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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY to Mrs Hannaby from Rhosymedre who celebrated her big 90 birthday. Cllr Phil Vaughan had the pleasure of delivering a card and birthday flowers on behalf of Cefn Community Council to celebrate her special day.



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YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

We have had a very busy time since the start of the school year with lots of happy and memorable moments. We continue to learn Welsh and British Sign Language developing our vocabulary and signs. More recently two pupils represented our school at the Armistice Sunday service at the Cefn Mawr Cenotaph. Sienna Morris and Jay Warburton read out the soldier's names from the Cenotaph and laid a wreath in front of a large crowd of observers.

Back in School Year 4 explored what life was like in the trenches. They turned the classroom into trenches and used their senses to describe what it might have been like to be a soldier in the first and second world wars. Pupils made poppy art and researched *Sergeant Stubby* and *Hedd Wyn*. Pupils also wrote letters to their own families taking on the role of a soldier and made



trenches using materials in the small world classroom area. Pupils in Year 2 put on an Air show where children designed and created stunt aeroplanes after learning about the story of *Bessie Coleman* for Black History month in October.

Year 2 pupils also retold the story of *Rosa Parks* after building the bus using Loose Parts in the Outdoor Provision. Many classes went to Erddig to enjoy forest school



session with the Little Hobbits team. Classes also visited Chester Zoo and completed educational sessions back at school learning about conservation.



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EDITORS COMMENTS

It is that time of the year when we have had our Remembrance Service and are now thinking about Christmas and perhaps it is time to see how we can all be a little kinder to each other, think about making things simpler and less stressful so we can take care of ourselves, this is so important for all our wellbeing. In our area we have a number of venues that are offering **Community Warm Places** currently they include the George Edwards Hall on Mondays and Thursdays, the Library any time they are open and the Activity Centre most days (give them a call to check on 07531 310335) for a chat, a cuppa, meet friends or just to take time out of your day.



We are looking forward to the Christmas festivities with the Community Lights switch on, the Window Display competition being judged by the Mayor of Wrexham and Christmas Fayre in the George Edwards Hall on 9th December.

We would like to thank all our advertisers for their support over the last year and wish them Seasons Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

We wish you our readers a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year too.

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

Stay safe and look after yourselves, Tyger.

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Don't forget we welcome your fruit and vegetables that you are going to get rid of as we can use them to feed some of our animals, these can be peeling from preparing vegetables, The only veg/ fruit they don't eat are potatoes, onion family or lemons. Please leave them by the rangers office and we will pick up from there thank you.

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In October, we held a successful open day that gave parents and children - past, present and future, a chance to look around and see all our recent refurbishment etc

For Halloween, children came to nursery in fancy dress for our celebrations. Pumpkin carving, spooky biscuit baking and painting were done alongside lots of art and craft. For Novembers Children in Need week Children wore a fancy dress costume of their choice 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. All children are welcome to attend. For more information please call **01978 822446**



MAELOR ABC NEWS



Maelor ABC held its Autumn Tournament last month at The George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. It was a great afternoon well attended and we would like to thank all the Clubs, Coaches and their boxers for taking part. We thank our sponsors J Francis Roberts & Son, Laid Bare & Tastic Salon, RKJ Tree & Landscapes, Cefn Mawr Driveways Ltd., Evo's Trees, Hedges & Landscapes, Matt's Barber Shop, Mr Rondo Roberts, R Evans & Son Tree & Landscaping, Acrefair Pizza & Kebabs, Finley's Café & Sandwich Bar, Mr David Lovell, First Choice Blinds, Mr C Ellis and J H Motors your support is greatly appreciated. Our thanks also go to our committee members and their supporters for all the work they do as well.

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Hello Everyone.

It's lovely to be back after so much time off, and just in time for the festive season. I know it can be stressful for many, especially after the year its been. So if you know anyone that may be struggling during this time, or if you are having difficulties yourself then please get in touch with me. Whether it's financial, food, or your wellbeing, I am here to help.

In the New Year I am looking to run some workshops to help people with completing those forms we all struggle with - such as PIP, Attendance Allowance, etc. The aim of the workshop is to equip you with the knowledge and the confidence for when you have to complete these forms yourself or for your family.

Again, if you are interested then please let me know as there are limited spaces left. Please all look after yourselves and I wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

You can contact me on

cefncommunityagent@gmail.com or

07925 048711. See you all soon. **Marie-Claire**.



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT ROTARY IS ALL ABOUT?

Rotary members are just ordinary people as a very friendly group of individuals of all ages and walks of life who share a common interest in local community service, making a difference to those in need - and we have a lot of fun doing it. We are not your usual sort of Rotary club you may have heard of! Rotary is changing and we are a new club in the "new style" of Rotary:

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) No weekly meals to pay for.

) No dress code.

) None of the usual Rotary trapping and formalities.

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Rotary is the oldest "Service" organisation in the world and it has been serving its community, locally and internationally since 1905! It now has 1.4m members in over 200 countries around the world and you will be made welcome in any one of them if you visit them. The new Vale of Llangollen Rotary includes all of the Vale and Valley's villages so is there something that you would like looking at in your area just let us know. Find out more about us at

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It's been a very fun and busy time at Ysgol Min y Ddôl this half term. Pupils have been busy supporting and raising awareness of different worthy charities by dressing in yellow and spots for *Children in Need* and in red for *Show Racism the Red Card*. During our anti-bullying week, the children had an assembly from CSSEF which highlighted the importance of equality for the deaf and have also explored our differences and being accepting of them. Three year groups got the opportunity to visit the Stiwt, Rhos to watch a production which explored bullying; its impact on others and ways to overcome it from both sides.

