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100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Mr. Phil Vaughan, Chair of Cefn Community Council had the honour of visiting a truly incredible Acrefair resident, **Mrs. K. Morris** who celebrated her milestone 100th birthday recently. He was delighted to present her with a bouquet and card on behalf of the Community Council to mark her special day.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Cefners **Pat and Brian Jones** who celebrated their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary in March. **Mr. Phil Vaughan**, Chair of Cefn Community Council, visited the couple to present them with a bouquet and card on behalf of the Community Council to commemorate their long-lasting love.



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DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joan & Rob Harrison from Cefn Mawr who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently. **Mr. Phil Vaughan**, Cefn Community Council Chair, visited the couple to extend his warmest congratulations on behalf of the Community Council and presented them with a bouquet and card symbolizing the beauty and



strength of their six decades together.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On this milestone birthday **Mr Phil Vaughan**, Chair Cefn Community Council visited Mrs Moira Owens from Cefn on her 90th birthday. To honour this occasion, he extend warm birthday wishes to Moira on behalf of the Council and Community.



YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

When school returned after the Easter break, we held a whole school Eco/Earth Day. We had an enjoyable day planting and gardening, tidying up the forest school and recycling. We discussed the importance of looking after our planet. Pupils also completed litter picking on the school site. Thank you to the pupils and staff for your hard work. We have purchased new resources for our forest school, storage sheds to keep the den building equipment in and obstacle course building equipment, we have placed bird boxes and tree swings for the pupils to enjoy their outdoor learning. Early in April pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in an **Active Wrexham Cross Country Event** with other Wrexham schools at Alyn Waters. Congratulations to Demi-Lea (Year 6) for winning the Year 5/6 Girls category and congratulations to Emily (Year 5) for coming second. We took pupils from Years 3-6 who ran the quickest times during our practices. Well done to Elijah (Year 3), Freya, Olive, Mali, Jack and Jax (Year 4), Archie, Cole, Noah, Emily, Seren, Raya (Year 5), Demi-Lea, Cadi, Reggie and Bentley (Year 6). All of the pupils completed the race which was 1.25 miles. They were all awarded a certificate from Active Wrexham in Assembly. If your child is interested in running - There is a parkrun for children aged 4-14 held at Alyn Waters every Sunday. This is a free event.



Thank you to all of our families for supporting our **World Book Day** event and dressing the children in some fantastic costumes to celebrate World Book Day. The children had a fun-filled day working on reading themed activities in their classes and discussing the importance of reading. All children took part in designing a book mark competition which was judged by the School Council. Thank you to our parents for supporting our Book Fair and promoting the important skill of reading. It was lovely to see the children being very enthusiastic about choosing the books they would like to read. We were able to choose lots of new books for our school libraries.







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Hello Everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Easter! Thank You to all of the customers who donated to our Easter egg appeal for "Nain's Knits" in Rhos and "The Land" in Plas Madoc, we had raised a full trolley for each charity, so I Thank You all. If any groups, charities or schools wish to apply for the stronger starts, please visit

<https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk> or contact myself for more information. We also have a community notice board instore which is updated regularly and if there are any activities in the community that you would like to promote or share then please drop a poster off at the Tesco Cefn Mawr customer service desk and I will place it on the board for you. If any of the community need any support from myself, please do get in touch. My email is: 6450@tesco.com

Many Thanks

David Community Champion - Tesco Cefn Mawr

EDITORS COMMENTS

Hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather. Don't forget the Community Councils *Gardens in Bloom Competition* will be taking place in July.

If you think the area is looking cleaner and tidier, this is down to the amazing work done by 2 volunteers Jacqueline and Lucy, thank you ladies for your care and pride in our beautiful community. We have said *Happy Retirement* to Margaret who had her Salon on Crane Street and now welcome Becky Louise who has worked there for over 16 years with her own business *Hair by Becky Louise* and wish her every success. The new charity shop *Threads of Cefn* on Well Street is now open and is taking donations. Well done to Cory and all the boxers at *The Maelor ABC* what an amazing season. We were very sorry to hear that the Methodist Chapel in Rhosymedre has had to close for health and safety reasons. The team working on St John's Graveyard have made incredible inroads with every area having been cut and would love to see a few more volunteers.

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

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In the charming villages of Cefn and its surroundings, a tapestry of incredible voluntary organisations, independent businesses, and compassionate individuals is woven together, each thread shining with the spirit of community. We invite you to become part of our vibrant hub a welcoming space where stories are shared, knowledge flows, and inspiration thrives.

This is your go-to destination for all things local! Whether you're seeking information on upcoming events, hidden gems to dine at, breathtaking sights to explore, or vital support services, we will have it all under one roof.

We're excited to launch an exhibition that is not just about facts, but about YOU. Your stories, your memories, and your dreams for the future of the Cefn. We urge you to come down, bring your cherished memorabilia, and share your experiences that define life in this wonderful community.

As you explore our showcase of stunning arts and crafts, take a moment to contribute to our giant map—a vibrant landmark that will forever highlight the incredible work and initiatives blossoming in Cefn and the surrounding villages. Your contributions will guide visitors to the heart of our community and celebrate the amazing things happening right here.

**Exhibition dates: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
from Friday 11th April - Sunday 27th July 12pm-6pm.
Workshop dates & Information: Head to the website
www.ebenezercefnmawr.co.uk**





ALL-GIRLS SCHOOLS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre hosted a landmark moment for Welsh sport and community development this month, with the first-ever *All Girls Schools Futsal Competition* an inspiring initiative driven by the #StayOnSide project and supported by PACT funding. A collaborative effort between Cefn Community Council, North Wales Police, and dedicated local schools came to life with the successful launch of the tournament, designed to encourage positive activity, reduce anti-social behaviour, and empower young girls through sport. The event saw teams from Ysgol Acrefair, Ysgol Rhosymedre, Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Ysgol Min-Y-Ddol, and The Dee Valley Federation schools compete in a spirited day of futsal action. In the end, it was Ysgol Acrefair who lifted the historic first-ever trophy, marking a proud achievement for the school and setting a high bar for future tournaments.



SECTOR 5 RECRUIT TRAINING WEEKEND AND "PASS OUT" PARADE.

Junior Cadets from **Wrexham Air Cadets**, **1251 Berwyn Sqn - Ruabon Air Cadets** & **856 Chirk Squadron RAFAC** attended Hightown Barracks recently completed their First Class training and pass out in front of parents and guests, supported by senior cadets from across the Sector. The 25 recruits from the September intake were presented with their First Class badges as well as others, including Essential First Aid, Leadership and Pre-DofE.

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Landlord won't fix the mould problem, says it's my fault. What can I do?

Q: You regularly hear about 'rogue' private landlords who don't maintain their rental property, but I rent from a social landlord and the state of the place is a disgrace. The roof leaks and there is mould in several rooms, especially in the bathroom. I keep reporting it and they just say it's my fault for keeping all the windows shut. What with the high energy costs and the freezing conditions, it has been hard enough to stay warm this winter without having windows open, especially as my little boy is disabled.

My brother says I should withhold my rent until the landlord's sorted it, but I'm worried I'll get evicted and there is so little rental property available round here. What should I do?

A: Under s11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, rising damp or penetrative damp caused by structural leakage is the landlord's responsibility to put right. Further, landlords have a legal obligation to provide a habitable living environment for their tenants, which includes addressing issues like mould, and particularly if it imposes a health risk to vulnerable tenants. If you believe the issue is serious you can request that your local council carries out an environmental health inspection, as they can order the landlord to deal with the issue.

Whatever state the property is in though, you should not refuse to pay the rent. If you withhold payment you will be in breach of your tenancy agreement and the landlord could begin repossession. You should take photographs of all the mould as evidence and document all communication you and your landlord have exchanged, as you may be able to sue the landlord if you can prove you gave them notice of the mould and they failed to repair it in a reasonable time. You should make an appointment to see a solicitor for more specific advice and help with claiming compensation.

This question has been answered by Lucy Spilsbury, 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



THE TOWERS DAY NURSERY

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of the belated, lovely weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play, mud kitchen and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the flowers are out and the children have been busy planting nasturtiums, sun flowers and herbs. Our topic is mini beasts and the focus has been on art, craft, songs, drama and stories to do with this. Water and water creatures have also been explored. The nursery garden has some lovely bug areas where the children can hunt for mini beasts. Families eligible for the Free Childcare in Wales have been using their hours at the nursery and this has all run very smoothly. We are currently able to offer free child care for children during the term following their third birthday. Please get in touch if you would like more information. Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Places for September are now being taken up rapidly but we still have a few left. Please ring **01978 822446** if you are interested.



LLANGOLLEN SUMMER FETE

Saturday 7th June from 12 noon to 5pm at **Plas Newydd**. Free entry, with donations welcome at the door. Most stalls will be cash only. There will be a range of stalls, games and entertainment for family fun in the sun.

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The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries.

Currently we have: *Slimming World* on Tues 5pm - 8pm & Wed 9am - 11am. *DanceZone* on Mon 5pm - 8.30pm and Thurs 5.30pm - 8.30pm. *Line Dancing* on a Wed from 7.30pm - 10pm.

