

THE COMMUNITY NEWS.

Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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Cefn Community Council were delighted to be able to wish this amazing lady Mrs R Heyward of Cefn Mawr a Happy **100th birthday**. Chair Phil Vaughan presented her with flowers and noted even the Queen sent her a birthday card! We hope you had a great day celebrating with your family and friends.

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CEFN'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Cefn Community Council wish to thank the community of Cefn for the excellent turnout on Remembrance Day. Special thanks to the children of Acrefair, Rhosymedre, Cefn and Min Y Ddol primary schools and Ysgol Morgan Llwyd for their readings. A proud moment for our community, seeing people of all ages joining together to remember our fallen soldiers. Thanks again to all.

More photos on page 6



YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Year 4 pupils have received their first 'Bright Sparks' session, which has been funded by Scottish Power. This project is designed to raise the children's

awareness, knowledge and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through an extremely interactive, engaging and fun way. The children were led to believe that they were just having a STEM workshop about Wind turbines and how electricity is made. However, the workshop was suddenly interrupted by Professor Sparky and his niece Erica, who burst into the classroom desperately needing the help of the children! The pupils were then tasked to undertake various STEM games which involved team working, listening, problem solving, experimenting, and designing. Everyone had an immensely stimulating and fun time.



We would like to thank Tesco, Cefn Mawr who kindly donated Halloween costumes to our school the children have had so much fun with them.



Federation Winter Wonderland

Saturday 27 November
at Trevor Community Centre
from 2.30 to 4.30pm

Fun Activities include:
Festive trail to Santa
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Hand Tattoos

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Cookies and Christmas Decorations.



Hywel class have had lots of fun with their outdoor learning activities and have been for an Autumn walk to Ty Mawr. The children have also been working hard with Dave from the Land together they planted fruit

trees and vegetables, which they have harvested. They have then made these into fruit pies and vegetable soup, which were delicious.

Our **Nursery and Reception** pupils have been having lots of fun too and went on an adventure exploring their local environment, looking for signs of autumn and finding conkers !!



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News Update



Welcome to the fifth edition of Crane News.

Hello everyone. Since the last edition we have concluded the Covid vaccination programme having successfully vaccinated over 1700 patients here at the surgery and at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre we can now update you on how we are progressing with this year's Flu vaccination campaign. Despite the numerous setbacks with deliveries we have remained positive and ploughed on with adhoc clinics as and when the deliveries have allowed. So again a very big thank you to all those patients who accepted our offer of being vaccinated (many at short notice) and have helped towards keeping our community safe. You can be equally proud by knowing you have participated in what is projected to be the biggest flu campaign in UK history. For all eligible patients yet to have received one we urge you to contact the surgery to confirm a booking slot for your flu vaccination.

Whilst we are heavily committed to ensuring that we vaccinate all eligible patients with their flu vaccination we as a practice are also proud to be supporting the Health Board in its delivery of the Covid boosters programme by running numerous scheduled clinics at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. You can expect to automatically receive an invitation six months from the date of your second Covid vaccination and as such do not need to contact us directly. As a friendly and dynamic team we look forward to hopefully seeing you at one of these designated sessions.

Though these are very difficult and trying times for all of us we wish to reaffirm our commitment to our patients. Despite the constant demoralising and negative press and social media attacks targeted at GPs and primary care, our doctors along with our clinical and non-clinical practice staff take immense pride in getting to know our patients. In doing so we get to unearth the health problems that impact their general wellbeing and quality of life and wherever possible treat them and in many cases the generations of the same family that make up our practice list.

If, however, you are not a currently registered patient and struggling to access healthcare services for whatever reason please contact us today at Crane Medical Centre on **01978 810844** as we are happy and excited to accept new patient registrations and welcome you to our practice.

We look forward to updating you in next edition.

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EDITORS COMMENTS

It was so good to be able to hold our Remembrance Service this year and what a great turnout. A big thank you to our Clerk Trina and the team for all their hard work in organising this and the tasty buffet at the George Edwards Hall afterwards. It has been great to have Raf and the CS Team back and we have been out working on the ABC Steps, American Hill and around Llys y Graig after nearly 2 years some of these areas are very overgrown! Good to see our PCSOs out and about across the ward and Lara has an update on page 15. I hope you are getting used to these dark nights, they make it feel like Christmas is on its way, I am looking forward to all the shop window displays for our Community Council Window Competition and the lights switch on. The Friends of Ruabon Santa float will be coming to Plas Madoc and Cefn so look out for posters with the route. Please get in touch on **07532 780007** or email me at: tyger@tygertactics.com

Stay safe, Tyger.

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COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

It's fast approaching that time of year again when the dark nights are drawing in (and it's my birthday!) It's starting to get cooler...(and yes, it's my birthday!) If you have any worries about keeping warm, household bills, or any other concerns then please don't hesitate

to get in touch with me.

Future dates for your diary are:

The Christmas Market at CRNCA on **Saturday 20th November** 10am till 2pm; the **Christmas Fair** at the George Edwards Hall on **Friday 26th November**, 5-7pm; my *birthday Monday 13th December*, all day. Also, don't forget our Mindfulness Walk every other Thursday from the George Edwards Hall, starting at 12.30pm. If you have any ideas that you would like to discuss with me please know that nothing is too big or too small - if it's important to you then it is important! See you all soon. Marie-Claire.

