



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
Issue 49 March 2019



FRIDAY YOUTH CLUB @ CRNCA

Following a request by the local PCSO and the young people in the area a Youth Club has started at the Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym. 24 young people attend the first session and it will be running from 6 - 8pm. They desperately want more nights but as it is being manned by myself and other volunteers until funding is in place this is not viable. They have agreed £1 a time for subs and they will receive a drink and toast free. Thankfully a couple of people in the community have made donations for the rent £100 off one and £200 off another and wish to remain anonymous however I can't thank them enough. Collection buckets will be going into local businesses this week and any loose change will be gratefully appreciated.

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Pupils and Parents/Carers in Reception have taken part in a three week Literacy Project run by the school. The first session was an opportunity to work with the world famous Children's author Neil Griffiths who modelled how to tell exciting and inspiring stories! Each participating child got a free story book signed by Neil which was paid for, in part, by a very kind donation from Cefn Community Council. As part of this project pupils also received their free library card from Cefn Mawr library.



Pupils and their families then visited the library van, which parks outside our school every week, to choose their books to take home and bring back the following week. As you can see from the photographs they loved this opportunity which they found so exciting!

Many thanks to Cefn Community Council, Vicky and Rosie at Cefn Mawr library and Huw and Lloyd from the mobile library service for their support with this really successful project. Finally thank you to all the pupils and families that took part! Keep up the good reading work!



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

Years 4, 5 and 6 went on their residential trip to Nant BH, Llanrwst, enjoying many outdoor activities including gorge walking, mounting walking, zip wire and tackling a high ropes course to name a few. Great fun was had by all on their 3 days all returned to school safe and well if not a little tired! The staff at the outdoor centre praised the children's good behaviour, attitude and determination and said they were a credit to the school. Well done and thank you to all of you who attended – it's great to hear what we already know!

In February, we hosted a Welsh Music gig Dydd Miwsig Cymru and welcomed 2 other schools along to join in. Elis Derby and his band played a set of Welsh songs for the children and they happily danced and sang along. The children were fortunate to get a personal video message from Yws Gwynedd – another Welsh band who won the Welsh Song of the year 2019 thanks to our pupils voting for them



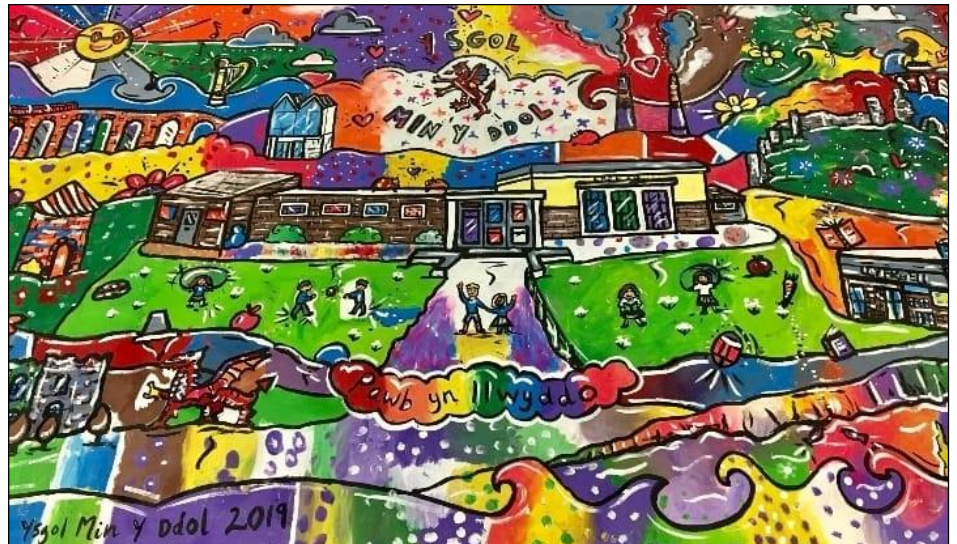
We had a Welsh Santes Dwynwen Disgo in January, the children got to wear our national colours, dance with their friends and celebrate all things Welsh. The younger children created decorations for the occasion whilst the older children decided on the playlist. Good team work everyone!

The junior children are currently studying space and visited SpacePort in Liverpool where they got to experience a planetarium, launch a rocket and learn all about the planets in our solar system. They have also had a science week in school whereby they had to conduct an investigation and fair test based on a scientific question.

Rhiannon Roberts, a Welsh artist the children have been studying, came in to hold a workshop. Rhiannon was impressed with the children's efforts at recreating her work based on their locality, Cefn Mawr and felt inspired to create something large scale with them. She worked with small groups of children using her vivid imagination and bright, vibrant colours, to create various scenes of Cefn Mawr. They worked together to mix reality with fantasy to create magical worlds. This is their creation which will proudly be displayed in the school hall.



We were asked to feature on the Welsh S4C news programme 'Ffeil' to talk about our award winning recycling efforts and how we have recently teamed up with Llangollen community to help reduce crisp packet pollution. The schools Eco Council spoke very well. BBC Radio Cymru 2 to ask whether one of our pupils would speak live on the radio, in Welsh, to the breakfast show presenters regarding their love for music and their preferred instrument. The pupil, Noah, from Year 6 did a brilliant job and even played a piece for them to hear on his cornet.





