



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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FROM AFGHANISTAN TO HOCKENHEIM!

Welsh Guardsman Daniel Holland of Cefn Mawr was medically discharged after being injured on active service in Afghanistan August 2012. His injuries included loss of hearing and deafness, multiple shrapnel wounds, a

traumatic brain injury and PTSD. Known as Danny to most people he has been part of Cefn Albion FC for many years this and motor racing have played a massive part in his long road to recovery. He was introduced to *Mission Motorsports* the forces motorsport charity as something that may engage him as part of his recovery this has been a fantastic opportunity as Daniel has now been gifted a full session of racing in *Lotus Cup Europe*



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We are now starting to take names for the September intake of children aged 3, both as fee payers and funded Childcare Offer places (please message for eligibility criteria). We will be holding open days for anyone who would like to have a look around and will announce dates as soon as they are confirmed but you can get your child's name on the list now by messaging the child's name, date of birth and how many days you would like to our Facebook page Find us at the Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham LL14 3PA Phone: **07980 754604**

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This will take him racing on some of the most famous race tracks in the world and also in the **Lotus Elise Cup** which is just UK based.

His family and friends are very proud of his success so far - also he has sponsorship from a few local companies; *Acrefair Pizza & Kebab House* and *Westminster Stone* in St Martins where Daniel is a valued member of staff.

Daniel is very excited about the coming years and his racing adventures ahead, His first race of the season was at Hockenheim where he finished 4th in class - just narrowly missing out on a podium finish. This is a tremendous accomplishment for Daniel who is racing against others who have raced on these race tracks for many years and are extremely experienced racing drivers. Everyone would like to wish him all the best for his racing year ahead.





Pontcysyllte

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10 years since inscription as a
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WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Ani Sutton: Canal & River Trust & World Heritage Site Stakeholder Partnership Chair

Celebrating 10 years of being of a World Heritage Site has already begun with events being added to the calendar to enable everyone to take part in the celebrations. Keep an eye on www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk for the latest news, more will be added as the year goes on. Here are three activities that are coming up soon that would be perfect for children and young people to experience the waterways:

LEGO Master Steve Guinness – The Brick Guys at Trevor Basin Visitor Centre. Steve Guinness will be joining us at Trevor Basin Visitor Centre to build a 3+ meter scale model of our beloved Pontcysyllte



Aqueduct. This is a free event for all ages and takes place **1st June 2nd June, 7th Sept & 8th Sept.**

Lets Fish: Fishing Taster sessions on Llangollen Canal

Let's Fish provides an opportunity for children and young people to have a go at Fishing and realise just how alive the waterways are. All equipment is provided, and qualified coaches are on hand to share their expertise and guide the participants to have a great time exploring the waterways with a rod. These events are free and will take place at Trevor and Gledrid in Chirk on the following dates:

Trevor: 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June & 29th June and Chirk: 6th July 13th July, 20th July

It is essential that you book your place on Eventbrite and all the details on how to do this are on the website.

Go with the Flow: Poetry Competition

We know that people feel better by water and we want to hear about it through Children's poems. The competition launched in May and details are available on the website but also can be got from the *Trevor Basin Visitor Centre*. There are three age categories and the winner from each category will have a VIP trip with friends and family on their very own Horse drawn boat in August from Llangollen Wharf. What a prize!



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Plas Madoc	
29 th May	Heol Abon car park (Cefn)
6 th June	Bronywaun (Chirk)
12 th June	Ruabon
27 th June	Glyn Ceiriog
11 th July	Walden Crescent (Chirk)
5 th Sept	Trevor



PLAS MADOC ESTATE OFFICE GARDEN COMPETITION 2019.

This year the Estate Office will be holding a Garden Competition for our Tenants. We will have the following categories:

Best Garden & Runner up

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Also Best Sheltered & Runner up.

The Judging will take place in June, tenants can be nominated or complete an entry form obtainable from the Estate Office, please contact **Alyn Griffiths** on **01978 81300** or call into the Estate Office.