We held an Autumn Disco where **Festival Dance Floors**, **Cefn Mawr**, very kindly provided a light up floor for the occasion free of charge. The children loved it, thank you.



Within the community, our wonderful school choir have recently performed in *The George Edwards Hall* during the **Remembrance Service** and are due to perform for the residents, at both Plas Telford and Llys y Graig.

In sporting news, our girl's

football team played very well in the recent tournament held at The Rock and have set the bar for the mixed team due to play a week later – fingers crossed that they do as well!

Our after school clubs are a big hit this term with many children accessing the cookery, art and craft, Minecraft and Eco clubs that are on offer. It is a pleasure seeing so many attending and enjoying themselves.

If any of you are Welsh speaking and are interested in a career working with children in a supportive and welcoming environment, then please get in touch by calling us on **01978 820903** as there may be an opportunity for you to join our school team!

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Photo Club weekly sessions every Monday from 2 to 4pm, £15 per session all levels welcome, you can even use your smart phone.

Life Drawing exhibition from 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays until 18th December, featuring a selection of drawings from the life drawing sessions. Artwork will be for sale.

We are developing a partnership with Glyndwr University to showcase their Fine Art graduates who specialise in abstract painting. We are excited to announce that Lorna McDines is our first artist.

Welsh Abstract Open 2023 look out soon on our social media for how to apply and the prizes on Offer. Tel: **01978 860311** Mobile: **07884 292404** Email: thedorygallery@gmail.com

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The day included market stalls, street food, live bands and choirs, Sion Corn's Grotto, fairground rides, street entertainers, crafts, a grand raffle, the Christmas Lights switch on and fireworks. This is being followed by a series of late night shopping every Thursday night in December till 7pm.

Thanks to Llanblogger for his update and photo.

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Hello everyone. Hope you have all been keeping safe and well? Since the last edition we have continued to offer an effective clinical service to our patients whilst supporting our NHS colleagues in their commitment to tackle the clinical back log which has resulted from the Covid pandemic.

Did you know that under the “Choose Pharmacy” or “Minor Ailments” scheme your pharmacist can provide free confidential NHS advice and treatment without you having to make an appointment to see your GP. Many common ailments are covered by this scheme and include indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, hay fever, head lice, teething, nappy rash, colic, chicken pox, threadworms, sore throat, athlete’s foot, conjunctivitis, mouth ulcers, cold sores, acne, dermatitis, verruca, back pain, in growing toenails, vaginal thrush and scabies. The aim of the scheme is to free up GPs to deal with more urgent and complex ailments. At the same time, you may find you can see your local pharmacist quicker than waiting for a doctor’s appointment.

Are you up to date with your Covid vaccinations?

Appointments for Covid vaccinations can be arranged, rearranged or cancelled via the Covid Vaccination Contact Centre on **03000 840004** which is open from Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm and at weekends from 9am to 2pm. The vaccine continues to be the best solution to prevent serious illness and the spread of Covid 19.

Have you had your flu vaccine? Please contact the surgery for more information about booking an appointment for your flu vaccine if you are eligible for one.

The NHS is under considerable strain at the moment, and we can all do our bit to help by keeping up to date with all our vaccinations to try and prevent hospital admissions this winter.

If you are not currently registered with us and are struggling to access healthcare services for whatever reason, please contact us today at Crane Medical Centre on **01978 810844** or visit our website at www.cranemedicalcentre.co.uk We are happy and excited to accept new patient registrations and welcome you to our practice. As always, we look forward to updating you in the next addition so until then please stay safe and well.

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1st TREVOR SCOUT GROUP

We as a group are very busy, at this time of year, leading up to Xmas. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Liverpool Museums, 68 of us went in the end, great response.

A great scary Halloween party was enjoyed by all. Recently we enjoyed a visit by Lara our local PCSO, the youngsters were very impressed with Lara, the equipment carried in the car and the 2 'jails' in the back seats, as they called them.

At the moment the Beavers are working on their Faith Badge and just completed their Emergency Aid, Cubs are working on their Environmental Badge.

We have 2 sections in the group both for boys and girls. Beavers age 6-8 yrs is full at the moment, we have a short waiting list, if you would like to enter your child. We still have vacancies in our Cubs age 8-11 yrs. We meet every Thursday term time in our HQ at **Heol Penderyst Trevor**, we have children from all over the local area, everyone is Welcome.

Scouting offers a wide range of activities which provide adventure, fun and is challenging to both youngsters and our Leaders.

As a group we welcome any new volunteers to help in any way in which they are comfortable with. Please contact myself **Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader** on **07939 476208** for a chat, if you are interested.



CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The George Edwards Hall is available to book for parties and events, as well as the main hall we also have available the Lower Room with fully equipped kitchen and the Council Chamber, for those requiring smaller space for meetings or smaller parties the Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries. Currently we have *Slimming World* on Tuesday 5pm - 8pm, and Wednesday 9am - 11am. *DanceZone* on Mondays 5pm - 8.30pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - 8.30pm. *Line Dancing* on a Wednesday from 7.30pm - 10pm.



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: 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**

Trefynant 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.

Youth Club: the Council funded club in the George Edwards Hall is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm during term time.

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

Retirement: Our Caretaker Steve Roberts has decided after 11 years to pack away his trusty broom and hand over the all important booking diary to start his retirement! We had a small get together in the Council Chamber where he was presented with his leaving gifts and cards. We will miss his smiling face and we are sure he will not miss the annual struggle with the giant Christmas Tree in the hall, he is welcome to come back and volunteer to build Santa's Grotto!