Please email cefncommunityagent@gmail.com or text me on **07925 048711**

TREVOR BASIN VISITOR CENTRE



Our Christmas decorations and gifts are now on sale in the Visitor Centre so do pop in when you are at the Basin we would love to see you. We have updated winter hours, for **November** we are open **Thursday - Monday 10am to 3pm**. For **December** it is **Friday - Monday 10am to 3pm** and our final day open will be **Monday 20th December**. Further Winter Works to the hand rails on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct will be taking place from **4th January to the 18th February**. For more details search Winter Stoppages on the main Canal and River Trust Website.

A big Hello and thank you to the multiple new volunteers at the Visitor Centre. Thank you to the Volunteer Task force team who meet here twice a month for all their hard work on site. If any one's interested in signing up they can find the opportunity on the Canal and River Trust webpage. We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Visitor Centre will reopen again on the **19th February 2022**.



TOWERS DAY NURSERY

The children have been busy in the nursery garden lately; harvesting and eating the produce that we have grown. This year there was unfortunately no

Community Council Gardening Competition but we still managed to produce a lovely show of flowers etc. In October, a photographer visited the nursery to take photos of the children. These made an ideal Christmas gift. On 29th October, children came to nursery in fancy dress for our Halloween/Bonfire night celebrations. Pumpkin carving, spooky biscuit baking etc were carried out alongside lots of art and craft. Belle visited us too.



For *Children in Need* week, children wore a fancy dress costume or pyjamas in return for a donation to the charity. The children can now look forward to Christmas and will be busy making cards and decorations. We hope to have a visit from *Father Christmas* on the day of our Christmas party. Children may come in Christmas jumpers during the final week of term. We will close on Friday 24th December at 5pm and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022. New children are welcome to apply for a place from January.



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LLANGOLLEN'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The ceremony was very well attended and included the traditional two minutes' silence, the Ode to the Fallen, the laying of wreaths and music by Llangollen Silver Band, ending with a parade of various organisations through the town centre.



Big thanks to Llanblogger - Phil Robinson for letting us use his photos in this edition of the newsletter.

LLANGOLLEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The lunch will take place on *Saturday 25th December* from 11.30am to 16.30pm and is free in the **Community Hall, St. Collen's Church**. We are delighted to announce the return of this highly popular event, providing the situation with the virus permits. We particularly welcome those who would otherwise spend Christmas Day alone, but, all are welcome. A full cooked lunch, with starter, main course with 'all the trimmings', along with dessert will be served and entertainment provided. If you have any questions or to book a place please call **Mike & Val** on **01978 86 07 07** or email info@t-c-p.co.uk



St Collen Players present **Deck the Halls** a Christmas Show of Music Hall & Variety on **December 10th** at 6.30pm in St Collen's Community Hall. Tickets £15 and includes Supper. Available from the Box Office **01978 861768**. *Proof of Covid Vaccination may be required.*

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LLANGOLLEN RAFA CLUB Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 11th from 1pm - 4pm, with a Kids Disco, Children's Entertainer, Hot Dogs & Burgers, and of course mince pies. The bar will also be open for refreshments. With a very special visit from Father Christmas, who will stop outside the Club for a photo, and may even have a special gift for each child attending. Numbers continue to be limited at this time, so this is TICKETS ONLY, for everyone's safety and we know the exact number of children coming to the party. Tickets available from the Club or you can phone **01978 860786** or message us on Facebook page and ask to be added to the list. Children £4, Adults £1. Under 3's go free

LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

Llangollen Museum were pleased to be able to contribute to the memory of the soldiers who died in the First World War, with the laying of a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. If people are interested in finding out



more, including information about the soldiers who died, then they can look at the WW1 section of the Museum web site at <http://www.llangollenmuseum.org.uk/WW1index.html> or get in touch with the Museum on **01978 862862** or at enquiries@llangollenmuseum.org.uk – or drop in.

The Museum is currently open four days a week **Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday** from 11am to 4pm. We have revamped our displays about Churches and Chapels, as well as our Transport display. We also have a new set of display drawers, allowing us to put on show for the first time some of the more interesting artefacts and documents in our collection. In the Gallery, our present art exhibition is a comic strip account of the story of **St Collen** by **Victor Lama**. Future exhibitions and our programme of talks for next year are in preparation – keep an eye on our web pages and Facebook page for details.

Like many volunteer organisations, Llangollen Museum is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in history and think that you would be able to give half a day each week to helping in the Museum please contact our manager Gill Smith at gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk or on **07516 023524**



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great regret, due to the current situation, the Llangollen Country Market will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Our members will meet again in February to discuss our future plans for the market. We would like to thank all our loyal customers for their patience and understanding while events have overtaken us but look forward to seeing you all in the future." For further details, go to the Country Markets website: www.country-markets.co.uk (Find a Market section).

LLANGOLLEN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE



Castle Street, Llangollen. Open **Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat** from 9.30am to 5pm, come and browse our fantastic display of local Welsh Artists and Crafters with local scenes in art and scenic photos, Jewellery, Sewn Crafts, Cards, Ceramics, Books and Woodwork. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We have beautifully crafted gifts and decorations by Ann Hayes to keep you merry and bright! A selection of new jewellery in our Centre from Katy Mai Webster an artist from the Ll n Peninsula who takes inspiration from the landscape and sea around her home. Call in at the Tourist Information Centre to see more of her work and lots of art and craft which will provide you with inspiration for Christmas gifts! We also have a range of Chocolate Free Advent Calendars for sale. Do check our Facebook page for the latest on what is on in and around Llangollen, with places you can visit, where to stay, things to do and what seasonal events and activities are on too. Call us on **01978 860828** or email: llangollentic@gonorthwales.org.uk



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KIDDIES WORLD NEWS

We have had such a busy start to the new school year. The children have been exploring their new classroom and settling lovely.