It is with regret we inform residents of the sad passing of **Mrs Rhona Roberts** from Rhosymedre, former Clerk to Cefn Community Council for many years and Church Warden at St John's Church, She will be sadly missed, Cefn Community Council send their condolences to her family. Her service will take place on **Thursday 14 March** at 2.30pm in St John's Rhosymedre.



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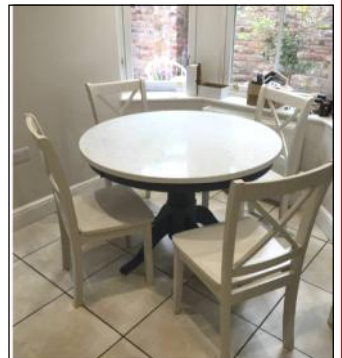
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A WORLD CLASS ATTRACTION ON OUR DOORSTEP

By Ani Sutton, Chair of the World Heritage Site Stakeholder Group (Canal & River Trust)

2019 is a special year – it marks the 10th anniversary of the World Heritage Site designation of our amazing Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Britain's longest, highest navigable aqueduct, and 11 miles of the beautiful Llangollen Canal.

Various organisations are in the planning stages of organising some fantastic events to mark the occasion. These include a new photography competition, fishing tasters, Nordic walking, spectacular luminaire structure lighting, 'Under the Arches' celebration, a specially-brewed beer and a wide range of community and cultural events and workshops. Further details as they are confirmed can be found on www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk

The UNESCO world heritage status has truly placed this corner of Wales on the international map. The number of tourists visiting the area has quadrupled over the last decade – nearly 500,000 last year. Visitors hail from all over the world, with Australians and Japanese top of the international league table. Signing the Trevor Basin visitor book last year

were tourists from 52 countries, including faraway places such as Zambia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and the Philippines, as well as most European nations.

All this attention brings some challenges but also enormous opportunities for Trevor, Froncysyllte, Acrefair, Cefn Mawr and the surrounding areas. One of our main challenges is how to offer

people extra on-site facilities which will mean they spend more time here, have a better experience and crucially spend more money in the local economy.

Working with Wrexham County Borough Council, landowners Solutia UK / Eastman's and a range of partners, a strategic masterplan is ongoing to identify how to provide better visitor facilities and what they might look like. A major community consultation was held some months ago and are considering several ideas to bring new and extended attractions to Trevor Basin and the surrounding area, along with identifying possible sources of funding. These are big budget projects which will inevitably need to attract public funding.

Residents may not be aware but behind the scenes and as part of the revised governance arrangements a Stakeholder Partnership has been formed of which the membership requires elected representatives from Cefn Mawr, Chirk South, Chirk North, Gobowen, Sellattyn & Weston Rhyn and Llangollen, together with representatives from organisations including Wrexham and Denbighshire Councils, Canal & River Trust, Cadw, ICOMOS, Visit Wales, Natural Resources Wales, Historic England, Railway & Canal Historic Society and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This extensive group is responsible for monitoring and driving forwards the activities and developments identified in the agreed action plan of the management plan, and it was great to see so many attendees, representing their communities and organisations at the first meeting since the governance arrangements have been revised.

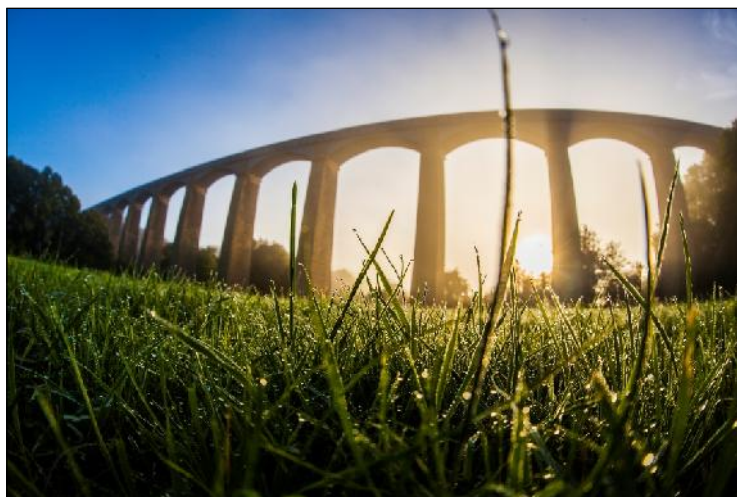
Involving local communities surrounding the World Heritage Site is absolutely crucial in getting the best outcome for everyone. Since the restructuring of the governance arrangements, we have identified a need to look at different ways the community can advise, and support developments, and different models are being currently looked at with the support of the partnership and the elected members.

