



THE COMMUNITY NEWS.

Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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Congratulations to Heol Cefnydd resident Mrs Flo Bithell who celebrated her 90th birthday last month with a surprise visit from Phil Vaughan, Chair of Cefn Community Council who was delighted to present her with a card and flowers on behalf of the council.



Cefn Cenotaph on a very misty Remembrance Sunday Morning. See more photos on page 3



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TREVOR BASIN VISITOR CENTRE



Four of our volunteers at Trevor Basin Visitor Centre have been awarded Canal and River Trust Volunteer badges. *Chris Davies, Destination Volunteer* - Gold for 2000+ hours photo left. *Eric Jones, Aqueduct Ranger and Litter Ranger* - Bronze for 500+ hours photo below. *Barbara Hopwood, Aqueduct Ranger and Lock Keeping* - Bronze for 500+ hours & *John Gaunt, Destination Volunteer* - Silver for 1000+ hours

They donate their spare time to help us at the Visitor Centre and to a deserving charity like the Canal and River Trust. It's an opportunity for them to connect and interact with people from all over the world and to feel like part of the team. Thank you to all our volunteers. Chris is also the Church Warden at the historic Trevor Parish Church

The visitor Centre will be closed from December 20th until March 20th 2021. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct will be closed for its annual maintenance from February 8th until March 19th 2021.

Last but not least, we're always looking

for local people to volunteer with us at the Visitor Centre. We have indoor and outdoor opportunities for all ages! We would especially like to see some younger people who are perhaps wanting to build their CV, to gain some experience or to build social skills. If any one is interested they can email

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CEFN MAWR CENOTAPH on Sunday afternoon with personal tributes. Note the stones that have been laid including the very tiny pebbles with a single poppy. I know some of the members of the Cefn Mawr Rocks group have been creating these as a family activity and it is lovely to see them there and to know the children have been involved. We will remember them and Cefn remembers them. Thank you Cefn.



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After such a long period of school being closed, reopening in September brought lots of mixed feelings in our school community- it was an exciting time for many of us, looking forward to seeing our school friends again, but there were also feelings of apprehension as we begun to adapt to 'a new normal'. As a team, we've done all that we can to put our 'best foot forward'. We've learned new rules and routines and we've worked extra hard to make sure that we are following these. Everyone has adapted incredibly well to this new way of working, taking care to stay in their bubbles, give

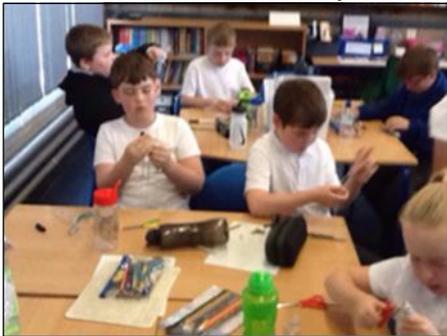


each other space and to wash our hands regularly throughout the day too. Our teachers and our support staff have worked extra hard to cover additional break and lunch duties to make sure that the bubbles don't have to mix throughout the day. Mrs. Turner makes sure that we all get together each week for our virtual Celebration Assembly where we share the successes of the week- everyone looks forward to seeing their friends in the other classes up on the big screens in our classrooms! We've found ourselves extra lucky to have access to such lovely outdoor spaces and we've been making sure that we use these every day- from Forest School visits, lessons in the learning garden and walks in the woods- we've learned that being outdoors gives us lots of opportunities to extend our learning, keep us active and improves our mental health too. It's a beautiful time of year to be doing this so we've all had coats and wellies at the ready for lots of outdoor adventures.

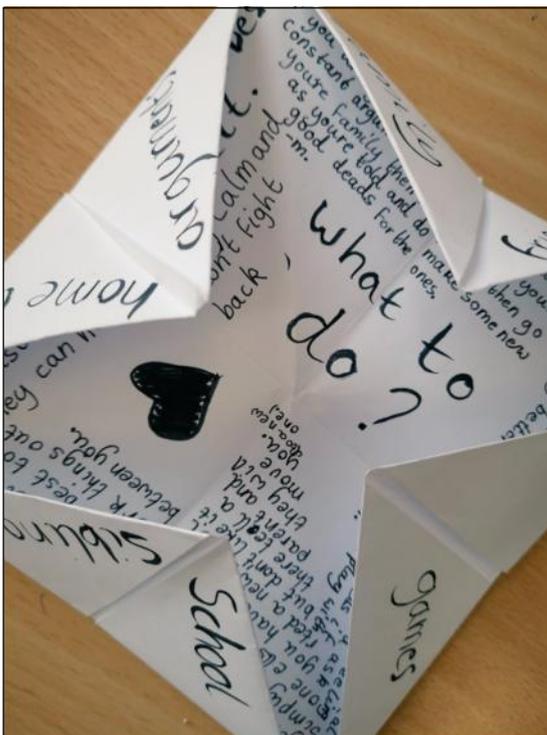


*Children from every class have been busy making their wellies at home and have brought them in to contribute to our **Best Foot Forward** display.*