Our *Playgroup plus* children have come back very eager to play and meet up with their friends. We have purchased a few new pieces of equipment to make the room very inviting and a calm place. We have introduced a new sensory area for times when children want to explore using their senses or just to chill in a darker calming environment. We have also introduced lots of new loose parts play, this gives the children the opportunity to use their imagination to build garages, houses, farms etc. This in turn is supporting them to gain essential key skills through play.

We also cannot thank **Josies Chip Shop Rhosymedre** and their customers for the generous donations we have received over the last couple of years. We have been able to replace flooring to non slip flooring in the community building we use for wrap around and toddlers and purchase new equipment. We really do appreciate the donations so Thank you very much.

Our *Parent & Toddler Group* opened on Monday 15th November. The group is a place where toddlers can come to play and explore in a safe stimulating environment. It is also a place for parents, grand parents, carers etc to come to support one another. We are limited to 10 adults per session following government guidance so booking is a must. Sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday- 9:15am to 10:45am. For further information please contact Kiddies World on **01978 810242**



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DanceZone on Mondays 5pm

8.30pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - to 8.30pm

Line Dancing on a Wednesday from 7.30pm to 10pm, and *Foodbank* on Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Cefn Community Council Bowling Green is open for public use from Monday to Friday between 12noon to 3pm.

The MUGA - Multi Use Games Area on Plas Kynaston Lane and all 12 of our **Children's Play Parks** are open, we ask that you please take your rubbish home with you if there is no available bin, thank you.

Street lights: We have completed the upgrade to our street lights with energy efficient LED bulbs. If you notice any street lights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk on **01978 821298** thank you.

Birthdays: If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their **90th** or **100th** birthdays please can you let the Clerk know on **01978 821298** thank you.

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

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

Cefn Community Agent: Please remember the Community Agent is able to help and offer support to the over 50's and can be reached on **07925 048711** or email her on cefncommunityagent@gmail.com

Community Litter Picks: as a Community Council our Councillors have been carrying out monthly litter picks around all areas of the Cefn Ward and if you would like to join them please contact the Clerk on **01978 821298** for details of the upcoming areas, dates and times, also check our Facebook page, litter pickers and bags are provided. If you know of a litter 'hot spot' please do get in touch with the Clerk, thank you.

Cefn Community Council now have **Facebook** page and **Twitter** accounts please follow us for the latest information relating to the community.

EVENTS

Our **Christmas Fair** is on **Friday 26th November** at the George Edwards Hall between 5pm-7pm, Come and join us for a Christmas Celebration we have Stalls, Free Face painting, Santa's Grotto (£1 entry



EVENTS continued

per child), Refreshments and Carol Singing. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Lights Switch On at 4.45pm.

We have our **Christmas Window Competition** this year for all the businesses in the community, Great prizes to be won, to be judged by the *Mayor of Wrexham*. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Santa Visit after discussions with the *Friends of Ruabon* we have been informed that Santa will be on his float on

Thursday 9th December in

Plas Madoc and Saturday 11th December in Cefn

Mawr, please follow the *Friends of Ruabon* on Facebook for more details on the route, thank you and we will be putting out posters as well.



CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum reopened in July, and now welcomes visitors on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**, from **10am to 12.30pm**. We continue to have a wide range of objects and displays reflecting the life of our local community. Restrictions on visiting have been mainly lifted, but visitors who still wish to wear a mask are encouraged to do so. New items for display continue to be donated or loaned to us regularly. Those who wish to follow us online can look at our website cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk or follow us on Facebook **Cefn Mawr and District Museum**. We have ample visitor parking behind the George Edwards Hall, access off the Tesco roundabout. Our policy as a Museum is not just to welcome people through our doors, but to go out into the community and take the museum with us. We have for years now enjoyed taking our 'Museum in a Box' to people in care homes and community groups, and we hope that it will soon be possible to resume this. We are now also developing an oral history programme, in which we hope to interview people across our community, and record their memories and experiences. This will create a hugely valuable historical resource and help to preserve our community heritage and identity. If you are interested in being interviewed, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us — you can do this through the website, or else contact me directly on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through a message on Facebook. Alan Tiltman, Archivist

CLWYD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Community Enterprise Centre,
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We are going to open the resource centre one day a week on Monday 6th, 13th and 20th December from 10am to

4pm. **This is only available for members.**

Appointments can be made by sending an email to the Treasurer: treasurer@clwydfhs.org.uk with your membership number.

If this works out ok, we will look at opening again in January. Members will need to check the website for further developments, thanmk you.

WREXHAM AFCs POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL



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Meeting on Fridays at the University sports hall next to the Racecourse Ground, from 6pm-8pm, sessions are run by Racecourse Community Foundation staff, who have received coaching training from the Wheelchair Football Association.

For more information, please email Disability Liaison Officer Kerry Evans at: kerry.evans@wrexhamafc.co.uk.

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Patients in North Wales can now call 111 for free access to urgent out-of-hours medical care and round-the-clock health support and guidance.

This easy-to-remember number is free to call from **landlines and mobiles** and provides access to both **GP Out of Hours Services** and health advice from **NHS Wales**.



The Rainbow Foundation

ACTIVE FUTURES PROGRAMME

The **Rainbow Foundation** is pleased to announce they are starting a new project which is **FREE** for participants to join.

