



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Cefn Bychan/Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
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Ken Bathers

We are saddened to report the passing of Cllr Ken Bathers, Chair of Cefn Community Council and, staunch Cefnite who was passionate about the community he lived and worked in. Tributes have been made by many in the community that reflect the range of interests and activities he devoted his time and energy to.

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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

Ysgol Min y Ddol are proud to welcome 15 new starters into our nursery this year. All have settled well into their new routine and are enjoying both the indoor and outdoor activities that are on offer. The rest of the school have also been busy settling into their new classes and routines. The juniors have already been to Ty Mawr to explore the habitats and to make mini clay models of what animals they discovered there.

All classes are exploring Cefn Mawr – both now and in the past as part of our whole school topic, 'Our Square Mile'. All their findings and ideas feed into their written work on descriptions. The infants are soon off to Trevor Basin to learn all about the viaduct and canal and the juniors have been fortunate to secure a place to watch 'Thomas Telford' in character at Ty Mawr.

Weekly visits to the library are continuing as well as our after-school Eco and Sport clubs. Children who have joined the Urdd are already practising their recitals and sharing ideas for their art entries. **Mrs Claire Rayner**, the newly appointed Acting Head at the school, would like to thank everyone in the area for their warm welcome and for raising over £200 in the school's recent MacMillan Coffee morning. Diary date our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Tuesday 4th December**.

We have been taking part in the Community Council project to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of WW1 researching some of the people named on the Cenotaph and were invited to attend the presentation in the library where author Peter Doyle told us all about his book on Percy Edwards a local boy who died at the front. We will also be taking part in the Annual Service of Remembrance next month



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We meet up every Wednesday evening during term time at Cefn Mawr Activity Centre. Bro Gwilym, near Hinds Shop.

Beavers start from age 5 3/4 with an adult and from age 6-8 without. We do a variety of activities including days out to various locations, recently we went to Manchester Airport Visitor Centre and we earned our Air Activities Stage 2 Badge.

We do sleepovers, archery,

shooting, climbing and lots more - we also go out on hikes and rambles to Ty Mawr Country Park.

We have joint ventures with our Cub group who are from age of 6-10,5 who recently went to an Outdoor Pursuit course at Kibblestone.

We are looking for boys and girls to join us on a Wednesdays at 6pm, Beavers until 7 and Cubs from 6.45 to 8pm cost is £2.50 a session.

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We have helped at Ty Mawr on our **Big Dee Day** project. Colleagues from **Ellesmere, Wrexham, Welshpool and Cefn Mawr** worked to clear the area around the dovecote and paint some of the buildings.



We supported the fire men and women fighting the fires on the Horseshoe Pass this summer, providing high energy snacks and drinks.



Finally, we supported the local Holiday Hunger Project run by St. John's Church Rhosymedre for children in Plas Madoc. We have had 2 groups in collecting over the last few weeks who wanted to pass on their thanks to our wonderful and generous customers! **Ysgol y Grango** students packed bags raising a huge **£433** towards their library facilities. And the **Salvation Army** from Rhos raised **£562.31** towards their **Big Collection Annual Appeal**. Thanks to all who donated to these worthy causes! We recently has a message off **Sandra Woodhall** organiser of the **Llangollen Round** who was delighted

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that this year, with support from ourselves and several other local businesses, they raised an incredible **£64,700** for **Cancer Research UK!** An unbelievable result - well done all involved!!



CRNCA NEWS

Thanks to an inclusion grant from WCBC Adult Social Care our Changing Season's group and members of the community are enjoying a number of

activities over the coming months They have been treated to a little pampering from Estyn Wellbeing therapist Debbie Morrison and a trip to Liverpool Docks. A baking and fruit preserving session is scheduled plus more trips and activities in the pipeline. As part of older peoples international day which had to be delayed, We are holding a free **Tea & Cake** afternoon with table top sale on **Tuesday 16th of October** 2-4pm all welcome nothing over £1 So get a bargain now.

LUNCH CLUB We are still providing terrific value for money lunches to those 50+ in the community, £3 for two courses and hot drink, to book please leave a message on **01978 821515** or ring **07531310335** to check availability of space and for menu - diets are catered for. We have and are still looking for new volunteers to assist in helping with the lunch, in House training will be given, if you can cook a family



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CRNCA Building We have unfortunately had a little bit of mischief going on at the centre by the younger element of the community, this is being dealt with by the local PCSO. Be aware we have a good camera system and Neighbourhood Watch. So you may think you are unobserved but you will be held accountable eventually. Kris Morrison undertook a sponsored walk in August to help with improvements to the centre £540 was raised including a free fire service from Dee Fire Ltd the money has been used to replace broken and inefficient lighting with new LED fitments.

YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

All our pupils and staff came back to school refreshed after a wonderful summer ready for another exciting year at Ysgol Acrefair. Year 1 and 2 were very excited to see their new outdoor area which had been developed over the summer holidays funded by a grant from **Tesco**. They have been enjoying using it on a daily basis to extend their learning.



Our whole KS2 department took part in 'The Great Mile Race' at Queensway Sport's Centre well done everyone. We enjoyed a very exciting day taking part in workshops learning all about different cultures during 'Around the World Day' PC Kim came into school to remind us about how to keep safe online.

Our School Council escorted Mr Ken Skates AM around our school when he visited us in September.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to Ysgol Rhiwabon and have also visited Dangerpoint in Talacra. The Foundation Phase was very excited when a special visitor – Caroline the chicken came to school to support pupils work on the story of The Little Red Hen. Year 1 have been making bread



We started the term with a visit from a theatre group performing Tales from Wales.



In Forest School. Our Reception Class have been enjoying their new outdoor Construction Site and Fairy Garden. Year 6 pupils wore Victorian costumes to immerse themselves in their new topic and Year 5 transformed their classroom into a Victorian mill town. It has been a very exciting and busy start to the year!!

Our **Christmas Market** will take place on **Friday 30th November** from 3:15pm onwards. As in previous years there will be stalls selling lots of the children's products and refreshments etc. If anyone would like a stall brownies, cubs, Body Shop, etc or knows of someone who would, the fee is £5.



CONSULTATION

There is a consultation due to start on **26th October 2018** regarding the introduction of a **20mph Zone** for the **Cefn Ward**.

Please look out for posters advertising the times and locations for the public to attend in Cefn and Acrefair so you can make your views known.

YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Our year 5 pupils attended the memorial service for the Gresford Colliery Disaster on Saturday 22nd September. This year marks 84 years since the disaster and the pupils have really been engaged and interested in learning about the events and consequences of the Disaster. It was a moving service where they had artefacts on show that were used by the miners.

Our Early phase Nursery and Reception children have been exploring the sights, sounds, tastes, smells and feel of the autumn season! They have looked closely and made observational drawings of autumn vegetables and used autumn vegetables to print with. The children have brought in autumn treasures from home to explore and Investigate. They have been on an autumn walk to explore our school environment. They found leaves of beautiful autumn browns, oranges and reds. They could feel their texture and smell their beautiful scent!. The children have created mind maps where they related Autumn to their senses. What a wonderful time they have had!

Year 3 pupils in Dosbarth Glyndwr have been settling into life in KS2. They have been learning about Owain Glyndwr and why our class is named after him. They are excited to begin learning about Roald Dahl and the B.F.G in their challenge work.

Pupils in Year 2 have also been making cakes for the MacMillan cake sale, they raised over £350 WOW!



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Tributes Ken Bathers 1944-2018

*I was very sad to hear of the passing of Cefn Community Council Chair and Clwyd South Labour member, Ken Bathers. Ken was a proud Cefn-ite who was dedicated to serving the local community. I will always remember his dedicated work as a school governor. Ken believed passionately that we should have high quality local schools and communities, councils and governments which invest in our children and young people. My thoughts and prayers are with Jean, other family members and Ken's many friends at this difficult time. **Susan Elan Jones MP***

*Ken was a proud Labour man and was proud of the area he worked so hard for. I knew him for many years and admired him greatly, and I was proud to work alongside him on a number of local issues such as the campaign for a new health centre for Cefn. Ken seemed to know everyone and was extremely well thought of locally. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his many friends in Clwyd South Labour Party and by the wider community in Cefn. My heartfelt condolences to his family. **Ken Skates AM***

I was incredibly lucky to be introduced to Ken, almost immediately when taking over Tesco in Cefn Mawr. He was such a massive part of the Cefn community and over the years, we worked very closely together in the community and within Rhosymedre school. I was actually in awe of all the things he took on, when, really, he could have just put his feet up! He was so passionate about everything he undertook and he made such a difference to so many people. From a quick hello when buying his morning paper to many more in depth discussions, he was such a friendly face and I am so saddened to hear of his passing. I speak for myself and all my Tesco colleagues, when I say, he

*leaves a huge hole in our lives and the community. My thoughts are with his lovely family. **Kay Roberts Manager Tesco***

Cefn Druids Football Club would like to pay tribute to the late Ken Bathers who recently passed away. Ken's son Phil was a player and a coach at the club, and his grandson Keenan is part of the Cefn Druids Academy. Ken was always keen to be involved in any developments at the club, and was instrumental in endorsing our application for Community Funding with Wrexham County Borough. Our thoughts are with Ken's family during this difficult time.