This term we've all embarked on a shared topic- '*Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy me*'. Each class has taken a different focus on this theme, from looking at the impact that exercise has on our body to evaluating the amount of screen time that we all have. We've looked at the sugar content of foods, how to plan healthy meals and how to make sure that we can have treats whilst also having a balanced diet.



A big part of our whole school theme has been mental health and using a beautiful set of picture books from the '*Agents of Hope*' scheme, we have explored ways of dealing with anxiety and worries, ways that we can support each other in times of trouble and ways that we can make ourselves feel happier too. We've made worry dolls and happiness bags, full of the things that give us comfort and reassurance at difficult times. We've learned about mindfulness and explored yoga and Japanese fan dancing as a way to relax and unwind. Each day we now run the daily mile to help us keep fit



and healthy and we've also embraced regular physical maths lessons too!

It has been wonderful to see everyone so involved and engaged in their learning and settling into their new classes beautifully. Of course the new term also brought some new faces into school and Mrs. Steen and the nursery team have been extra busy helping our youngest learners settle into life at Ysgol Acrefair. We are so proud of the way that our children have embraced being back together as a team this half term and look forward to the next half term.



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS



Ysgol Min y Ddôl are as busy as ever! Despite the restrictions in place, we are

still managing to do most things but in a very different way. Many opportunities have been transferred online for the parents to still access and enjoy their children's efforts. This year's Christmas Fair is going virtual: 'Ffair Nadolig Ysgol Min y Ddôl Christmas Fair' will be live, on Facebook, from **November 16th**. Stall holders pay £5 to advertise their business and products and sales are made directly to them. If you are interested in advertising in our Christmas Fair please go to the Facebook Page '**Ffair Nadolig Ysgol Min y Ddôl Christmas Fair**'. Any support is much appreciated, thank you. On the last day of term, the children had a treat of dressing up in a costume of their choice. We had a spooktacular selection of characters and it was heart warming to see their happy faces and enjoyment throughout the day.



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But that was not all! Amanda Evans had wanted to see if she could add to the fun by producing some



Hallowe'en goodie bags! See photo left. So Spider-Man returned to the streets



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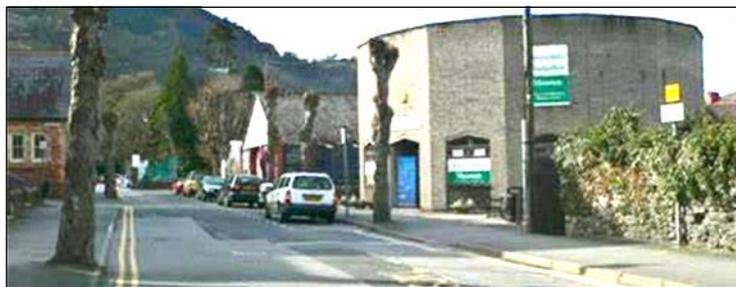


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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

The George Edwards Hall has re-opened on **Monday 9th November** for essential service users only, the building will remain closed to the public. The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries. We would like to give a special thank you to **Councillor D Wright & Mrs G Wright** for their work and dedication involved in the pandemic, collecting prescriptions, shopping etc. Please visit our website for up to date information in relation to Coronavirus. www.cefncommunitycouncil.co.uk

Cefn Community Council Bowling Green and Football Pitch are still closed until further notice for everyone's health and safety.

The **MUGA—Multi Use Games Area** on Plas Kynaston Lane and all 12 of our **Children's Play Parks** are open, we ask that you please follow the social distancing guidelines and please take your rubbish home with you if there is no available bin, thank you.

Street lights: any street lights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk on **01978 821298** thank you.

Birthdays: 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.

Trefynant Cemetery: is open however we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery you distance yourself two metres apart from other people.

Please remember the Community Agent is able to help and offer support to the over 50's and can be reached on **07925 048711** or email cefncommunityagent@gmail.com

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



Thanks to **Keep Wales Tidy** and Shane Hughes for planting what will be a Butterfly Garden at Trefynant Cemetery last week, our plans sadly had to be scaled back due to Covid.

