all. We hope to be able to maintain our website and have set up a [COVID 19](#) webpage to try and help where we can. This will be a very stressful time for all where we need to look out for one another as we have done in the past.

We hope for the best for us all and are working towards such where we can. If any one would like to volunteer for helping out in our community and across the county of Wrexham AVOW is heading the program for this in partnership with WCBC and the full details can be found on the [COVID 19](#) webpage of our website.

So, to try and end on a positive note, I would like to say the following. I have noticed in the other major incidents and crises I have been involved with in my life how well people can and choose to be under such circumstances. It would seem to me, that the worse things get, the better people become. I have been truly amazed at the collective compassion of people in times of need and I am sure we will see a reflection of this again in our community in the coming months as this current crisis unfolds.

Regards, David Metcalfe, Cefn Community Councillor & Dee Valley AONB Champion.

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