Remembrance Service: A beautiful Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph Thank you all that came to pay their respects, lay wreaths, and those who took part in the service. Once again the attendance was incredible and we couldn't be more proud of the community. We had some lovely entertainment afterwards at George Edwards Hall, provided by pupils at Min Y Ddol who sang beautifully for us all We're often approached by first time attendees of our remembrance service, who comment on the large number of local people who come to pay their respects, and once again our community came out in large numbers. You are a credit to our community and we thank you so very much Thank you to Quantum Traffic Management for kindly placing the road closure signs on Plas Kynaston Lane in Cefn Mawr free of charge, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday Service. We would also like to thank Stuart from Regional Property Maintenance and his team for putting up the Poppies in readiness for Remembrance week and also for taking them down.

Community Litter Picks: our Councillors carry 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. At our recent Litter Pick around Plas Kynaston Lane area of Cefn and we were joined by PCSO Lara together with children and Staff from Ysgol Cefn Mawr, they tidied up the paths leading to the school including around Kynaston Place, they all did a fantastic job, thank you.



PCSOs UPDATE

Operation Blue Vigilant

At the beginning of November an operation was launched in Wrexham Rural in a bid to reduce twilight burglary offences. As part of Operation Blue Vigilant, the Wrexham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, along with local councillors, have been



looking to identify vulnerable locations and to provide advice to residents who need it most. Whilst traditionally domestic burglaries may increase between the months of September to April as the nights are drawing in, the offences are currently low in

Wrexham. Local Policing Teams have been delivering crime prevention leaflets with guidance on taking simple measures to prevent burglaries from happening:

- *Don't leave your home in darkness, leave a light on, or use a light timer to give the impression someone is in. Lock your house and vehicle windows and doors even when home and keep valuables out of sight.*
- *A rise in the price of fuel often leads to a rise in oil tank thefts at farms and rural properties. We recommend you positioning the tank within easy view of one or more windows in your home and install electronic oil level gauges and filler cap locks.*
- *Install security lighting to illuminate your home at night. Motion sensor security lighting is regarded as an effective deterrent.*
- *The use of CCTV systems can be an excellent crime prevention and detection tool. Ensure the system is specific to your needs - consider lighting, location, and night vision.*

Additionally, NWP have received funding to issue light packs for residents who need them. They are an intelligent smart lighting system that automatically switch on in the dark, and don't cost a lot to run when you are out. These will be offered to those identified as most vulnerable PCSO Lara Shiers

Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk



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**CEFN MAWR AND RUABON
POPPY APPEAL 2022**

Following a busy few weeks, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022 has ended. Thank you to everyone who has donated this year, the community has raised more than ever before. I would also like to thank my Poppy Appeal volunteers, Margaret, Heather and Iola for supporting this year as always. Bring on 2023!
Joe Wojcik - Jones - Poppy Appeal Organiser Cefn Mawr & Ruabon



A few photos from Cefn Community Councils recent Service of Remembrance. Thank you to all who made it so memorable. *We will remember them.*



BLOOD DONATIONS - WE NEED YOU

Did you know only 3% of the eligible population in Wales give blood?

The Welsh Blood Service is calling on residents of the Wrexham area to start saving lives!

Click here to find the next blood donation clinic in your area

<https://wbs.wales/CefnCommunityNews>

Mae yna apwyntiadau ar gael o hyd yn eich ardal



Appointments still available in your area



WINTER EVENTS

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

The 1st Llan to Chirk **Illuminated Tractor Run** in aid of Vale of Llangollen Rotary & Llangollen Young Farmers. Tractors muster at 3.30pm and leave at 5pm through the main street of Llan then along the A5 to Chirk.

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church Ruabon, all sorts of trees 5ft and under welcomed.

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

Cefn Mawr & District Community Groups meeting 2.30pm at Cefn Mawr Library

FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

Plas Telford Christmas Afternoon Tea / Coffee from 1 to 3pm. Craft stalls, bring and buy stall and refreshments available from the café.

Cefn Community Council Christmas Celebration lights switch on 4.45pm, Christmas Window Comp, Carols & Christmas Fayre in George Edwards Hall 5pm to 7pm and Santa's Grotto, check our Facebook page for more.

The Stiwt theatre presents Beauty and the Beast from Friday 9th to Saturday 31st December tickets available from the Box Office.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

Wrexham Winter Festival & Christmas Market in Queens Square from 10am to 8pm shopping, food, drink and more.

St Collen's Christmas Fayre from 11am to 2pm, music, mulled wine, festive food stalls and raffle.

S John's Rhosymedre Winter Fayre from 12 noon to 3pm with local crafters and home-made gifts.

We are Plas Madoc Community Christmas 3pm-7pm in the Opportunity Centre carpark, Traditional games and stalls with choir and Santa's grotto.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

Wrexham Winter Festival & Christmas Market in Queens Square from 10am to 5pm shopping, food, drink and more.

Christmas at Plas Newydd from 1 to 5pm with Illuminated Grounds, Winter Market, Father Christmas, Christmas carols, Festive Family Trail, Craft workshops and more. Please note disabled parking only due to the illuminations

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

Trevor Church Christmas Concert at 7pm. Admission is free, and there will be a retiring collection.

Beauty and the Beast presented by Delta Academy at The William Aston Hall, Wrexham from 16th to the 18th December.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

Carols by Candlelight at 6pm at St Collen's Church. We will be joined by other churches/faith groups in Llangollen Mince pies & mulled wine after the service.

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER

Ysgol Min y Ddol Christmas School Fayre at 3.05pm, prizes, raffle, tombola, Father Christmas and more.