Our **12 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 Office on **01978 821298** thank you.

Birthdays: know someone who is going to celebrate their 90th or 100th birthdays? Please email

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Wedding Anniversaries: If you know any couples in our community who will be celebrating their **Diamond 60th** or **Platinum 70th Anniversaries** please let us know on **01978 821298** or email:

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Trefynant Cemetery: we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided.

Youth Club: our Community Council funded youth club in the George Edwards Hall is open every **Monday and Wednesday** from 6 - 8pm during term time with a great range of activities including WiFi. We also welcome the *Young Carers Group* at this facility.

Cefn & Acrefair Playwork Project: our popular Community Council funded playwork project runs in **Cefn Plas Kynaston Play Park** on **Mondays and Wednesdays** and **Lancaster Terrace Play Park Acrefair** on **Fridays** 11am - 1pm in all weathers for children 5+ for all school holidays bar Christmas and February.

Community Litter Picks: we do regular litter pick throughout the community from spring to early winter. Our litter pickers are local volunteers giving up some of their free time for a good cause. We are also a litter pick hub and can long term, loan equipment and keep you supplied with bags etc. Call **01978 821298** or email: admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Period Hub Free sanitary products now available at the George Edwards Hall, in the reception area, please take what you need. Courtesy of WINGs Wrexham who believe no woman or girl should be without free period products.

GARDENS IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Once again we will be holding our popular **Gardens in Bloom Competition** in July. The closing date for entry forms is Friday 18th July and judging will take place on Thursday 24th July. Application forms are available from the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. Please call **01978 821298** or email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk



LOCAL HEROES LEAD THE CHARGE FOR A CLEANER CEFN

Two dedicated volunteers are making a huge impact in the Cefn community, giving up their time each week to tackle litter and keep the area looking its best.

Jacqueline Palmer, who spends an incredible 25-30 hours a week cleaning up Cefn and the surrounding areas and Lucy Gregory, who devotes 6+ hours weekly to litter-picking in Acrefair, were recently recognized for their outstanding efforts.

At a recent meeting with *Keep Wales Tidy's Emma Watson*, the duo received brand-new litter-picking equipment to support their ongoing work. Also in attendance was Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe, who praised their dedication and discussed ways to encourage more community involvement. If you'd like to help keep Cefn clean and join this fantastic initiative, get in touch with Andrew on **01978 821298** or email:

andrew@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk



CEFN COMMUNITY AGENT

Hello everyone – hope you're all looking forward to some sun, just like I am!

I'm Donna Thornley, your Community Agent for Plas Madoc, Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Rhosymedre, Newbridge, and the nearby

areas. I'm here to support anyone over 50—whether that's pointing you in the right direction, someone to talk to, or help with local activities and events. Here's what's going on in the community:

Tuesday Drop-In at George Edwards Hall – Every Tuesday, 9 – 11am A friendly, relaxed space to pop in for a brew and a chat. Great if you're looking for company or just need a bit of support.

Chat and Chill Wednesdays – 9:30–11:30am

Enjoy bacon baps, crafts, games, and a good natter with lovely people. It's always a nice midweek pick-me-up.

Southport Trip – Friday 20th June

We're off to Southport for a day by the sea! Just £15 per person. Places are limited so book soon if you'd like to join us.

Upcoming Events to Watch Out For:

A relaxing **canal boat trip**. A fun day out to **Llandudno**. Our fabulous **Live Band afternoon** with food, dancing, and great company!

My Working Hours: Mon 12–3pm. Tues & Wed: 8:30am–2:30pm. Thurs: 9am–1pm. Fri: 8–10am (Some days I work from home – but I'm always just a phone call away.) **Contact Me:** Phone/text: **07925 048711**

Email: agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Give me a shout if you want to book on a trip, join a group, or if there's anything I can support you with! Take care. See you all soon, **Donna**.

Crane Medical Centre

Crane St, Cefn Mawr, LL14 3AB;
Tel: 01978 810844

News Update



Welcome to the Twenty first edition of Crane News.

We hope you are all well and enjoying this sunny weather.

Please can we ask patients to help the NHS by reducing the "did not attend" rates? By not attending this reduces the number of appointments we are able to give out and so increases waiting times for everyone. Obviously, there will be times when you are either unavoidably detained or simply forget the date and time. Please try and let us know if you cannot attend in good time so your appointment can be offered to someone else.

We are also seeing patients who are not updating us with change of address and/or change of mobile number. This complicates referrals to hospitals as letters are sent to the wrong address. The GP surgery also sends text messages to mobile numbers and so it is important we have the correct number. Once you have updated the surgery this should update the whole NHS network.

Sometimes it is appropriate that when you ring the surgery for an appointment that you are seen by someone other than the GP. This may be a nurse at the surgery or often your problem can be best sorted out by the local pharmacist or optician. Please do not be offended if we signpost you elsewhere, we have your best interests at heart. Did you know that an optician can directly refer you to a hospital eye clinic? Please try not to attend the A and E department unnecessarily.

If you want to stop smoking then please contact **0800 085 2219** who will be able to help you. The GP surgery is not the best option to help you quit smoking as we cannot offer the level of support required.

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HEARING AID SUPPORT

Did you know that the *Wrexham Maelor Audiology Department* have monthly Drop In sessions at the following places.

Llangollen Library, Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NU on the **2nd Friday** of every month between 10am and 12 noon, find us upstairs in the Tourist Information building on Castle Street and there is a lift to the library on the first floor.

Corwen Family Practice, Green Lane, Corwen LL21 0DN on the **3rd Friday** of every month from 10am to 12 noon.

Chirk Community Hospital, St John's St, Chirk LL14 5LN on the **2nd Wednesday** of every month from 10am to 12 noon. We clean and re tube aids and give out batteries. No appointment needed.

CHIRK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WOUND CARE CLINIC

The Outpatients Wound Care Clinics are available for dressing changes after surgery or injury, removal of sutures, leg ulceration etc. and for those who may have previously been referred to a District Nursing Clinic. This is NOT a minor injuries unit. They also carry out Doppler Assessments.

For appointments call **03000 850003** press 2 when instructed then ask for the Outpatient Wound Care Clinic you will then be given an Appointment.

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS



The Museum re-opened on the 8th March, with our first Finds Day of 2025, Dr Susie White, from the Portable Antiquities Scheme, was busy identifying items brought in by visitors.

The evening event drew a large crowd eager to see the building improvements. With entertainment by Llan Silver Band and, David Crane described the work that had been done as part of the improvement programme thanking all those involved. Local MP Becky Gittins formally re-opened the Museum. March saw our first talk with Graham Edwards fascinating presentation about the unique friendly relationship between the Welsh settlers and the native Tehuelches tribe in Patagonia. In April, as part of a programme of collaboration between *Grow Llangollen* and *Llangollen Museum*, David Crane looked at the history of Llangollen's Seed Factory. This project involves collecting peoples memories about the Seed Factory, so if anyone has any recollections that they would like to share, please contact Dave on **07852 726934** or dcrane1@btinternet.com. A display about its history will be going in the Museum in August and we would love it if as many people as possible could contribute to that story. April saw Dr Jack Hunters presentation on 'The Paranormal Ecology of the Tanat Valley' with Jack examining both historical and current occurrences of unexplained phenomena in that area. On **May 28th** Sally Knight will talk about her grandmother, who was one of the early pioneering female pilots, she has written a book *Intrepid* about her. In 1937 a two-seater plane piloted by Phyl Lewin and her husband Brigadier General A.C. Lewin disappeared over Southern Sudan. This book is the story of Phyl's life up to this point, of her Victorian childhood, travel before World War I, nursing as a VAD in France and then marriage and emigration to Kenya to farm. Widowed and remarried, she flew many times in small planes between Kenya and England in the 1930s. The diaries make exciting reading. It continues with the rescue from the swamp and how the rest of her life unfolds. **June 25th**, Humphrey Gibson gives an illustrated presentation about coal mining in Denbighshire. **July 28th** our talk will be on *The Role of Women in Anglo Saxon Literature* with Lisa Smith and **August 27th** sees Sam Thomson giving his third and final talk about the Romans in Britain looking at the *Decline and Fall*. Talks will all start at 7pm. Tickets are £3 at the door, refreshments will be provided. Our art gallery exhibition of pictures from the Museum collection remains up for this month, augmented by a small collection of paintings by local artists Tony Daniels and Margaret Hallam. June sees an exhibition of pictures from the *International Eisteddfod*, in July a collection of paintings from the *Pen y Cae Art Group* and August a display of work by the *Llangollen Art Group*. Our Eisteddfod display has been rejuvenated with new items and a new audio point featuring recollections from members and volunteers, recorded back in the 1970s, about the history and operations of the Eisteddfod. We have a new window display, featuring items related to WWII and VE Day. Also, watch out in June for a new display featuring items from an archaeological dig by the *Clwydian*

Range Archaeology Group at a rare Bronze Age ritual site in Bryneglwys. Their work uncovered a remarkable collection of artefacts, including flint tools, arrowheads, and a cup-marked stone, which they believe hold significant historical value. They are keen to share their discoveries with the local community and to highlight the cultural heritage of the region. They hope to continue their work over the next three years and so the display will be hopefully updated on a regular basis. For all of the latest information about happenings at the Museum, do keep an eye on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Llangollen-Museum-100057657969751/> If you want to be more involved with the history of the area and become a museum volunteer please contact our manager Gill Smith on **07516 023524** or email: gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk

CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Museum continues to open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12.30pm, and to offer a fascinating range of objects, pictures, documents and music,



all linked to life in Cefn Mawr across the years. We have exhibitions on the home, the schools, shops, churches and chapels, military life, industry, sport, music and art, all of which bring back memories for older people and fascinate youngsters. We also have Special Exhibitions, a recent one focused on Lloyd George and his links with the area. We have produced a new display on *Victory in Europe Day*. Come in and see it all!