Closing date for entries is 14 June 2019



TESCO BAGS OF HELP ~ CEFN

All the Groups winning a place in our voting unit at the front of store are **LOCAL!!**

The latest winners in order are: **Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Llangollen Scouts** and **lfton Colliery Band**.

The new projects for May and June are: **Chirk Town Council playground equipment for disabled children, StopSo Survivors Wrexham** and **Ysgol Min-y-Ddol**.

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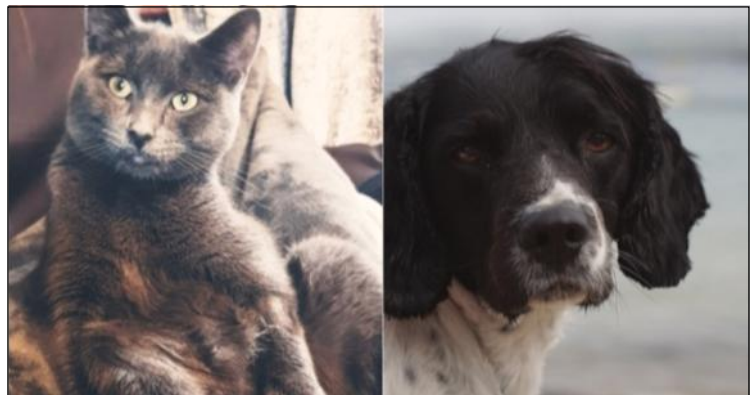
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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

The children looked very patriotic in traditional dress and colours of the Welsh flag to celebrate our **School Eisteddfod**. Children performed songs and poetry and sang the Welsh National Anthem to open the Eisteddfod and Lan Y Mor in their house choirs. There were competitions for Art, Technology and story writing. Special thank you to judges Mrs Mair Evans (local musical director), Mrs Ferron-Evans (Headteacher Ysgol Rhiwabon), Mrs Lloyd-Jones, Mrs V Williams (local Librarian), Miss A Jones

(Literacy subject leader and Mrs Ellis (Welsh subject leader). Thank you to Mrs Thrussell for all of your help. We are very proud of the children. We also held a winners concert for families with children who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in poetry and individual singing competition. Pupils and staff celebrated **World Book Day** by dressing up as a character from a book. We had a special assembly and all classes worked on the story 'The Fox and The Star'. Thank you to families for your fantastic effort in providing costumes for the children, they all looked brilliant! We also shared the good news that we have won the **Tesco Bags for Help** and we will receive £4,000. We have already started revamping the 2 outdoor classrooms to turn them into outdoor reading libraries. The grant will also go towards improving our indoor reading areas. In the summer term we will be asking for parent volunteers to help us make story sacks and props for the children.



Pupils enjoyed their 3 day visit to **Glan Lllyn** in Bala. They experienced raft building, canoeing, orienteering, climbing wall, archery, high ropes, swimming, tenpin bowling, a disco, falconry display and Welsh bingo. An action packed few days and plenty of opportunity to practice their Welsh language skills. Well done to the pupils for having a go at all of the activities and thank you to staff for giving up your time to accompany the pupils.



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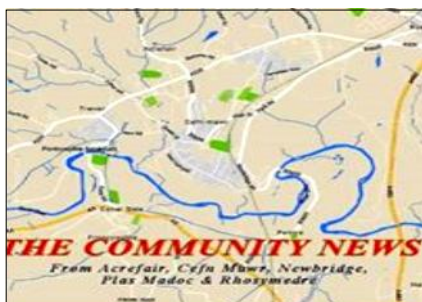
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COMMUNITY AGENTS NEWS

We have had some interesting community events already since Easter with CRNCA's **Swish Saturday Swap Shop** and Cefn Creates **Table Top Sale**.

Raise The Roof "Community Singing for Everyone" will begin on **Thursday June 6th** at 6.30pm in St Johns Church, Rhosymedre. Come along if you enjoy music, whether you can sing or not. this is a fun group, a place to come and switch off connect with people and of course there will be tea. coffee and cake. Donation of £1 subs each week. Anybody who wishes to help **Cefn Crochet, Knit and Natter, Dee Boys Men's Shed** and **Cefn Creates** to assist in the community collaboration project for the world heritage ten year celebration can you please call in to Cefn Creates in the George Edwards Hall on Friday mornings between 10am -12noon and speak to the artist leading the project Jacqui Kiff.