So, some of the key developments that have already taken place to date include:

- ◆ A new café boat is installed next to the Trevor Basin Visitor Centre
- ◆ Extra car parking provided, including new electric charging stations
- ◆ Pontcysyllte aqueduct has had an overhaul
- ◆ Fantastic feedback from local volunteers engaging with local people who are improving their wellbeing by regular walking and cycling
- ◆ Outstanding schools programme delivered including an opportunity engage with a unique heritage boat
- ◆ New and improved signage on site
- ◆ Great community feedback from the International Duck Race held across Chirk Aqueduct
- ◆ New local businesses created e.g. Pontcysyllte Chapel Tearoom in Trevor.
- ◆ New 'Clinker Trail' walking route through beautiful woodland countryside, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Our Picturesque Landscape project
- ◆ WHS-UK have confirmed their annual conference will be hosted at our WHS later on in the year. This will bring opportunities for local businesses from hotels, visitor attractions and catering.



The International Duck Race



The Llangollen Canal is one of the most popular canals in the country with hire boaters. Anglo Welsh, Jones the Boats and Llangollen Boat just some of the local companies benefitting from the aqueduct's new popularity

BE A VOLUNTEER? For local residents with a love of the outdoors and a little spare time on their hands, you may want to make a difference by joining the Canal & River Trust as a volunteer. The free Visitor Centre at Trevor Basin and local towpath taskforce is currently recruiting for the new summer season. For more information, please email TrevorVisitor.Centre@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

COME AND SEE US! The free Trevor Basin Visitor Centre is currently open weekends and this extends to seven days a week on Friday 12 April. Find out about special events on the Pontcysyllte web site, its dedicated Facebook page or through Twitter or Instagram.

The Canal & River Trust charity cares for 2,000 miles of canals and rivers in Wales and England, including the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal. www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.



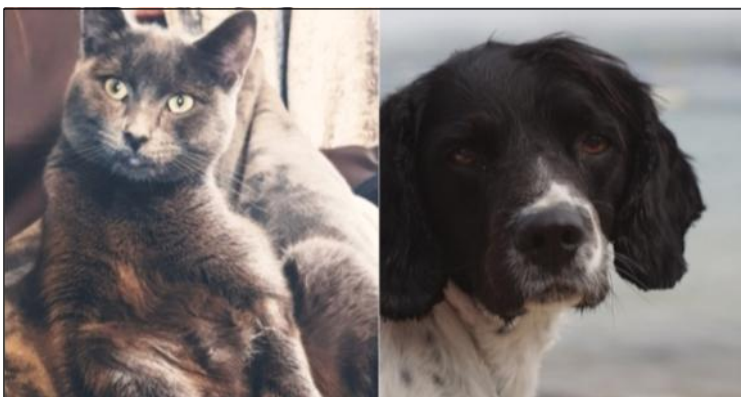

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CRNCA NEWS & EVENTS
Registered charity number: 1122422

Changing Seasons Club

Our Changing Season's group and other members of the community are enjoying a number of activities scheduled for the coming months, all activities are organised by the group themselves. So if you just wish to sit and talk with good company and maybe a game of bingo come along. If you live locally and are over 50 please drop in for a cup of tea on a Tuesday 12.30 -2.30pm all welcome.

CRNCA Lunch club

We still providing terrific value for money lunches to 50+ age group in the community - £3 for two courses and hot drink- to book please leave a message on **01978 821515** or **07531310335** to check availability of space and for menu - diets are catered for. We 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 meal you can help us with our lunches or if you prefer we always need someone to set up and clear away after. Contact Kris on **07531310335** for more information.

CRNCA Building

CRNCA volunteers continue to manage and maintain this building to keep room hire at a sustainable cost. This is an ongoing programme if you are handy at simple DIY can you spare an hour to help us in this endeavour? We need little things like putting up notice boards, changing toilet seats, filling in nail holes in walls etc. Call **07531310335** to see how you can help, thank you CRNCA. We are looking at grants/funding to replace the rest of the lighting to led lights and more eco-friendly heaters. If you are able please support our fund raising events. Community Buildings are few and far between with all the cut backs at the moment, help us keep this building for the

community ----- use it or lose it ----- once something goes it very rarely comes back.

NEW YOUTH PROJECT

Starting this month a number of volunteers are prepared to run a Friday Youth Club for 11-16 year olds from 6 to 8pm. ANYONE who is able to support this venture and give young people a place to hang out at least one evening a week, please contact **Suzanne Pugh** on **07591 995141** who is the lead on this project. Example of help required ... funding buckets will be located in local shops for collections toward room hire and equipment, volunteering, supervising the sessions, setting up and tidying up.

ALL young people who attend this session will need to respect the volunteers and facilities.

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FRIDAY YOUTH CLUB

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The first session went really well, behaviour was excellent and was lovely that some of them thanked us for opening. We will be putting in for some funding from grants which the local PCSO has provided us with and they have given us their full support. I'm committed to giving this a chance of being ongoing as it's so needed for our teenagers and the local community.

I have had lots of offers for volunteers and again can't thank them enough, if you want more information or would like to volunteer please call me **Suzanne Pugh** on **07591 99514**, thank you.

CRNCA THANKS

CRNCA would like to say a big, big thank you to **Paul Northall** from **Northall's Wrought Iron Designs Ltd, Rhosymedre** for sorting out our carpark gate after it got damaged.