Meanwhile the **Cefn Mawr Historical Society** continues to hold fascinating talks, the most recent was David Crane from Llangollen on the *Arctic and Antarctic Explorers*. On **Friday 30th May** at 2pm in the George Edwards Hall we welcome Jon Gammond from **Wrexham Museum**, talking about all the exciting new developments taking place there as it prepares to reopen in 2026. Future talks include Bethan Hughes speaking on **27th June** about the **Peace Petition of 1923**, and Natasha Borton will be here on **25th July** introducing a BBC Archive film of **Cefn Mawr**. We hope you'll be able to join us on these occasions. Membership is £5 a year, which gives free admission. Anyone can get entry to a meeting for £2. Refreshments and a raffle are always provided.

Welcome to Clwyd Family History Society

The Clwyd Family History Society was founded in 1980 to encourage the study of genealogy and family history in North-East Wales, and to provide a forum for people who are interested in these subjects to meet, and to help each other. It now has approximately 500 members worldwide.

Unit C15, Community Enterprise Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham LL14 3YD.
Answerphone: **01978 822305**. www.clwydfhs.org.uk



TREVOR BEAVERS & CUBS

We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather now. The youngsters in our group are out and about during the warm weather and light evenings.

The Beaver section have been building Beaver Dams, they had a sleepover in our Trevor HQ and went on a long Easter Egg hunt. They have also taken part in science experiments.

As several Beavers have recently had their 8th birthdays, they have now transferred to the Cub section so If any child, girl or boy aged 6-8 years would like to join us at Beavers, please drop me a text, at the number below.

The Cub Section have been very busy also, 6 Cub members obtained their Chief Scout Silver Award, this is a difficult, challenging award, which takes a lot of time and effort and we are really proud of their achievement.

The police car came to visit and helped cover the subjects of Road and Personal Safety skills with the cubs. They completed some DIY sixer boxes which are very smart and useful, made chocolate treats over the campfire for Easter. Had a hike and discussed at length the local facilities for the disabled. In the next few months, the youngsters will be going on a group camp, joined by Connah's Quay Group and will have a load of fun. In June, we have our Annual Day out, this year it's Colwyn Bay Mountain Zoo, all are looking forward to that, fingers crossed for the weather!!

Our exciting NEWS is that from Friday, 12th September, we will be opening a Scout section from 6-8 pm, for boys and girls aged 10 and a half to 14. This means as a Group we will be including both boys and girls right through from age 6 to 14 years on their Scouting Journey. Please get in touch for more information. Anyone interested in their child becoming a group member or if you would like to volunteer your help in any way, please contact me on **07939 476208**.

Elaine Anderson. Group Lead Volunteer.

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LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY AGENT.

Hello, my name is Sarah Flaherty and I'm the Community Agent for both Llangollen Rural and Marchwiel. I am here to support the over 50s, helping improve health and wellbeing. Able to signpost and refer to the appropriate services when needed like health and social care. Providing support and help with applying / renewing Blue Badges and bus passes. Lack of confidence and lonely or isolated? Let me know and let's see if there's anything I can do to help.

You can contact me on **07378 970628** or Email: llangollenruralcommunityagent@avow.org I work **Tues & Wed 8:30-2:30** and **Thurs 8:30- 12:30** I will be in *Froncysyllte Post Office* on **21st May** from 2:30-3:30pm, if you would like to have an informal chat. I hope to have a drop-in session once a month from then on.

I have started a walking group '*Walking Wednesdays*' meeting every other Wednesday, the next one is on **28th May** at 1pm. We usually walk around Erddig and meet at the dovecot. Everyone is welcome, but please let me know if you plan to attend.

Looking forward to meeting you all, Sarah.



GARTH & TREVOR OVER 50S GROUP

Trevor Community Centre, Heol Penderyst, Trevor, LL20 7UD

The Garth & Trevor Over 50s Group, who meet between 2-4pm every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, in **Trevor Community Centre**, have again enjoyed a wide range of social activities. So far this year we have shared preparing and eating a tasty *Burn's Day Lunch*, held two *Carpet Bowls* sessions under the guidance of Moira and Steve, been competitive in *tabletop games*, messed with marzipan to make *Easter Treats*, crafted *Easter Bags* and had fun with the game *Do You Know Me*. And of course, we always have time for a laugh, a chat, a cuppa and Tina's scrummy, naughty but nice homemade cake! Now the weather has improved we've booked a *Young At Heart* fun-packed day in Blackpool on the **30th May**. This is a friendly group that welcomes everyone from the area.



COLD CALLING ADVICE FROM NW POLICE

NW Police have had complaints about cold callers in the Wrexham Rural area. Here is some advice if someone cold calls on your phone or at your door. Cold calls are unwanted phone calls by companies or people trying to sell you something. Companies must get your consent before they can market their goods and services to you by phone or email. If they don't have it, they shouldn't be doing it. Cold calling is not illegal. It can occur in person, at your doorstep or via telephone, but it can be very annoying or sometimes intimidating. Here are some tips to help spot cold callers and what to do:

If you aren't expecting to hear from a salesperson or business, be cautious of your dealings with them.

Do not feel pressured into handing over money or bank account details to pay for a product or service that you weren't planning to buy before they called or arrived at your door.

You are well within your rights to hang up the phone or shut your door with a 'no thank you'. Do not feel compelled to enter into any conversation with them, if you do not wish to.

"No Cold Callers" stickers can be obtained from your local policing team or from your local Trading Standards office.

*If you get nuisance calls, one way to reduce them is by registering for with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). This can be done on its website or over the phone on **0345 070 0707**.*

Some companies may use online or paper phone books to find numbers to target with sales calls. Ask for your phone number to be excluded from directories, this will stop companies from finding out your number this way.

If you have caller display and an answer phone, think about only answering calls from numbers you recognise. Legitimate callers are likely to leave a message.

If you see anybody acting suspiciously in your area, you can report it to NW Police by calling **101**. Alternatively, you can contact **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.



DEE VALLEY CHILDCARE

Ysgol Y Garth, Garth Road, Garth LL20 7UY

We have recently expanded and are accepting children aged two to five years old, with opening hours Mon to Fri, 8am to 4pm. We can now support even more families in our community with full-day and half-day sessions available. Last term was filled with creativity, laughter and learning. The children had a wonderful time dressing up to celebrate *World Book Day* and *Red Nose Day*, they created crafts for Mother's Day and Easter. One of the highlights was teaming up with Garth CP PTA for a special *Easter Egg Hunt* in the local woods, which helped raise funds for us and Garth CP a fantastic way to connect with our community while having fun! The children also enjoyed some delicious hands-on activities, making their own Rice Krispie and Cornflake cakes, which were a big hit and a fantastic opportunity to explore textures and cooking skills.

As we begin the new term, we are excited to welcome our new children and help them feel right at home. We will also be taking part in *Outdoor Learning Week*, we'll embrace nature, exploration, and play in the great outdoors something we are truly passionate about. Parents, as we have limited spaces available, please get in touch soon to secure a place for your child. Whether you are looking for full or half-day sessions, we would love to welcome you to our nurturing, fun-filled environment. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact us on **07394 916493** or email: WilliamsL3165@hwbcmru.net — we can't wait to meet you!

FRONCYSYLLTE DARBY & JOAN CLUB

We meet every Tuesday at 2pm in Froncysyllte Community Centre, 1 Gate Rd, Llangollen LL20 7RH. New members welcome at the Community Centre, where we have bingo and light refreshments, our sub are collected towards the cost of trips and a Christmas party.

CEFN LIBRARY UPDATE

What's New

Summer Half term crafts for kids Friday 30th May.
All for children aged 4-10. **Just drop in between 10-4:30pm**

Wrexham Family Information Services 2:30-4:30pm drop in on the second Wednesday of the month. Come in for a chat about anything that might help support you and your family.

Mondays

Citizens Advice now the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month apart from in May. Next sessions are **19th May, 9th & 23rd June, 14th & 28th July.**

Knit, Knatter & Craft group meet every Monday from 1-3:30pm.

Integrated Autism Services – every third Monday 1-3pm. To support you and your family.