Santa Visit

We have been told that Friends of Ruabon will be bringing their Santa Sleigh for a drive through **Plas Madoc and Acrefair on Thursday 10 December** starting at 4.30pm then on **Saturday 12 December** they will be leaving **Tesco 4.30 for Cefn Mawr**. So please give Santa and his Elves a festive wave from your windows, gardens doors or drives as Santa would love to see you. But please obey the COVID rules: *Do not approach the sleigh. No gatherings or photos by the sleigh. Keep a safe 2 meter distance from anyone who is not in your household. Exact timings and route details to follow. Look out for posters*

COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

Regardless of age is anyone interested in attending or starting up any groups or restarting the groups we had before Lockdown?

All ideas are welcome, so far I have had a request for an all ages welcome, knitting group. Please let me know what else you would like to be able to attend as things start to get back to normal.

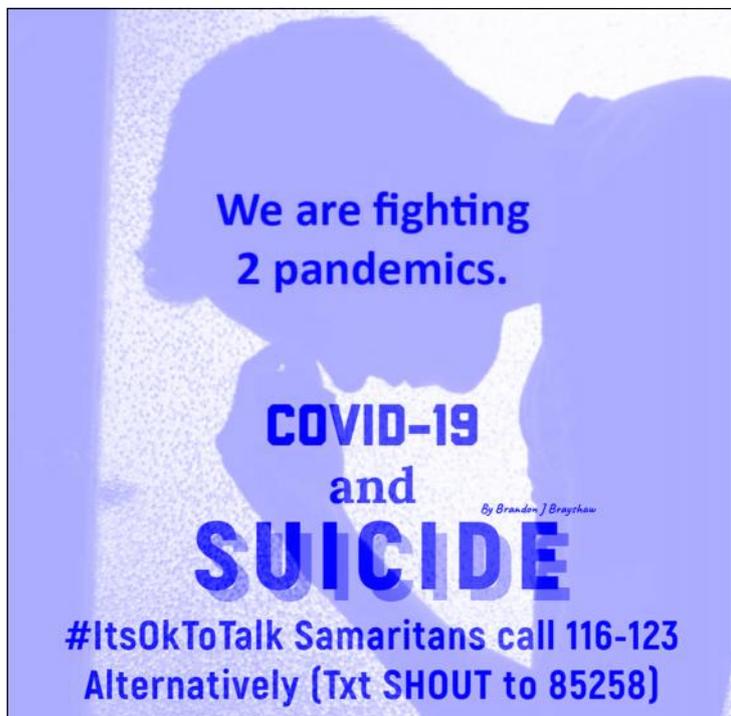
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- J Self-watering planters and plants in the front yard
- J Wild flower turf by the car park see below
- J Two large raised beds to be constructed on the top of the bank ready for the community to get planting
- J And soon fruit trees!

Big thanks to Shane Hughes for his support and help through this process and planting the turf. Anyone who would like to get their hands dirty and enjoy a little gardening please come and join us on the 19th and 20th of November to install the planters and find out where you can join in. Volunteers are busy decluttering the centre and giving it a bit of a freshening up. If you can help at all please call us on **07531 310335** we could really do with some extra hands.



GETTING READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Anyone who could help clean out our gutters we need you and once this is done we will be putting up our outside lights so we need more help. Our Christmas tree will be going up in the hall would you

like to help?

And then we are holding a **PARENTS CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY** On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December from 9-11am and 1-3pm

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Dee Boys Men's Shed

If any off you men out there are a little fed up come along on a Thursday (at the moment) to give a hand organising the shed area fixing bits and bobs and have a chat and a cuppa 10-12 noon.

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If you would like to volunteer to help then please call the Foodbank on **07538 547971** or email **info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk**

If you are working with local people and you would like to have the facility to refer people to the Foodbank then please also get in touch. You can keep up to date with all the Foodbank's news on their website, Facebook and Twitter.

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The food bank continues for anybody in the village who is or may be struggling due to the current situation. We want to help everyone including the self-employed, employed, unemployed and the elderly. Based at **St Martins Village Centre** Overton Road, open **Thursday from 6.30 to 7.30pm** please check our Facebook page for updates. If you are self-isolating or are unable to leave the house please call **01691 770204** or **07598 972767** and we will arrange for a delivery. Anyone can find themselves without enough money for food or essentials. We can help, no referral or vouchers required, just a genuine need. You can turn up, message via Facebook or send a text message.

CEFN LIBRARY UPDATE

Cefn Mawr Library is up and running with the Order and Collect service. All safety measures are in place so please feel safe to pop to the library to return and pick up your books. All books that are returned are quarantined for at least 72 hours before being put back on the shelves.