This 12-week programme for those over the 65 who are at risk of falling or have fallen in the past and aims to reduce frailty, improve movement and keep people happy, fit, active, and independent in their own homes. With access to 2 Physiotherapist led exercise classes a week for 12 weeks, at the end of each class do stay for a coffee, cake and a chance to chat. We will have a Social Prescriber on hand to address the **'what matters'** to you offering support, for example, with falls anxiety, goal setting, lifestyle support, access to social security benefits, OT referrals, addressing loneliness and isolation or other aspects of ill health. The Active Futures project is running from 2 local venues **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre** and **Chirk Parish Hall** starting the **22nd November** To join please telephone us on **01948 830730** or email

activefutures@therainbowfoundation.org.uk



CRIME TRENDS

PCSOs Update

Over the last couple of months, the Eastern District has seen a number of burglaries taking place, whereby offenders seem to be targeting high-powered motor vehicles, these are known as 'car-key burglaries'.

We have also seen an increase of forced entry to sheds, whereby high valued items have been stolen. Our dedicated Burglary Team work closely with neighbouring forces as these crime trends are often being committed by offenders who travel between different force areas.

Additionally, we have also seen a spate of number plates being stolen from motor vehicles; and unfortunately offenders will often use these to place onto stolen vehicles to be further used in crime. We are asking residents to remain vigilant, consider their home security measures and keep a check on their neighbours who may be more vulnerable. Please always report any suspicious activity to us.

Police Surgeries

Our Neighbourhood Policing Team have been holding regular 'police surgeries' whereby members of the community can take the opportunity to meet their local PCSO's to raise any concerns and chat about any issues. We are advertising the surgeries via Facebook, the NWP Community Alert system and by word of mouth. We look forward to seeing you at our next appointment.

Community Alert

In recent months, we launched our 'North Wales Community Alert' platform, which is a free messaging service whereby communities can receive up-to-date information on crime, local policing activity and crime prevention. Registrations can be made via the following link, or please contact your local PCSO and we will register on your behalf -

<https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/>

Thank you,

PCSO Lara Shiers

Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk



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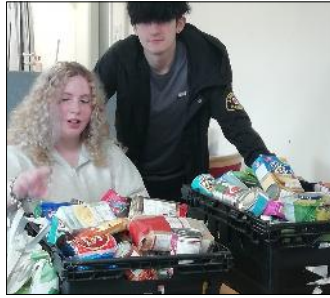
Please note all the activities in the Centre

will follow current Covid guidelines, thank you.

Our small group of volunteers are still busy even in this further uncertainty with food distribution. We will continue to do so at our discretion, please if anyone is struggling call us on **07531 310335** or even put a note through the Centre door.

Thank you to **Ysgol Cefn Mawr** for their donation of Harvest Festival foods which will be given out in food parcels to those in need.

Garden project we have done some more work and welcome anyone who would like to try gardening, planting, growing to make a community garden, let's get going! We have the ground and planters we just need YOU to try your hand or give planting advice. If you would like to be involved call **07531 310335** we could really do with your help. We have altered the fencing to allow space for the **Play Group** children to have a gardening area and forest den.



Tuesday Changing Seasons Over 50s Group from 12.30pm come and join in the fun, crafting, bingo, games or just chatting over tea and cake you are all welcome £1 subs apply this is a good group to catch up with friends exchange books and ideas.

Wednesday Lunch Club at 12.30pm, join us and have a good meal for just £3 - dinner, pudding, tea plus chat. To book call **07531 310335** or tell a volunteer member at the centre.

Wednesday Games Don't feel like staying at home how about a game of cards, chess, scrabble or other game and a good laugh from 1.30 to 3/4pm. Join the card mavericks or choose from the games we have available, there are quite a few, enjoy a cuppa and have a good laugh or pop next door and try your hand at knitting etc. Subs include tea and biscuits.



Wednesday Woollies Knitting Group from 2-4pm come and knit, crotchet, learn for yourself or knit for fundraising project its up to you we have plenty of patterns we can duplicate for you £1 subs including tea and biscuits.

Thursday Men's Shed DIY activities take place in the back container area or in the grounds. Anyone over 18 in need of some boredom breaking work and have ideas you would like to try out come along at 10am and see Mick or Kris. Or just come for a cuppa and a chat to get out of the house you will be welcome.

Health and Wellbeing Sessional Worker

Thanks to being awarded a *Places Called Home* grant from **IKEA** we are able to fund this until January 2022 Anyone in the local community single, couple, family who needs help and advice please get in touch with **Marie Claire** on **07837 211143** We are sure she will be able help or advise you.

Photo Copying We are able to offer photo copying for black and white up to paper size A3 and possibly colour to size A4 for a donation pop in when centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 10am.

Eco litter group litter picks for all ages will be arranged soon please look out for posters with dates and times. We are a *Caru Cymru Litter Picking Hub* and litter picking equipment can be borrowed from the Centre.

If you have ideas for the Community or wish to hire the Centre please contact **Kris** on **07531 310335** or **Suzanne** on **07591 995141**.

SIMULATOR OFFERING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Our clients on the *Communities for Work Plus* programme have been offered the opportunity to try a ground breaking piece of new technology to be able to try their hand at folk-lift truck driving, digger driving and HGV driving. This simulator based in **Xplore** in Wrexham town centre gives people an opportunity to try these jobs to see whether this might be a future career for them or used as an effective training tool to develop peoples skills in these areas. *Communities for Work* recently ran an open day opportunity over two days where clients booked in and given a half hour slot with an instructor provided by **Gatewen Training Ltd** to have a go. The feedback was really good from all of those who tried it. One said that it is so realistic and gives you a great idea of what it is like. Another who was unsure about his future career said "I thought it was great. This has given me the push to follow this path"



Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus

Wrexham Communities for Work Plus are a dedicated team of highly skilled staff able to support all living within the whole of Wrexham by providing one-to-one/employment mentoring which is tailored to suit individual needs. Although based in Caia Park and Plas Madoc the team works across the County Borough. We are able to offer support and advice relating to;

-)] Essential Skills Education & Training
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CHURCH NOTICES

CEFN MAWR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Real Thing!