Wednesdays

Cylch Ti a Fi 1:00-2:15pm during term time. This is suitable for children under 4 and Welsh or non-speaking Welsh families. Learn simple songs and take part in a craft activity.

Lego Club runs every Wednesday all year round from 3:15-4pm. Suitable for children age 4+ with some building blocks for younger siblings if needed.

Thursdays

Cefn Remembers First Thursday of the Month 2-3pm. June 5th tbc; July 3rd Map, mines and railways. Wrexham Archives will be bringing resources along to this session. Refreshments provided. Do bring along items or photos.

Adult book club is on the last Thursday of the month from 2-3pm.

Fridays

Drop In For Parents, Fridays Term Time 9-10am. Drop off your children at school and drop in the library for a cuppa and a chat.

What else do we do?

Come along anytime for a chat, read a book or newspaper. We provide photocopying, free WIFI, iPads, computers and laptops.

Wireless printing is available: 20p per page Black & White, 40p per page for colour.

You can also get blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags. We have a dedicated **quiet** corner and also **quiet library time** from 4:30-5:30 on Thursdays.

Please return or **renew your books every three weeks** by phone, in person or online

www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online services link. Don't forget we have **audio** books on CD, **large print books** plus **Quick Reads** for those who haven't got a lot of time. With the **Borrowbox** app you can **read online**. Just download it to your phone or laptop. **Can't find the book you want?** Ask in the library, online or by email and we'll try and find it for you. You can collect or return items from any local Welsh library.

Call us on: **01978 820938**

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CHURCH NEWS



It is Easter Monday as I write this. I have just been watching the classic film, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

Controversial maybe to a few, but as a novel written by C.S. Lewis, then produced as film, it has been loved by many children and adults over the years. I personally love it, and if you've not ever watched it, so have no idea what I am referring to, then I would recommend giving it a try!

Without giving too much away to spoil your read, or viewing, it is, of course like other films, a battle between good and evil. Aslan (the lion) dies in the place of Edmond, the traitor, who through his greed and by easily giving in to temptation is persuaded by the queen, the wicked White Witch, to join her evil mission, leaving him, his three siblings, and those considered to be on the good side, vulnerable to a gruesome death! However, Aslan, innocent and without fault takes Edmond's place, giving himself as a living sacrifice to the Queen to die in Edmond's place, setting him free from this evil power. In the end, good does eventually win over evil in the final battle!

This film is based on the Bible's true Easter account of Jesus, who without any sin in His own life died on the cross. He gave himself as a sacrifice for all who know and will admit they are guilty of sin in theirs but are willing to turn to Jesus to seek help in finding the way to live a new, better life.

Café Church meets on the first Sunday of every month at 10.15am. As a bunch of friendly folks with plenty of free cakes and cuppas on offer, we explore what the bible tells us and are open to discuss any questions. Or come to our Social Evening which is held on Thursday, 11 days later at 7pm and gives the opportunity to have some fun, meet new friends and have a good old chat – around more free food! Why not give us a try! Or call Colin or Rowena on **01978 824785** for more information.

RUABON METHODIST CHURCH

Henry St, Ruabon LL14 6NS

Open for **Sunday** worship at 10:30 am.

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHURCH update.

Please note that due to health and safety concern over the pigeons at Rhosymedre we have regrettably had to close the church. All services are now here in Ruabon.

LLANGOLLEN METHODIST CHURCH

Princess Street, Llangollen LL20 8RD

Sunday Worship at 11am

Tel: **07927 144822** or visit our Facebook page.

CITY CHURCH LLANGOLLEN

Brook Street, Llangollen LL20 8LS.

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Tel: **07957 728473**

email: church@citychurchllangollen.org.uk

ST. JOHN'S CIW RHOSYMEDRE

Church Street, Rhosymedre LL14 3EA.

Our regular **Sunday Services** are at 11am.

Bible study every Wednesday at 1.30pm. St John's is open to any school or group who wishes to visit. We also have an upstairs room for people/groups to use for meetings or get togethers. Contact **Beulah Griffiths Church Warden** on **07539 229228**.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CIW RUABON

Sunday Services

1st Sunday 9.30am Family Eucharist

2nd and 4th Sunday 9.30am Choral Eucharist

3rd Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Mission Area Service 5th Sunday

Play and Pray 1st Sunday Time to be confirmed.

Contact **Sue Tye 07591175936**

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Richard Gwyn Parish Chirk, Llangollen & Ruabon **Parish Priest:** 3 The Villas, New High Street, Ruabon, LL14 6NW **Office : 01978 821 568**

Website: www.strichardgwynparish.co.uk

Email: priestruabon@rcdwym.org.uk

Weekend Mass times: Saturday 6pm Holy Cross, Llangollen, Sunday 9am Sacred Heart, Chirk & 11am St Mary's, Ruabon

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Sacred Heart, Chirk - 10am, Wednesdays, Holy Cross Llangollen - 10am Thursdays, St. Mary's Ruabon - 10am.

Holy Day of Obligation:

Vigil Mass, Holy Cross, Chirk - 6pm

Day of Obligation, Holy Cross, Llangollen - 10am

St. Mary's, Ruabon - 7pm

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

Weekly **Mass and Communion** on **Sundays 11am**,

When there is a 5th **Sunday** there will be a united service for all four churches. *Church Opening Times for Prayer and Visiting:* Sunday: 10am - 12 noon.

Monday to Saturday 10am - 3pm.

Celtic Eucharist: The first Sunday of each month, 9.30am at St Tysilio's. Rediscover the sacred rhythms of ancient worship in a modern world!

Sound Bath @ St Collen's Church, join us once a month at St Collen's for a calming sound bath experience. Surrounded by the flicker of candlelight and the church's ancient stone arches, immerse yourself in soothing sounds that resonate through the historic space, offering relaxation and renewal. This peaceful atmosphere, steeped in centuries of spiritual energy, is the perfect setting to unwind, reflect, and connect. Usually the 3rd Friday at 7pm! **FREE** to attend! No booking required. Please bring something warm and comfortable to lie/sit on during the experience c.45mins! See our Facebook page **Sonic Sanctuary (Sound Baths @ St Collen's)** for updates.

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

Trevor LL20 7TL
Sunday Morning Prayer at Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30 am. We have Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of each month. When there is a 5th Sunday we have a combined service in St Collen's Llangollen at 11am.

Life Drawing Classes - We now have evening classes monthly on Mondays 9th June and 14th July from 6pm - 8pm. August to be confirmed. Our regular classes are on Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm (not on bank holidays) Drop-in sessions, £13 bring your own pads and medium - pencils, charcoal, paints, inks etc. we supply boards and tea/coffee and a chance to show your work should you wish to. All professional models used. All levels welcome.

New artist in residence **Bernie Bakari** - will be running oil painting taster classes £60 3hr everything provided. Bernie will be painting a couple of hours each weekend for you to watch or have a chat.

Nook Arts - Pottery, we now have Charlie and her potters wheel, book a 1hr taster class and make your own pot.

Bone Health & General Wellbeing Movement Practice - for more information, or to book call **07736 703629** or pop into the gallery. First class half price, £12 thereafter.

Life Drawing Exhibition - a small selection of work produced by local artists.

Edward Bell Exhibition - a chance to view the wonderful works from Edward Exhibition of artist *Paul Munroe wax, oil and collage* - sea scapes and boats.

Ghost of a Room. On-going. A re-imagining of the dark oak carved panels at Plas Newydd by local textile artist Jan Wallis. Hand stitched quilting. Come and meet our textile *Artist in residence, Jan Wallis*, who will be developing her new installation.

Exhibition from the permanent collection of *Dory's* work. Large abstract pieces to spend some time with and enter into a dialogue of unspoken visual language.

Louise Edwards - we have a new selection of work by local artist Louise.

Keith Roberts - last chance to view a selection of Studies from *Ascension* Exhibition and *Scintilla* before the launch of Keiths new works *Jack Drum's Entertainment, Part One*.

Steve Lane - Liverpool based artist that is inspired by the beauty of Llangollen and Greece spending several times of the year visiting and returning home to produce a mixture of work from between the two.

We also hire out spaces should you wish to hire a space do get in touch with us. All exhibitions, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Check our website

www.dorygallery.com and

Instagram ([@the_dory_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/the_dory_gallery)) for details, exhibitions and gallery events. Entry is free for everyone, dogs are welcome inside and kids can have fun with our Art Trail quiz! Email: thedorygallery@gmail.co

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RUABON



We gave thanks and celebrated the ministry of the Rev Canon Dr Trish Owens, who retired in April. We had a wonderful uplifting choral evensong led by Trish with people from churches in the Offa Mission Area and wider. Thank you for your service and wishing you a happy retirement.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Castle Street end of Market Street Car Park. If you have queries call **07538 894449** contact us on Facebook or email:

llangollenfoodshare@gmail.com

Open for food parcels **1-2pm Wed**, for donations **10-11am Tues**. Open for **Community Fridge** sharing free surplus food **Mon & Thurs 9-11am**.