Plas Telford A lovely display of Easter Bonnet and Crafts produced by the residents. Come along to **Tai Chi** with Lindsay in Plas Telford every **Thursday** at £2 a session open to public 10-11am with the group stopping for a coffee and free cake costing £1 afterwards.

CRNCA Lunch Club every **Wednesday**, lunch served at 12.30pm £3 for 2 courses, booking essential call **07531 310335** to book.

Communities for Work are in Cefn Library every Friday from 1-4pm with free courses and craft sessions. They have a Free Fire Home Safety presentation on **Friday 24th May** from 1pm to 2pm Come along to this interesting presentation by North Wales Fire Service and learn tips on keeping your home safe. Please ring Juliet on **01978 820520** to book your place. Please feel free to contact me on **07925 048711** or email :- cefncommunityagent@gmail.com



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Wednesdays 5th June, 1st July and 7th August

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 8th June Craft Class: Needle Felt Lamas Craft Class taster session. Make your own llama from fleece. All materials are provided. 1pm- 4pm 16+ £15 per person. To book a place, please contact **junemclaughlin@btinternet.com** or phone **01978 711941** for further details.

Wednesday 10th July Balsam Bashing

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Visit **Linden's Cupcakes** here at Ty Mawr for tasty toasties, cakes and more when you visit the park. Have you booked your place at our Afternoon Tea on Saturday 6th July supporting the Alzheimer's Society charity, £10 per person. Are you booked in ? Not many places left and thank you to all who have booked in already, you'll have a great day

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After working in Cefn Library for 15 years, Vicky has had a new job working on the **Homelink Library**. She would like to thank customers and friends of Cefn library for the lovely cards, flowers, chocolates and countless bottles of bubbly.... and, to all the children of both schools for their lovely homemade cards... she will miss everyone and will still be popping in for a catch up with everyone.



Mondays: Cefn Crochets Fancy learning a new skill or sharing your hobby with others? Cefn Crochets meets every Monday 1-3pm. Complete beginners most welcome. Refreshments provided.

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CAB - Citizens Advice drop in service are here every Wednesday to offer free impartial advice - 1.30-4.30

Lego Club – If you love Lego, come and build whatever your imagination allows. Every Thursday 3.30-4.30 50p per child. Lego club will be running through the summer holidays.

Wednesday 22nd May

Elmer Day – to celebrate 30 years of Elmer, we will be having lots of FREE Elmer themed crafts and activities. 3.30-4.30 suitable for ages 2+.

Friday 31st May

Learn to Hair braid – Free event, contact the library for more information. 1-3pm.

Friday 21st June

Introduction to Ancestry - Free event, contact the library for more information. 1-3pm.

Monday 20 May, 24 June & 22 July

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LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY NEWS



Llangollen Railway has been negotiating the acquisition of a historic horse-drawn dray from the turn of the last century. We now need your help to purchase and transport it back to the railway for public display and operation during special events. It was the property of a gentleman who formerly worked at the Swindon railway works. The Great Western Railway horse dray was discovered in a domestic garage earlier this year in Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, having been stored there since the early 1960s.

This rare example was built by the Great Western Railway and bears the works No. 3314. It dates back to the turn of the 1900s. The design was classified by the Great Western Railway as a "Trolley" and refers to the fact that there was no permanent seating arrangement for the drayman, as he was expected to sit on the load.

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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members of the Councils **Youth Committee** visited residents of *Llys y Craig* in April to present them with copies of the WW1 booklet which council produced in November to commemorate the end of the First World War. We had a lovely morning and enjoyed nice cakes and a cuppa.

Council updated their rules for **Trefynant Cemetery** at the Council meeting held in March, signs have been placed in the cemetery. Please contact the clerk if you require further information.