Ty Mawr Country Park Ken was a staunch supporter of Ty Mawr Country Park, both through his interests in the river and fishing but also the work the park does with young people and the environment. He was a great advocate for the Junior Rangers and regularly attended and presented the annual awards to the enthusiastic children and adult volunteers. Ken could see the potential for Ty Mawr as both a local attraction and tourist hub, he wholeheartedly backed any projects the park was involved with. I think one of his proudest moments was hosting the World Fly Fishing championships on the River Dee based at the park back in 1990. Happy days, he will be sorely missed.

Cefn Mawr Historical Society and Cefn Mawr and District Museum would like to pay tribute to the late Ken Bathers and the part he played in helping the Society create a Community Museum, giving us his full support, by arranging for us to take the Waterloo Rooms in September 2014, at no cost to the. Last year, he and the Council renewed our License for a further five years. The existence of the Museum and all the good things it has given to our Community, is the fruit of Ken's vision and generosity. The Society and Museum remember Ken with gratitude, and a determination to build on his legacy to the people of Cefn Mawr. We also keep Jean and the family in our

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thoughts at this time.

Staff, Students and Governors of Ysgol Rhiwabon were so sorry to hear the very sad news about the loss of Ken Bathers. Ken has been a dear friend to my family for many years and so it was very important to me that he was a Governor here at Ysgol Rhiwabon Secondary School. In his role as Governor Ken always showed a proud commitment to the local community and our school. This was replicated through his role as Chair of Governors in Rhosymedre. It is so typical of Ken's character that despite all his work as part of Cefn Community Council, the local football, various clubs and societies, that he still found time to attend Governor meetings across a primary and secondary school on a regular basis. He was always at his best when he supported our parents and students. He showed a kindness and belief in them which always shone through when he was speaking to them. We were very proud of the family values Ken always stood for and he will be dearly missed. We extend our condolences at such a difficult time to Jean and all the family. **M Ferron-Evans Headteacher**

Our Chair of Governors Councillor Ken Bathers has passed away. A valued Governor and supporter of our school for ten years, including being appointed to the position of Chair. He regularly visited our school and in the classrooms he was genuinely interested in what the children were doing and would always ask if there was anything that the children or staff needed; often contributing financially to school projects. The instigator of our Free Fruit Fridays and our local litter picking initiatives, he has also sourced and supplied many of the items needed for our Nurture garden, which when completed we will name in honour of him. Ken always greeted pupils and staff with a warm welcome, he would offer words of thanks and encouragement and always offered support. Ken had a vision of excellence for our school, which he strived to make a reality and has been instrumental in all of our successes, particularly when we were awarded the Green status for the first time three years ago and the outcomes of our excellent Estyn inspection last year. A true gentleman with a heart of gold. He was caring and considerate and always put others before himself. He made sure everyone felt appreciated, valued and loved, he was known for his boundless energy and enthusiasm. We send his family our deepest condolences at this very sad time; he will be greatly missed by us all and his memory will be treasured.

Mrs E Edwards – Head Teacher Ysgol Rhosymedre

I remember my first council meeting in the George Edwards Hall a couple of years back, I was a bit nervous and Ken came straight up to me, welcoming me he asked about my family and who my Taid was as he'd worked in Monsanto too. As you do in these circumstances, we tried to find people in common and we succeeded chatting away about the Cefn and our families putting me at ease, making me feel like I belonged. Ken always enquired after my

family and I know that he trusted me once he knew who I belonged to, knowing I was proud of my connection to the local area. Ken was immensely proud of the Cefn. I think the word belong is vital when you think of a man like Ken; if ever there was



someone who 'belonged' somewhere it was him. His passion for Cefn Mawr and the surrounding area shone through him and his desire to do the best for his community inspired others and will continue to inspire others as long as his memory is alive. Hannah and I will miss Ken and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and friends. We have lost a true giant, a man firmly rooted in Cefn with a huge sense of civic pride that was infectious. Keep smiling and "be safe" as Ken would always say. **PCSO's Ryan C3649 and Hannah C2916**

On 20th September we lost a stalwart of the Cefn Community, Ken Bathers sadly passed away. Ken was well known throughout the area due to his many volunteering activities he carried out some of which were: Chair of Cefn Community Council, he is the longest serving member of the Council having been a member for over 30 years and Chair for the last 11 years; he was a School Governor at both Ysgol Rhiwabon and Rhosymedre the latter of which he was Chair. He was President of The Llangollen Maelor Fishing Club and had been since the both clubs merged. Ken was very forward thinking he did everything he could for the people of Cefn area he represented, such as his part in bringing Tesco to the village, the Solar Farm at the Delph and the Telecom mast on the GEH all of which has brought significant annual income into our community. Ken enjoyed many different interests and pastimes which I would find hard to rank in order of preference as to me Ken appeared to love them all equally: Fishing: Particularly salmon fishing, fishing many rivers in the UK, also travelling to Alaska on five occasions to experience catching really big salmon there. The highlight of Ken's angling year was his part in organising and staging the European Team Grayling Championships held along large stretches of the River Dee from Corwen to Cefn, attracting teams from all over the Continent. Football at all levels from youth to the Premiership, though the rest of his family supported Manchester United, Ken like me was a Liverpool fan. We together inaugurated which is now in its third year. Wild life particularly birds. Photography; every event we attended he was always there