New Donation Point for Llangollen Food Share at **The Spar**. We will collect donations on a regular basis to go into our parcels that support 150 people a week in the local area to try to stop anyone going hungry. Thanks to Spar Llangollen for joining us to help those in poverty. For **Crisis or Emergency support**: we can help out of hours: to talk in confidence, message us on Facebook or text **07538 894 449**. If you know of anyone struggling, please share details for them to contact us. We can deliver to those unable to collect. *We share supermarket surplus to stop food waste, check our Facebook page for updates. Food Share is for everyone. If you can support us by donating food or money, please get in touch for with us.*

WREXHAM FOODBANK PLAS MADOC

Provide emergency food parcels and toiletries to those in financial crisis. You need a referral from someone that helps you with other support such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, Community Agent, School or Citizen's Advice Wrexham. You can also call **Help Through Hardship** free on **0808 208 2138**. We have 8 centres for parcel collection, and someone can collect on your behalf, or you can request a home delivery.

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre foodbank is open **Thurs 10.30-12 noon**. Donations welcome on Tues and Fri between 10am -3pm at **Unit 3 Edwards Enterprise Park, Rhosddu Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL11 4YZ**. To volunteer please email info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or call **07538 547971**. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk

THE COMMUNITY CAFE & FOODBANK RHOS

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CITIZENS ADVICE WREXHAM

Free independent impartial, confidential advice on **Thurs** at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre 9.30am to 12 noon**. Also at **Cefn Mawr Library** on **3rd Monday** of the month from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Need advice before then? Call **0300 330 1178** between 10am and 2pm or leave your name, number and brief description of your issue on the general advice line answer machine **01978 364639** and they will call you back.

COMMUNITY FOOD, FRIENDSHIP & COMPANY

Free weekly sessions at **St Collen's Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL** Tel: **01978 860231**

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. Please check the Facebook page **St. Collen's Community Centre** for updates.

VETERAN'S DROP-IN SESSION

At the **Memorial Hall Bodhyfryd, Wrexham LL12 7AG** from 10am -12 noon the last **Saturday** of the month. Email **Graham Jones**:

graham@woodyslodge.org

FRIENDS OF PARKIES

The charity is based in **St Martins** next to Stan's Supermarket, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families, we meet every **2nd Wed** of the month. Call **Elaine** on **07760 685447** and see our Facebook page **friends of parkies**.

NEW PATHWAYS

Provide specialist support to adults, children and young people who have been affected by rape, sexual violence or abuse. Phone **01685 379310**, email enquiries@newpathways.org.uk or visit our webpage www.newpathways.org.uk

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WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE / WELFARE RIGHTS

Telephone advice for all Wrexham residents on Social Security entitlements including Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance and disability benefits. Call **01978 298255 9.30am - 12pm, Monday to Friday**.

WREXHAM FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Here to help and support with a range of family issues or concerns. Call **01978 292094** or email: fis@wrexham.gov.uk to check our Facebook page for updates resources, events, activities and courses.

WREXHAM KIDNEY CAFÉ

At **The Wellbeing Hub, 31 Chester Street, Wrexham LL13 8BG**

Popham Kidney Café meets **1st Wed** of the month from **10am - 12 noon**, supporting people, families and carers living with kidney disease. To book call **0333 2001285** email:

support@pophamkidneysupport.org.uk or visit www.pophamkidneysupport.org.uk

B.O.T.S. BUMS ON TUMS

We are a Stoma support group called B.O.T.S we meet on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **Hope Church, Oswestry SY11 2EP** in Room 1 from 11am to 1pm. At our meeting we socialise with other ostomates, offer the opportunity to talk and share, find out about the latest products from suppliers and have guest speakers on a variety of subjects. New members welcome, please contact Emily on **07972 519165**

email: emily.hackworthy@live.co.uk

PLAS MADOC UPDATES *What's on in Plas Madoc & The Land*

MONDAYS

Coffee Morning at Plas Telford from 10 to 11.30am for the over 55's

Darts Club at kettle club hub 9am-11am

Parent Forum at kettle club hub 1pm-3pm a group based around giving parents a voice, parent support and advice. The focus of the group is that parents can choose to have external speakers, informal chats, discuss child's health worries or any challenges/problems we face as being a parent/carer.

Walking Group 6pm to 8pm at Homegrown meet new friends, and get active

Street Football (under 13's) 4.30 – 5.30pm

Rounders 5.30 – 6.30pm Street Football (aged 13+) 6.30 – 7.30pm. All street sports are on the big field)

TUESDAYS

Playschemes at the Land for children aged 5-15 – please contact [@Land Plasmadoc](#) for more information or call 01978 813912.

Family rounders 6pm-7pm leisure centre field

WEDNESDAYS

Breakfast & Brews from 9am to 11am in the Kettle club hub come join us for a hot drink and breakfast, free to attend.

Come dine with me 1pm-3pm at Homegrown £2 cook a meal using air fryers and slow cookers at a low cost.

Youth Club @ The Land every Wednesday 6.15pm – 8pm for young people aged 10+

Street Football 4-6pm on the big field, Plas Madoc.

Playschemes at the Land for children aged 5-15 please contact [@Land Plasmadoc](#) for more information or call 01978 813912.

THURSDAYS @homegrown

The Pantry will be open between 9am-6pm and will offer 10 items of non-perishable food for £3.

A Community Drop-in from 9am-12pm – where we can help with foodbank referrals and other support or just 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.

Form Filling at Kettle Club Hub 1pm-3pm, Do you find form filling challenging, over whelming or could do with support, pop along.

Playschemes at the Land for children aged 5-15 please contact [@Land Plasmadoc](#) for more information or call 01978 813912

FRIDAYS

'Thank Me It's Friday' 10am-12pm at Homegrown group for adults that focuses on supporting wellbeing in a relaxing, calming environment.

RSPCA mobile clinic from 9am-11am at the Kettle Club Hub

Playschemes at the Land for children aged 5 to 15 –



please contact [@Land Plasmadoc](#) for more information or call 01978 813912.

The Land a provision for children & young people facilitated by The Land team will run Monday – Friday. We will be running services for children aged 0-15 and their families on the Land, Adventure Playground and within the community.

All play provision is free to attend – for more details please contact [Claire.pugh @avow.org](#) or find us on Facebook [@Land Plasmadoc](#)

Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6pm eyes down 6.30pm at Plas Telford. £3 per book, inbox WAPM for more details and to book your tickets. Children welcome accompanied by an adult £1 for Children's bingo.

Plas Telford Treasures a tabletop sale every 1st Saturday of the month, 12pm-3pm an opportunity to sell your unwanted items. Tables £5 to sell items. We Are Plas Madoc have a website so if you'd like to learn more about the group head over to www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk http://

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS

Open to Flying start Families and Rising 4's. Please contact **Sharon** on 01978 813914 for information on all services available, or message Little Sunflowers Avow Facebook page thank you

PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP

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CRNCA COMMUNITY UPDATE

Tel: 07531 310335. Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr LL14 3PA

Registered Charity Number 1122422

TUESDAY

Changing Seasons Group for over 50s Games, chat and refreshments for only £1 subs. Every Tuesday afternoons 12.30-3pm all welcome

WEDNESDAY

Over 50s Lunch Club

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm for a 2 course meal with tea/coffee price £3.50p Please call 07532

484470 to book in with number of persons by mid-day on Tuesday to prevent food waste.

Woollies Knit and Create Group

£1 subs apply. Bring knitting, embroidery, or other related items and enjoy fun laughter jokes, learning experiences Every Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm

THURSDAY

Men's Talk Group £1 subs apply. Have a mug of tea and a chat, socialise while sharing life's experiences. This is a men only group to enable free talk.

Crafty Cooks & Clever Stitchers Group from

9.30am to 12.30pm activities include baking, cooking, sewing, embroidery & knitting or just come along for a chat and a cuppa. Subs apply.

For more information call CRNCA, Cefn Mawr, Rhosymedre and Newbridge Community Association on 07532 484470.



LOCAL CHOIRS

THE FRON MALE VOICE CHOIR

We meet at *Ysgol Acrefair Primary* on Mondays and Thursdays, 7pm until 9pm during term time and post on our Facebook page other rehearsal venues. We have vacancies in all four sections so please email fron.choir@gmail.com for further details. Choral experience and singing experience, although helpful, is not necessary. You do not need to read music; you simply need to be open to embracing a fantastic new hobby and having a lot of fun on the way! Follow us on Facebook or come to one of our rehearsals.

RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are a friendly and welcoming choir so why not come to one of our practices either on a Monday or a Thursday and see what you think. No experience necessary, we will give you advice and guidance. We are Cor Meibion Rhosllanerchrugog /Rhos Male Voice Choir. Ring me, **Mike** on **07944 386550** for a chat. Practices - *The Stiwt, Rhos* at 7.15pm Mondays and in *Capel Bethlehem, Hall St, Rhos, LL14 2LF* at 7.15pm Thursdays.