Cefn Community Council are now signed up to the **Safer Places Scheme**, which is an initiative from Wrexham Council. The scheme is free to join and free to use, A safe place can be any venue open to the public. The safe place will have a sticker on the window staff will be there to help you to contact someone. They will be friendly and you can wait safely until someone arrives. We will be hosting training for Safer Places over the next few months, please look out for posters with times and dates.

Just a reminder that **Plas Kynaston Bowling Green** is open to the general public Monday to Thursday 8am-4.30pm and Friday 8am-3.30pm

Following an appeal in the last edition of the Community News I'm pleased to report that **Craig Roberts Butchers** has started the fundraising campaign for purchasing a defibrillator for the community. Craig has a **Just Giving** page online and is accepting donations in the shop. If you are interested in donating for this worthy cause then please donate online, at the shop or you can bring your donations to the council office.

Cefn Community Council will be holding its **Annual Garden Competition** on **Friday 28th June**, again this year there will be four different categories. Best small garden, best large garden, best containers/hanging baskets & best community garden and is open to all who live in the Ward. Please contact the clerk for an application form or call in the office.



Once again we will soon be joined by Derwen Collage Students to get our baskets and planters ready for the summer, kindly supported by Tesco's who give a hand and



provide lunch.

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.

The **Free Playscheme** will be operating during the **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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On alternate Tuesdays starting from **14 May the Centre will close at 5.30pm.**

In addition, the Centre will be closed on the second Saturday of each month as this coincides with our monthly meetings.

GOING OUT LOCALLY

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Members enjoyed the March meeting, when Dave Jones, Chair of the Fron Male Voice Choir, gave a talk on the story and achievements of the Choir over its long and interesting history.



The Society's AGM was held in April, after the re-election of officers and committee we welcomed Peter Read who give an entertaining talk entitled 'The Ghost of Dylan Thomas'.

Our next talk **on May 31st** at 7pm is by David Walker on '*Royal Mail Routes through North East Wales*'. Then on the **28th June** we have Gwyndaf Owen on '*Past and present healthcare in Wrexham*'.

Admission is free to Members, £2 to non members and guests on the door. Refreshments available, and a Grand Raffle will be drawn on the evening. We have a Facebook page dedicated to the Cefn Mawr Historical Society. Please visit it to find the latest news of the Society's programme and activities.

CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

The *Special Exhibition* which will run until the summer is about '*The Shops of Cefn Mawr*'. In addition, we continue to 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** is well followed and we also have our own website **www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk**

We continue our '*Museum in a Box*' visits to various groups and communities across the area — the most recent was a very enjoyable session at the Field Club, Ruabon. We also welcome schools and other community groups to come and visit us in the Museum.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-12.30 and the second Saturday of the month openings (same times). 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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30 July (full day) Betws-y-coed & Llandudno.
6 August (½) Derwent, Gobowen.
13 August (full day) Liverpool.
20 August lunch canal boat Trevor basin.
27 Aug To be announced. Starting time for all bus trips will be 9.30 am from **The Duke of Wellington**.
1/2 day trips will be back by 1.30 pm
Full day trips will be back by 5.30 pm
Acrefair residents over the age of sixty who would be interested in joining club members on the trips, are asked to contact **Peter Wright** on **01978 823213** as numbers are obviously limited. The Club meets every Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.30 am during term time at The Activity Centre on the campus of Ysgol Acrefair. New members are welcome.

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We are an Early Entitlement setting, children who have their third Birthday between September and Easter are entitled to a free session 5 days per week. We also offer Flying Start provision, a free session 5 days per week for 2 year olds (eligibility is based on address, please enquire for more Information.

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If you are unable to make this date give us a call and we will arrange a suitable date and time for you to visit. For more information please contact -

Emma Davies-Matthews

Kiddies World, Ysgol Acrefair, Llangollen Road Acrefair, Wrexham LL14 3SH

Phone **01978 810242**

THE FRON WALKING GROUP

We meet on the third Saturday of the month at **11.30am** from the **Fron Community Centre**. New Members welcome. Walks are usually around 5 miles, dogs must be on leads and we have refreshments at the walk end. For more information please call **01691 778286**.