We have had new books for both Adults and Children in to the library over the last few weeks and as you can see from the picture below it is never too early to prepare for Christmas!!! We have Christmas crafts; Christmas cooking and Christmas reading all waiting for your requests. The library is open from 1 – 5pm on Mon; Wed and Thurs and from 9 – 5 on a Friday. Please call **01978 820938** or email **cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk** to arrange to order; return and collect your books.



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Furlough / Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Extension

The Job Support Scheme, which was scheduled to start on Sunday 1st November, has now been postponed. Instead the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) also known as the Furlough scheme – **will now remain open until 31 March 2021**, with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500, for claim periods running to January 2021. Full guidance will be published on 10th November 2020. The government will review the policy in January to decide whether economic circumstances are improving enough to ask employers to contribute more.

Neither the employer nor the employee needs to have previously used the CJRS to qualify. For further information on core eligibility criteria, guidance for employees re-employed by their employer etc please refer to the following web-page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/extension-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/extension-of-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Employers will be able to claim via the following link from 8am on **Wednesday 11 November 2020**. Claims can be made:

-)] in respect of an employee for a minimum 7 day claim window
-)] in advance
-)] in arrears for the period from 1 November 2020 to 11 November 2020, from the week commencing 9 November 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Increase to the Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

Following our recent update regarding the UK Government's decision to increase the amount of profits covered by the forthcoming Self Employed Income Support Scheme grant from 20 percent to 40 percent. The grant was increased further to 55% and has now been increased again. The third taxable grant covering a 3 month period from 1st November 2020 until 31st January 2021 will now be calculated at 80% of 3 months average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment and capped at £7,500 in total. An additional grant will also be made available covering a three-month period from the start of February until the end of April 2021. The government will review the level of this grant and set this in due course. In summary:

-)] The government will provide two additional taxable SEISS grants to support those experiencing reduced demand due to COVID-19 but are continuing to trade, or temporarily cannot trade.
-)] It will be available to anyone who was previously eligible for the SEISS grant one and grant two, and meets the eligibility criteria.
-)] Grants will be paid in two lump sum instalments each covering 3 months. The first taxable grant will cover a three-month period from 1 November 2020 until 31 January 2021, providing 80% of average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months' worth of profits, and capped at £7,500 in total.

The online service for the next grant will be available from 30 November 2020. HMRC will provide full details about claiming and applications in guidance on GOV.UK in due course. For more information, please follow the link :<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-extension/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>. Contact us: tel **01978 292092** e: businessline@wrexham.gov.uk website: www.wrexham.gov.uk/businessline Businessline, Wrexham Library, Rhosddu Road Wrexham, LL11 1AU

COMMUNITIES FOR WORK



UPSKILLING THROUGH ONLINE TRAINING

Here at Communities for Work Plus we have been utilising online training for our clients to upskill and put them in a better position to gain employment in a competitive market. Over the current working conditions, nearly 50 people have accessed online training with about half of those already achieving a qualification. These range from qualifications supporting building and factory work such as Asbestos Awareness, Warehouse Safety Training and Manual Handling to Teaching Support and Care jobs, with Child Mental Health Training, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (SOVA) Training and Managing Challenging Behaviour. Our clients and mentors have found online training to be a quick and effective way to gain a qualification. This has helped clients to build their confidence and boost their CV. As well as helping individuals, we have used online training to support community groups. Two groups in Llay have had members enrol on a Food Hygiene course which has enabled them to assist in preparing food in their community.

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PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to preventing young suicide.

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Citizens Advice Wrexham are still open and providing a service during COVID-19

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PLAS MADOC NEWS - THE LAND

Playworkers at The Land have been using reclaimed wood and their time during COVID-19 to design and build benches and planters for outdoor spaces across Plas Madoc Estate. The Land Adventure Playground is being used by playworkers to develop new ways to enhance the health and well-being of local families by enhancing opportunities at home. Many residents in the local area are fortunate to have an outdoor space. Recognising the importance of staying home and staying safe playworkers have received reclaimed wood from local businesses and crafted bespoke benches and planters for residents who need them to enjoy their outside areas.

The benches have allowed further access to outdoor spaces for children and their families to be in the fresh air and create space to relax. Alongside planters which have encouraged residents to take-up gardening and built-upon the work of The Land's Garden Gang.

Playworkers continue to see the importance of interacting with nature and the positive impact this has on health and well-being from their experience on The Land, children have a natural love for the living world. The children love to engage with the elements – they dig, they love to garden and eat the herbs or strawberries they've grown. Whilst we can't meet in person, these initiatives continue to empower the community at this difficult time. For more information or to see if you can support the work of the Land please contact claire.pugh@avow.org or find us on Facebook @ Land Plasmadoc

KETTLE CLUB



Plas Madoc Kettle Club is run by the AVOW Play Team (The Land) - it's an informal, friendly group where parents/grandparents/carers can meet up and have a chat over a brew.