THE JAMES LAMBERT SINGERS

We are a mixed choir, our weekly practices are on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the *Brymbo Sports Club*. If you would like to know more, you'd be welcome to come and meet us and hear us practise. phone **07774 850677**

Free Concerts 2025

We are currently offering some free concerts to Care and Residential homes, or similar establishments, in and around Wrexham. Lots of favourite songs and, at Christmas, a special programme of carols and popular seasonal music. Audience participation encouraged!

Enquiries/Bookings: Phone/Text **07774 850677**

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RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY CHOIR

Raise the Roof Community Choir meets most Thursdays at 7pm in *St John's Church, Rhosymedre* for a singing practice. You do not have to be able to read music as we are singing for fun and enjoyment. Anyone interested in singing with us is very welcome just to turn up listen to what we do and if you like our music have a chat over a cuppa and then join us. We have a wide-ranging programme of popular songs which we take with us to community homes and groups around the area, as well as a few further afield. If you would like to get in touch with us to join the Choir or book a possible engagement, please contact **Alan Tiltman** on **07753 251768**. or **Nova Evans** Email: nova.4song@gmail.com

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Pool Timetable: Our Term Time

Timetable is available on our website and Facebook page

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Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Friday of the month.

Free for Welsh residents – Next Dates are: **13/06/25;**
11/07/2025 (proof of address may be requested)

Free swimming:

Under 16's - Saturdays 3pm – 4pm

Over 60's –Thursday 9am – 10am (Term Time only – proof of address may be requested)

Gym: Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 9.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9.00am – 4pm. Induction required before first use. Our friendly Gym team offer programmes/personal training and helpful support and advice. Pay as you go or membership options are available.

Fitness Classes: We have something for everyone from Zumba to Kettlebells, see our full class timetable here;

<https://www.plas-madoc.com/fitness-classes>

Sports Hall & Dry activities:

Our Sports Hall is available for block bookings for Football/Roller Hockey etc. We also offer Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis and Squash.

Café and Soft Play:

NEW Opening Times: Term Time

Tues and Thurs – 10.30am – 3pm and 3.30pm – 6pm.

Wed – 11.30am – 3.00pm and 3.30pm – 6.30pm Sat - 11am – 3.30pm Sun – 10.30am – 3.30pm

PMLC 50+ Luncheon Club:

Every Monday (Term Time Only) 12.15pm

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Booking is essential call in or Tel: **01978 821600**

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Community Support Hub:

Residents can access advice and practical support from Citizens Advice, Wrexham Foodbank, WCBC Tenancy Support, Adult Learning Wales, Communities for Work, Advance Brighter Futures and The Wallich to name just a few! **Let us know what you want from your Community Hub!** Volunteers always welcome.

Communities for Work - Mondays 9am – 1pm

Provide one-to-one mentoring for people living in



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Adult Learning Wales

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Thursday 6.30pm – 9.00pm Free Sewing Skills

Email Vikki.Roberts@adultlearning.wales to book your space!

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Citizens Advice

Every Thursday 9.30am – 12 Noon – Advice and help on everyday issues – Foodbank vouchers available.

Wrexham Foodbank

Every Thursday 10.30am – 12 Noon – *Please note you must obtain a voucher prior to your visit.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Wed 9th - to Sat 13th July Llangollen International Eisteddfod Live at Llangollen Pavilion.

Fri 11th July - Sun 20th Llangollen Fringe Festival Llangollen Town Hall and other venues

contact@llangollenfringe.co.uk our Facebook page or www.llangollenfringe.co.uk

Sat July 12th Vintage Machinery and Craft Fair from 11am to 5pm at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, Dolywern LL20 7BB

Sat Aug 2nd 7.30pm at St. Giles Church, Wrexham, Brass and Voices, **The Fron, Lewis Merthyr Band, Lleisiau'r Afon** and **Wrexham County Youth Choir.**

Sat Aug 2nd – Sat 9th, the National Eisteddfod in Is-y-Coed,, Wrexham

Mon Aug 4th & Tues Aug 5th the Vivod Sheepdog Trials. Entries are now open for the Open trial and the Brace trial on the 5th and you can enter on this website: <https://vivodsheepdogtrial.square.site/> For more information please email

janetsarsfield@yahoo.co.uk

Sun Aug 24th Johnstown Community Carnival at Heol Kenyon Playing Field, 12 noon to 8pm, free entry.

Sat Oct 4th Tattoo Cymru with **The Fron Choir** on Stage at the William Aston Hall, Wrexham

Sat Oct 18th at Llangollen Pavilion, a Joint concert with **The Fron Male Voice Choir** and **Flint Male Voice Choir**

Frid Oct 31st, 6.30pm at St Collen's Community Hall, Hammer Beams & Harmonies with the **Collen Players** roaring revival for one night only! Tickets: £15 including supper, Raffle and cash bar on the night! Proceeds in aid of the St Collen's Roof Restoration Appeal



YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

As always, school has been busy and filled with lots of wonderful learning experiences out in the sunshine in recent weeks.

Our children in Year 4 have been very busy running their class enterprise project to increase our local area's biodiversity. We've had great support from our parents and local community who have been coming in to talk to us about their jobs and about how some local businesses are run. We loved making nesting boxes for birds and seed balls which we sold too.

Children throughout the school have taken part in our 'What makes Wales special' week, learning about our local area and beyond. Our Year 6 pupils went all of the way to Cardiff to find out more. They had a very busy residential visiting the Big Pit, Sain Fagans, the Principality Stadium and more! As always, a highlight of the visit was the speedboat ride.

We were very excited to come second in the E-Sgol E-steddfod at the beginning of April. We entered academic competitions and performance categories too and our children's work shone, taking lots of the top prizes! It was wonderful to spend the day supporting our friends online and watching the performances by children in other schools around Wales too. It was very inspiring.

At the end of the Spring term, children in Years 4 and 5 took part in our first joint residential visit to PGL in Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury! It was filled with outdoor and adventurous activities including the zip-wire, giant swing, aeroball and problem solving. Wow, what a busy time we had. The children's behavior throughout the visit was outstanding and we were incredibly proud of the way that they supported each other during what was, for many, their first time away from home.



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BINGO AT THE ROYSTON CLUB ACREFAIR

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Family Lego Club: 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Come and get creative every Monday (except bank holidays).

1st Wednesday of the month: Wrexham Family Information Service, (WFIS) drop-ins: 2.30-4.30pm (until July)

2nd Wednesday of the month: Adult Creative Crafts: 2.15pm. An informal and varied craft session. Bring your own project or share and do something new or different with others.

3rd Wednesday of the month: Friendship Group: 2pm-3pm. Chat, share memories and make friends.

Last Wednesday of the month: Ruabon Readers Reading Group: 2pm-3pm. Friendly and informal book group. Books provided and new members very welcome.

Last Wednesday of the month: Children's Crafts 3.15-4.15pm.

Thursdays: Quiet Hour: 9.15am-10.15am. Autism/dementia friendly. We have designated quiet spaces available at all times for anyone who may need it, and we are a designated Safe Place.

1st Thursday of the month: Community Agent Drop-ins. 11am-12pm.

Fridays: Knit & Natter: 2pm-4pm. Whether you knit, crochet, sew or just natter, all welcome.

Children's Colouring Club: 3.15-4.15pm..

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Wednesdays: Children's craft 2-4pm

Thursdays: Drop-in Jigsaw 10:30-12:30pm

Fridays: Colouring Club and Family Board Games 1-4pm

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We also have a community jigsaw, come along and see if you can complete it! You can pick up your blue recycling bags and green caddy sacks from us, and

there is a free Contact Wrexham (access) telephone available during library opening times.

Open: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12.00 – 5.00; Thursday 9.00 – 1.15; Tuesday CLOSED



RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT

Here to support the over 50s, in our Community and help to improve your wellbeing. Signposting to appropriate services, reconnecting you with your local

Community, help with Digital Connection, I can support you to complete online applications for Blue Badges, Bus Pass Renewals etc. I hold a weekly Coffee and Chat Group at Ruabon Bowling Club on Wednesdays from 10.30-12.30 where you can call in for information or book an appointment. I am available the 1st Thurs of each Month at Ruabon Library from 11-12am (No Appointment needed). Ruabon Library Friendship Group 3rd Wed of the Month 2-3pm Ruabon Ukulele Group meet alternate Mondays at Ruabon Village Hall 1.15-2.30pm. Musical Memories Group once a Month Ruabon Bowling Club I work Monday or Tues 9-2, Wed 9-3 and Thurs 9-2. Call **07947 530140**, or email

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RUABON AGE CONCERN CHARITY SHOP

Central Buildings, John Street, Ruabon. Open **Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm**. Bric-a-brac donations welcome.

FRIENDS OF RUABON UPDATE

The next monthly meetings are **Sat 7th June** at 10am in the Bridge Inn, Ruabon. **Wed 2nd July** at 7pm in St Marys Church Hall Ruabon. Then **Sat 2nd August** at 10am in The Bridge End Inn Ruabon.

Community litter picks **Sat 24th May** and the Summer Spruce on **Sat 19th July**, meet at Ruabon Village Hall at 10am. **Ruabon Summer Fete** Saturday 14th June 1pm – 4pm. For volunteering, meetings and events please contact **Sarah** on **07957 628551**, follow us on Facebook or email: info@friendsofruabon.co.uk

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE UPDATE

The Plas Madoc Office is open for all queries and advice, our Kiosk is open for payment of rent and council tax by card only as we no longer accept cash.