TUESDAY 21st to 25th FEBRUARY 2023

Diary date Chirk Pantoholics present **Sleeping Beauty** in the Parish Hall.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Outside in Counselling Team 07800 689039 or outside_in@wrexham.gov.uk

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jo@samaritans.org

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Or pat@papyrus-uk.org prevention of young suicide, open 9am-midnight daily

Barnardo's Housing 01978 317092 or 07736 847640

Education Welfare Service 01978 295570/1

WCD Young Carers 07932 225338 or 07984 464886

COUNTRY MARKET NEWS



Llangollen Country Market will be open on Friday 16th December from 9.45 to 11.45am at

Llangollen Memorial Hall,

Market Street, Llangollen LL20 8PS, opposite the main carpark. There are the usual tea and coffee facilities, and you can browse old and new stalls including craft stalls, plant stalls, baked cakes, jewellery and more. The market and its talented stall holders will then taking a break over the winter months and looking to reopen for the end of March 2023. We wish you all a Happy Christmas.

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CHURCH NOTICES

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

T'was the night before Christmas - when in all the rooms
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Every table was polished - and nibbles topped up
All the bins were now empty - and rid of their muck!

The carpets were vacuumed - and sprayed with 'Fresh Air'
There was no dust to be found - not at all - anywhere!
The basin - it sparkled - with the sink and the loo
Toilet rolls were filled up - and the hand soap was too!

It was all prepared ready - for our guests to arrive
Was their visit arranged? - Or perhaps a family surprise?
.... Then all of a sudden - there's a knock at the door!
Some folk rich and well dressed - Some more humble,
or poor?

But they all have that glow - which only Christmas can bring
That which causes a smile - and perhaps even a carol to sing?
What makes it so special? - Is it really - just Santa's big day?
.... the lights on the tree? - Or the greetings we say?

Where did it all start? - Where did it begin?
Was the babe in the manger - such a fantasy thing?
As we celebrate Christmas - let us remember that day
When the Inn was so full - that they pushed **Him** away!
Are our lives any different? - Or do we have the room?
.. for that child in the manger - to visit us too?
Let us not forget **Jesus** - because - **He** is the reason
.. that we should all get together and party this season!

We wish you all a **VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **BLESSED NEW YEAR**. We would love you to join with us all at CaféChurch every 1st Sunday in the month or come along to our Thursday Evening Social once a month. Please telephone **Colin or Rowena** on **01978 824785** for more details.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Christmas Services

Mulled wine + Mince pie 3rd

December 2022 at

12 Noon in St. Mary's Ruabon Church.

Christmas Carol Service 18th December at 6pm
in St Mary's Church Ruabon.

Christmas Vigil Mass 24th December at St.
Mary's Church Ruabon, at 6pm.

Christmas Day Sacred Heart, Chirk at 9am
Holy Cross, Llangollen at 11am.

Llangollen, Chirk and Ruabon Churches are open for
Mass, **Llangollen** Saturday at 6pm, **Chirk** Sunday at
9am and **Ruabon** Sunday at 11am. For other
devotions including weddings, births, confessions and
funerals please contact: **Fr John Bosco Bukomba** by
email at: [PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto: PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk)

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

As a result of recent water damage to the chapel all
services are currently with Ruabon Chapel including
the Christmas services.

We are appealing for donations to help fund these
essential repairs to let us get our chapel back open, if
you can help please let us know thank you.

For more information please call **01978 821177**.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH RHOSYMEDRE



Sunday Services are at 11am. Our
Chips & Bingo is on 2nd Tuesday of
every month, there is a small cost to
attend (around £5 for the chips), please let us know,
so we can make sure that we've got some chips for
you. Follow us on Facebook @ **Hafod Family of
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e-mail: [PhilBettinson1@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto: PhilBettinson1@churchinwales.org.uk)



CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

Tuesday 13th December 12.30pm

Afternoon Carols

Sunday 18th December 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

12.30pm Eucharist with Carols

3pm Crib Service

9.30pm Early Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Nativity Eucharist

All Welcome



LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Weekly **Mass and Communion** in **St Collen's** on
Sundays 11am, When there is a 5th Sunday there will
be a united service for all four churches.

Free Lunch at St Collen's Community Hall Fridays
12noon - 1.30pm. All welcome.

Free Breakfast at St Collen's Community Hall
Saturdays 9 - 11am. All welcome.

Donations for those in need: Rising energy costs, low
incomes and energy inefficient homes will push many
households into fuel poverty over Christmas. In
collaboration with *Llangollen Food Share* we are
collecting donations of toys, toiletries, gifts, knitted items
(hats, scarfs, blankets etc) for those who will struggle
this coming winter.

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

The Church in the Wood, **Sunday Services** continue
at Trevor Church on the first four Sundays of each
month. **Holy Communion** is celebrated on the fourth
Sunday of each month. All services begin at 9.30am.
There is a **Christmas Concert on 16th December**
starting at 7pm. Admission is free, and there will be a
retiring collection. Fr. Lee Taylor will celebrate **Holy
Communion** at Trevor church on **Christmas Day**,
with the service starting at 9.30am.

ST COLLEN'S CHURCH LLANGOLLEN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 18th December at 6pm

CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December at 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS & BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass Sunday 25th December at 11am



CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE UPDATE

The season has started off strongly with the league having 16 teams entering the new season, which is fantastic that people and venues are supporting the league given the current financial situation the country finds itself in. We are 8 games into the season, and 1 point currently separates the top 6 teams, which shows how competitive the league is. Perennial underdogs Pubby McPubface A started the season strongly with 2 well deserved wins against the Queens and the New Inn. Pubby McPubface B have also had very strong start to their campaign, with 7 wins in their 8 games played, with a very impressive 5-3 win over the Cons Club Ruabon who are considered among the favourites to win the league this season. Penycae FC have yet to register any points on the board but there is still a lot of games to play. The Sun Rhos, The Royston Acrefair and Pubby McPubface B are all equal on points at the top of the league with the number of Legs won deciding the order, with the Cons Club Ruabon, Cefn Social Club and Rhos Snooker Club 1 point behind.