People can also access support, advice and have opportunities to attend free training. The group is free to attend and everyone is welcome. In addition the Play Team have dedicated parent support which can be accessed Monday – Friday. If you would like any more information please contact claire.pugh@avow.org or find us on Facebook @ Plas Madoc Kettle Club.

We Are Plas Madoc (WAPM) have a new website so if you'd like to learn more about the group or would like to contact us head over to www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk

Online sessions for children/young people

In partnership with Community Music Wales we are running some online music sessions for children and young people. Current sessions include rapping lessons facilitated by experienced rap and singer songwriters. All sessions are free to attend and everyone is welcome from beginners to those who want to improve their rapping skills. Please contact claire.pugh@avow.org for more info.

PLASSYLANDERS DRAMA CLUB

Runs every Tuesday at 4pm via zoom, please contact **Donna Jordan** on **07394 465113** if you wish for your child to join. Drama builds confidence, helps with

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Fruit & Veg bags £5 are available every Wednesday 11am on Plas Madoc Leisure centre carpark. Please inbox us on Facebook We are Plas Madoc to order or phone **Donna Jordan** on **07999 974351**.

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Big thank you to all who participated in the pumpkin carving and Hallowe'en fancy dress competition. you all looked amazing.

Thank you to all our volunteers that have supported the community over the months, and to our amazing street champions who work at a street level to make sure everyone has support if needed.

Plas Madoc community tenants and residents

If you want to get involved and share your views please email for more information- PlasMadocResidentsAssociation@hotmail.com

PLAS TELFORD

Residents at Plas Telford raised £359 for Macmillan during lockdown, congratulations to all involved, what an amazing achievement.

Residents received high raised planters of The Land, Eluned who lives here is overwhelmed by their kindness as it has enabled residents to be able to get motivated again with gardening.

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS



Open to Flying start Families and Rising 4,s. Please contact **Sharon** on **01978 813914** for information on all services available, thank you. Little Sunflowers are collecting items for 2 Christmas hampers , one for groceries items and one for toiletries. The hampers will

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PLAS MADOC LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE

The centre has reopened following the end of the Welsh Government 'Firebreak' lockdown. There are some new restrictions meaning

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Please note - over the next month Customers/ Members from England cannot visit us while there is an English only lockdown.

There is now no internal Welsh restrictions meaning you can cross wales county borders to visit the centre. We look forward to welcoming you all back as we have all missed you at our fantastic leisure centre. Reception will be open from 9am, for more information please call us on **01978 821600**

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Sunday Morning 11am Holy Eucharist

Christmas services will be different this year, but we will still be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at St John's.

Sunday 20th December a service of **Christmas Readings and Music** at 11am.

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve
The first **Mass of Christmas** will be at 6pm.

Friday 25 December Christmas Day
we will celebrate on Zoom at 11am,
email the vicar for details of how to join in
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Sunday 27th December
A Service of Morning Prayer at 11am.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Regular services are

Holy Cross Church, Llangollen Saturday at 6pm

Sacred Heart Church, Chirk, Sunday at 9am

St Mary's Church, Ruabon, Sunday at 11am

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass 8pm - Ruabon

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 9am - Chirk & 11am - Llangollen

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER BOXING DAY

Mass 9am - Chirk, 11am - Ruabon & 6pm - Llangollen

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass at 11am

*To comply with Covid regulations, these are **ticketed events** each with a limited seating capacity and are subject to change dependant upon current guidelines.*

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Face coverings are compulsory in the church.

EDITORS COMMENTS

Let's Light Up Cefn for Christmas! Decorate your windows, garden or even the outside of your house. It has been such a joy to see how everyone joined in with the Scarecrows and the Hallowe'en pumpkin trail so lets make sure Santa knows we are ready to welcome him here with our own Christmas Trail!

Don't forget to make a diary date for **Santa's Drive through**, **Thursday 10 December** for **Acrefair and Plas Madoc** and **Saturday 12 December** for **Lower Cefn**.

Please do support our local business as they are coming out of this latest lockdown, spend locally for Christmas.

With Covid cases in our area increasing please follow the guidelines, as by working together we can keep everyone safe and well thank you. If you need some support please do get in touch on **07532 780007** or e: tyger@tygertactics.com or call our **Community Agent - Marie Claire** on **07925 048711** email cefncommunityagent@gmail.com

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CEFN MAWR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



CHRISTMAS! What does this mean for you?