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A MEAL TO REMEMBER?

At the Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship, we recently shared our memories about "a meal to remember" - a meal that was special because of the food, or the family or friends it was shared with... We then thought about the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples: a meal to remember because of its significance, but also because he said they should remember him whenever they broke bread and drank wine together - signs of his broken body and shed blood. Easter can seem such a sad and sorrowful time but we also need to recall that the day Jesus died is called GOOD Friday, and that he rose again as promised on that first Easter Sunday. Death is defeated! The tragic loss of life in Sri Lanka this Easter Day reminds us also that Christ's victory over death is ours in his kingdom to come and not always in our present day. Yet we can pray to know victory over the fear that suffering can bring, and that good will flourish over evil in our world today. Around the world, over 60 Christian denominations are joining to pray **The Lord's Prayer**, especially the line "THY KINGDOM COME". The Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship is joining in this hopeful prayer to see more of heaven on earth. If you know The Lord's Prayer please join in daily.

ANOTHER PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

From May to July our monthly gatherings on the first Sundays (2 June, 7 July) at the CRNCA Centre, Bro Gwilym, will be thinking about another traditional prayer, written 800 years ago but still used by many people in our day. It was used in the 1970s musical *Godspell* and says:

Day by day,

O Dear Lord, three things I pray:

to see you more clearly,

to love you more dearly

and follow you more nearly, day by day.

This is another prayer you may want to pray regularly if you would like to draw nearer to God. Many who may rarely go to church, often pray sincerely - you may be one. We seek to "do church differently" and would love to welcome you to our relaxed and friendly way of learning more of God's loving care for all. We also have **MONTHLY SOCIALS** - call us on **810761** for dates and details.

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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

The Spring term was a very busy one in Ysgol Acrefair. All of the children took part in Celebrating Wales week which included our eisteddfod. We were overwhelmed by the quality of the entries for all of the competitions this year and the performances from each class were brilliant. Each week we now have an assembly in Welsh which is led by Miss Woodward and Mrs Rosen and it is really raising the profile of the Welsh language in school and our pride in being Welsh.

All of the children took part in workshops delivered by the Food Standards Agency and the children in Key Stage 2 have also enjoyed their work on financial skills awareness. We celebrated our own 'Hooked on Books' day at the beginning of March and the children made a 'book in a jar' or a potato dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate- again the children put so much thought into these and we were blown away by their efforts.

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to Chester zoo to find out about animals and their different habitats. In Year 4 the children have been busy building the digestive system and exploring what happens to food from the moment we put it into our mouths. Year 4 have also taken part in the 'Bright Sparks' programme to learn all about the importance of 'STEAM' education in the 21st Century (Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths education).

We were joined by Wrexham's play development team as part of our work on the Greentime Project and all of the children loved the loose parts playtimes which we will be continuing to develop over the course of the summer term.

In Year 3 the children's Lead Creative School project was a wonderful success. The children worked with an artist and musician to explore how creative writing skills can be developed through engagement with the arts. Using 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as a focus, the children brought their robots to life using stop motion animation and the use of green screen technology. We are all excited to use this in other classes now that we have seen how brilliant the work that Year 3 did was!

NEW DOT SCREENINGS

Fri 24 May Bohemian Rhapsody As expected tickets for are selling FAST! Please book online, or pick up your tickets from the Oggie Shop & Fine Foods to avoid disappointment.

Fri 14 June The Favourite a darkly comic peek into the strange 18c world of Queen Anne and her courtiers.

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the Gym into the C21st, with users able to connect their smart phones to monitor fitness whilst watching their favourite programmes via Netflix and other online streaming services. The Gym now offers a brand new fitness experience and competitive prices, visit our website or call into Reception for more details on memberships.

FREE SWIMMING! Monday Night FREE SWIM!

Every Monday night, 5pm-6pm for local residents.