As a small charity we really do appreciate the help and support we get from businesses that in turn help us to keep the Activity Centre running and open for the community.

Cefn Mawr Community Support Officer

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service.

Homeless project

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with
the homeless project, which was a part of Wrexham
churches and community cold weather shelter. 10
homeless people were given an evening meal, a
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a Wednesday night. Most of those who came now
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COMMUNITY AGENTS NEWS

Cefn Crochet is going from strength to strength, the group now are making different projects to then sell to raise funds for a trip to Aberkhan. We received a very generous donation of wool last week from a lovely lady from Garth. This group is free, just asks for a donation to the refreshments. The group meet in Cefn Library on **Monday** afternoons from **1.30pm** with two teachers to help beginners. Brenda from Cefn crochet will be on Calon FM on march 12th with myself to talk about and promote the group, whilst I promote my role. It is the afternoon slot of the Dave Williams Community Show.

The **Dee Boys** Cefn Men's Shed meets from **12.30-2.30pm** in the lower room of the George Edwards Hall on **Wednesdays** All are welcome.

Cefn Creates is planning a fundraising and promotion event, to help raise funds to keep the group going and in the hope of recruiting some new members.

We are currently working on individual pieces of work which Jacqui the artist will then piece together to form a very famous painting. The group now have set up a committee and are looking for additional funding. Any art craft donations are gladly welcome. The group will also be making and selling wooden butterflies for the garden soon. The group meet every **Friday** morning **10- 12** noon in the main hall of the **George Edward's Hall**.

Dementia Tour Bus will be coming to Plas Madoc Leisure Centre on **25th April 2019**. People will have to ring up to book a place. I am awaiting the posters which will have the contact number to book on. So look out for the posters and leaflets.

Please feel free to contact me on **07925 048711** or email :- cefncommunityagent@gmail.com



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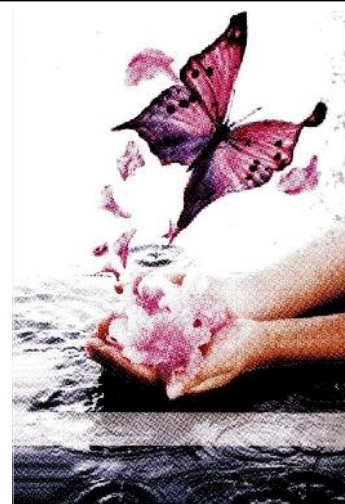
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This March we will be displaying artwork by local artist **Jaqui Kiff**, Come and have a browse at her fabulous work.

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If your daughter aged 7-9 is interested in joining Brownies we meet at Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Plas Kynaston Lane on Thursdays during term time from **6.15 to 7.45 pm**, cost is £2.00 per night.

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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council have received complaints again 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. A number of complaints have been sent to council regarding graves in the **Garden of Remembrance** section. There has been a significant increase in the number of objects being placed on and around some gravestones. These include solar lights, glass lanterns, vases and various types of ornaments. This is a health & safety risk, which is a potential injury risk both to the maintenance contractor of the cemetery and the public. Council will allow a 12" x 12" memorial tablet with a flower vase incorporated within it. No other containers, trinkets can be placed. Under no circumstances will council allow any kerbs, stones or chippings in the Garden of Remembrance Area.

Do you have a few hours to spare? Council are interested to hear from volunteers to carry out litter picks in the community. Hi-vis jackets and litter grabbers will be provided please contact the Clerk for more information.

Cefn Community Council are looking at the possibility of purchasing **three defibrillators** for the community, locations to be decided. We are looking for community groups to come on board to help with fundraising, we have a perfect venue in the **George Edwards Hall** to hold events. If you are interested in donating for this worthy cause or want to help with fundraising please contact the **Clerk** for further information on **01978 821298**.

The **Free Playscheme** will be operating during the **Easter 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.

Hall Hire: need a venue for Parties, Meetings, Events, Stage Productions or more why not book the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. We have free car parking at the rear covered by CCT, phone the Clerk for details or call in and check availability with the Caretaker. We are open **Monday to Thursday 8am to 2pm** outside of these times The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** email cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

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DanceZone Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 9pm

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Cefn Creates Arts Group Fridays from 10am to 12 noon.

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Registration is in the **University Sports Hall** at **9.30am on Monday 15th April**. The course then runs 10-12.30 on **15th, 16th and 17th April**.

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TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

Wednesdays 4th April, 1st May and 5th June 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 30th March Craft Class: Felt Making. A Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site 10th Anniversary Event. Learn to craft beautiful pictures with sheep fleece. Make a picture to take home and one to add to the WHS 10th anniversary patchwork collage. From 11am to 4pm. Suitable for 16+. All materials are provided. £30 per person (£10 reduction for piece added to the patchwork) To book a place, please contact **junemclaughlin@btinternet.com** or phone **01978 711941** for further details.

Wednesday 17th April Wooden Coasters Make an Easter gift with a difference. Sessions from 1.30pm 3.30pm suitable for all ages £2.60.

Sunday 21st April Easter Trail Drop in and solve the clues, find your way around the trail, takes approximately 1 hour. From 11am to 3pm suitable for all ages £2.60.