It was the night before Christmas and the magic was there
The presents were wrapped – each handled with care!

The tree shone with lights in the dark of that room
Because that day drenched in fun would arrive - very soon!

Forgotten was the stress of the times in the shops
Of carrying heavy bags – of which there were lots!
Or of the long list of cards to pick, read and to write
.. this was now - somehow lost - in the joy of that night.

The turkey was stuffed, and the sausages rolled
The veggies prepared (but still stored in the cold!)
The pudding was ready, waiting now to be steamed
And the mince pies all cooked - tasting better than dreamed!

All the stockings were hung on the bed for that night
Assorted garlands all sparkled in the reflection of light
There was great fun and laughter now heard in each room
which had overcome darkness, sadness and gloom

But let's take a moment, to think what **'this'** is all for
As we now take a peep through the 'old stable door'
To that old dirty manger - with that babe in the hay
The Christ child – sent by God – to show us the way
A gift of such splendour - to pay the price for our lives
Is there room in our hearts - to allow this thought to arise?
Do we have that space in our hearts to let Jesus stay?
If we do, then there's reason for 'great joy' Christmas day!



Would you like to know more about the true meaning of Christmas? Then why not come along and join us at The Meeting Place (Cefn Old School Canteen) for our family **CaféChurch** – at 10.15 every first Sunday of the month, or our **Social**

Evenings at 7pm – every second Thursday of the month after CaféChurch - where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions, have fun and make new friends – with free refreshments provided. Telephone **Colin or Rowena** on **01978 824785** or leave a message and we will get back to you. **We all wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas!**

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Chapel is now open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am** All are welcome. For more information please call **01978 821177**.

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Service

at Rhosymedre.

Sunday 26th December

Joint Service with Ruabon.



CATHOLIC CHURCHS

Llangollen, Chirk and Ruabon churches are open for Mass, Llangollen Saturday at 6pm, Chirk Sunday at 9am and Ruabon Sunday at 11am.



Christmas Services

please see local Church Notice Boards, thank you.

For other devotions including weddings, births, confessions and funerals please contact:

Fr John Bosco Bukomba by email at:

PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk



ST JOHN'S RHOSYMEDRE

Our weekly service is **11am** on **Sunday**. All are welcome, but please wear a mask (unless exempt) and observe social distancing. We are restarting some church and community activities that we

had to stop during lockdown.

Our **Fish and Chips and chat** meet every second Tuesday, next lunch is **14th December and 11th January**, please let **Beulah** know if you would like to come so she can order the fish and chips **01978 810868**.

14th December Community Carol Singing with Mince Pies at 1.30pm

To book weddings or baptism please call the Hafod Family of Churches on **01978 846204** or email office@hafodfamily.org.uk

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 19th December 4pm

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

2pm Crib Service

9.30pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 26th 10am

Christmas Eucharist

All Welcome



LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Weekly Mass and Communion on Sundays

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

at **St Collen's Church**

Sunday 19th December at 6pm

CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December at 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS & BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass Sunday 25th December at 11am

Sunday 26th December no services.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LLANGOLLEN FOOD SHARE HUB



At the Castle Street end of Market Street Car Park, off Market Street. If you have queries or trouble finding us please call **07835 261343** or Facebook

us. Open for food share **2 - 3pm each Wednesday**. Open for donations on **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month from **10 - 11am**. **Crisis / Emergency support:** if you are in crisis or need some emergency support we can help out of hours please get in touch. If you want to talk in confidence about how we can help, message us on Facebook or text us on **07835 261343**. If you know of anyone struggling, please pass on our details for them to contact us. We can deliver to those unable to collect. *We also share supermarket surplus with the our community to stop food waste, do check our Facebook page for details as we usually post details of our Community Food Share when there is more than we need, help us save food from going to landfill. Just bring a bag and help yourself from the table outside. Food share is for everyone.*

WREXHAM FOODBANK CEFN

Wrexham Foodbank provides three day emergency food parcels, toiletries, pet food, household cleaning products, nappies and fuel vouchers to local people who are struggling to buy food due to reasons such as waiting for benefit payments or wages, debt, fleeing domestic violence, ill health or being on a low income.

The Cefn distribution centre in the **George Edwards Hall** on Well Street is open **Thursdays from 10.30am to 12 noon**. Referrals can be made by most organisations and Council Departments such as Housing Officers, Social Workers, Health Visitors, Schools, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Family Information Service and Work Coaches. Alternatively phone the national CAB helpline on **0808 208 2138** - Freephone. The Foodbank is well stocked and eager to help, please don't struggle alone. For information visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk You can follow the Foodbank on Facebook and Twitter.



ST MARTINS FOODBANK

We are no longer open as a drop in service. However we are able to offer delivery to anyone who is need of a package. They just need to **message our Facebook page** to ask and we will get a package to them. If you know friends, family or neighbours are struggling please encourage them to get in touch with us. We are here for the residents of St Martins and for all families who have children at St Martins School regardless of where you live. Thank you.

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THE FRON - A BUSY END OF YEAR

2021 is ending on a high note for the Fron Male Voice Choir, as their calendar of events is taking a familiar look. They have four events to end the year. *Sunday, 28th November*, at

The Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Signals. On *Friday, 3rd December & Saturday, 11th December*, they have "A Choral Christmas Concert" at St Giles Parish Church, Wrexham, and then at the Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry. 'Lleisiau'r Afon', a Ladies choir from Carrog, will be sharing the stage on both occasions. The Fron's music director, Leigh Mason, will be one busy lady as she will be conducting both choirs. The good news for the organisers (but not so good for the supporters of both choirs) is that Oswestry has SOLD OUT, and by the time this newsletter goes out, undoubtedly, the same will be said of Wrexham as there are under 20 tickets are left.