The next round of fixtures has started from week commencing 28/11/22.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Chirk AAA's player Aidy Keefe. Aidy was an instantly recognisable player had played in the league for many years most notably for the Stanton, Chirk. He was a fantastic player who will be surely missed, and the committee would like to extend its condolences to his family and friends at this time.

The famous **Cefn League Turkey Shoot** takes place on the 19th December at the Cefn Social Club where league registered players all come together at Christmas to win a Turkey in a darts knockout and the Cefn 7s, there will be 4 boards of top quality darts action taking place in the newly refurbished club, a raffle with an array of prizes, and reasonably priced refreshments available on the night. Feel free to come along to watch and support the players from venues all over the area and you could come away with a prize at the raffle, the Club should be open from 7pm. we look forward to seeing you there.

2022-2023								
Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League								
	Team	GP	W	L	D	PD	Points	Legs
1	Sun Rhos	8	6	0	2	0	14	48
2	Royston	8	7	1	0	0	14	47
3	Pubby McPubface B	8	7	1	0	0	14	44
4	Rhos Snooker Club	8	6	1	1	0	13	47
5	Cons Club	8	6	1	1	0	13	44
6	Cefn Social Club	8	6	1	1	0	13	39
7	Vaults	8	5	3	0	0	10	36
8	Chirk AAAs	8	4	3	1	0	9	33
9	Black Lion Rhos	8	2	5	1	0	5	29
10	Eagles	8	2	5	1	0	5	26
11	Pubby McPubface A	8	2	5	1	0	5	20
12	The Delph	8	1	5	2	0	4	24
13	Oddfellows	8	1	5	2	0	4	19
14	Queens	8	0	5	3	0	3	21
15	New Inn	8	1	7	0	0	2	20
16	Penycae FC	8	0	8	0	0	0	15

DARTS KNOCKOUT IN MEMORY OF SUE WRIGHT & LES WARNER



A superb day at the Cefn Mawr Community Social Club and big thanks for hosting the event which will hopefully become an annual tournament. Well done to **Robbie Duiqs Pugh, Abbie Pugh, Jim Leighton** and **Greg** who ran a brilliant event. Well done to *Shane Hayward* for winning Les and Sue's competition, *ParryPower Gwilym* on runner up spot, *Ian Bride* and *Jon Williams* on semi finals finish. The ladies event was won by *Natasha Buffey* and *Jane Parkinson* was runner up. A massive turn out for Les and Sue and unbelievable that players put their prize money back in a great gesture, thank you. Some amazing darts on display throughout the event and we really enjoyed the day. Thank you everyone for your kind wishes, raffle donations and everyone who bought raffle tickets and football cards. A fabulous **£1523** has been raised for cancer research. Amazing.



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THE COMMUNITY CAFE & FOODBANK RHOS

We support families and individuals in the community with our foodbank, please get in touch to organise a food parcel. Generally we are here midday on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but please do contact us on **01978 447477** or message us on our **Facebook** page before coming up to see us.

VETERANS GATEWAY When you need to be referred to the right help quickly, **Call 0808 802 1212, text 81212** visit our website <https://bit.ly/38UiaL2> or find us on Facebook, **open 24/7**

WREXHAM FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Our supportive Outreach Team is here to help and support you with a range of family issues or concerns. Call us for a chat on **01978 292094** or email: fis@wrexham.gov.uk to see how we can help you. Check our Facebook page for updates resources, events, activities and courses for you.

FRIENDS OF PARKIES

We are a charity based on the border of North Shropshire and South Clwyd in St Martins, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families. We meet socially every 2nd Wednesday of the month to share information and to help/support one another. We offer support for people recently diagnosed with Parkinsons who don't know where to turn for help and information. Call us for an informal chat and more information. Tel: **Elaine** on **07760 685447**. See our Facebook page - **friends of parkies**.

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE / WELFARE RIGHTS

Our Welfare Rights Unit provides telephone advice to all Wrexham residents on all matters relating to Social Security entitlements including advice on Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance, disability benefits and so on. Please call **01978 298255** between **9.30am and 12pm, Monday to Friday**.

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE UPDATE

The office will be closed on the bank holidays over the Christmas period. Reception will be closed on the 28th 29th and 30th of December but calls will still be dealt with if you ring **01978 292061**.

For emergency repairs ring **01978 298993**

If you require support and advice with "the cost of living" ring the Estate office and we will help or direct you to services that are available to assist. *If you think you will need a food parcel please contact the office before the 22nd of December as the food banks will close between Christmas and New Year.*

It is important that tenants have Home contents insurance which the council can provide at a reasonable rate. Please ring the office for a form and advice on this to protect your personal belongings. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Staff at the Estate office.

Reception open to the public from **9am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday**, and **9am to 4pm Friday**

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



People are still dying as a result of fire at home. Help save a life - take a few simple steps to check on those you know. Be it a neighbour, relative or someone you care for contact us for a **Safe and Well** check, call **0800 169 1234** or visit <http://ow.ly/4zS950GUlfr>

STREET LIGHTING FOR CEFN CC AREA

These lamp posts will have a number on them and should be reported to the Clerk of the Community Council. The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** or by email:

cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

WCBC STREET LIGHTING REPORTING

Usually these are lights on main roads, please use the facility online, if you type in the post code it will take you to a map where you can identify the light or road sign:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/street-light-reporting>

PLAS MADOC NEWS & UPDATES

What's on in Plas Madoc MONDAYS

Coffee Morning at Plas Telford from 10 to 11.30am.

Youth Club upstairs in the Leisure Centre from 6 to 8pm.

Pause4Thought from 6 to 7pm at the Kettle Club Hub, come and meet like minded women and discuss issues like menopause. Brews and cake available.

