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COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE TO LOCAL BOY NECO

Cefn Community Council were delighted to unveil a mural of Neco Williams which is situated on the rear of the George Edwards Hall. A special thank you to the very talented local artist Carol Davies who spent many hours creating the mural, and to Neco's Mum Emma and Grandmother Barbara for attending the unveiling! Thank you Neco for being outstanding in the recent World Cup for Wales and as a community we are all immensely proud of you!



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EDITORS COMMENTS

Happy New Year to you all, don't know if it is just me but it seems like all the festivities were months ago! But, at least we are having some cold but sunny weather, great for getting out and walking. It is a real delight to see the primroses and snowdrops flowering and you can see the days are getting longer too with some amazing sunrises and sunsets.

Very sorry to see we are losing our Community Agent Marie Claire, we wish her every success in her new post.

It is so frustrating to read that the road in Newbridge could take another 12 months or so to be sorted, it is creating difficulties for so many people especially those who rely upon the buses.

Don't forget we have a number of welcoming warm places in our community for you to meet up with friends, have a cuppa and a chat when you feel you want to get out of the house, details are in this newsletter.

If you are out and about do look out for Neco's mural on the back of the George Edwards Hall, as a community we have some very talented young people and its good to see them getting recognised. Don't forget if there are any significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries do let Trina our Community Council Clerk know on **01978 821298**.

Please do get in touch on **07532 780007** or email me at: tyger@tygertactics.com

Stay safe and look after yourselves, Tyger.

CEFN CREATIVE CRAFT SESSIONS

We are looking for new members to join our fun and friendly 'Cefn Creative' craft group, funded by the 'Our Picturesque Landscape' project that centres on the Dee Valley and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site. Each month, a new local artist will share their craft and provide a space to learn new skills, have a chat and be creative!

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COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

Hi everyone. Spring is just around the corner, bringing with it lighter mornings, evenings, and hopefully warmer days ahead. This will be my last message to you all as I am very sadly leaving this role and moving to a new position within the British Red Cross. Luckily however, the areas I will be covering are Wrexham and Flintshire, so I may still get to support some of you through this new service.

And when you see me around please still stop me to say hello. In the meantime, until my role is filled, if you have any concerns or questions then please contact **Trina** our Clerk on **01978 821298** or email cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

I have enjoyed working with you all so thank you all for making the last 3 years so wonderful. I really am sad to be leaving, but also a little excited for this new chapter. Stay safe, *Marie Claire*.



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Congratulations to *Cadet Flight Sergeant Hughes*, *Cadet Flight Sergeant Crump* and *Cadet Corporal Jowitt* on their recent promotion by Squadron Leader Kent RAFAC. Cadet FS Hughes is currently a student on the *RAFAC Qualified Aerospace Instructors Course*, and is due to complete his flying scholarship awarded through the *Royal Air Force Air Cadets* this year. Cadet FS Crump is currently a student on the *Air Cadet Junior Leaders Course* and is active on squadron with the delivery of junior cadet training. Cadet Corporal Jowitt has been a member of 1251 Berwyn Sqn - Ruabon Air Cadets since 2021, since joining he has taken part in activities such as; first aid, paddlesports, leadership training and is an active member of the *No 2 Welsh Wing ATC Road Marching Team*! If you would like more information about joining us, please e-mail Training.1251@rafac.mod.gov.uk



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Mike Lade from the Vale of Llangollen Rotary visited the 1st Llangollen Cubs in West Street, Llangollen to talk about ShelterBox and Aquabox and their response in natural or man-made disasters anywhere in the world. Rotary clubs around the world support two of the biggest humanitarian organisation's that originated as Rotary projects. *Aqua Box* provide a create filled with humanitarian aid as well as a family sized water filtration system that will filter polluted and contaminated water to make it to safe drinking water. *Shelter Box* is more often than not one of the first Non-Government Organisation's (NGO) into any natural, man-made disaster or conflict.

Both organisations are essential when disaster strikes to provide shelter and drinking water to help people survive. The cubs were very attentive and seemed to really enjoy working the demonstration Aqua Box to turn the filthiest water into clear water fit to drink. We were very grateful for the presentation of a cheque that will be put to good use on one of our community projects.

More information on Shelter Box and how you can contribute can be found at www.shelterbox.org and for Aqua Box visit www.aquabox.org.

The Vale of Llangollen Rotary is ready to welcome individuals and couples of 18+ from the local community who want to be "people of action". We normally meet face-to-face, at the Liberty Tavern, 20 Market Street, Llangollen on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and meet in the bar. Alternatively, people can join the meeting from wherever they are via our Zoom connection.

For more information on what their new style of Rotary has to offer contact **Mike Lade** on **07803 038858**, email valeofllangollenrotary@gmail.com or see www.valeofllangollenrotary.com



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Are aftercare services available following temporary detention under the Mental Health Act?

Q: My son developed mental health problems and epilepsy after his father's death. He then started taking recreational drugs because he heard they might help. They didn't. He became irrational, stole money for drugs, and regularly forgot his epilepsy medication. I got him into residential rehab, and all went well until he wanted to return home. Since then, his mental health has deteriorated further. If he was formally detained under the Mental Health Act, would he have a right to aftercare services, as I feel this would make a big difference.

A: Your son can receive community care services whether he's been detained or not. Under the Care Act he's entitled to receive services to meet his eligible needs, as assessed by the local and health authorities.

Additionally, anyone who has been detained under a treatment section of the Mental Health Act (usually s3 or 37) has a statutory right under s117 of the Act to receive community care services to meet any need arising out of a mental disorder. One crucial difference between services provided under the Care Act and services provided under s117 is that the latter are not means tested and cannot be charged for.

However, if you are detained under section 2 of the MHA, this doesn't entitle you to services under s.117. Services that can be provided under s.117 include regular visits from social workers, support workers and community psychiatric nurses; supported accommodation; psychological therapies and employment support.

Your son's local social services authority, together with the Integrated Care System (ICS) in England or the Local Health Board in Wales, are responsible for providing s.117 aftercare services. Disputes about which of them is going to provide and pay for the aftercare are not uncommon and seeking advice from a mental health lawyer can help prevent such disputes from delaying discharge.

Aftercare services under s117 will continue to be provided until such time as the responsible authorities are satisfied they are no longer required.

This question has been answered by Andy Howarth, a Solicitor with GHP Legal. If you would like to speak to someone about this or any other legal matter please visit our website www.ghplegal.com and use the contact us form, or call us on: Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313, Oswestry 01691 659194



YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

We have had a very busy term here at Ysgol Cefn Mawr CP. We held our 100% Attendance Assembly at the start of

January to celebrate all pupils being in school every day since the start of the Autumn term, the pupils were awarded with a certificate and a bookmark.