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Tributes continued

with his camera. Ken had been very excited and enthusiastic with the WW1 commemorative project that Cefn Community Council are running, three of our local primary schools have engaged in the research of the soldiers from our Community who died in that terrible war. Amongst other activities on this project, Ken has been in charge of the tribute the schools have completed making poppies which will be displayed at the George Edwards Hall later this year. On a personal note my wife and I will miss Ken very much as we have been family friends for many years, our deepest sympathy and condolences goes out to Jean and the family.

**Derek Wright Cefn Community Councillor,
WCBC County Councillor**

Trina Nicholls-Smith, Clerk to the Community Council added 'In the relatively short time of three years since being appointed as Clerk, Ken welcomed me with open arms and as Chair made sure he visited my office daily to see if there were any pressing concerns relating to council business. Ken clearly was so passionate about the community which he was born and bred in and would go above and beyond his duty as councillor for the interests of others. Ken will be sadly missed by myself and I'm sure many others. My thoughts and sympathies are with his wife Jean and extended family.

We were saddened to hear about Ken here in the Library, he was a great supported of all things Cefn and we send our condolences to his family at this sad time. **All at Cefn Mawr Library**

I am saddened to have to report the death on the 20th September 2018 aged 74 of Ken Bathers, President of Llangollen Maelor Angling Club. Ken was born and bred in Cefn Mawr, Wrexham. He was educated locally and commenced employment at the local brickworks before joining the chemical company Monsanto as a plant operator. He lived in Cefn Mawr until his passing and was a great champion for the village. Fishing the river Dee was Ken's great passion although he also made trips to Alaska. He enjoyed being a ghillie for Lady Malabar and her guests on the Llandyn beat of the Dee during the 70's and early 80's. Due to ill health his fishing had been restricted over the last 10 years. He remained however enthusiastic about the Dee. He was a great telephone man free with advice to all on river heights and the best beats to try. He was an accomplished fly tier and gave away thousands of flies over the years. I can hear him now saying "Give this one a go Bud you'll definitely catch on that". He kept the catch returns for the club and was genuinely excited when an angler rang to inform him of a salmon caught. He was soon on the phone letting the whole Dee valley know the details. One of Ken's proudest achievements was rearing brown trout for over 30 years in the outflow of the Monsanto chemical works. All the trout raised being

stocked into the Dee. He served on the committees of the Local Fisheries Advisory Group, Welsh Salmon and Trout Association, Dee Fisheries Association and Upper Dee Angling Federation. He was also an honorary water bailiff for the National Rivers Authority. Some 18 years ago he established the International Grayling competition on the Dee. This has gone from strength to strength and this December will see 36 teams compete for the Hanak Trophy. Competitors come from all over the UK, Ireland and continental Europe. Over these years Ken raised over £60,000 for the Welsh Dee Trust to carry out river habitat Improvements. Away from fishing Ken was a local campaigner, a governor for 2 local schools and for the last 11 years had chaired the Cefn Mawr Community Council. He also loved football and would watch all the televised games as well as watching his Grandsons play. We express our deepest sympathy to the family. He will be greatly missed but fondly remembered by all who knew him. **Huw Evans Chairman Llangollen Maelor Angling.**

Ken has been integral to all the good things happening in the community for so long. A TRUE champion for the area, and through his selfless hard work, affecting village life from schools, official work and local sports, he touched many people's lives, including our own. He help us immensely with our club Cefn Mawr Rangers from which we built a good friendship leaving a lasting impression, he will be sorely missed. Ken was warm and welcoming and would love to chat, about his latest project, and would light up when talk turned to his family. Ken was a true gentleman whose importance will only be truly be felt with the passing of time. Rest in peace **Ken from Sarah and Bob and all at Cefn Mawr Rangers.**

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days of the week please call the Vicar to hire it.

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COMMUNITY AGENTS NEWS

I have been busy with these
two groups that are now based
in the George Edwards Hall,
Cefn Mawr.