Junior Swim – Free sessions for local children 8+

First Friday of the month 6pm-7.30pm

Family Fun Swim – Free sessions for local Families

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FREE OVER 60s Swimming

Over 60? You can now swim for FREE at Plas Madoc, 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! From September onwards we will also be offering 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 & Sunday 10am-11.30am. From September we will be offering Junior Fitness in the Pool ages 11-16. Ask for more details.

Climbing Wall Why not try THE WALL at Plas Madoc, we now offer Junior & Adult climbing courses, call to book your place. We now offer private Parties on our Climbing Wall as well as private bookings. Please get in touch via 01978 821600 or email info@plas-madoc.com

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Private Roller Disco - £9 per child Min 12 - 45 mins

Bouncy Castle - £9 per child Min 12 - 45 mins

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.

We love your old books.

If you have old or unused books don't throw them away bring them 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 another way you can help raise money for our fantastic community Leisure Centre!



May Half Term!!

The Half Term is almost here! We have extended swimming & activities for the kids! 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 **Twitter** or **Facebook @PlasMadocLC**



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AFC CUP @ DRUIDS
 Congratulations to
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Final here at The Rock. Well done to everyone throughout the club who worked so hard to deliver such a fantastic day. Congratulations to TNS and Nomads for a great final and what a great turnout. The Club would like to thank all their sponsors and also like to thank the Community for their support. 'Football came home' said John Hughes Druids Chair.



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LOCAL SPORTS NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.



DRUIDS

Druids now guaranteed another season at the top of the Welsh Football Pyramid, Their impressive run in Phase 2 means that Druids secured league safety with 4 games to spare. This will be their 4th consecutive season the Welsh Premier League since their promotion from the Cymru Alliance. Although the team didn't reach the highs of Europa League Qualification as last season, they can be proud that a team of this size can still compete with the big budgets which now dominate the top level of Welsh Football.



In front of a bumper crowd at The Rock the Reserves side secured a 6-2 victory over Ruthin Town winning the WNL Reserves League Title! This comes on the back of the U19S securing the Welsh Premier Development League Title away at Newtown. The WPDLe is a particularly amazing achievement, the league has only ever been won by Connah's Quay, TNS and Bangor City since it's creation.

Congratulations must be given to Manager Shaun Colley, his backroom staff and all the players for this truly tremendous achievement. A presentation by the FAW was held before the KO at the first team game against Carmarthen, where the team were presented with winners medals and the two trophies.

CEFN MAWR RANGERS

With the season ended for our First and Reserves teams, we are put our focus towards the next exciting expansion of the Club, our first two teams of the new youth section. The Committee are inducting new volunteers onto official FAW courses, to provide safe, enjoyable footballing experiences for the kids of the wider locality, and we actively welcome anyone else who would like to get involved in this or the general running of the Club, or anyone who feels they could help us raise vital funds towards this project, we'd be please to hear from you. Look out for news soon via school newsletters, flyers and social media outlets when training dates and venues are confirmed. We were approached by local parents who had become frustrated at having to take their kids out of the area for football, we decided to introduce two age groups which were either not catered for at all, or over subscribed locally. So we have settled on U8's and U13's for the new season. To go with this inclusive mindset, and where league regulations allow, we fully encourage girls to join the boys in the football experience.



CEFN UNITED FC

The end of the season is here already and the players and club are looking forward to the presentation nights each section has organised at Druids Club. It's a time the we can say a huge thank you to the players, parents, coaches and volunteers that have give up their time to ensure the children can play football safely and in an environment they can have fun and express themselves on the pitch. The level of football achieved by the players gets better every season thanks to the hard work of our coaches. There will be a hard earned rest now for everyone for a few weeks and trials will start in July for the various age groups which will advertised locally so thanks to everyone who has come along to encourage the players this season, see our U9s photo below. On another note everyone at Cefn United would like to say congratulations to Cefn Albion for lifting the FAW trophy this season it's been a great year for local football.