We were very lucky to have received a £200 donation from **Cefn Mawr Community Council** in December. To help develop our Creative Arts we have purchased recorders for pupils in Y5 and Y6. The pupils are having weekly lessons and learning to read music.



We have also been having great fun in our Creative arts lessons playing Boom whackers - they are percussion tubes, and the children play along to a variety of songs, so

far, our favourites are Ghostbusters and Songs from the Lion King.

To celebrate St Dwynwen day on January 25th, pupils came to school wearing red and joined in a special assembly to celebrate. Our Year 6 pupils were busy making love heart biscuits and designed and made love spoons from salt dough. They have used their maths skills to weigh out their Ingredients.

They have also designed and made a Chinese purse as part of their work on the Chinese New Year.

Our Reception pupils have been learning all about Plants and Animals. They have been finding out all about animals that live in the jungle and have made some fantastic dens and a jungle run.



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A new **Daytime Reading** group is starting up on **Monday February 27th** at 10.30am and the book we will be discussing is Ann Cleaves "The Darkest Evening". All welcome.

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

Having closed over the Christmas period Llangollen Museum the closure was extended throughout January for planned collection assessment and cleaning. However, the New Year has seen unexpected setbacks. We have reported before that the roof of the Museum has to be replaced, and that we are in the middle of putting together applications to raise the necessary funds. As part of this programme, we plan to purchase the Museum building from the County Council to ensure that the Museum is available to the community and visitors long into the future.

Unfortunately, over the Christmas period, the roof leak has got worse and we have had to move some items out of one of the archive stores. As well as that, just over a week ago, one of the internal downpipes that drain water from the roof became blocked. This caused the pipe to fill up and leak from joints upstairs and downstairs, soaking the carpets and walls. The pipe has been unblocked but now we have the mammoth task of drying out the Museum. We have brought in commercial dehumidifiers to take the moisture out of the air and we are temporarily relocating parts of the collection off site while the Museum dries out – many thanks to all of the volunteers from different groups who are helping with that. What this meant was that there was a possibility we would not be able to open as intended however we have managed to sort everything out and we are now open **Saturday to Thursday from 11am to 4pm** and closed on **Fridays**.

Now we have re-open we will be looking ahead to all of the things that we have planned for 2023. Included the roof replacement project and the purchase of the Museum, there will be a number of planned activities to help community members and groups discover more about the heritage of our unique area. In addition, we will be resuming our programme of talks, including ones on Dylan Thomas and the 1950s Eisteddfod, the Offa's Dyke path and boundaries between England and Wales, the hidden history and folklore of churches in North Wales and Landmark Trust properties. We will also be continuing with exhibitions by local artists in the Janet Wakefield gallery.

CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Cefn Mawr Museum is now open again following its Christmas break, and as usual, can be visited on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12.30pm. We hope shortly to have a special Exhibition curated by Christine Jones, one of our volunteers, on the Cefn branch of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Cefn Mawr Historical Society should also be active again this year. Our first meeting will be on **Friday 24 February** at 7pm in the Lower Room, George Edwards Hall (not in the Hall itself) when our speaker, Eric Jones, will deliver a talk on 'Cefn Operatic Society'. Society members and non-members alike are welcome. Contact me on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through a message on Facebook. Alan Tiltman, Archivist



Volunteers from Llangollen Tidy Town team moved into to prevent priceless artefacts at the town's museum being damaged by rainwater pouring in from a defective roof.
Photo by LlanBlogger

The Trustees of the Museum decided to name the gallery after Janet as (amongst many other things) she put so much time and effort into organising the exhibitions and art competitions, it was felt that this would be the best way to remember our much missed colleague. The dates of exhibitions and talks may sometimes have to be changed, dependent upon what happens with work on the roof. Again, watch the Facebook page and local notices for up-to-date news. We are always looking for volunteers to help us bring alive the history of Llangollen and the surrounding area to visitors and the local community. If you would like to give a day or even a half day to helping in the Museum, please contact our **Manager Gill Smith** on gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk or **07516 023524**.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023.

WREXHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

Upcoming Wrexham Area Civic Society events, all at 7pm in the meeting space in **St. Giles's Church**

Thursday 16 February: *The origins of Wrexham and St. Giles's Church: a talk by Alastair Williams.*

Thursday 16 March: *House building in Wrexham 1840-2040: the development of technologies*

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1ST TREVOR SCOUT GROUP NEWS

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THE NW HAMPDEN BOWLING CLUB ACREFAIR

We are a friendly group of all ages who meet on a Monday evening for social and training at the Royston Club and play in the Oswestry league. We are looking to start our pre-season practices in March and invite all those interested in joining the club to get in contact now, if you came along to our fun day taster session last year and had a go, we would love to welcome you back for the new season. Please call Isobel on **01978 820179**.

THE NW HAMPDEN BOWLING CLUB ACREFAIR

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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The George Edwards Hall is available to book for parties and events, as well as the main hall we also have available the Lower Room with fully equipped kitchen and the

Council Chamber, for those requiring smaller space for meetings or smaller parties the Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries.

Currently we have

Slimming World on Tuesday 5pm - 8pm, and Wednesday 9am - 11am.

DanceZone on Mondays 5pm - 8.30pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - 8.30pm.

Line Dancing on a Wednesday from 7.30pm - 10pm.

Dog training every Friday from 7pm to 10pm for more info email Paul at APK9 Training on

apk9training@proton.me

Our **Children's Play Parks**: are open, we ask that you please take your rubbish home with you if there is no available bin, thank you.

Street lights: If you notice 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 on **01978 821298** thank you.

Wedding Anniversaries: If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their **Diamond, 60 years or Platinum, 70 years Anniversaries** please can you let the Clerk know on **01978 821298**.

Trefynant Cemetery: we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to keep your distance as we know some visitors are still concerned. **Polite Notice** - Please use the one-way system, no turning around by the brick cabin, thank you.

Youth Club: the Council funded club in the George Edwards Hall is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm during term time.

Cefn & Acrefair Playwork Project: we are pleased to advise that this project will be returning and start with the Easter Holidays in Cefn and Acrefair, check our Facebook page for details.

Cefn Community Agent: we are sorry to be losing Marie Claire our Community Agent, as a Council we thank her for all she has done for our residents especially through the Covid period and wish her well in her new post. We now have a vacancy for this post please see our advert.

Community Litter Picks: our Councillors carry out monthly litter picks around all areas of the Cefn Ward and if you would like to join them please contact the Clerk on **01978 821298** for details of the upcoming areas, dates and times, also check our Facebook page, litter pickers and bags are provided. If you know of a litter 'hot spot' please let us know thank you. We are delighted to announce that we are also a **Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub**.

CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT A COMMUNITY AGENT

Are you committed to supporting individuals and isolated people living in Cefn community area? Are you interested in a flexible local employment opportunity that you can fit around your other commitments?

We are seeking to recruit a Community Agent for the Cefn Community (covers Cefn, Plas Madoc, Rhosymedre & Cefn Bychan, Acrefair & Penybryn Wards). Full training and support will be provided but you must know the area well. The Community Agent will work to connect people in the community to the services and support that they need, reporting to the Clerk of the Community Council.

Community Agents will seek to ensure that individuals and isolated people over 50's access the services and support needed. This involves building local support networks, acting to bridge the gap between individual residents and statutory organisations; and signposting to other services and agencies. Making the most of local activities and services is a good way to keep fit, active and independent, but not everyone knows what is available. People with health or other difficulties may need that bit of help to access and benefit from activities and services available to everyone.

Community Agents will build relationships with organisations such as the Police, PCSO's, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, GPs, local libraries and housing groups to ensure that more vulnerable and isolated people have access to the support provided.

Outline terms and conditions

- } *Period*: 12 months from March 2023
- } *Working hours*: 16 hours per week confirmed & 5 extra hours subject to funding
- } *Place of work*: Office based; but much of role will be meeting clients in their homes or at community facilities.
- } *Salary*: £8236.80 per annum
- } *Expenses*: Mileage is paid at 45p/mile for car users
- } *Line management*: the post holder reports to the Clerk of the Community Council

Recruitment Process

For an application form or more information about the role please contact

Mrs T Nicholls-Smith, Clerk to Cefn Community Council, George Edwards Hall, Well Street, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham LL14 3AE

Email: cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

Tel: **01978 821298**

The application deadline is close of business 5.00pm on **Friday 17th February 2023**

STREET LIGHTING FOR CEFN CC AREA

These lamp posts will be numbered and should be reported to the Clerk of the Community Council. The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** or by email: cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

WCBC STREET LIGHTING REPORTING

Usually these are on main roads, please use the facility online, if you type in the post code it will take you to a map where you can identify the light or road sign: <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/street-light-reporting>

PCSOs UPDATE

Local Environmental Awareness on Dogs

LEAD a police-led, initiative to encourage responsible dog ownership of all breeds of dog, seeks to provide advice to the public on dog issues, improve dog safety and dog welfare. It also deals with anti-social and inconsiderate behaviour by individuals with dogs in a way that protects and reassures the public. Aimed at all dog owners in North Wales, whether in private or rented accommodation. It is being promoted through regular dog roadshows, engagement with owners during regular patrols and through day-to-day contact with owners of dogs that come to police attention. To achieve this we are working closely with our partner agencies, which include Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham Councils, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the RSPCA. Annual surveys of residents highlight those issues concerning dogs, such as nuisance and dog fouling, are high on the list of concerns amongst residents in the area - and **LEAD** is aimed at tackling these concerns. In our day-to-day police work, we are:

- recording all incidents involving negative dog behaviour including dog attacks on people and animals; dog welfare and dog fouling. This is important to create a documented history should enforcement be necessary.
 - encouraging owners (if a social housing resident) to register their dog with their landlord.
 - arranging dog roadshows that offer dog advice and free or discounted dog micro-chipping, now a legal requirement.
- As well as encouraging responsible dog ownership and giving advice, there are times when it is necessary for police to intervene, initiate control measures and ultimately prosecute offenders. We will intervene when:
- dogs are used by owners to commit crime
 - dogs are linked with anti-social behaviour
 - prohibited types / breeds come to notice.

We will act to enforce the law and protect the public when ever necessary and where legislation permits. Measures include: **1st 'Come to Notice' letter.** Letters will be sent with supporting literature. **2nd 'Come to Notice' letter.** Should the dog's behaviour come to notice again, a 2nd letter will be hand delivered by the local Neighbourhood Police Team. If the dog owner is a social housing resident, the landlord will contact the dog owner within seven working days to remind them of, or enforce, their tenancy agreement. Continued anti-social behaviour, could result in permission to have a dog being withdrawn or even the property being repossessed.

Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) As the second letter is sent, an **ABC**, a voluntary agreement between police and the individual will be sought. If declined, the Neighbourhood Police Team will monitor the dog's behaviour for at least six months. **Community Protection Notice (CPN), Contingent Destruction Order on conviction under the Dangerous Dogs Act or Control Order, Dogs Act 1871.** Continued anti-social behaviour could result in a CPN, Contingent Destruction Order on conviction under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or an appropriate Dog Control Order under the Dogs Act 1871. **Please note that these measures can be sought at any time during the process**

Useful helplines:

- Noisy dogs, dog fouling, stray dogs: *Call your local authority*
- Illegal breeds, organised dog fights, dangerous dogs, anti-social behaviour with dogs: *Call North Wales Police on 101*
- Nuisance dogs or anti-social behaviour with dogs in your tenanted or leasehold accommodation (such as council housing). *Call your landlord*
- Health and welfare of dogs: *Call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.*

PCSO Lara Shiers

Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk



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News Update

WELCOME TO THE ELEVENTH EDITION OF CRANE NEWS.

Hello everyone. Hope you have all been keeping safe and well? Hopefully 2023 will be a better year for us all health wise.

Please continue to help the NHS by accessing the most appropriate service to address your health issues. You can contact **NHS direct on 111** who will be able to advise and direct you to the most appropriate service. You can access them 24hours a day 7days a week.

Did you make a New Year's resolution? How did it go?

If you did not try or succeed in "Dry January" then why not try "Dry February"! It is a shorter month and so the easiest to keep. Cutting down on alcohol intake will also help your purse as well as your waistline. Do you know that the guidance now is to not exceed 14 units of alcohol for both men and women per week. The average bottle of wine is 10 units. Calculate your weekly intake by logging on to the Drinkaware website. It is a good idea to try and cut back on your intake of meat and dairy products and increase your intake of fruit and vegetables. How about setting aside one day a week when you "go vegan" or "go vegetarian". You might surprise yourself how easy this is to do.

Are you up to date with your Covid vaccinations?

Appointments for Covid vaccinations can be arranged, rearranged or cancelled via the **Covid Vaccination Contact Centre on 03000 840004** which is open from Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm and at weekends from 9am to 2pm. The vaccine continues to be the best solution to prevent serious illness and the spread of Covid 19.

Have you had your flu vaccine? Please contact the surgery for more information about booking an appointment for your flu vaccine if you are eligible for one.

The NHS is under considerable strain at the moment, and we can all do our bit to help by keeping up to date with all our vaccinations to try and prevent hospital admissions this winter.