TUESDAYS

Crafty Brew Health & Wellbeing Group from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Leisure Centre Aqua Lounge. The group supports mental health through crafts and peer support. All welcome - come along and do some crafts whilst having a cuppa.

Mobile Food Van at 11.30 to 1pm in the carpark by the Leisure Centre field. Meals available to purchase on the day and can be pre-ordered for the following week. Microwave meals, slow cooker bags & much more from toiletries and food cupboard items, contact Donna on **07394 465113** for info and to order.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Netball from 8.15 to 9pm in the Leisure Centre Sports Hall for over 18s, subs £2, training and courses available.

WEDNESDAYS

Breakfast & Brews Club from 9 to 11am at the Opportunities Centre

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Youth Club upstairs in the Leisure Centre from 6 to 8pm.

Youth Street Football from 7.15 to 6pm.

THURSDAYS

Kettle Club Hub from 9 am to 4pm

CAB at the Kettle Club Hub from 1 to 4pm

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

WAPM Events Planning & Chat from 6 to 7pm.

FRIDAYS

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm eyes down 7pm- Aqua Lounge, Leisure Centre. £3 per book, inbox WAPM for more details and to book your tickets. Children welcome accompanied by an adult £1 for Children's bingo.

SATURDAYS

Garden Gang meets from 11am to 12 noon.

The Land is open for play from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

SUNDAYS

Community Litter Pick every 1st Sunday of the month from 3 to 4pm, meet at the Leisure Centre carpark by the field.

We are Plas Madoc Community Christmas is on Saturday 10th December 3pm-7pm at the Opportunity Centre carpark, Traditional games, stalls a choir and Santa's grotto, to get involved call us on **07394 465113**.

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The Wednesday Lunch Club for over 50s continues through the season with lunch, pudding and a cuppa for £3.50. This year for the first time a couple of volunteers will be having a Christmas Day pop in from 11-1pm at the Centre. So if you are on your own with no one to go to and are over 50 please call in and see what's cooking! Call **07532 484470** for more information.

Men's Shed all ages every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. We have many project and activities DIY around the building and grounds, learn cooking and how to use kitchen equipment, make useful items, or simply tea and chat. It's your choice unless you have something in mind you would like to do.

Garden and Eco Group Any time any day just call in when open and look out for posters with litter pick / project dates. All ages welcome children must be with a adult please.

Warm Places

All of our Clubs and activities offer a safe warm place where you can pop in and have a cuppa and a chat. Don't forget our Christmas Day pop in if you are going to be on your own

The Volunteers wish to continue to support those in need as much and in as many ways as we can, as we have always done. Please if you wish to support and help us be continue to be available for our community we would welcome you joining us as a volunteer or you can support us by doing our Community Lottery, thank you. Help us be here to help you
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Can you help us spread the word?

Could setting up your own enterprise to offer care and support in Cefn Mawr be for you? I am *Jen Naylor*, a Wrexham County resident running my own part time business and also working part-time for social enterprise Community Catalysts.



We are helping local people to set up and run their own micro-enterprises offering care and support to older and disabled people. We're working in partnership with Wrexham Council to help you get set up for free! Some of you may know *Tom Hughes*, who has been promoted to a new role in Community Catalysts but is still working on the project. I will also be working alongside *Amy Kordiak* the new Community Catalyst for the county.

We have already supported 53 amazing new community based micro enterprises across Wrexham offering a range of things: from help with cleaning, cooking, getting washed and dressed, trips out and more. But with rising population of older people and more people choosing to remain independent at home, demand for care and support is outstripping supply.

I would love to chat informally to you about your ideas, what it is like to run your own business and help spread the word!

I understand it can be a big step just to make a call to say you are interested, but I can assure you that our approach is very friendly, supportive and informal and you are not committing yourself to anything by getting in touch. You can find a list of micro enterprises offering care and support in the Cefn area on www.smallgoodstuff.co.uk/Wrexham

To arrange an informal chat about your ideas – please call or text **Jen Naylor** on **07398 335037** or **Amy Kordiak** on **07880 195114** or follow us on Facebook:

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CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After a long break owing to the pandemic, Cefn Mawr Historical Society has now resumed its programme of talks, with a special evening in the George Edwards Hall, where Professor Peter Doyle, FRHistS gave a talk on 'Percy Edwards of Cefn Mawr — Telling His Story'. Percy has become well-known in the area owing to Professor Doyle's book about him. Our 2023 programme will begin with the meeting at 7pm on Friday 24th February in the George Edwards Hall, and we hope to share a list of speakers with you very shortly. The Museum continues to open at its usual times, 10am to 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and all visitors are very welcome. We hope to create a programme of special exhibitions in 2023 alongside our regular displays. Contact me on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through a message on Facebook. Alan Tiltman, Archivist

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RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE

We will be taking our break after our session on December 8th and will be back together in St John's for January 12th at 7pm. If you would like to join us then you'll have a warm welcome and you might enjoy yourself with a good old sing or just a cuppa and a chat!. If you have any questions you wish to ask, please contact our choir leader, **Nova Evans** on nova.4song@gmail.com or you can look us up on the **Raise the Roof** Facebook page, we'd love to see you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



LOCAL LITTER PICKERS UPDATE

Litter picking around your area? Please reported your litter pick with the location and number of bags to *Pride in our Streets* on **01978 298989** Monday to Friday. Any weekend picks must be reported with the same details & pics if possible to wrexhamlitter@wrexham.gov.uk or I'll sort it for you, I can also give you bags. Thanks for making a difference. Call me on **07532 780007 Tyger**.