Shopping for presents and special types of food, decorating the house, writing cards, going to - or hosting parties, watching the school Nativity or going to the local Carol Service, visiting or meeting with family and friends and

celebrating together over the 'special day' meal?

Well, I wonder just how much of this we will be able to do this year under the Covid restrictions? They say that none of us appreciate what we have until it has been taken away from us – and we have all experienced how true that has been over the past few months haven't we!?

So, what can we do to make this Christmas 'special'? Memories that we'll want to hold on to? In the past we have probably been able to 'do our own thing' – no restrictions hindering us. This year we may have been affected in different ways, financially, mentally, had health issues or lost loved ones and our attitude to life has changed. Our bubble of joy has burst!?

But it doesn't have to be that way. Some of the list above we will still be able to do, whereas other items mentioned on that list might not be possible. But let's think about those new friends we met on our doorsteps during the NHS recognition? How are they doing? Do we still keep in touch with them? Can we offer them some form of help if they have needs? What of those in our communities who have lost jobs and are now struggling financially – If we're in a position to do so, can we supply them with a meal, or a bag of groceries!? Can we give a little more to the Foodbank collections? Do we have unwanted 'new' items in the house or nearly new toys that would benefit a family? And let us not forget that there are single people who may also be in need financially too – or who are lonely because of family living away. There is still so much we can do to support each other during these difficult times. It is a known fact that to give a gift brings us joy too - the giver! Our gifts don't have to involve money, there are many practical ways to give which will bring us pleasure too!

Let us remember too what Christmas is REALLY all about. The greatest gift of all was Jesus, given from his Father to the whole of His creation. Jesus can so easily be pushed aside in the rush and tumble of festive excitement, but maybe this year we will all have the time to ponder on the true meaning of Christmas. JESUS, sent into this world as a baby, God's gift of love to us all, to grow as a man in a Human family, understanding hardships just as we do, but then giving himself willingly to die on the cross, taking our place for the wrong things we have done. If we accept this gift of Jesus from God, we can become a part of His family too! What a gift to celebrate!!

If you would like to know more then please call **Colin or Rowena** on **01978 824785** or leave your name and number on our answer phone if necessary, and we will get back to you. We wish you all a blessed Christmas!

CHURCH NEWS

ST JOHN'S RHOSYMEDRE

Sunday services will be 11am every Sunday from now on. The churchyard is open if you wish to visit to tend a grave.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH RUABON

Open Sunday morning for Holy Communion in church at 9.30am. We can now hold **weddings, baptisms & funerals**. Numbers are limited to 30 people at the moment. We are taking Wedding booking for 2021 onwards. All church services follow the health and safety guidelines issued by the Church in Wales, we ask that people wear masks, use the hand gel provided, and sit socially distanced. For up to date information and online services please visit our website <https://stmaryschurchruabon.co.uk>
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ruabon, Llangollen and Chirk

Holy Cross Church Llangollen is open for private prayer on Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30 to 11.30am with socially distanced Holy Mass every Saturday at 6pm.

Sacred Heart Church, Chirk Holy Mass every Sunday at 9 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Ruabon every Sunday at 11 a.m. Please contact: Rev'd Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP for weddings, births and funerals by email: chykenam@gmail.com

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

Wendy Jones Retires. Wendy Jones, Office Manager, at Ysgol Rhiwabon, recently retired after nearly twenty years' service to the school. Wendy enjoyed various support staff roles within the school and eventually took charge of the school office and administration team. Wendy said as part of her leaving speech to colleagues, "I truly have enjoyed my time here; every day is different and you never know what each day brings. I have made so many friends in my time here which makes it even more difficult to retire. I wish the school only the best for the future as it's a fantastic place to be".

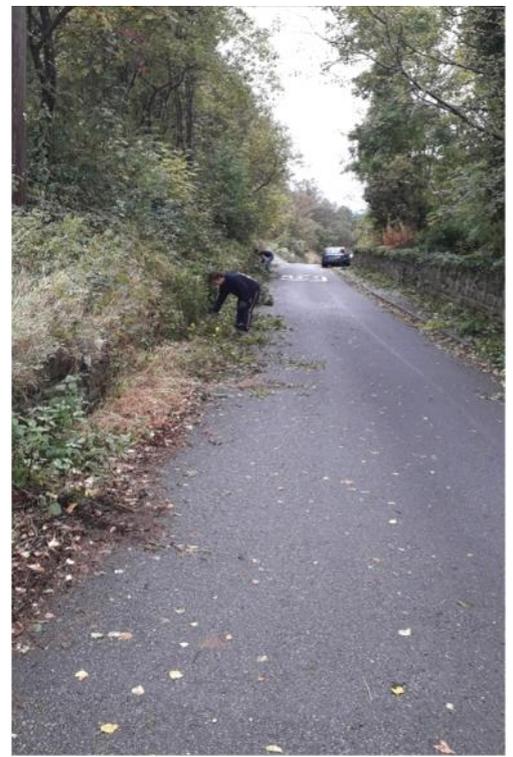
Melanie Ferron-Evans, Headteacher, said, "Wendy has been a tremendous servant to the school for nearly twenty years. She is a formidable organiser who runs everything with precision - especially the school Record of Achievement and Prom events. I know I speak for everyone here, when I say that Wendy will be greatly missed and is irreplaceable".