The year ends with their usual last Saturday before Christmas Concert at the New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme. This *Saturday, the 18th of December* concert, will mark the 36th year for the Fron to hold a Christmas Concert at this wonderful venue. Their Christmas concert was delayed one year when severe weather closed the theatre, but it went ahead early the following year.

2020 would have been the 35th consecutive year for the Fron to sing at this purpose-built theatre in the round. The pandemic broke the sequence in 2020 when the UK went into a lockdown. Christmas is not Christmas for the choir without their concert at the New Vic!

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PLAS MADOC NEWS & UPDATES THE LAND



Plas Madoc Kettle Club is run by the AVOW Play Team (**The Land**) it's an informal, friendly group where parents, grandparents and carers can meet up and have a chat over a brew. People can also access support, advice and opportunities to attend free training. The group is free to attend and everyone is welcome. In addition the **Play Team** have dedicated parent support which can be accessed Monday to Friday. Please check our Facebook page for weekly details of times and where we are meeting. If you would like more information please contact claire.pugh@avow.org or find us on Facebook @ **WE ARE PLAS MADOC**

If you need help with anything you can get in touch with us on our Facebook page **We Are Plas Madoc** or you can call or text **07394 465113**. Please feel free to share this number with any friends and neighbours that may need support. **We Are Plas Madoc** have a website so if you'd like to learn more about the group head over to www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk

MUNCH AND BRUNCH

Munch & Brunch runs every **Wednesday 10am-12 noon** on the Plas Leisure centre field. Come along have a brew and meet new people.

FRUIT & VEG PACKS

Fruit, Veg & salad bags available at a total cost of £5 collection **Wednesday 10am-12pm** on the Plas Madoc Leisure Centre field. Please inbox the **We Are Plas Madoc** Facebook page to order or call **07394 465113**.

YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club on **Wednesdays 6pm-7.30pm** in the big hall Plas Madoc Leisure Centre followed by **Youth Football 8pm-9pm** on the Leisure centre field MUGA with Wrexham Inclusion Football Club.

FREE ZUMBA SESSIONS

Wednesdays from 5.15pm-6pm at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. We have free Zumba sessions funded by the *Community Foundation Wales*.

Booking is essential as we have limited numbers please message us on our Facebook page to book on or call **07394 465113**



BINGO

Look out for our **Monthly Bingo** on our Facebook page **We Are Plas Madoc**.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 27th November at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre from 10pm to 4pm. Tables £5 and currently we have some table available. Booking Forms are at reception in the leisure centre or please call **07394 465113** to book your table.

PLAS MADOC LEISURE CENTRE COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Do you need help and support? Don't forget to check out The Covid-19 Community Support Hub in Plas

Madoc Leisure Centre offering a wide range of help and advice if you feel you are struggling with any issues its not just Covid related but also life in general with CAB, Warm Wales tel: **01352 711751**, Wrexham Foodbank, North East Wales Mind tel: 01352 877909 or email: activemonitoring@newmind.org.uk, They also have a large stock of **FREE** lateral flow test kits available at reception just pop in and ask.

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS



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

PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP Mondays to Saturdays 8.30am to 7pm and Sundays 9am to 7pm.

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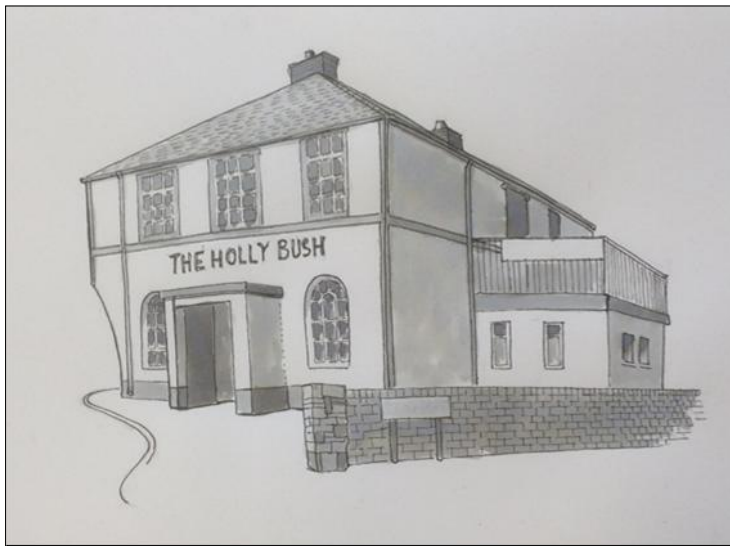
PLAS MADOC LEISURE CENTRE



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CEFN'S MAELOR ABC SUCCESS

A team from The Maelor ABC here in Cefn Mawr travelled to the *Welsh Institution of Sport* in Cardiff in early October to compete in the very first **Inaugural Welsh Boxing Cup**.