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2.30pm in the lower room of the
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Fridays - CEFN CREATES a new Arts and Craft
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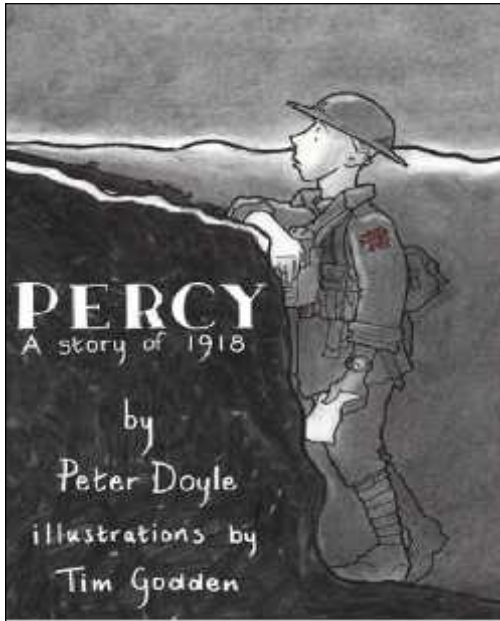
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Following the moving presentation to the school children by Peter Doyle we are please to advise you that we have copies of his moving book available to purchase just ask next time you are in. We also have a display of illustrations

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Adult Christmas Craft Wednesday 5th Dec Wreath Making. Would you like to make a Christmas wreath for your door join us at Cefn Mawr Library on from 1-2.30pm.

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The **Free Playscheme** will be operating during the Half term holiday, on **Monday and Wednesday** at Plas Kynaston Play Park and **Friday** at Acrefair School Field from **11am to 1pm**.

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

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

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

Trefynant Cemetary: The Council have received complaints that flower cuttings are being left on the ground in the Garden of Remembrance section at Trefynant Cemetery. This is causing distress and upset to visitors to the cemetery and I would urge people to please use the bins provided to dispose of flowers.

Christmas Fayre: Cefn Community Council are delighted to announce they will be holding their Christmas Fayre at the George Edwards Hall on **Wednesday 5th December** between 5pm-7pm. Father Christmas will be there, local school children singing carols, stalls and refreshments will be available. Anyone interested in having a stall on the night please get in touch with the Clerk on **01978 821298** for more details.

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2. The Towers Nursery
3. Tocra Cae Glo

Container Garden

1. Butch & Michelle Jones
2. Mr K Evans
3. Stephen Jones

Small Garden

1. Stephen Jones
2. Geoff Langford
3. Michael Morris

Large Garden

1. Tom Francis
2. Peter Davis
3. Carol Williams

Best overall Garden - Stephen Jones

Special thanks to **Paul Moss** from **Derwen College** who judged the competition this year, also students Sam, George and Amy.

See photos on pages 26, 27 & 28



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2018

Please note that this years' service will have an earlier start at **10.30 a.m.**

This year will mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War. Fifteen Descendants of the fallen named on the cenotaph will be laying a cross.

Cefn Community Council has been awarded a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust, which has enabled Council to produce a booklet in recognition to the service personnel who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

The project included Ysgol Rhosymedre, Ysgol Cefn Mawr & Ysgol Min y Ddol where the school children have researched the 132 names of the fallen soldiers on our cenotaph. Through the grant funding council have purchased five silhouettes from The Royal British Legion which will be a permanent reminder of the men who fought and died for us. After the service has finished please come and join us at the George Edwards Hall for Refreshments including a buffet. The children's work will be displayed at the Hall for you to see along with memorabilia from Cefn Museum.

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CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We had a fantastic evening with **Peter Doyle**, hearing the story of **Percy Edwards**. More than 100 people turned up and were hooked by the very emotional story of this young Cefn man and his sweetheart, which ended sadly with Percy's death at the Front on 28 September 1918 exactly 100 years ago on the night of the meeting. Peter Doyle had spent the day talking on the radio and addressing schoolchildren, before coming to the George Edwards Hall for our meeting. A great start after the summer break, the next meeting will be on **Friday 26 October**, when Lowri Jones will speak on 'Dotty May — 2nd World War Munitions Worker'. **Friday 30 November** is our **Christmas Social Evening**, with a Quiz and Guest Speaker. Admission free to Members and £2 to non members and guests on the door. Refreshments available and a Grand Raffle will be drawn on the evening. Please note there is no meeting in December. See our Facebook page **Cefn Mawr Historical Society** for the latest news of the Society's programme and activities.

CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

A special event the **Cefn Mawr Heritage Fair** in the George Edwards Hall on **Saturday 27 October** from 11am-4pm. Organised by the North East Wales Heritage Forum, bringing local history and heritage groups together from across N E Wales. Refreshments available and talks will be held through the day, the Museum will also be open. This is a new venture, and we hope for plenty of support. Our Facebook page **Cefn Mawr and District Museum** is wellfollowed and we also have our website up and running at **www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk** We continue our 'Museum in a Box' visits and also welcome schools and other community groups to come and visit us in the Museum. Open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 12.30pm. Our second Saturday of the month openings (same times) take place between March and November. Admission is free and there is good parking off the Tesco roundabout. Telephone **07972 528626**.



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We have plenty of chairs if you want to join us on a Tuesday and find out all the local news and coming events. The Activity Centre is getting ready for the coming festival season and we are planning several sorties out over the Christmas period. We are always on the look-out for new members and anyone who would like to come to the meetings to talk about local/historic/personal interests concerning the area. Come and join us. Ring Clive on **820392** for more information. We can arrange transport.