Remembrance Event at Ysgol Rhiwabon

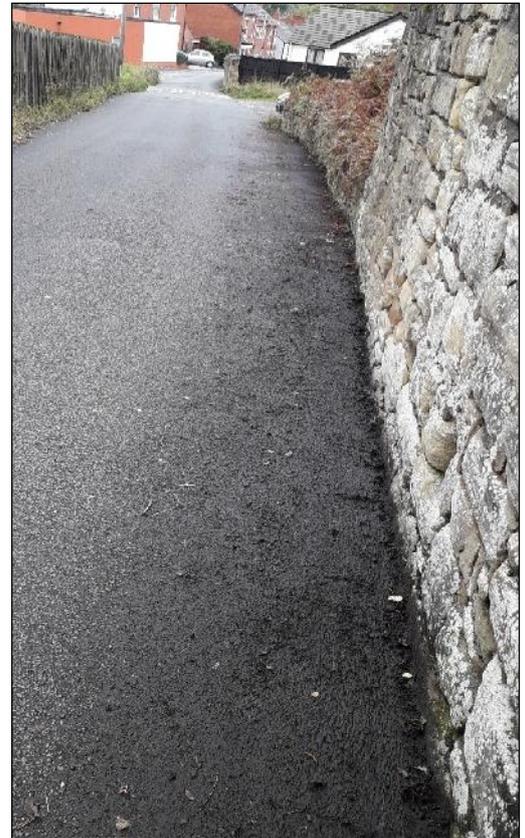
The students and staff at Ysgol Rhiwabon have been making a central Remembrance Wreath and smaller Poppies to mark Remembrance this year for display at the school. Students in Tutor groups have made and then laid a poppy each in front of the main Wreath in the lead up to November 11th. A short video film will also be released early next week to show more.





TOCRA CLEAN UP

A group from the *Top of Cefn Residents Association* once again came together to clear the weeds and overgrowth in the area. As before they worked both sides of Zion Street to Cae Glo shifting litter and weeds, clearing ivy and weeds off the graveyard wall and then added part of High Street from the layby below the old Zion Graveyard to just before Rock Place cutting back a mix of brambles, ivy and bracken. What was planned to be just a couple of hours clearing up turned into nearly four hours of solid work and the before and after photos show the incredible difference this has made to the area. A well earned thank you to those who took time out of their Sunday to make a difference in the community, fantastic work and this time it didn't rain!





YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Thank you to the staff and pupils for being so amazing since they have come back to school in September. They have all had to get used to a different way of working and they have done an amazing job. It continues to be a difficult

time for everyone to manage, yet the school is still full of learning, fun and laughter. Thank you also to our parents for following all of our guidance and bearing with during this difficult time.

Due to the regulations, we haven't been able to do many of



the things that we would normally do, including our whole school Harvest Festival Celebrations. So instead this year the children drew harvest pictures which were displayed at St.

John's Church Rhosymedre and we were really pleased to support Reverend Tiltman and the local community. We have also been busy fundraising in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are delighted to have raised £415 through a fabulous raffle and soak the teacher. Well done everyone!!!

This year we have been thinking about the fallen men and women who bravely gave their lives. Due to Covid we have done things a little differently this year and have paid tribute to them through art, poetry and story telling.



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This will keep you up to date during this strange time. We will also keep updating information as Businesses and services are opening 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 CEFN MAWR NEWS



We have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this autumn term. They have been really busy working on a whole school project based on the book called "Here We Are" which explores the themes of community, belonging and looking after the world. The children are settled back really well into school life and have enjoyed seeing all their teachers and friends.

Our new Nursery pupils have settled into our school family and have been enjoying welly Wednesday in our Forest School where they have been collecting leaves and acorns and making pictures of the leaf man and printing with natural materials.

Pupils in Reception enjoyed picking apples from our school grounds and have been busy practicing their letters and learning their sounds. We are very pleased how they have settled into full time school.