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

Ask about sponsoring one 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 www.wrexham.gov.uk/CountryParksParking



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Refreshments will be available, and a Grand Raffle will be drawn on the evening. We have now created a new Facebook page dedicated to the Cefn Mawr Historical Society. Please visit it to find the latest news of the Society's programme and activities.

The Society would like to pay tribute to **Howard Paddock**, who died recently. Howard was a founder member, and the Society's first Archivist. He devoted his time to studying the history of Cefn Mawr and was a great supporter of our Museum. We offer our condolences to his family at this time.

CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Our Special Exhibition, Paul Smith's collection of royal memorabilia, will continue on display from until the end of March. In addition, we have a very special collection of nursing medals with supporting photos and documents, put together by Steve Jones. Our Facebook page (Cefn Mawr and District Museum) continues to be well followed, and we also have our own website up and running please go to www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk

We continue our 'Museum in a Box' visits, the next one to be held at the Memory Clinic at Chirk Hospital, now a regular venue for us. We also welcome schools and other community groups to come and visit us in the Museum.

We are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-12.30. Our second Saturday of the month openings (same times) have now started. We look forward to seeing you when you come to visit us in the Waterloo Room at the rear of the George Edwards Hall. Admission is free and there is good parking off the Tesco roundabout. Telephone us on **07972 528626** for bookings or to request a visit.

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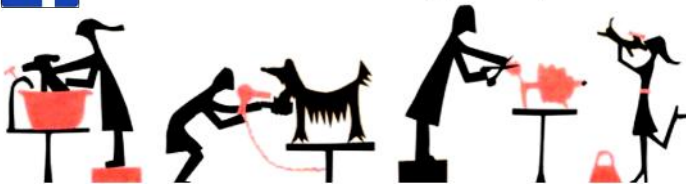
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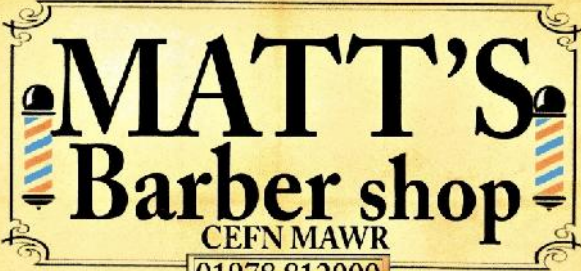


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The Towers Day Nursery welcomed several new children when we returned after Christmas. They are all settling in well and are enjoying the varied,

nursery activities.

The children have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year, St Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day. They have enjoyed stories, art/craft work and baking Welsh Cakes and also dressing up. For St David's Day the children have been making Welsh flags, leeks and daffodils; as well as dressing up in traditional costume or a Welsh football/rugby top on March 1st. For Mothering Sunday we have been busy making cards and gifts.

Now that Spring is in the air there will be more opportunity for outdoor play and for work on the nursery garden. The children will soon be busy planting seeds and putting in plants ready for the Summer.

The staff have been busy too, renewing their First Aid Certificates. The nursery has also received an award from Wrexham Council for Environmental Standard and has been awarded a certificate from the Tiny Tums scheme – an N.H.S. initiative to encourage healthy eating in the nursery sector. Contact us on: **Tel 01978 822446.**

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Our March Newsletter is now out and we're pleased to say that our list of subscribers is steadily growing. Hopefully that's an indication that our subscribers like what they are getting. Do get in touch to let us know what you think of it, and let us know if there's anything you'd like to see us include. If you've not already done so you can subscribe through this link: <http://eepurl.com/dILvhD>

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Read on to find out! The Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship (CMCF) has been exploring *The Secret of Happiness* at our monthly **The Meeting Place** gatherings and it seemed a good song to sing! We're also singing **"Bring me Sunshine"** - the song Morecambe and Wise used as their signature tune for many years. We believe that church shouldn't be starchy or boring, nor full of unknown rules about what to do or say. We like to have some fun as we learn and worship at our café-style gatherings - that's why we use comedy clips like Mr. Bean's.

We usually chat about a topic in table groups over cuppas and cakes before learning more about it together. We have a Prayer Board for our prayer requests and some simple prayers to end our time. The 30 or so who come on the first Sunday of each month love this informal and friendly way of 'doing church' - it's easy to come in and join in! There's something for everyone with all-age colouring, a little ones play area, help yourself refreshments anytime - even gluten-free cakes! So come and give us a try - **first Sundays from 10.15am** for a 10.30am start that's **7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July** in the months ahead.

The CMCF also host monthly **Socials from 7.00-9.00pm in the CRNCA Centre**. These are almost religion free with good food and friendship to share.