TOWERS DAY NURSERY NEWS

The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of all the nice weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the flowers are out and the children have been gathering herbs, strawberries and flowers. The nursery has entered the **Community in Bloom** garden competition and have been placed **Second** in the **Community Garden** well done everyone.

The topic this term was Mini-beasts and the focus has been on art, craft, songs, drama and stories to do with nature and mini-beasts. The nursery garden has some lovely hidden ladybirds, made by the children.

Visitors to the nursery include the co-ordinator from the Healthy Schools campaign who awarded certificates for Environmental Skills, Emotional Health and Well Being and Mental Health skills. The dental nurse from the Designed to Smile initiative also visited and was pleased with the progress being made at teeth cleaning and with the number of new recruits to the scheme. She awarded us the continuation Gold Award.

Further news will soon be available about areas chosen to pilot the scheme for Free Childcare in Wales. We are pleased to announce that The Towers has been chosen to deliver Early Education Entitlement; this will mean that all eligible children will be entitled to receive 10 hours free Early Years Education at the nursery as part of their week of attendance, as well as 20 hours of government funded care.

We are pleased to welcome Lucy Blackwell onto the team, Lucy was with us as a student and is now joining us as a *Jobs Growth Wales* participant.

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(Thu 18)** where we'll have a bumper meal to help
us celebrate all that our good God provides. Our
November Social (Thu. 15th) will include a
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Wednesdays 7 November and 5 December our monthly **Spinning, Knitting & Weaving** group meets from 1am to 4pm. Beginners welcome contact **June McLaughlin** on **07780 000206**. See our facebook page **Ty Mawr country park spinners/weavers/knitters**.

Saturday 17 November Craft Class taster session from 11am to 4pm. Felt Angels and Gnomes. All materials are provided. £10 per person, to book, event suitable for 16+ please contact **junemclaughlin@btinternet.com** or phone **01978711941** for further details.

Friends Walks

All walks are led by Roz, meeting at 10.15am for a 10.30 start from **T Mawr Country Park, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham LL14 3PE**. Free and open to all but there is a £1 charge for parking. Boots and waterproofs are required and it is advisable to carry water To get to **T Mawr** by bus from **Wrexham**, take the **Arriva Bus 2A to Oswestry from Bay 1 at 9.37am**

Thurs 18 October Autumn Colour Tree Trail captured on film 10.15am Please bring a camera/ phone if you wish to take photos but all are welcome with or without. Photography hints and tips on how to get the best nature shots. **Optional Lunch Autumn Colour Kitchen Buffet and Activities £5 per person advance booking essential**, 3pm finish.

Thurs 15th November Mindfulness walk - mindful walking and mindfulness in nature. **Optional Lunch Food for Thought Buffet and Activities Natural Mandalas and mindfulness exercises £5 per person advance booking essential**, 3pm finish.

Thursday 20th December Christmas evergreen collection for decorations. **Optional Lunch Seasonal Savoury/Sweet Buffet and Activity Christmas Wreaths/Table Centres £5 per person advance booking essential**, 3pm finish.

We are open 7 days a week, the Visitor Centre is open weekends only from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Tel: **01978 822780** and see our fb page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group**.

Ask about sponsoring on of our lovely animals next time you come to visit us.

Did you know that Wrexham Country Parks' users can get a Car Park Season Ticket to cover parking charges at Ty Mawr Country Park, Nant Mill Visitor Centre and Alyn Waters Country Park Gwersyllt and Llay side car parks. at a cost of £50 for a year. Season tickets are available from Ty Mawr Visitor Centre, Alyn Waters Visitor Centre or on line at

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FREE Over 60s Swimming If you are Over 60 you can now swim for FREE, you simply need to fill in a form at Reception and pay £5 for a card which entitles you to Free Swimming for 12 months! This also includes FREE morning Aqua classes! We also offer FREE 60+ swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings 9am-10am.

JUNIOR FITNESS We offer Junior Gym sessions for 11-15 year olds. Monday-Friday 4pm-5.30pm and Sunday 10am-11.30am and Junior Fitness in the Pool (Ages 11-16) ask for details.

CLIMBING WALL Try **THE WALL** at Plas Madoc we now offer Junior and Adult climbing courses, call to book your place. We also offer private parties on our Climbing Wall as well as private bookings call **01978 821600** or email **info@plas-madoc.com**

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

We offer a whole range of parties to suit every taste. **Soft Play Party** - £8 per child Min 12 / Max 30 - 1 hour

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Bouncy Castle & Roller Disco - £11 per child Min 15 - 1 Hour

Private Pool Party - £11 per child Min 25 - 1 Hour

Climbing Wall Party - Ask for more details.