In future years, if there is enough interest from players and volunteers, then a girls section may also be something for us to undertake, who knows. Congratulants to our Club secretary Daniel Richards who, as assistant to Shaun Colley at The Druids Reserves and the U19's teams, has had a great season, with both teams winning their respective league. Well done to Dan, Shaun, the players and all at Druids for a great season. Also to Club Coach and stalwart, Gav Pritchard, who is now providing match video analysis to both Druids and FAW. Gav has also completed his **FAW C** licence whilst studying for his BSc in Footballing Coaching and The Performance Specialist. Congratulations to Club Treasurer, Sarah Warburton, who completed a 22mile swim challenge in aid of Diabetes Research, ahead of schedule and more than double her sponsorship target. The future appears bright for Rangers, so if you want to get involved, want more information about what we do or can help with Sponsorship and Advertising, then get in touch through Facebook, Twitter or E-mail cefnmawrrangers@gmail.com





Arts Council Year 3 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an Arts Council project. This has involved pupils using 'Stop Frame Animation' and 'Green Screen Technology' to retell myths and legends. Staff and pupils have gained many new skills and ideas working with Ben and Ed; using art and sound effects to create the finished stories. Pupils were delighted to share their work with their parents during the celebration afternoon.



LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

Llangollen Museum has excellent talks and speakers booked for the coming months.

On **Wednesday 29th May** at 7.30pm, Graham Greasley is presenting 'Following in their footsteps' important and famous people who have visited this area in the last 900 years. Admission £3 and includes light refreshments.

On the evening of **Sunday 23th June** Andy Burnham the creator of the amazing Megalithic Portal will be speaking at Llangollen Museum. Details will be on the Council for British Archaeology Festival page more details will be posted to our page on Facebook.

On **Wednesday 26th June** a talk by Ian Taylor the *Well Hopper* on The Healing & Holy Well of North Wales at 7.30pm. Admission £3 and includes light refreshments.

In the Gallery: Memory Lane, artwork by local amateur artists Marjorie Pugh and Irving Stray and Stitch Scapes by Aubray Smith.

From **Tuesday 4 June** David Williams with The work of the late Peter Daley who died 2005.

Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with the museums events and activities.

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YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Bright Sparks Year 5 have been taking part in 'Bright Sparks' workshops fully funded by Scottish Power. Pupils undertook fun and interactive workshops and activities around the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and discuss opportunities for using these skills in the workplace.

Living History Year 4 pupils have staged an historic battle of Romans versus Celts. Although both sides fought fiercely and bravely, the Romans were victorious. A memorable and fitting end to their History topic this term.



Community Working Our PCSOs Steve and Abi are regularly in school and have been speaking to pupils in classes about the importance of good choices, good behaviour and the repercussions of being anti-social. Steve and Abi have also spent the afternoon in Hywel class teaching the pupils more about the job of the police in the local community. We are so proud of you all.

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Team Tesco Cefn Mawr : Lee White with Dean Millburn and Chris Williams cleaning the Dovecot.



CEFN CREATES FUNDRAISING EVENT

A big thank you to members of *Cefn Creates*, *Dee Boys Men's Shed* and *Cefn Crochet* who helped organise and set up the table top sale last Saturday, in the George Edwards hall. Such a lovely atmosphere everyone helping one another a great feeling of community spirit. Thank you everyone who took the time to pop in for a browse, chatted over coffee and cake. Some people have suggested this could be a regular event? The sale was organised to assist community groups to self fund, as the funding process takes such along time. There were so many lovely stalls. Everybody involved had a really great time. Please let me know if this is something you would like to happen regularly, or if you have any suggestions for events or groups.
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We welcome the **Fade Cave Barbers** on Well Street.

Old New n Funky Too opposite Evans Motor Factors are offering unique, one of pieces, they also do paint commission and small upholstery.





YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

Major investment in new 'flexible learning' style classrooms at Ysgol Rhiwabon, by Wrexham County Council, are coming into use. The concept of flexible learning spaces will be

underpinned by more mobile technology for students who will be able to interact with larger screens, each other and the teacher to generate true interactive learning in an environment that can also be arranged to meet different learning needs.