If you are not currently registered with us and are struggling to access healthcare services for whatever reason, please contact us today at **Crane Medical Centre on 01978 810844** or visit our website at www.cranemedicalcentre.co.uk

We are happy and excited to accept new patient registrations and welcome you to our practice. As always, we look forward to updating you in the next addition so until then please stay safe and well.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - THE COUNCIL PLAN 2023-2028

Working out what a good future would look like and planning how to get there are important steps to making positive changes. At Wrexham Council we are doing just that as we put together our Council Plan 2023-2028. Wrexham Council provides you with lots of services whether you live here, work here or are just visiting. These could be schools, waste collection, social care, council housing, planning services, roads, museums, country parks, trading standards. The council also supports the local community and economic development.

This new Council Plan will focus on what will be most important over the next five years to help us to achieve our vision, to contribute to Wales' well-being goals, and to ensure that everybody is treated fairly. It will identify specific outcomes for us to work towards so we can measure our progress. These are the outcomes that we believe will be of most benefit to our communities. The plan is used to inform decisions about how we allocate money and other resources. Our other important services will still be delivered and details about these will be included within our internal business and service plans. We are asking you to take a look at the draft Council Plan to find out what we are aiming towards and if you agree that the main priorities are the right ones to support the people in our communities to fulfil their potential, prosper and achieve a high standard of well-being.

If you would like to get involved in shaping our Council Plan, please complete our on-line survey by **March 14, 2023** by visiting www.yourvoicewrexham.com

If you are unable to access our survey online, printed copies of our survey in Welsh and English, are available from and can be returned to: The Wellbeing Hub, Chester Street, Wrexham LL13 8BG; the Guildhall, Wrexham LL11 1AY; Housing Estate offices; local libraries and other Warm Places in Wrexham County Borough. If you wish to obtain a copy of the survey in a different format or language, or have any other query, please contact us by: Email: telluswhatyouthink@wrexham.gov.uk
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BLOOD DONATIONS - WE NEED YOU

Did you know only 3% of the eligible population in Wales give blood?

The Welsh Blood Service is calling on residents of the Wrexham area to start saving lives!

There are several blood donation sessions in the Wrexham area with appointments available to book.

Please help if you can

<https://wbs.wales/CefnCommunityNews>

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Appointments still available in your area



CHURCH NEWS

What's going on in the Hafod Family of Churches?

The Hafod Family of Churches is a group of Church In Wales Churches that includes **St. Thomas', Penycae, St. John's Rhosymedre, and St. David's, Rhosllannerchrugog.**

The small family of churches has had a wonderful Christmas, and are gearing up for a busy new year. It was great to see so many of you in and around the church, especially at our Winter Fair in St. John's, and it's sister event at St. Thomas'. They went so well that we are planning to run Summer Fairs in St. John's, and in St. Thomas'.

St. John's in Rhosymedre has a lot of exciting news over the next few weeks and months. Our

Community Pantry is now open every *Thursday* from 1:30 until 3:00, with drop-in coffee and tea available as well, for people that just want to come down and have a chat. Tuesdays the pantry will be open as often as possible between 1:30 and 3:00 but we are still looking for more volunteers to make that a guaranteed regular event. If you would like to volunteer for either of these things, please just pop, or drop us an email.

We have also got a lot of new things going on at St. John's that we would like to invite you all too. On **Fridays**, we have our modern contemporary *Worship Fellowship* at 1:30-2:30, a chance to worship God, and meet new people. It has modern music and a lively form of prayer.

We also are starting an **All-Age Service** in St. John's on the *first Sunday of the month*. This is a place to bring your entire family, from the very young, to the young at heart. It will be a relaxed, interactive modern service. We will also be taking bookings for baptisms following this service.

If your looking for a room for an event, St. John's upper room is accessible and available to book for day or evening events. To book, check our Facebook page for details. This newsletter covers all the way through to Easter, and while our Easter plans are still somewhat fluid, we have most of it nailed down. The Churches' season of Lent begins the day after pancake day, on the Wednesday 22nd of February with a service of **Ashing** in St. John's at 10:30, again followed by tea and coffee and a chat. During lent there will be some form of study group, but those details are still (at the time of writing) being worked on, so please keep an eye on our facebook page (@HafodFamily) for more information.

Holy Week (starting the 3rd of April) will have a series of daily Eucharists around the area, culminating in the Easter Day. **Good Friday** will have two devotional services, one at 10:30 in St. Thomas', and another at 14:00 in St. John's. These are hour-long services following the events of the crucifixion. They are often unusual and moving, looking to give people space to pray and to think. **Holy Saturday** will have the service of the *Easter Fire*. This service involves the ceremonial burning of the palm crosses, and a chance to renew the baptismal vows.



Easter Day there will be a service in both churches, St. John's Church service will be at 9:30 and St. Thomas' will be at 11:00. This will be a celebration of Easter, with noise and laughter, and as always, tea and coffee after the service.

And that, as they say, is not all! We've just run out of space. St. John's is open for anyone to visit, or just pop down as often as we can make it. There's a welcome to people of all faiths and none.



What is CaféChurch?

You may have read past letters from us in the Community News and wondered who and what we are, and what we stand for and why? So at the start of 2023 we

thought we would explain ourselves a little more fully to you, your family and friends!

CaféChurch meets café style around tables on the first Sunday of every month in the CRNCA (Old School Canteen) Our meeting starts at 10.30am, but we suggest arriving at 10am or soon after for a natter, making new friends over an assortment of free cakes and drinks (which are also available throughout the meeting). We are a mixed group of folk of different ages, who have come together from different backgrounds and interests. Some of us believe the bible to be true, others are still questioning, but come along to discuss what it says. We're a friendly bunch so there is no pressure!

We offer a **Bible Study** on three Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm, where there is more time to discuss and discover more about what it says in the bible if you'd like to know more.

Or perhaps you have heard about our **Social Evenings** which meet on a Thursday evening at 7pm

- **11 days after CaféChurch?** This is just a fun evening, which our younger members call an adult youth club as we offer an assortment of games too! Again, we meet around tables where we can bring along old friends or make new ones – We always offer, to enjoy, a selection of free drinks and buffet food - or on selected months of the year a hot meal! We would love you to join us too, so if you are interested in finding out a bit more of any of the above, then please give us a call on **01978 824785**. If we're not in, then please leave a message and telephone number on our answer phone and we WILL get back to you. Every blessing for 2023
Colin and Rowena.

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Weekly **Mass and Communion** in **St Collen's** on **Sundays 11am**, When there is a **5th Sunday** there will be a united service for all four churches.

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services at Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30 am. Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Chapel is now open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am** All are welcome.

For more information please call **01978 821177**.