On **Thursday 14th. March** we're *Celebrating Spring* with a **JUST DESSERTS** special where a variety of scrummy puddings will be the main attraction! All our events are **free** because God's love is freely available to all. In fact, instead of giving us our "just desserts" for less than perfect lives, God freely offers us forgiveness, acceptance, life everlasting *and so much more!* Our **upcoming Socials** are on **18 April, 16 May, 13 June and 18 July**. Give us a try on a Thursday or a Sunday - *or both!* - at the CRNCA Centre, Bro Gwilym - beside the Cefn schools. Call us on **01978 810761** to find out more

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LOCAL SPORTS NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

CEFN UNITED FC

It's been a busy start to the new year for all the sections here at Church Fields, the weather has been pretty kind to us and not too many games postponed. All the age groups are continuing to improve thanks to the great coaching they're receiving from our qualified coaches. The season is flying by and we're already thinking about end of season presentations where the players achievements get rewarded with a trophy for every player and also extra trophy's for the players who have shown exceptional development through the season voted for by parents, coaches and fellow players. The club has also been lucky enough to secure funding for coaches to go on and improve their skills which the club can pass down to the children so a busy summer ahead for the coaches to get ready for next season. Unfortunately were still having issues with people letting their dogs loose on the pitch and surrounding areas so once again we're asking that can people please think about what there doing and keep dogs on a lead at all times and not to enter the playing surface even with the dog on a lead.



CEFN MAWR RANGERS

The Club would like to thank everyone who has supported us through Tesco Cefn's 'Bags of Help'. The funds from the will help greatly towards our new youth division, where we will look to enter an U13 team into the local youth league, with also a lot of interest in the U7 or U8 age group Lookout for posters locally and social media posts for more news but if you would like more information about the youth teams, whether you or you children want an involvement, or to enquire about sponsorship opportunities, or anything else, then just get in touch through email cefnmawrrangers@gmail.com or via twitter and Facebook.



There's not been many fixtures of late, so it's a great opportunity to talk about people at the club, and some of the things they've been involved in. Club treasurer **Sarah Warburton**, made the final nominations for WCBCs Sports Volunteer of the year, losing out to deserved winner Delwyn Derrick of Bellevue FC. It was a great evening, well attended and supported by local groups covering pan-disability and abled bodied sports people, volunteers, clubs and schools. We hope to return next year !

Our reserve team manager, **Robbie Pugh** sadly lost his wife to Sepsis and has held a variety of events fundraising for research into finding a cure. Robbie has a great passion for darts and is well known for organising the Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League. His Darts Knockout competition at the Stanton in Chirk in her memory was a successful fundraiser with proceeds going towards the £2500 he has so far raised for SepsisUK. Sepsis is known as the Silent Killer, taking around 52,000 lives a year.

Also Cefn Mawr Rangers player, **Luke Price** completed Wrexham's Half Marathon in February, raising almost £370 for the UKSepsis Trust. Well done Luke.

Sarah Warburton, is currently doing the Swim22 Challenge set by DiabetesUK.

Between 22 February and the 22 May swim the equivalent of the English Channel in your local pool getting sponsored for every length, covering 22 miles at your own pace and time. You can take on the swimming challenge alone or, better still, get your family, friends and colleagues involved. You can even split the 22 miles between a team to make it easier for everyone.

At the time of writing, Sarah has covered 6.8 miles in 6 sessions, so far raising over double her £100 target.

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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 Plas Madoc Leisure Centre has successfully applied to deliver Levels 1 & 2 of the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS). NICAS provides the structure and motivation for new climbers to develop their climbing skills in order that they may gain the most out of their sport; as well as having their achievements recognised. GCSE, A level and BTEC students are often able to follow the NICAS syllabus to achieve the climbing element of their qualification. By delivering NICAS at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre we aim to promote good practice, deeper knowledge of the sport and provide a structure for climbing development. Running the Scheme builds on the successes the centre has had in rebuilding the facility for the local community. Steph the centre climbing instructor will be delivering new courses .

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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.

We love your old books.

If you have old or unused books don't throw them away bring them down to the Leisure Centre and leave them on our honesty table, our supporters and

customers love to check out the books on offer and leave us a donation. It's yet another way you can help raise money for our fantastic community Leisure Centre!

Look out for our Easter programme, we will have extended swimming and other activities for the kids! Please check out our website:

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Plas Madoc Community Support Officer

Apigail Land PCSO 3926

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Cllr Paul Blackwell Councillor for Plas Madoc

Residents can contact me on **07855 620891**

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What to do...

Deposit cash in a safe place such as banks and other financial institution. Not in the house. Just keep what is needed for weekly needs.

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If you have security lights or cctv, check they are working.

Be confident to talk to the caller through your door or front window.

Always use a security chain if you have one and get one fitted if you are able.

Before answering the front door, make sure the back door is locked.

Always ask for identification before letting anyone in to your home. If they don't have identification, ask them to come back with some, and don't be fobbed off. Check their identification and ring the organisation they purport to represent. Close the door whilst you check. Legitimate representatives will not mind waiting outside.

Contact your service providers and check what security measures they take before sending a representative to your home. This may be passwords or written confirmation of pre-arranged appointments for example. Make a note of the arrangement in place and keep it by the door (keep passwords elsewhere in a safe place).

You can report things via NWP's website, using 101, Chatline or 999 if there is a crime in progress. Alternatively, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS School Transport Application New Process 2019

With effect from 1st March 2019, parents are able to apply for their child's free school transport via the Council's online Citizen's Portal. Since September 2013, parents have applied for school places using the Portal, direct to the Council's Education Admissions department. Now, School Transport Applications will be accessed in the same manner.