The Maelor entered 6 boys in the competition and came home with 3 bronze medals - **Thomas Jones** Froncysyllte, **Bowie Diamond**, Cefn Mawr and **Chris Philips**, Plas Madoc, the three boxed very well losing on split decisions. 2 silvers went to **Gwion Ellis**, Bala who beat **Jake Richards** of Chepstow ABC by a knock out in the first round of the semi-final, then lost to **Cai Preece** of Cwmbran ABC on points in the final in a 50-50 contest, **Joshua Pilgrim**, Llangollen beat **Dion Roberts** of Maes G on points in the semi-finals but lost to **Danny Roberts** of Torfaen Warriors ABC in the final on points (Danny who was undefeated in 18 contests praised Josh after wards for a good fight) and 1 gold went to **Ethan Finney**, Oswestry who beat **Milwyn Lloyd** of Llay ABC on points in the semi-final, and then beat **Charlie Day** of Llanharan ABC in the final on points to win the gold. Ethan boxed well against two very good lads in Milwyn and Charlie, it was the boys first tournament for two years and we went to Cardiff to win medals and came home with six medals very good result.

Butch Jones said "I'm very happy for the six boys who did Cefn Mawr and North Wales very proud. and would like to thank **Gary Richards** and **Morgan Evans** of the Maelor Boxing Club for working so hard on the weekend".

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MONDAYS

Citizens Advice are back! They will be here every Monday from 1-4pm and will see people on a first come first served drop-in basis.

We also have our **Knitting and Crochet** group that meet here every Monday 2-4pm. Feel free to pop in, bring whatever you are working on and have a good natter! Refreshments are provided but *please bring along your own mug.*

WEDNESDAYS

Unfortunately due to lack of attendees we have stopped running our Knitting and Crochet group on a Wednesday. However, we have filled the space with a **NEW Cylch Ti a Fi** group, this group is aimed at under 4's and is available to Welsh and non Welsh speakers. In the Ti a Fi group your child will have the chance to learn to sing simple Welsh songs that you can sing together at home, listen to Welsh stories and look through books, play with water and clay. Ti a Fi will run every Wednesday 1.30-2.30pm and is free to attend but places must be booked. To book please contact Llions on **07483 324364** or llinos.rowlands@meithrin.cymru

FRIDAYS

Every Friday 2-4pm we have a **Crafters Group** that meet here in the library. This group is aimed at anyone who enjoys anything crafty be it Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Paper crafts or something else? Just bring along what you are working on or pop in for a chat with like minded people. Here is a Scarecrow wreath, see



photo, one of the ladies made during our Friday crafters club. Refreshments provided but *please bring along your own mug.*

We are able to do **Photocopying** and **The Leader** newspaper will also be available.

Computer Access - Unfortunately, due to the need to upgrade our public computers we still don't have any computer access.

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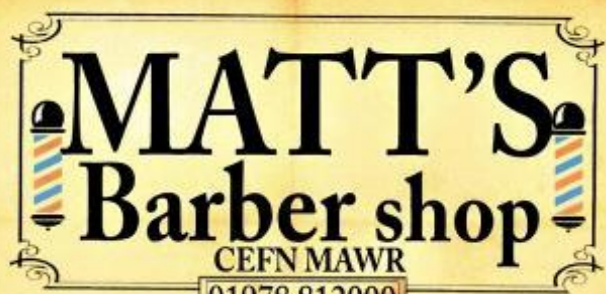
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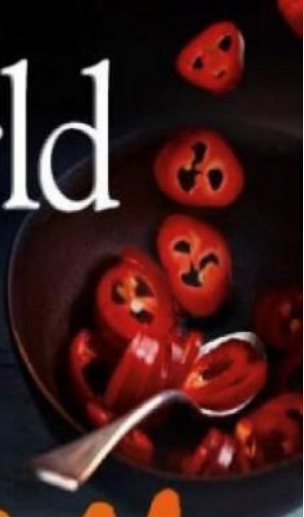

YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

Although we aren't quite back to 'normal' in school, it has been wonderful to see the children settled into their new classes for the first part of the Autumn term and must say a huge well-done to all of Mrs Steen's Nursery pupils and the children in Mrs Brophy's Reception class who have settled into school so beautifully. It has been a pleasure to welcome you all into our school community. We started the year with a whole school focus on the theme 'No Outsiders in our school'. The main message of the work we did was 'everybody different, everybody welcome'. Children did some beautiful work in each class exploring this theme at their own level. We shared some beautiful stories which helped us think about this message and the children thought of lots of different ways that we can make sure that everybody feels welcome in our school.

Since then, each class has embarked on their own inquiry, focusing on questions from 'Where my school shoes take me?' based on Michael Morpurgo's beautiful compilation of poems in 'Where my wellies take me?' to 'What is the true cost of coal?' where the children have researched how coal mining contributed to our local history including the Gresford Colliery and also the impact on burning fossil fuels on the environment. At the start of COP26, Year 6 created a movie which we sent to UK Parliament and the Senydd letting them know what our concerns are over the impact that we are having on the planet!



We've been very busy with lots of extracurricular activities getting back up and running- from archery and football, to gymnastics and netball, we've loved having after school clubs to help us keep fit and healthy! The daily mile track is being used by all pupils regularly at breaktimes and during lessons too. Mr Allman took our football team to their first match and they represented the school beautifully! Our Pupil Parliament is up and running too and the Key Action Groups including Criw Cymreag, the Green Team and Digital Leaders are busy working on their action plans for the year. It certainly has been a very busy start to the year!



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

What a fantastic start to the school year here at Ysgol Min y Ddôl. All our pupils are studying their locality whether it be focussing on industry, buildings, land use and possible improvements and we can only thank everyone in the community for working so closely with us to enrich their experiences. T Mawr have been very welcoming in encouraging our younger pupils to help create a Welsh Language activity for children when visiting the park. All the local shops have helped look for 'Tedi Twt', the school's mascot, who has gone missing and have happily agreed to display the children's posters in the hope of finding him very soon. Cefn Mawr Community Council and Volunteers at the Museum have also been extraordinary in communicating and accommodating our older pupils in their mission to improve the locality's amenities and online presence. A recent visit to the museum was very enjoyable and successful whereby the children all completed the challenge set to them by the volunteers. A big thank you to you for welcoming us – we'll be back! The children and staff would again like to thank the Community Council for their very kind donation towards building resources for one of our classes. The class purchased an interlinking wooden building resource that they have used to recreate a model of their village.