Reception open to the public

9am–4.30pm Monday–Thursday, 9am–4pm Friday.

It is important that tenants have Home Contents Insurance, please call **01978 292061** for advice on this as we no longer provide this service or email us on PlasMadoc.EstateOffice@wrexham.gov.uk

Are you missing out on any benefits? Here are two quick and confidential ways to check your eligibility on-line: www.entitledto.co.uk

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

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The History department threw Ysgol Rhiwabon's very own VE day street party. Students were able to help themselves to war time snacks and join in the fun to mark 80 years since the end of the Second World War. The school has been decorated in bunting and union flags to mark the occasion and students

across the curriculum took part in activities to educate all students on the importance of remembering the dedication and sacrifice of those who served. At 12noon the whole school joined the country in holding a 2 minutes silence in remembrance.



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

As always, it's been a fun and enjoyable Spring term in Ysgol Min y Ddôl. We have again opened our doors and welcomed; prospective parents and their children, current parents and families who have visited our open afternoons hosted by the pupils and various fundraising events, local schools and out of county schools visiting to gain inspiration from our curriculum and outdoor provisions, pupils from English medium schools attending our on-site Welsh immersion facility, Cynefin and Governors who support the school to ensure we are the best we can be everyone's

welcome at Min y Ddôl! Our various school football teams have been very busy of late; one team in particular, our year 4 mixed, were very successful in reaching the Urdd 'Gwyl Gynradd 2025' finals in Aberystwyth. They were the one of the top 24 teams across Wales to compete in the finals and, despite not winning, played very well and did our whole school community very proud. Da iawn chi!



Kellog's very kindly dropped cereal and breakfast bar donations off at the school and our hard working pupils organised them into piles that our families to come and collect. We always endeavour to support our children and families to ensure they are safe and well and this very generous donation was a welcome relief to some so a huge thank you to Kellogs from us all.

Ysgol Min y Ddol were very proud to host their first Urdd area Eisteddfod. All the local schools who were competing were a pleasure to have on site. It was an honour to welcome so many competitors to the stage as well as all their families. The school had hundreds of visitors and were praised for our welcoming, nurturing and supportive environment. Our 'Ffrindiau' ran a cafe on site which raised welcome funds. The proceeds will be used towards the cost of the end of year whole school trip to ensure it's accessible to all our families.



TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

The Park is open every day so do come and enjoy the countryside. Check our Facebook page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group** where we will post details of our pop up events and activities. **Sun 8th June our Fun Dog Show** from 11am to 4pm, also on **27th July we have A Fairies and Wizard day**, come dressed as your favourite mystical creature, dress up photo booths, story tellers lots of fun things to do and see, craft stalls games and trail. We still welcome your fruit, vegetables and peelings for our animals. Also if you are sorting out toys don't forget our animals please. **Looking for an unusual Gift?** Did you know you can sponsor your favourite animal? Sponsorship money helps towards the animals upkeep, including housing, feed and veterinary bills. For just £10 per year for small animals and £15 for larger animals, you'll receive a personalised certificate, and a chance to meet your chosen animal on a chosen day! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a difference and connect with the amazing animals at Ty Mawr. To sponsor an animal go to <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/.../ty-mawr-country-park> and follow the details given and become a proud sponsor today!

MEL SCOTT THE UNKNOWN WELSH ARTIST

Mel is a visually impaired artist who has always had an interest in painting. Whilst visiting Shrewsbury many years ago he was looking at paintings by Bob Ross in a local gallery when he was approached by the owner. He was asked if he would be interested in taking a course to teach in the style of Bob Ross, so he attended a one day course that went very well.



Mel intended to continue his work but due to a period of serious illnesses the opportunity came to an abrupt end. In 2014 after consideration over his health Mel decided to move to Llys-Y-Graig to recuperate. He decided to start painting again and after being encouraged by the Warden (Sonia) he produced some fantastic paintings. Mel's vision was deteriorating fast and he was referred to a Charity called *Vision Support* who made a visit and suggested he had a home visitor to call and assist on a regular basis. The Home visitor was very much impressed on how he could create his painting with very little vision and suggested he took this to another level but digitising paintings and creating calendars, key rings and fridge magnets. Mel was very inspired by this idea and continued to paint and grow his portfolio. He had an exhibition at The Grosvenor Garden Centre and Vision Support was told of his skills and showed one of his paintings in an exhibition in Chester.

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Mondays 10:30-12pm Art Group

10:30-12pm Community Agent drop-in session

2-3pm Conversational Welsh

Tuesdays 10-11am Quiet Time 2-4pm Knit and Natter

Wednesdays 10-3pm Citizens Advice drop in for residents of the communities of **Penycae, Ruabon South, Ponciau, Pant, Johnstown and Rhos only.**

No appointment necessary.

10-3pm Communities for Work Digital Wednesdays

2:30-3:30pm Reading Group (held on the first Wednesday of every month)

3-4pm Lego Club – suitable for 4+ with Duplo Lego available for younger children

2-4pm Wrexham Family Information Service drop in (held on the last Wednesday of every month)

Fridays 10:30-11am Bilingual Story & Rhyme Time 2-3pm Friendship Group 11-12pm Reminisce Group (held on the third Friday of every month)

On **Friday 23rd May** from 2-4pm **Kevin Plant, Archivist Records Manager** for Wrexham CBC will be presenting a session on old maps and artefacts from Rhos. This is a free event but please ring Rhos Library to reserve your place

We have a meet the author event at 2:30pm on **Friday 6th June** when *Lora Jones*, a local author will be talking about her debut novel "The Woman in the Wallpaper." This is another free event but please ring the library to reserve your place.

We provide a photocopying service – 20p per sheet A4 Black & White and 40p colour

A3 Black & White 40p per sheet and 60p A3 colour.

We have desktops, laptops and ipads. Wireless printing is also available.

We have a dedicated quiet area which is available on Tuesdays between 10-11am

Our library has easy access for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and we also have a disabled toilet. We have a wide range of both English and Welsh fiction and non-fiction books, audio books and children's books. Items are on loan for three weeks and can be renewed either by phone, email, online www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries or in person. Items can be returned to any of the County Borough's libraries. You can also pick up blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags from the library.



RHOS COMMUNITY AGENT

Working for Rhos Community Council I work with residents, over the age of 50, in Rhos, Johnstown and Ponciau signposting to groups, clubs and activities, helping completing forms and signposting to services which support local people. My Facebook page gives up to date information on current events, activities and advice, which can be found under 'Rhos, Johnstown, Ponciau community agent'. There will be **coffee mornings** on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Johnstown community centre on Heol Kenyon 10.30am till 12pm. Breakfast baps are available from £2, hot drinks £1, with information on different services and a craft activity. Open to all. **Bingo sessions** are the last Wednesday of the month held at Hafod Colliery Club, doors open 12.45pm, eyes down 1.30pm and finishes at 2.30pm. **Reminisce group** is held at Rhos library on the third Friday of each month 11am-12pm and supports those living with dementia and their carers. We will be taking a trip to the 1950's museum in Denbigh during May. To raise money for our group we will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 22nd May in St Mary's Church, Johnstown 10am-12pm, everyone is welcome. There are spaces available at the **Art Club**, held at Rhos library Fridays 1.30pm-3pm. **Lunch club** is held on the second Monday of every month at different locations each month. Please contact me for information on local support available via phone on **07851798630** or email:

rhoscommunityagent@gmail.com

Thank you. **Michelle Wynne**

TREVOR VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

We've had an amazing couple of months this year since the aqueduct and visitor centre reopened following the annual maintenance works in January and February, the good weather has played its part too. Our Easter trail went down a treat!! Are you interested in Volunteering? We have several volunteering opportunities available, check out our website www.canlrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer or pop into the visitor centre to chat with one of the team. We are open daily until the end of October 10am – 4pm. Please check our Facebook page for volunteer opportunities along with upcoming events and activities.



WREXHAM FUTSAL FEMALE SECTION

Weekly fun and laughter training sessions for ladies who would like to have a kick about on Fridays from 6.15pm to 7.15pm at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, Acrefair LL14 3HL. No experience required and all abilities welcome. We have experienced coaches to learn and guide you through, for more information please call: Coach **Paul** on **07999 402991**



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2025 sees Erddig Nordic Walkers (ENW) celebrate ten years of Nordic Walking in the Wrexham Area. Since 2015 with a membership of 30 walkers at one walk per week at Erddig we have grown to a membership of 260+ and offer three regular walks per week across nine venues with approximately 120-140 walking per week. During the last ten years we have gained recognition both locally and regionally as a leading Nordic Walking group and continue to attract members from North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire.