CRNCA NEWS

Registered Charity Number 1122422 Tel: 07531 310335. Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr LL14 3PA

TUESDAY Changing Season group for over 50s meet from 12.30 -3pm subs £1, pop in for tea, a chat, games and fun all welcome.

WEDNESDAY Lunch Club at 12.30pm for over 50s with lunch, pudding and a cuppa for £3.50, booking essential. Call **07532 484470** for more information. **Woollies Knit & Natter** from 2pm to 4pm, subs £1.20. **Games Group** from 2 to 4pm. Members of these clubs also arrange trip to places like the Derwen Garden Centre and Vintage Advantage charity shop or a out for pub lunch.

THURSDAY Men's Shed all ages from 9.30am to 12.30pm. We have many project and activities DIY around the building and grounds, learn cooking and how to use kitchen equipment, make useful items, or simply tea and chat. It's your choice unless you have something in mind you would like to do.

Garden and Eco Group Any time any day just call in when open and look out for posters with litter pick / project dates. All ages welcome children must be with a adult please. We are a *Keep Wales Tidy* Litter Picking Hub and have equipment you can borrow.

WARM PLACES Tuesday 10am to 2.30pm, **Wednesday** 9.30am to 4pm, **Thursday** 9.30am to 12.30pm. All of our Clubs and activities offer a safe warm place where you can pop in and have a cuppa a chat, meet friends and be warm.



Our Christmas Lunch at the Centre was a great success. We would like to give thanks Sally and her Daughter from on-line retailer **www.retrostyler.com** for their thoughtful gift donation of Hot Water Bottles for all who attended just in time for that cold snap!

We would also thank Lee, David and the Tesco team who did an amazing job serving the dinner and also bought sweets for all to enjoy and our volunteers for their work to make it so enjoyable for everyone. We were entertained by our local choir **Raise the Roof Community Singing** and they soon had us all joining in their great selection of carols and songs, thank you.



CATHOLIC CHURCHS

Llangollen, Chirk and Ruabon Churches are open for Mass, **Llangollen** Saturday at 6pm, **Chirk** Sunday at 9am and **Ruabon** Sunday at 11am. For other devotions including weddings, births, confessions and funerals please contact: **Fr John Bosco Bukomba** by email at: PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk Regarding our **Easter Services** please look our for posters with times at each Church, thank you.



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WREXHAM FOODBANK PLAS MADOC



We provide emergency food parcels and toiletries to those in financial crisis.

To receive a food parcel you need a referral from somewhere that helps you with other support too such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, community agent, school or Citizen's Advice Wrexham. You can also call the **Help Through Hardship** free helpline on **0808 208 2138**.

We have eight centres for parcel collection, if you are unable to get there someone can collect on your behalf, or you can request a home delivery. Our centre at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre** is open on **Thursday from 10.30-12 noon**, use the red fire exit door by the main car park. Foodbank donations welcome at Ruabon Road warehouse on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am -3pm, or in most supermarket stores. For more information visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk, follow us on Facebook and Twitter. To volunteer please contact info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or **07538 547971**.

THE COMMUNITY CAFE & FOODBANK RHOS

We support families and individuals in the community with our foodbank, please get in touch to organise a food parcel. Generally we are here midday on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but please do contact us on **01978 447477** or message us on our **Facebook** page before coming up to see us.

CITIZENS ADVICE WREXHAM

Offering free independent impartial, confidential advice on any topic, including employment, benefits and debt issues. Every Thursday 9.30am until 12.30pm at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre**. Need advice before then? Call **0300 330 1178**. You can also leave your name, telephone number and brief description of your issue on the general advice line answer machine **01978 364639** and they will call you back.



COMMUNITY FOOD, WARMTH AND COMPANY

Free weekly sessions at **St Collen's Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL**. Chat, connect and stay warm. **Wednesday and Thursday** Warm Places from 10am to 3pm. **Friday** Community Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm. **Saturday** Community Breakfast 9am to 11am. No need to book, just turn up, We look forward to seeing you.

FRIENDS OF PARKIES

We are a charity based on the border of North Shropshire and South Clwyd in St Martins, next door to Stan's Supermarket, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families. We meet socially every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am to share information and to help/support one another. We offer support for people recently diagnosed with Parkinsons who don't know where to turn for help and information. Call us for an informal chat and more information.

Tel: **Elaine** on **07760 685447**. See our Facebook page - **friends of parkies**.

CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY WARM SPACES

Free weekly sessions so you can chat, meet friends, have a cuppa and stay warm at: **The George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr, Monday & Thursday** from 9am to 1pm refreshments, games, WiFi & TV available. **Cefn Mawr Library, Plas Kynaston Lane, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday** 1pm to 5.30pm, **Friday** 9am to 5.30pm with refreshments, books, newspapers & WiFi. **CRNCA Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym, Tuesday** 10am to 2.30pm, **Wednesday** 9.30 to 4pm & **Thursday** 9.30am to 12.30pm with refreshments, games & WiFi.

VETERANS GATEWAY When you need to be referred to the right help quickly, **Call 0808 802 1212, text 81212** visit our website <https://bit.ly/38UiaL2> or find us on Facebook, **open 24/7**

WREXHAM FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Our supportive Outreach Team is here to help and support you with a range of family issues or concerns. Call us for a chat on **01978 292094** or email: fis@wrexham.gov.uk to see how we can help you. Check our Facebook page for updates resources, events, activities and courses for you.

URGENT MEDICAL OUT OF HOURS 111

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PLAS MADOC UPDATES

What's on in Plas Madoc

MONDAYS

Coffee Morning at Plas Telford from 10 to 11.30am.

Volunteer Drop-in at Kettle Club

Hub 12.30pm to 2.30pm come and find out about volunteering roles in the community and all the amazing training we can support you with.

Youth Club upstairs in the Leisure Centre from 6 to 8pm.

'Suppa n a Cuppa' 7 to 8pm at Kettle Club Hub meet new friends, enjoy a bite to eat or just chill free to attend.

TUESDAYS

Crafty Brew Health & Wellbeing Group from 9.30 to 11.30am at Plas Telford. The group supports mental health through crafts and peer support. All welcome - come along and do some crafts whilst having a cuppa.

Mobile Food Van at 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the car park by the Opportunity Centre. Meals available to purchase on the day and can be pre-ordered for the following week. Microwave meals, slow cooker bags & much more from toiletries and food cupboard items, contact Donna on **07394 465113** for info and to order.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm.

WEDNESDAYS

Breakfast & Brews from 9 to 11am in the Opportunities Centre, join us for a hot drink and breakfast, free to attend.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Youth Street Football from 7.15 to 6pm.