All prices include the hire of the Aqua Lounge Party Room and a Children's meal with a drink.

HALLOWEEN HALF TERM!!

The Half Term is almost here! We have extended swimming and other activities for the kids! Please check out our website: **www.plas-madoc.com** for details nearer the time and also to find out about swimming times in our tropical lagoon pool! To stay in the loop follow us on Facebook or twitter @PlasMadocLC



SQUASH COURT CONVERSION

The conversion is almost complete, our brand new Spin Studio is nearly ready to go and will be a great addition to users of the centre, the upstairs meeting room is modern and equipped with projector and screen and will be available to hire for the public.

SPORTS HALL REFURBISHMENT

The Sports Hall refurbishment over the summer saw the floor stripped, reworked and varnished providing a top quality surface for all sports!

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Plas Madoc Community Support Officer

Ryan Jones PCSO 3649

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Cllr Paul Blackwell Councillor for Plas Madoc

Residents can contact me on **07855 620891**

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SPLASH COMMUNITY TRUST WINS NATIONAL AWARD!

At an awards evening in Cardiff last month, Splash Community Trust won a prestigious national award when the Plas Madoc Leisure Centre was crowned **'Best Social Enterprise in Wales'**.

The judging panel commended the hard work of the community in saving the centre from closure and the determination of the Community Trust in refurbishing the site. The recognition on a national stage is fantastic for local people who turned out in their thousands to stop the council closing the centre back in 2014.

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre will now be put forward for the **'Best British Social Enterprise'** award at an event being held in London in November.

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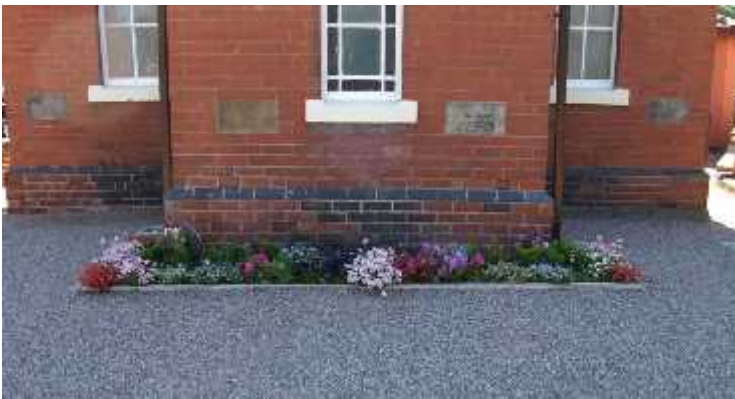
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COMMUNITY IN BLOOM 2018







CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY IN BLOOM The overall Winner for the Best Garden was Stephen Jones above with the trophy and below all our winners after the judging. Everyone then enjoyed a complimentary buffet to celebrate, well done all who entered especially after such a dry summer.



NEW DOT SCREENINGS
Friday October 19th *A Fantastic Woman* an Oscar winning drama: Marina, a young transgender woman, has her life turned upside down by the death of her older boyfriend. She faces suspicion and hostility from his family. A compelling portrait of dignity, love and loss.

Friday November 16th *Edie* an inspiring feel-good tale of determination. After her controlling husband dies, 83 year old Edie (Sheila Hancock) embarks on a trip to fulfill her long time dream of climbing a mountain in the Scottish Highlands. Also starring Kevin Guthrie.



Friday December 14th *Christmas Charity Special* get into the Christmas spirit with our special charity screening of an all-time seasonal classic (title to be confirmed). See our Facebook page for details.



Join us in **Llangollen Town Hall** doors and bar open 7.30 for 8pm start. Tickets online @ newdotcinema.org £6 plus booking fee £5 for concessions. On the door or in advance from the **Llangollen Oggie Shop**, Castle St Llangollen £8 concessions £6



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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

We have been lucky enough to have an artist in residence for the week, Marcia Crocombe, who has been working with pupils in years 1 to 6 to create a Welsh themed mural shown above which the pupils have helped design and paint. It is a wonderful asset to the school hall.

Our Year 6 pupils have been taking part in the daily run after lunch for over 12 months and got the opportunity to put their running practise into good use at Queensway Sports Stadium recently. Each child was given a Run for Fun t-shirt for taking part and a number. Thank you and well done to the school staff and volunteer helpers for accompanying the children and taking part in the run.

Year 2 have started the new term learning about life in the Victorian times. A Victorian Washer Woman visited school for a wash day with the class using dolly tubs and a mangle. The children had fun but recognised it would have been hard work and not very pleasant. They have been writing some fantastic reports and accounts of Victorian life.



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CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB open **Saturday** 11am to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm, **Sunday** open from 12 noon to 11pm. Bingo nights **Tues, Sat & Sun** from 8.30pm. Open to all, call **01978 821345** for information about events, bookings welcome. See our Facebook page.