Currently we have six Nationally Qualified Nordic Walking Instructors and another 17 Trained Walk Leaders. All Instructors and Leaders are First Aid Trained and with further safety of walkers in mind all our walks are Risked Assessed. We offer Training for New Members on the first Saturday of each month at no charge, all equipment provided. There is no joining or membership fee and we retain our contribution of a £1 per walk and this makes our activity accessible and inclusive. Nordic Walking offers a complete Physical Exercise that in turn improves individual fitness and general health benefits. The extra benefits of walking with ENW helps aid a positive Mental Health, Well Being, Mindfulness, Combatting loneliness and Bereavement Support. Probably the most significant aspect of being part of our group is the social and emotional support offered through developing friendship, social integration within a safe and secure community environment with the emphasis on FUN and enjoyment. This has become a core value of our group. We publish a quarterly Calendar of Events that offers the opportunity to plan and structure your individual needs and along with the three regular walks per week we offer a variety of social events - Bingo Night, Quizzes etc. We also offer our ever popular 'Away Days' – longer day walks e.g. The Mawddach Trail, Colwyn Bay to Llandudno (Pier to Pier Walk) and Llyn Brenig. Over the ten years we have increased our membership, grown in

reputation have Annual Celebratory Events (Christmas, Summer Picnic Powys Castle visit etc). Annual Contributions to local and National Charities. Future plans will see us develop increased accessibility to walks and outreach via our social media. We aim to maintain and develop partnerships with local and regional organisations-AVOW, Erddig and National Trust, North Wales Police and others promoting the positive impact of Nordic Walking and membership of an active vibrant Community Group. We hope to celebrate our **Tenth Anniversary** with an event at Erddig(NT) mid-July.

Over the past ten years we have developed the longevity and sustainability of a very successful Community Group and are thankful to our members and supporters. If you would like to join Erddig Nordic Walkers and be part of our journey over the next Ten Years please come along to one of our New Member Training Sessions or go to our web site for details on how to join and see what you can offer ENW and what the group can offer you.

Web: Erddignordicwalkers.co.uk

Gareth Lloyd (Executive Officer)

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We usually have a selection of members plants for sale and a raffle. This is a good time to swap gardening knowledge and tips with other gardeners. Our annual membership is £15 including refreshments and a members annual outing, or £3 per visit.

Mon 19th May Gordon Malt having trained at the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh, he has over 50 years' experience in horticulture he'll be telling us about the best herbaceous plants to grow, how to look after them and how to combine them.

Sat 24th May Plant Sale we have our annual plant sale outside St Marys Church, Chirk from 9.30am we look forward to seeing you there.

Mon 30th June David Lock - Chirk Castle

Gardens. David was the head Gardener for 41 years before his recent retirement. He knows everything there is to know about the gardens and will be giving us a behind the scenes look at his work there and the development of the gardens.

26th July Plant Sale at Glyn Wylfa, Castle Rd, Chirk. LL14 5BS from 10am

Monday 28th July Philip Aubury No Plot No

Problem - Philip is a former Director of Birmingham Botanic Gardens and presents at events such as Gardeners' World Live. He will be talking about how to grow great tasting vegetables, salads and fruit without a veg garden using containers, raised beds etc.

If you would like more information please contact the Chair, **Dawn** on **07538 418421** or

dawngough60@gmail.com

New members and visitors are always welcome.



GLYN CEIRIOG & CEIRIOG UCHAF

COMMUNITY AGENT Christina Brewin works with all over 50s, in the areas of **Llansantffraid, Glyn Ceiriog, Nantyr, Pandy, Tregeiriog & Llanarmon DC.** Offering free advice and information, connecting you with key local services, she works Wed and Thur 10am - 6pm. Sat morning 9am - 1pm. Tel/text: **07908 373003** or e: glynceiriogcommunityagent@gmail.com Available for phone calls Monday and Tuesday evenings between 6pm - 8pm. Here to help!



GLYNTRAIAN COMMUNITY AGENT

Davina Davies supports all over 50s with free advice and Information to improve your quality of life, health and wellbeing in **Dolywern, Pontfadog, Llechrydau,**

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Brunch Club every Tuesday, served 10 till 12 noon, everyone is encouraged to stop and chat afterwards at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, **Computer Club** every other Wednesday and **Coffee & Cake** every other Thursday. Our **Men's Club** meets every Thursday evening 6.30pm till 8.30pm at the Oliver Jones Hall Dolywern. My working hours are every afternoon from 12.30pm and all day Tuesday. Phone **07496 597894** or email: communityagentGT@glyntraian.org.uk

CHIRK COMMUNITY AGENT

Brigitte Price supports the over 50s in the Chirk community. Let me know how I can help you live your best life by improving your wellbeing. Signposting you to helpful services, reconnecting you with your local community and much more. Please contact me on **07383 579824** or **01978 312556.**

Email chirkcommunityagent@avow.org

CHIRK COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

At the Parish Hall, Holyhead Road, Chirk, LL14 5NA, open every Wednesday 2pm - 5pm. If you are unable to access the Parish Hall and in need of help from the Community Cupboard, please contact **Chirk Community Agent** who may be able to arrange to have a parcel delivered. This is open to all who live or work in Chirk and wishes to help with food wastage. This is not a food bank, and as such we welcome anyone in the community who wants to access the initiative. Visitors are free to collect food, drop donations off or even swap items from their own cupboards. No food goes to waste; any fresh produce not used by the end of the day is collected by other food waste schemes in other areas.

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Garth CP: **mailbox@garth-pri.wrexham.sch.uk**

01978 820582

Pentre CIW: **mailbox@pentre-pri.wrexham.sch.uk**

01691 773322

Estyn visited all three schools for an Interim Review in February. We were delighted with their findings which were published in letters in March. Each school received its own letter. Each is similar and each bullet point is positive. Here are a selection of our favourite quotes about our schools:

Leaders have evaluated the school's curriculum effectively and adapted their plans accordingly. They have systematically mapped out the 'What Matters' statements from the Areas of Learning and Experience. This supports the school's work in providing pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum.

Leaders and governors have a secure knowledge of teachers' planning and are encouraged to comment on the plans, suggest activities or offer expertise when appropriate. This has resulted in pupils experiencing high quality input that has ignited their imagination and knowledge of their locality.

Teachers collaborate well across the federation by sharing their curriculum planning, this enables staff in all schools to access examples of good practice. This process has succeeded in initiating valuable professional dialogue between staff members.

The full letters are on the Estyn website which can be found at <https://estyn.gov.wales/>



Developing an appreciation of Welsh Language and Culture continues to be a priority for the schools as we came together for our annual Dydd Dewi Sant (St. David's Day) Eisteddfod. We met in St. Mary's Church, Chirk for a day filled with Welsh celebration. The morning saw a variety of activities through the medium of Welsh, Foundation learners had a special visit from Magi Ann, with our Eisteddfod in the afternoon, through music, dance, poetry and song we all celebrated together. Children took part in a variety of competitions including photography, art, handwriting, poetry and our own special Bake Off Cymru! We thank our judges who had a very difficult job on the day. Diolch i Mrs Buddug Selway-Jones, Mr Glyn Williams and Rev. Val Hughes. We also thank St. Mary's Church, our fantastic children, families and Criw Cymraeg for all of their hard work preparing for the Eisteddfod. Da iawn pawb!



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Dear All, we hope you approve of the work we have been doing to the Ebenezer at the Centre of our community in Cefn Mawr and central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site. Our community including all surrounding villages from Plas Madoc to Fron and from Garth to Pentre, i.e. within a 2-mile circle of this building, have not fared that well from UNESCO Inscription in 2009 and the +500,000 visitors to the aqueduct every year. Therefore, as we have said previously, when we found that WCBC & Partners did not have sufficient funds to build their new visitor centre at the Trevor Basin, we thought we would help. By hosting the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre in the Ebenezer at the very centre of our community and using it to promote all local businesses, this will help put our community on the tourist map, which it has sadly been left off for far too long.

Hence, we also think the idea of a Park & Ride scheme between the new parking lot being built at the old weighbridge car park and the Holly Bush Inn bus stop will help significantly. On this matter we have contacted Arriva and 2 leading charities and have had positive responses. Furthermore, we are still hoping for similar from both local community councils and WCBC.

Sustainable Tourism Development is a primary goal for the Welsh Government who we will be contacting next. This offers our community a brighter future than just being ignored and bypassed as is the case at present.

We have kept the Ebenezer open all year now and have run many events which WCBC are aware of. We advertise our events in Oswestry Life, Love Wrexham and Essentials magazines. Essentials is interesting as we have the page exactly opposite Wrexham Tourism, so as we say, they are aware of what we are doing, and they read this page too! To help with promoting our community we have also applied four times this year since January to join the "This is Wrexham" group and remain hopeful again, that we will get a positive reply so we can promote our community.

We also hope you approve of how well we are keeping the village centre of Cefn Mawr, sweeping and cleaning the streets on a regular basis and how well kept the Holly Bush Inn bus stop is. To link in all local businesses with The Ebenezer and the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre we are running a Creative Cefn Exhibition during the months of April, May, June and July. Please see inside this magazine for more details. This is a program aimed at building the best working tourist information facility we can for OUR area including all villages in the central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site and we look forward to promoting all.



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