Also a big thank you to the children who have participated brilliantly in the various activities we have done this term. We have celebrated Owain Gwynndwr day, Roald Dahl Day and have had the pleasure of welcoming both Cefn Druids FC and Wrexham FC into our school to promote football and fitness amongst our pupils. Towards the end of term we also celebrated by having a fun filled Spooky Disco which raised over £200 for the school. Thank you to all who contributed.



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CEFN CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



We are organising a **Christmas Carol Service** for the Cefn on **Thursday 9th December 2021**.

We invite everyone to come along and join in. We will start with a **Lantern March** at **6pm** from **Cefn Mawr Post Office** and proceed along Crane Street and Well Street down to the Tesco roundabout and then back up Well Street for the Carol Service on Cefn Square. The Carol

Service will start with the lighting up of the Cefn Christmas Tree followed by Carol Singing until approximately 7pm. All that is required to join in is a torch. All monies raised during the Lantern March and Carol Service will be donated to *Nightingale House Hospice*.

Merry Christmas from David & Iona Metcalfe, PKC Group and The Holly Bush Inn Team.



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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

It was a very busy first week back after half term with a Super Learning Week across the whole school based on the 'Celebration of Light'.

Activities were all based on the New Curriculum for Wales. They particularly enjoyed Samba drumming with *Jonny Baxter (Music Cooperative)* We were very lucky to have *Diwali* workshops during the week with special visitors who set up a Hindu temple area with lots of wonderful artefacts for the children to enjoy, with dressing-up, dancing and the story of Rama and Sita.

The children had plenty of exercise playing *Glow in the Dark Dodgeball* and participated in a Firework themed dance with scarves and a dance to a Firework song, the children dressed in bright colours on this day. Pupils learned about Firework Safety and made super safety posters in readiness for Bonfire Night.

Mr Robinson (Ysgol Rhiwabon's Lead Learner for Science) visited school with Science equipment for light sources and a rainbow wheel. A big thank you to all staff who have made the learning fun in each classroom with activities in the challenge areas in each class to support our learning theme, the children had a great week.

As a reward for their hard work last half term and to celebrate *Halloween*, children and staff wore Halloween costumes with activities including arts and crafts, writing spooky poems and pumpkin trails throughout the day. Children also enjoyed dancing to their favourite Halloween songs in their class bubble



discos. We celebrated *Harvest Festival* at the start of October, each class took part performed Harvest songs and poems. Year 5 pupils wrote a class poem for our Key Stage 2 service. We would like to thank our families for their very generous food donations for our Harvest Festival, all donations were given to our local Community Foodbank at the CRNCA. *Richard Darlington, Sports Development Officer for Wrexham Council*, visited our Year 5 pupils to complete a *Playmakers* training session. The pupils were taught a series of games using an assortment of equipment to play with their friends on the playground. The pupils enjoyed the session and have started their role on the playgrounds this term.

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Dear All, as winter approaches, work on the Ebenezer continues. We hope to turn it around and reopen the building on a commercially viable basis as an Arts & Visitor Centre and Community Facility for the Cefn in the central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site. We have held an official Public Consultation during July and August, but our door always remains open to good ideas and suggestions.

The list of ideas to date from our community and other organisations include the following: Post Office, Cambria Community Bank, Café, Library, Wellness Centre, Book Shop, Place of Worship, Arts & Visitor Centre for the Cefn & Cefn Mawr, Local Tourist Information Facility & Booking Service, Welsh Language Classes for adults to improve local Welsh Literacy, Hot Desk Facilities for CAB, Hot Desk Facilities for Employment Agencies, Ongoing programs of Short Courses in Arts, Crafts and Traditional Building Skills, Short Computer Literacy Courses and Personal Tuition for Maths, English & Welsh, Princes Trust & NEET Programs for youth and young people, central gathering point for guided walking tours explaining the Industrial Heritage of our area and why the aqueduct and viaducts are built where they are, National Lottery Sales, Community Cinema, Youth Club, Shop Units, Snooker Hall, Wine Bar, Night Club, Youth Hostel, Tai Chi & Yoga Classes, Debating Club, Art Group (Pallet People), Tea Shop, Wedding Venue, Gymnastics, Basic Computer Literacy Courses, Funky Bees, Rainbow Centre for Care & Support Facilities, Micro-Brewery, Distillery, Wynnstay Venerable Housing Programme.

If we are successful with local businesses for shared occupancy, we can open next year. One of the most popular ideas has been the relocation of the Post Office to the centre of Cefn Mawr. This linked in with a Café and either a Wellness Centre or perhaps relocation of the Library would work well together and form baseline business activity that the other suggestions could be incorporated with. The scope of opportunity is good and much can be achieved by working together for the benefit of our community, the largest community in the whole of the World Heritage Site Corridor and we remain hopeful others will do so.

Thank you all for your contributions to the consultation and see you at the Holly for a beer some time.

We started a [National Petition for Duty Free Keg Beer](#) to help all pubs in the Cefn, Wales and the UK. It will also help get the licencing system back under control and curb some of the negative effects of alcoholism we have seen so clearly during COVID 19 pandemic. Please help our pubs and the Environment by signing.

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

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