THURSDAYS

Kettle Club Hub from 9 am to 12.30pm join us for a brew, hot food and good company! Free to attend. For Plas Madoc residents trips to Aldi/Tesco are run between 10-12pm - £1 return which includes drop off at your home. If you need more info, please call **01978 813912**.

Citizens Advice from 1- 4pm at Kettle Club Hub to provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice on any issue brought to them. It is a sit and wait service, no appointment needed.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

WAPM Events Planning & Chat from 6 to 7pm.

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SATURDAYS

The Land is open for play from 12 noon to 2pm.

SUNDAYS

Community Litter Pick every 1st Sunday of the



month from 3 to 4pm, meet at the Leisure Centre carpark by the field.

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RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE

We are back together in St John's on Thursdays at 7pm. If you would like to join us then you'll have a warm welcome and you might enjoy yourself with a good old sing or just a cuppa and a chat!. If you have any questions you wish to ask, please contact our choir leader, **Nova Evans** on nova.4song@gmail.com or you can look us up on the **Raise the Roof** Facebook page, we'd love to see you.



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Are you interested in singing? Are you interested in joining us? Just call in to one of our rehearsals! We meet in Rhos, Mondays at the Stiwt and Thursdays at Bethel Chapel, Chapel Street from 7.15pm to 9pm. If you just want to sit at the back and listen to start with, that's fine. If you'd rather get stuck in straight away, go for it! We have members of all ages and backgrounds who are passionate about singing and enjoy singing. Give Mike a call on **07944 386550** to find out more.

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CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE UPDATE

As of 24/1/23, we are almost at the halfway stage of the 2022-23 season.

The **Turkey Shoot** held on the 19th December at the Cefn Social Club was a huge success with over 70 entrants to the Knockout, which is by far the highest in many years, there was a lot of people spectating and supporting the League and the Venue in the current cost of living crisis. The committee would like to thank everyone who attended a fantastic night of top quality darts as a player or spectator. **Andrew Hopwood** of the **Sun Rhos** won the Knockout with **Rob Pugh** of the **Cons Club** runner up. **Dafydd Edwards** of the **Rhos Snooker Club** won the **Cefn 7s** with a score of 105, each as is tradition in the Turkey Shoot won a Turkey for their efforts.

Back to the regular season and it is still very close at the top of the table. 2 points separate the top 4 teams of **Sun Inn Rhos, Royston Club (Acrefair), Rhos Snooker Club and the Cefn Social Club**.

2022-2023								
Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League								
	Team	GP	W	L	D	PD	Points	Legs
1	Sun Rhos	14	11	0	3	0	25	84
2	Royston	14	12	1	1	0	25	82
3	Rhos Snooker Club	13	11	1	1	0	23	79
4	Cefn Social Club	14	10	1	3	0	23	72
5	Cons Club	14	9	3	2	0	20	70
6	Pubby McPubface B	13	8	2	3	0	19	65
7	Vaults	14	8	5	1	0	17	61
8	Chirk AAAs	14	6	6	2	0	14	55
9	The Delph	14	4	7	3	0	11	50
10	Eagles	14	3	8	3	0	9	43
11	Black Lion Rhos	14	2	8	4	0	8	46
12	Oddfellows	14	2	9	3	0	7	38
13	Pubby McPubface A	14	2	9	3	0	7	32
14	New Inn	14	3	11	0	0	6	40
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WEDNESDAYS

Cylch Ti a Fi 1:15 to 2pm during term time. This is suitable for children under 4 and Welsh or nonspeaking Welsh families. Learn simple songs and take part in a craft activity. The sessions are free but you need to book in advance by contacting

Sophie on **07483 366233** or

sophie.ross@meithrin.cymru

Lego Club runs every Wednesday all year round from 3:15 to 4pm. Suitable for children age 4+ with some building blocks for younger siblings if needed. It's free and a drink of squash and a biscuit is provided.

THURSDAYS

If you enjoy books come along to our **book club** which is held on the last **Thursday** of the month from 2 to 3pm. Free of charge and a hot drink will be provided.

Spring Crafts

Easter crafts for children is on **Thursdays** 3:15 to 4pm running on the **6th and 13th April**. These sessions are free but please contact us to book your place.

We have free **crafts for adults** from 1 to 3pm on **Mondays** from **April 17th**. These are a series of 10 sessions on wirework and other crafts. **Contact the library for details on 01978 820938 or cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk**

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We'll be closed over the Easter bank holiday weekend.

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No more fines! From January 1st 2023 Libraries across Wrexham no longer charge fines for items which are being returned late, but we'd still love our books back if you've finished with them and if you haven't then you will need to renew them. Please note that since January if you've had a book for more than 90 days you will be asked to repay the cost of the book before you can take any new ones out.

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Aqueduct maintenance please note The Aqueduct is still closed for its annual maintenance to February 24th 2023. Please also note that the navigation will open from 15:30pm to 9am the following morning every day. The navigation will also open at 15:30pm each Friday and remain open until 9am each Monday



morning. During these periods of open navigation, the towpath will remain closed at all times and there will be no alighting.

Clwydian Range and Dee Valley update The second phase of woodland management work at Pontcysyllte continues from Monday 13th February. The works will involve light thinning

of the woodland along the riverside path from the aqueduct towards Ty Mawr Country Park as far as the new camera installation and on the top path. Some of the trees will be removed, resulting in a more varied age structure benefitting the woodland, wildlife and people as discrete views will be opened across the World Heritage Site. This work has been agreed with the Community Councils, Canal and Rivers Trust and Natural Resources Wales. Sections of the pathways will remain open but Marshalls will be in place for your safety, for the duration of the woodland operations.

THE TOWERS NURSERY NEWS



The children at the Towers Day Nursery have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year and St Valentine's Day, they now have St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Easter to celebrate.

They have done lots of craft activities and are now looking forward to beginning the seed planting and gardening once the weather has improved. Our new children have all settled in well and are enjoying being part of the nursery family. Currently we are looking for a part time member of staff to join our team for 2 or 3 days per week.

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NEWS FROM THE DEE VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

We entered a Federation Team into the *Indoor Athletics Festival* at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre in January. They had a great time taking part in many events including the vertical jump, standing long jump, triple jump, foam javelin, sitting throw, speed bounce and various running events. Making new friends and performed fantastically as a team, we were so proud when they finished in 3rd place and were awarded a medal each.