Mr Robbie Evans has been working with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 providing extra sports sessions and lunchtime sports activities this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. Year 1 have been working on football skills.

We enjoyed a Hallowe'en Dress Up Day with Hallowe'en crafts, Halloween discos in our class bubbles to celebrate the end of the half term and the children's' hard work and resilience. They have been a pleasure to work with. A big thank you to Mrs Price, our school Cook, who made all the children a spooky ghost biscuit to take home for a Hallowe'en treat.



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The children have been busy in the nursery garden lately; harvesting and eating the produce that we have grown. This year there was unfortunately no community council gardening competition but we still managed to produce a lovely show of flowers etc.

In October, Tempest Photography visited the nursery to take photos of the children.



On 30th October, children came to nursery in fancy dress for our Halloween/Bonfire night celebrations. Pumpkin carving and spooky biscuit baking were carried out alongside lots of art and craft.



For Children in Need week, Children wore a fancy dress costume of their choice or pyjamas in return for a donation to the charity.

The children are now looking forward to Christmas, busy making cards and decorations. We hope to have a visit from Father Christmas! All children are welcome to attend. Children may come in Christmas jumpers!



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The Holly Bush Inn & Beer Garden, and the PKC Group move on. We are now seeking to work with the WAG, Welsh Assembly Government on their Circular Economy proposals for Wales which support the FGA, Future Generations Act 2015. This in our case will come at three levels, (1) Our Village Centre and the streets surrounding the Holly Bush Inn, (2) The Pontcysyllte WHS and the ex-Monsanto Site and (3) Nationally across Wales and the UK. We will explain these three levels over the next three articles so please keep reading the back page.

At a local level (1), Cefn Mawr Village Centre we are taking a pride in our community and keeping the road junction of Oxford Street, Hill Street, Crane Street, Well Street and High Street where the Holly Bush Inn stands clean. We hope you have noticed. This is our Environmental Policy. During the COVID 19 Lockdown when we had to close because of Government Regulation we learnt many things to help our community. All our local pubs are shining examples of a Circular Economy where we sell beer and other drinks in glasses which are washed and reused. The beer is delivered in kegs which are reused by our brewers to supply us with fresh beer for you. There is little waste in this and therefore is a good example of a circular economy which is the point we will be making with the WAG. Over 90% of our sales are made this way. For the limited amount of bottled and caned drinks we sell, we have a strict recycling policy where we achieve approximately 110%. This is possible because we also recycle all litter left on our streets around the Holly Bush Inn sold elsewhere (something we have learnt).

We hope to see you all for a beer some time at our pub, the Holly Bush Inn at the centre of our community and if you would like to talk about this I would be happy to explain further about it all.

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

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The Holly Bush Inn and PKC Group with the support of the CPC, Cefn Publicans Cartel continue to work with the WAG, Welsh Assembly Government on the [Circular Economy](#) in support of the FGA Future Generations Act 2015 and all WPP, Welsh Panning Policy.

The Holly Bush Inn and all our local pubs are primary examples of a Circular Economy where 80% of our main product, beer is sold in reusable containers, i.e. beer glasses refilled from kegs. The WAG hope to achieve a Circular Economy across Wales by 2050 but we are doing so locally today.

The Welsh Government has three ambitions which we agree with:

-)] Fairness, only using our fair share of resources by 2050.
-)] Greener, meeting low carbon aims and reducing our impact on nature.
-)] Prosperity, the aim to be a zero-waste nation with a circular economy by 2050.

What little waste is produced in our pub is dealt with responsibly as desired by the WAG in the Circular Economy. We sort and recycle glass, metal, cardboard and reusable plastic responsibly in

appropriate facilities, rather than allowing it to end up on our streets and countryside. Even the non-recyclable waste is recycled at the Shrewsbury ERF which is then fed back to us via the National Grid. So, we achieve a 100% recycle rate for the limited waste we produce. Furthermore, we recycle all the litter we collect from around our pub from other sources, about another 10%. Therefore, we manage a higher rate of 110% today which is better than the WAG hope for by 2050!

If you are fed up seeing litter lying about all over the place, please join us at the Holly Bush Inn or one of our sister pubs for a beer. I am sure you have all seen the evidence of one-use drinks containers and other packaging lying around our community. Helping us save the planet can be an enjoyable social experience. We are not asking for money, unless you want a beer, If you don't want a beer, we also serve tea and coffee and are a Refill Station for the WAG to help reduce plastic water bottles, a major problem waste stream for our oceans. You can also help by liking us on Facebook as a simple way of saying you want a better environment for our Children and Grandchildren. This is what we call Level (1).



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

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