AIR PRODUCTS CLUB Live Entertainment in the Lounge every **Friday** and **Saturday**. Line Dancing on **Wednesday** with Jeff from 7.30pm. Bingo on **Friday** and **Sunday** with 3 Jackpots in the Concert Hall at 8.30pm. The Club is open for bookings call **01978 820471** for information. See Facebook page **Acrefair Club** for details of live football and events.

CEFN DRUIDS CLUB Monday is Bingo Night at 7.30pm, 10 houses, 2 fliers including the **Druids Flier** plus **Open the Box** with guaranteed Jackpot! Free admission, bar, tea & coffee available. **Druids Goldmine** £5 per month with the chance to win £1000 call **01978 810287** for upcoming events. **Friday 23 November** An Evening with Neville Southall the Wales and Everton legend. 7pm tickets £30 inc hotpot supper. **Christmas Party Sat 15 Dec** 7.30 til late tickets £10.

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YSGOL RHIEWABON NEWS

JustB (Smokefree) Ambassadors This autumn a peer selected group of Year 8 pupils will be participating in the **Just B** programme run by Public Health Wales

The programme aims to reduce, and prevent future, uptake in smoking through the influence of peer pressure and friendship ties. Research has identified that young people are at most risk of experimenting with cigarettes in Year 8 and for this reason this year group has been targeted. A group of our Year 8 pupils has been selected to receive training from a Just B ambassador. These particular pupils have been identified as influential to the year group, and thus make them perfect peer role models. The training they receive will increase their knowledge about smoking related issues, and will equip them with the relevant skills and confidence to pass on relevant, non-judgemental information on smoking to their existing friends in Year 8. The group pictured below have just completed their two day training course with a Just B ambassador.



It was standing room only at our **Open Event** last September. School was clearly the place to be on a lovely, warm, late summer evening. The high level of interest in the school and all its achievements is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff and governors and our students are very proud of their school. Ysgol Rhiwabon and the local Primary schools work very closely together providing excellent transition and induction for Year 6 students. A key highlight of the evening were the enthusiastic speeches delivered by three new Year 7 students.



YSGOL RHIWABON continued No one could argue that Ysgol Rhiwabon is the place to be after listening to them. Staff were delighted by the support shown on the evening from members of the community and ex-students. Susan Elan Jones MP, herself a former Ysgol Rhiwabon student, welcomed local families to the school. Students were excited to see Naim Arsan who took time to attend the event to share his football success and Welsh caps. Headteacher, Mrs Ferron-Evans gave a presentation at the start of the evening. As a former student of the school herself, she was keen to emphasise the values of tradition, hard work and community links and to ensure every young person achieves the very best they can be. She discussed all the exciting initiatives in the school which have contributed to the school's success. Speaking later she said; "I am really pleased with how our Open Evening went. The level of interest shown in our school has been fantastic and I now look forward to meeting our new intake again. The school website reflects the historic links we have to the area and I've used this to show our strong community focus and how successful our students have been over time. I was delighted to be able to speak to so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school, face to face during the evening; it was a pleasure and I would like to thank everyone for their extremely positive comments about the school". The high attendance by prospective parents reflects the increasing interest in the historic school serving the South Wrexham county area.



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PKC GROUP UPDATE



Although the PKC Group has been actively promoting the Windborne Gate (WBG) parking lot at the old weigh bridge on Queens Street as a Free Parking Lot since 2012 for people visiting the aqueduct, WCBC and partners have now intervened and even altered our posting for such on Google Maps.

WBG Parking is a key factor in Sustainable Tourism Development for the whole area of the Cefn as the above map produced by us shows. It is 500mts to the aqueduct and 500mts to the village centre of Cefn Mawr from this parking lot. Therefore, with the correct planning and works as again promoted by the PKC Group, Cefn Mawr could be united with the aqueduct and tourism brought to the streets of our community. This would result in an upturn in our economy providing more employment opportunity for our people. For more information on our efforts to promote our community and WBG please Google [WYMBOURNE GATE PARKING](#)

Unfortunately, despite attending all the latest "Master Planning" meetings organised by Arcadis for WCBC, CRT & Eastman's and making the best case we can for our community and the importance of WBG to our economic recovery this has been ignored. Furthermore, they have also seen fit to alter our Google Maps page which now shows the WBG as a coach parking area. Their idea being, this is some where for the EMPTY coaches to park once they have dropped off the tourists at the new parking lot, opened on the old warehouse site immediately adjacent to the Trevor Basin, as we reported on earlier this year. Furthermore, they have also changed the website link from ours, which promotes our community, to theirs which does not.

This is a direct slap in the face for our community with one of the highest unemployment ratings in North East Wales since the closure of Monsanto and Air Products and is not in accordance with Welsh Planning Policy by WAG.

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