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WEDNESDAYS: Cylch Ti a Fi 1:15-2pm during term time. This is suitable for children under 4 and Welsh or nonspeaking Welsh families. Learn simple songs and take part in a craft activity. The sessions are free but you need to book in advance by contacting **Llinos** on **07843 324364** or **llinos.rowlands@meithrin.cymru**

Lego Club runs every Wednesday all year round from 3:15-4pm. Suitable for children age 4+ with some building blocks for younger siblings if needed. It's free and a drink of squash and a biscuit is provided.

THURSDAYS: Come along to our book club which is held on the last Thursday of the month from 2-3pm. Free of charge and a hot drink will be provided.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

We have free **Christmas crafts for adults** from 1-3pm on Mondays. These are a series of six sessions on aromatherapy and other festive crafts. *Contact the library for details on* **01978 820938** or **cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk**

Wednesday December 7th we're making Christmas wreaths. This session costs £10 and is payable on booking.

Christmas crafts for children is on Mondays 3:15-4pm running until Monday 19th December. These sessions are free but please contact us to book your place.

You can **renew your books** by phone **01978 820938**, in person or online **www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries** and follow the online services link

No more fines! From January 1st 2023 Libraries across Wrexham will no longer charge fines for items which are being returned late, but we'd still love our books back if you've finished with them and if you haven't then you will need to renew them **December will be an amnesty month to bring back anything you've got lurking round the house.**

Come January if you've had a book for more than 90 days you will be asked to repay the cost of the book plus an admin fee before you can take any new ones out.

Warm places Come along anytime we're open for a chat, read a book or newspaper or just take time out of your day. Free WIFI is available.

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Cuppa & catch-up As not all the volunteers and staff see each other regularly we like to have 'Cuppa & Catch-up' every now and then, we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with lots of cakes!



Charity Stall We'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who's donated to the Trevor Basin Visitor Centre Pre-loved stall over the years. We've have raised over £400 for the Canal and River Trust this year alone!

Opening times The Visitor centre is currently open 10am – 3pm, Thursday to Monday in November and Friday to Sunday in December. Our last day open for this year will be Sunday 18th December, we will re-open on Friday 24th February 2023.

Aqueduct maintenance please note The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct will be closed for its annual maintenance from January 3rd 2023 to February 24th 2023. Please note that the navigation will open from 15:30pm to 9am the following morning every day. The navigation will also open at 15:30pm each Friday and remain open until 9am each Monday morning. During these periods of open navigation, the towpath will remain closed at all times and there will be no alighting.



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We have completed our Saturday Vaccination Clinics for Covid and Flu vaccinations at Ruabon Medical Centre. We have successfully vaccinated our patients over a 6 week period starting on Saturday 8th October 2022 and ending on Saturday 12th November 2022. We also vaccinated our care homes and housebound patients to help Health Board deliver this service and to ensure our patients are protected and immunised quickly. For any eligible patients only who wish to have their flu vaccination and who haven't already received an invite or their vaccination, please contact the surgery via email: Enquiries.W91043@wales.nhs.uk and put in the subject heading Flu Vaccination and we will try and get you booked in quickly. We are now coming to the end and therefore have just a small quantity of vaccinations left for our over 65 population and also our under 65 population. We would like to thank all of our patients for such lovely comments and feedback on how well our clinics have been managed and organised and also our amazing staff team for such a successful delivery of the vaccination programme to ensure our patients are protected quickly.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Mary's Church Ruabon will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival, starting on December 7th all sorts of trees are welcome as long as they are 5ft or under. If you want to take part please email: Katherinetiltman@gmail.com

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS



Thank you to the large number of Ysgol Rhiwabon students who participated in *Remembrance Sunday* at various locations in the local community. You were a credit to the school and your families.

The school would like to thank all the families for their support with the *Children in Need Appeal*. Thanks to you and the hard work of Year 11 and Year 8 we raised a total of £801, this was recognised on the Ticker Tape on the TV coverage on the night and we are very proud of our students and staff.



In what was a huge week for Welsh football, Mrs. Melanie Ferron-Evans, Headteacher, was on BBC Radio Wales talking about the school, Neco Williams, and the link to football that the school has. Ahead of the Wales game, Neco Williams has sent a message to his old school from Qatar.

Then early on the Friday morning the school prepared to host BBC Breakfast to share in the celebrations ahead of the game against Iran.

Yma O Hyd being sung very loudly!

A proud moment for Ysgol Rhiwabon as they 'Go Live' on BBC Breakfast News with Jane McCubbin from the main hall.



We ended the month with a small number of pupils being invited to join the national pupil panel at the Princes Teaching Institute to talk to the Heads of Maths, Science and Design & Technology from across the UK. They travelled to Crewe Hall in their own time to take part in this event representing the school well, we thank them for giving up their free time to support their school.



YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

We have had a very busy and sporty half term here at School. After the Covid 19 restrictions it has been fantastic to take our pupils out to organised tournaments and sporting events arranged by Active Wrexham. We have held after school running clubs to train for the Y5/6 Cross Country event held at Ysgol Rhiwabon. 20 boys and girls from Y5/6 bravely ran just over a mile on a tough course with a hilly climb at the end. All of our team completed the course and were awarded medals at school. A special mention to Isabelle Morris y6 who came 7th in the Y6 girls' event out of 50 entrants and Evan Evans Y6 who came 8th out of 50 runners and received medals for coming in the top ten on the day. We have been very excited to celebrate Wales entering in the World Cup and enjoyed a visit from Mr Urdd and the Welsh team who delivered a special



assembly at our school to celebrate our former pupil **Neco Williams** playing for Wales - what an achievement and an honour for him and his family. The pupils are very inspired by his achievements. Pob Lwc Cymru! As part of the World cup celebrations our Y5/6 boys and girls have entered a World Cup football Tournament at The Rock. Organised by Active Wrexham with over 32 teams taking part. Our girls played well finishing 4th in their group. Our boys team came top of their group and will play in the finals in March. They showed a superb team effort and determination. All classes have made banners and flags to support the World Cup and have enjoyed a football themed lunch and a class football tournament during PE sessions.