Wrexham.gov.uk Citizen Portal

Parents will only be able to make application for transport after their child's school place is confirmed by Admissions on the 1st March, and will then have until 31st March to apply for transport via the Portal for the new term in September. Parents will be notified of the decision by email no later than 31st July. Parents are reminded that free transport is only provided to pupils attending their nearest suitable school and then only where the walking distance from Home to School is more than 2 miles for Primary, and 3 miles for Secondary.



Well done to all the Wrexham AFC U16 Youth players Bobby, Matty, Steff and in particular Ysgol Rhiwabon student Scott who received their Welsh Caps and shirts from Joey Jones and John Mills. Well deserved.



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TYGER'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Big thank you to **Raf** from **Wales Probation Service** and the fantastic **Community Service Team** for their help with our recent spring clean at **Rhosymedre Methodist Chapel**.

I had received a number of complaints about the state of the footpath opposite so we also cleared that. Between the two areas we shifted 8 tonne bags of leaves and green waste, a great result and all recycled at Plas Madoc Recycling Centre.



YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

Year 2 Road Safety Thank you to Walk Wise for visiting school and working with staff to teach the children how and where to cross the road safely. The children went into the local area and learned of the dangers of the road and how to avoid them



Year 2 Ice Sculptures Pupils in Year 2 took full advantage of the very cold weather by making ice sculptures using natural materials as part of their forest school sessions. The sculptures were displayed on a tree and looked beautiful when the sun shone through them. Very creative Year 2!

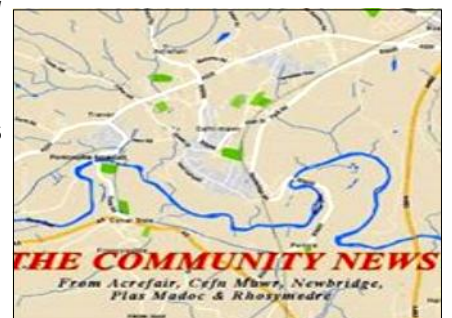
Super Science Week We held a Super Science Week in February based on the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. Mad Science Theatre visited school and held a whole school assembly with pupils taking part in many experiments. The pupils have been looking at ingredients and making healthy and disgusting sandwiches. Many pupils visited the local park to investigate pushing and pulling. Pupils have been working in the forest school and the older children have made presentations on digestion. The pupils have had a fun learning week.



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MAELOR BOXING CLUB

Cory Jones was picked to represent Wales v England recently, he lost his bout on a split 3-2, the Welsh team coach and the Welsh judge said that Cory should have won and were not very happy about it but that's boxing. Cory has been back down to Cardiff to train in the squad for the next international and hopefully he will be boxing on the home show on the 30th March in St Martins. The Club is getting good feed back from S Wales where the Welsh team are very impress with him and said with hard work he can go far.

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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

It has been a busy but great start to the year in Ysgol Acrefair. With the new term came some new topics including 'the 'Heart and Blood' in year 6 and 'Around the World' in Year 2.

The children in Year 5 were visited by Size of Wales for a workshop relating to their rainforest topic. Their artwork on this theme is beautiful and they should be very proud of it.

The children in Reception have been busy exploring lots of new and exciting items in their 'wonder area' within the classroom.

Our children in Years 1 and 2 have visited the zoo and enjoyed seeing the big cats made out of Lego and Year 4 have been on a residential visit to Glan Llyn. During the residential the children took part in lots of activities including canoeing, a high ropes course and wall climbing. They also did falconry and had lots of opportunities to develop their welsh skills.



Our third year of the Lead Creative Schools project has now begun and we are excited to be working with Ben Davies and Ed Holden aka 'Mr Phormula' again to enhance our writing skills through engagement with the arts. The creative practitioners are also working in Rhosymedre school this term and we are looking forward to sharing the learning between the two schools. The focus of the project is myths and legends in the local area and the practitioners are working with our year 3 class. The children in Year 3 have already done some beautiful work linked to the Iron Man by Ted Hughes and we are excited to see how the project helps to enhance their learning even further.

Mr Maddocks has now set up a book club for years 3 and 4 and the children attending this are enjoying reading 'The Flying Bedroom' by Heather Dyer.

This term we are continuing our work with Wrexham's play development team on the Greentime project we are looking forward to having some supported play workshops after half term.

We are continuing to enjoy lots of different sporting activities within school. This term the junior girls have attended weekly football sessions held by Wrexham FC. They have already developed some fantastic skills.

In the final week of term many children also attended the cross country event in Dinas Bran- well done to all who took part.