Frncysyllte CP School entered a team in the National Finals of the *F1 in Schools Competition* at the NEC Birmingham. The team, Blazing Star were brilliant through all parts of the project finishing 6th out of 26 teams from all over the UK who took part in the event so this was a massive achievement for our small school. All Key Stage Two pupils entered the project initially which involved them designing and making their own Formula One car being powered down a track using a gas canister. There are lots of different parts to the project and the groups had to create a portfolio of evidence as well as give a verbal presentation about their cars and create a unique team identity. All at Frncysyllte would like to thank *AN Richards* for their very kind sponsorship which meant all the teams could create their own uniform including a team badge created using their ICT skills. This half term, all Year 2 and above at Garth CP School have been working on an exciting project as part of the Lead Creative Schools initiative. Working with an artist and storyteller to develop their artistic and storytelling skills whilst exploring unique aspects of local history. Part of the project has involved the pupils having the exciting opportunity to speak with a gentleman who has Welsh Nigerian roots. This was a fascinating experience for the pupils as it gave them the chance to find out more about the similarities and differences between Welsh and Nigerian Culture. Over the coming weeks, they will be working in mixed aged groups to show what they have learnt in a variety of different ways including storyboarding, drama and ICT.

Before Christmas, pupils from Pentre Church in Wales took part in a netball festival hosted by Ysgol Dinas Bran. Staff and pupils were thrilled when the Pentre team won the tournament for the second year in a row. Being undefeated in all of their games, the pupils involved were excellent representatives of the school. The pupils were awarded a medal each for their achievements. In another sporting success story, one of Pentre's Year 6 pupils won the *County Cross Country Festival*. The school was very proud of the fact that this event was attended by all pupils in the Years 5 and 6 class, giving them all the opportunity to have a go at the event.

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 11 Food Bank appeal. The food has now been donated to Wrexham Foodbank.

Huge congratulations to **Mia Williams** and **Grace Thornley** for their recent achievements with the North East Wales Netball team. We are very proud of you. Y8 pupil **Evan McGlynn** recently competed in the North Wales Indoor Athletics Competition, the youngest in his age group competing against older boys, he achieved 3rd place in the Long Jump and 3rd place in the 60m sprint. Ysgol Rhiwabon wish current pupil **Jake Fox**



good luck in his new club following his recent transfer to Wrexham's FC United from Cefn United YFC. Jake holds a fantastic record having scored 11 goals in 9 games last season and his new club are hoping he can bring that goal scoring magic to the club.



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PROF DOYLES TALK TO LOCAL CHILDREN

Children from **Ysgol Min y Ddol** and **Ysgol Cefn Mawr** listening to a talk by Professor Peter Doyle in **Cefn Mawr Library** last November. Professor Doyle was once again warmly welcomed and was surprised by the 'mature' questions asked by the group. As is seen in the photograph below hands were continually raised.



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YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

We were delighted to welcome back to School the world famous author Neil Griffiths. Neil is a celebrated and inspiring storyteller who used to visit our school annually. This year we gave him a very warm and special welcome back after a few years off due to the covid disruption. The children (and staff!) spent the day laughing and being inspired by Neil's funny, lively and dramatic retelling of his stories that have become a much loved part of our school curriculum over the years. We were also thrilled to invite Parents and Guardians to school to work with Neil on developing a love of Storytelling and books at home. Thank you to all those who attended, we know your children will continue to greatly benefit from these messages that Neil shared with you and that you will enjoy the signed Neil Griffiths book that your child brought home as a thank you for your participation.

We would like to share a heart felt thank you to one of our amazing parents, Eileen Williams for fundraising and purchasing us a set of



Usborne Wellbeing books. These will be used to support our pupil's mental health. We have also purchased a large selection of books to support the process of grief and loss and are currently creating wellbeing areas inside and outside the school to house all of these beautiful books and for pupils to go to and relax if they need to take time out from busy classrooms.

This week we celebrated Santes Dwynwen. In Dosbarth Gwenllian pupils enjoyed learning about and celebrating Dydd Santes Dwynwen. Pupils made cards for people they love, baked love heart shaped biscuits and created artwork in the style of the famous painter Kandinsky. They also used oil pastels and water colour paints to create beautiful pieces of art work and loved experimenting with a range of colours and technique showing care and persistence with their efforts



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

We've had a very busy winter up to now in Ysgol Min y Ddôl. Leading up to Christmas, we had every class perform a Christmas Concert for their families and what a great success they were too.

They all did brilliantly, da iawn chi! For their efforts, and to give each child a special Christmas treat of their choice; the children got to visit the cinema and Banana Ben's!

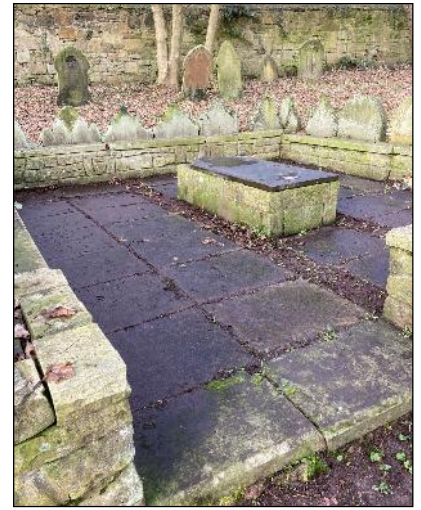
Following their return to school after the break, the children got to play in the snow and enjoy their usual activities albeit a little more carefully and colder! Once the weather warmed up, 'Keep Wakes Tidy' came to work with our Eco Council to plant up to 60 new trees along our wall to create a hedgerow to attract more wildlife to our grounds. Well done everyone! A drumming workshop has also been organised for our year 3 and 4 pupils who all really enjoyed conducting, keeping to the beat, using the various percussion instruments on offer and making lots of noise. On January 25th, all pupils enjoyed our 'Santes Dwynwen' Disco at the school. In keeping with providing all these experiences to our wonderful pupils, we are also



continuing with our forest school sessions which, this term, see the older children using and developing their literacy and numeracy skills.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S GRAVEYARD



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Worked with Raf and the CS Team in the graveyard in January and even though it was frosty with some ice on the paths we were able to clear pathways, tidy the little garden of remembrance and started to pick up twigs and branches off the grassy areas (this is essential before any strimming or mowing can start as if left they will snag the strimmer cable or damage the mower and can be a lethal trip hazard). Think we will be very busy trying to get these cleared away before the grass really starts growing! We will be back this month on **Saturday 18th February** at 10.30am so hope you can come and join us for even half an hour it can make such a difference. Along with the twigs we are hoping to make a start on some of the ant hills and finish cutting back vegetation off the paths, we have nearly cleared them all and this makes it easier for more people to come and tend family graves which makes the area more accessible and safer. Big thank you to all the people who just pop in and do a little bit extra when they are here, it really makes a difference. The next work-in will be **Saturday 18th March** then **Saturday 15th April**.

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Friday 24th February **Roller Disco** is back! 11am - 1pm, £4.00 per child.

Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Friday of the month Free for local residents – next dates are **10.03.23** and **14.04.23** (proof of address may be requested)

Free Swimming: For Wrexham residents - Over 60's Tues 10am - 11am and Thurs 9am – 10am Term time only (proof of address may be requested) Under 16's every Saturday 3pm – 4.00pm and Monday's 3.00-4.00pm during holidays.

Cafe and Soft Play: opening times (term time) Tues and Thursday 11am – 3pm and 3.30pm – 6pm. Saturday and Sunday 11am – 3pm (please check our website as times are subject to change).

Re-Engage offer a free Chair Yoga Session for over 75's every fortnight 11.15-12.00 on Mondays. Why not have a spot of lunch after your chair yoga session! (Luncheon Club £3.50).

New Luncheon Club: Term time Mondays at 12.15pm Two course meal & drink for just £3.50 Booking is essential, call in or Tel: **01978 821600**.

Community Support Hub: Plas Madoc is proud to host one of Wrexham's Community Support Hubs in partnership with BCUHB. Residents are able to access a number of services via signposting from PMLC, these include *Citizens Advice, MIND, Wrexham Foodbank, Cambrian Loans and Saving, Communities for Work, Re-Engage and Advanced Brighter Futures* to mention just a few of our partnership services. Residents can access advice and practical support which include:

-] Food (either Foodbank or/and cooked meals/ classes)
-] Accommodation/tenancy support
-] Money/debt management/Credit Union/benefit advice
-] Legal advice (family, employment, civil matters)
-] Fuel/heating support
-] Family support
-] Mental & physical health support
-] Domestic and substance abuse support
-] Digital inclusion
-] Multilingual support
-] Modern slavery & exploitation support
-] Entry to employment/sustaining employment
-] Social prescribing
-] Gentle Exercise for over 75's
-] Warm space every Friday from 9am to 12 noon at the Community Hub with free tea and coffee.

We are working hard to develop the community support hub with new projects coming soon to include Food Education Courses and Digital Inclusion support, check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Birthday Parties and Private Hire: Bookings are now available for Birthday parties with one of the following options: Soft play, Swimming Pool, Bouncy Castle, Football and Roller Skating. Hot food is provided from our cafe. Prices available on our website; <https://www.plas-madoc.com/parties>.

SplashPort to Leisure: Plas Madoc Leisure Centre offers a **"SplashPort to Leisure"** scheme to all Plas Madoc residents. This scheme allows anyone living on **Plas Madoc Estate** to benefit from a 50% discounted price for the following activities – Swimming Pool, Gym, Fitness classes, Badminton, and the Soft Play area.

How does it work? To be part of the scheme you need to reside in Plas Madoc. (*Proof of address may be requested*) Complete an application form and return it to Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. Pay £2.00 for a SplashPort membership card. Start Saving! For more information, please contact the Centre on **01978 821600** E-mail; info@plas-madoc.com, find us on Facebook or pop into the Centre.

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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

It has been a busy and exciting start to the 2023. We need to say a HUGE well done to Year 4 who attending their first residential with four members of staff, at Glan Llyn for two days of activities including canoeing and rock climbing. As well as being proud of them for their wonderful attitude to trying new things and embracing challenges, we were also blown away by their incredible behaviour during the visit. Staff at Glan Llyn emailed Mrs Turner to say what wonderful behaviour they had seen from the children. Well done Year 4! Year 5 have begun their inquiry into 'What is 'Life below water' really like? Why is it so important?'

They visited the Blue Planet aquarium, read plenty of books and done lots of research online, but nothing could compare to coming so close to the amazing creatures at the Blue Planet. We took part in a workshop to learn about the impact humans have on Life Below Water too. This links to the *United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14*, which is to protect life below water as well as on land. Many of our inquiries in our 'Pioneers' phase (Years 4, 5 and 6) link to the *Sustainable Development Goals*. The aim of the United Nations is for these goals to be achieved by the year 2030 (when our current Nursery pupils reach Year 6) a huge undertaking and we know it can't be achieved without our future generations understanding how they can help! **Sports News** Year 6 attended the indoor athletics tournament in Plas Madoc trying some new events. Our 'Disney Playmakers' club continued into the Spring term with a new theme 'Frozen'! This is well attended and Years 1-3 are learning some fantastic footballing skills with the help of Mr Allman. Feel-good Fridays have grown! Friday Yoga Club is now attended by pupils from Years 4-6 and each week the hall is packed. It's wonderful to see so many children trying something new and taking the time to wind down and reflect at the end of each week. Mrs Brophy is taking our Year 6 netball team to another tournament this week! Good luck everyone! We have been busy learning about celebrations in Wales and around the world in the past few weeks too. We've learned about Santes Dwynwen and made some beautiful cards; in Year 3 we used our digital skills to create some wonderful word-clouds with words from the story too. We've also been learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated by many people around the world. Mrs Rosen-Edwards has been busy planning our next project with the Arts Council of Wales which will help us to learn even more about the links that Wales has to the wider world and our place within this. We will look forward to updating you about the project soon.

We have had a selection of books donated to school by **Lisa Rowlands** and '**Take a Chance for Charity**', all of the books support children's mental health and well-being. Diolch yn fawr! Remember, you can follow us on our school Twitter account:

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During the same 10year period our website has seen well over 1 million hits and continues to do well. On our website, www.pkcgroup.wales we look to promote our whole community, including all the villages in the central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Corridor in a positive manner. We wish to see economic regeneration in our community and continue to strive for. A more prosperous and stable economy for our community will mean more employment opportunity. This must be a good thing and we hope to have your continued support. We are asking both local Community Councils, Cefn and Llangollen Rural as well as Wrexham County Brough Council to work with and support us in our efforts.

As many will know there has been a change of management at the Holly Bush Inn and it is with sadness that we have had to let Sue Davies go. However, the pub goes on, continuing the 220-year history of serving our community and you will find a warm welcome when you call round. We are undertaking a series of basic maintenance tasks over the next few months to bring the pub back up to standard. Our opening hours are now 11:00 to 23:00 Monday to Thursday, 11:00 to 24:00 on Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 to 22:00 on Sundays. We can open earlier by special request as for the Holly Bush Inn On Tour and other events if required.

Cefn Snooker Team meeting in the Ebenezer Chapel have done very well again this season, winning the Oswestry League for the second year in a row. Our plans progress for reopening the Ebenezer as a Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre continue. The OPL Art Group currently meeting in the Holly Bush Inn will be moving over to the Ebenezer when the weather improves and the building warms. We are also seeing interest from others in joining in and again we hope all our local authorities will be working with us to help reduce our Carbon Footprint and address the Climate Emergency as WCBC declared in 2020. We are doing the best for our community, and we hope you will approve of our work. And if you want to help save the planet, just call into your local pub for a pint.

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

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