14 students from Years 9 and 10 were selected to attend the Phoenix Project in collaboration with North Wales Fire Service during the last week of the spring term, participating in team building activities, team building self-awareness and self-esteem building activities all based around firefighting skills. Some of the activities included hose drills, looking after firefighting kit and dealing with real life fire scenarios. Four Year 9 MAT, More Able & Talented students took part in a Creative Writing Workshop at Glyndwr University, Wrexham in March. Students were taught different techniques on how to improve their writing skills with the workshop ending in an essay writing task.

TYGER'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Big thanks to **Raf from Probation Services** and the hard working **Community Service Team** for their help with our recent footpath work on **King Street** removing overgrown gorse, ivy and brambles together with the weeds and leaves collecting 4 tonne bags full. We also did a litter pick along a short stretch of the embankment getting 4 bags of bottles, cans and assorted rubbish. Another great result from the team and all recycled at Plas Madoc Recycling Centre.



Rugby mentions

Once again we have been blown away by our students playing rugby! The year 9 and 10 boys went to play a match. All but one of our players had never played a full competitive match before this evening! A very slow first half saw us 5 tries down.

However special mention must go to **Cameron Thomas** for scoring a hat trick of tries and **Jacob Jurkojc** for his relentless tackling! Well done boys. Also a big thanks to our Caretaker and secret cheerleader Mr Money Penny for his additional support and photo taking!

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During the last week of term, we held an outdoor week where the children developed a variety of skills through orienteering, cooking, pavement art, litter picking, creating digital posters promoting the locality and completing a literacy treasure hunt. They all worked brilliantly together and received many compliments from the local community for their efforts. Many pupils also competed successfully in the Urdd Eisteddfod this term. We had children reciting, playing instruments and creating some wonderful pieces of art.

A exciting opportunity has arisen this half term. We have been asked to take part in the opening ceremony of the Llangollen Eisteddfod. Our junior pupils, from years 5 and 6, will be performing a special dance and song to commemorate the occasion.

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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

It's been a very busy spring term for Ysgol Min y Ddol. We have had much support by our parents and community in helping raise money for various causes. We held a successful pyjama day in school where the children managed to raise £237 for **Red Nose Day** and we have held an Easter Bingo, arranged by 'Ffrindiau', which raised an impressive £461. This money shall be used towards buying new equipment and resources for the children as well as help to subsidise school trips. The school's Entrepreneur Club were successful in creating, promoting and selling their Roley Granoley bars. They worked hard to research recipes and source the cheaper ingredients without compromising on quality. They did brilliantly and managed to make a profit of over £30.



The whole school benefited from the break in the cold weather when the sun shone, they used our newly purchased picnic benches to eat their lunch outside.



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Easter Bank Holiday Weekend saw very good weather and exceptional visitor numbers at both Ty Mawr Country Park and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, with car parks full, whilst our village centre remained quiet. Tourism is the only viable option we have of improving the economic prospects of our community and our unique position at the centre of the WHS Corridor between the aqueduct and Cefn Viaduct. Please also consider the extremely high road traffic vehicle counts on the A539, A5 and A483, which is 15.5 million vehicles annually, (three times that of Llangollen).

We are on a mainline railway line leading to major cities and airports, Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester and London. The former Shropshire Union Canal (renamed Llangollen in the 1980's) is one of the busiest canals of the inland waterway network and Offa's Dyke is one of the most well-trodden long-distance footpaths in the UK. Yet our village centre suffers from a lack of footfall, what is going on????

What is lacking for our community is SIGNAGE and COORDINATED VISITOR MANAGEMENT. With both correctly implemented the economic decline of our community can be reversed, which is the main reason behind all PKG Group Proposals. Our latest for the Ebenezer (as an Arts & Visitor Centre for Cefn), Cable Car and WBG Parking is about ending the segregation of our community from the very lucrative opportunity on our door step. However, unless WCBC and partners join in, we cannot gain access to the very substantial grant funding streams and loan facilities available to make this happen. So, it may be said, "The writing is on the wall" and unless WCBC is willing to work with us, the future economic base and prosperity of our community is being sold off.

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

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