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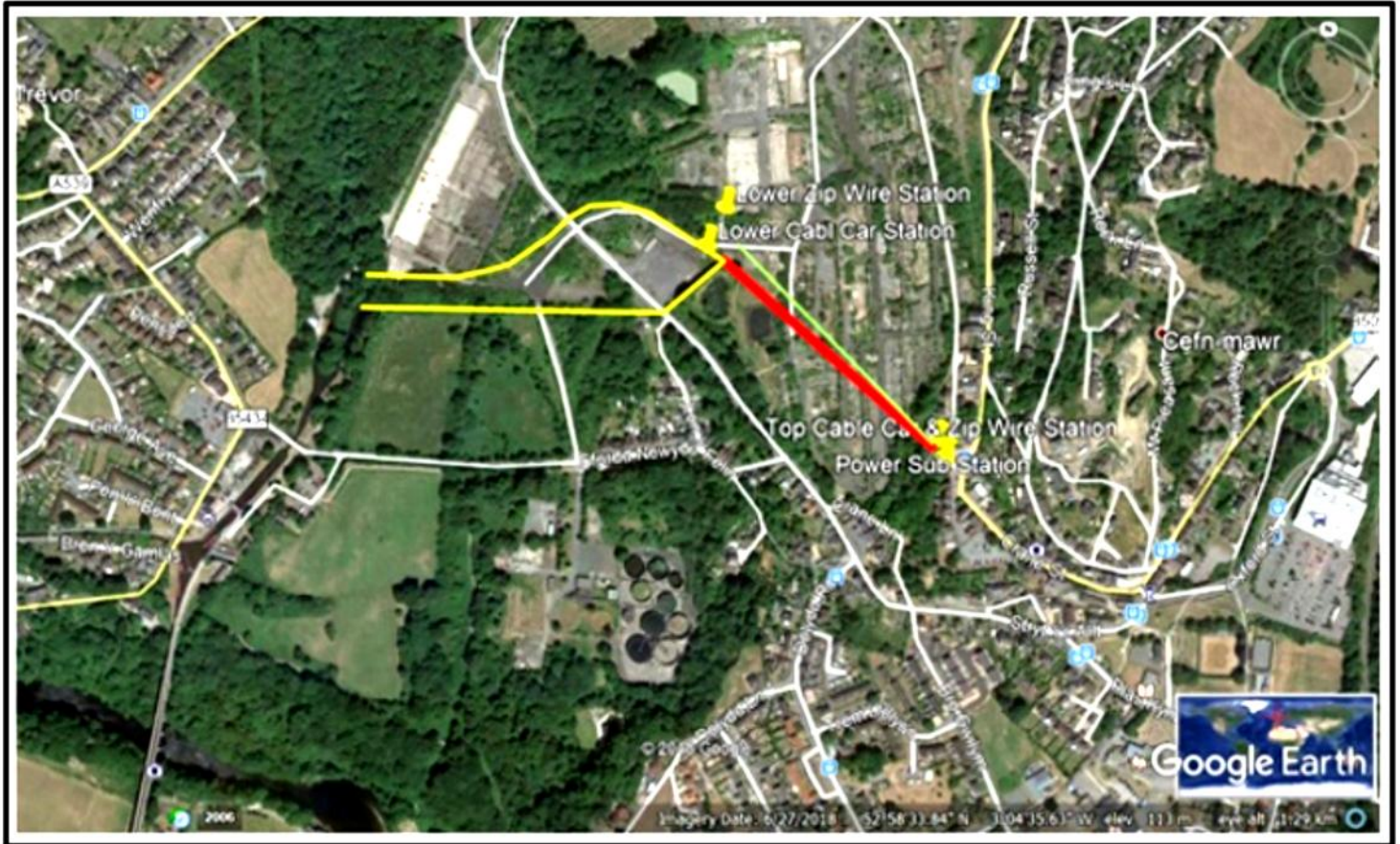
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PKC GROUP UPDATE



We have been pursuing the concept of a cable car system (Red) to link Cefn Mawr Village Centre via the Crane to WBG, Windborne Gateway Parking (yellow) and backed up by Zip Wires (Green). Installation of such a system with the correct road signage and traffic management can increase the visitor count from 330,000 a year at the aqueduct to 500,000. The Cable Car and Zip Wires acting as a Tourist Attraction and Urban Transport system would provide significant foot fall into our village centre where it will be necessary to reopen the Ebenezer as an Arts & Visitor Centre for Cefn Mawr, as you may have seen in the papers.

We cannot tempt tourists onto the Cable Car with the offer of a couple of pints in the Holly Bush Inn! Yes, we have a vested Interest in making this happen. Our pub will only do as well as the community that surrounds it, so the more we can do for our community, the better it will be for our pub. We estimate 30 jobs split between the WBG, Cable Car & Zip Wires and the Ebenezer as an Arts and Visitor Centre for Cefn Mawr at the centre of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site (WHS) corridor.

If WCBC & partners will work with us for the inclusion of our community in the WHS to bring tourism on a commercially viable basis to our village centre this will take approximately 2 years to complete. This will give all our local shop keepers time to prepare for a large influx of people which will stimulate growth and economic regeneration, which has currently stalled. With increased business activity in our village centre this will no doubt raise the employment opportunity available in the retail sector, hence more jobs again.

The significant finance for this project will be found through a combination of private investment, bank loans and whatever grant funding we can secure. However, to make all this happen we need WCBC, CRT & partners to work with us for the Economic Regeneration of our community through Sustainable Tourism Development. So, let's hope they do. We can have a better future if we want it and try for it.

Regards,

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