Harvest Festival. Thank you to all of our families who very generously donated items for the local foodbank. Our Y6 pupils carried 2 bags full of donations each to hand over to the foodbank at Tesco. During the week all of our pupils completed Cross Curricular work based on the book - Its a no Money day, which explored the theme of a family who used the foodbank. A relevant topic in the current cost of living crisis we are exploring today. All classes took part in our Harvest Celebration Assembly performing songs and poems.

Remembrance Day Celebrations Thank you to pupils in Y6, *Raya O Shea and Zac Davies* who read



some of the names of the fallen on the Cenotaph in a clear and confident manner. Well done to *Roxy Davies and Teego Hayward* Y6 for laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the school. Pupils in Y1 and Y2 also made a poppy wreath as part of their topic work and laid them at the Cenotaph. My thanks also to families who supported the Poppy appeal and raised

over £250 for the Royal British Legion appeal.
Children in Need Thank you to all of our families for supporting us with our Spotacular fundraiser for Children in Need. The children looked great in their spotty and Pudsey bear clothes and took part in a Pudsey bear dance and a colouring competition organised by the School Council. Thank you also to Year 1 and 2 who made cakes and organised a cake sale. We raised a total of £265.42 towards this worthy appeal.



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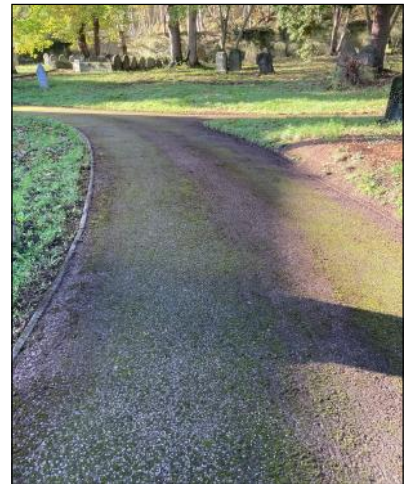
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At last months Community work in at St John's we were clearing leaves and moss off the pathways and litter picked, as usual we just got stuck in and forgot to take any before photos however we shifted around 12 tonne bags! Big thanks to Rob for the fantastic, tasty cake he made and bought up for the volunteers and to Raf and the Team for their great work. I notice we are getting a lot more people coming in and tending the graves also it was touching to see that the **Air Cadets** from **1251 Berwyn Squadron** have laid a cross on each of the 12 war graves, thank you. The middle path is being worked on by volunteers at the moment, please be aware it's going to be muddy for the next week or so. This will be a big improvement and make it safer for everyone, big thank you to this team.



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TESCO IN THE COMMUNITY



Tesco Cefn Mawr recently celebrated Top Trolley Guy Ian's 60th Birthday. He is also a firm favourite with so many of our elderly Customers, we hope you had a great day Ian. We were saddened to hear that little Nellie-Jae, aged 3 years old from Ruabon has been

diagnosed with leukaemia. This news has totally devastated the family. Myself along with many others in the area are aiming to raise as much money as possible to help Nellie's family whilst they are taking time out of work to support Nellie as she is being treated at Alder Hey children's hospital in Liverpool, as well as helping the family give both Nellie and her sister a great Christmas. There is a fundraising night on **Saturday December 17th** at Cefn Mawr Community Club, if there is anyone / local businesses wanting to donate raffle prizes please message me or Jamie Foulkes on Facebook. Message Jamie if you want tickets. I have placed charity fundraising buckets at the checkouts in Tesco Cefn Mawr.

Any help and support is appreciated, thanks, Lee.



WCBC TOILETS CONSULTATION

Whether we're in a country park, city centre or in one of our villages we all get caught out from time to time and in need of a public toilet. In order to find out what people think of them we're now reviewing our public toilet strategy and you're invited to have your say about the current situation across the county borough.

The consultation asks what you think of such things as hygiene, changing facilities, the size of public toilets, opening times, accessibility, quality and would you be willing to pay for their use.

The consultation runs from 21 November 2022 to 9 January 2023 and the survey is available online at [Your Voice - Wrexham \(yourvoicewrexham.com\)](http://YourVoice-Wrexham(yourvoicewrexham.com)) Paper surveys are also available at **all the libraries** throughout the borough as well as Contact Wrexham AVOW/Shopmobility, the Guildhall, the Visitor Information Centre and The Wellbeing Hub.



WARM PLACES PROJECT



Cefn Community Council wish to thank **Tesco Cefn Mawr** for donating a TV for the lower room at George Edwards Hall. This will be a big asset to the young people who attend the youth club.

Cefn Community Council are officering a **Community Warm Space** for you to come and drop in for a hot drink and free access to WIFI on **Mondays**

and **Thursdays** from 9am to 1pm, all are welcome.

To find out more please email us at cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com or call **01978 821298**.

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Pool Timetable: Our new Term Time Pool timetable is now available on our website and Facebook page.

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Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Friday of the month Free for local residents – next dates are **11.11.22** and **09.12.22** (proof of address may be requested)

Free Swimming: For Wrexham residents - Over 60's Tues 10am -11am and Thurs 9am – 10am Term time only (proof of address may be requested) Under16's every Saturday 3pm – 4.00pm and Monday's 3.00-4.00pm during holidays

Cafe and Soft Play: opening times (term time) Tues and Thursday 11am – 3pm and 3.30pm – 6pm. Saturday and Sunday 11am – 3pm (please check our website as times are subject to change)

Re-Engage offer a free Chair Yoga Session for over 75's every fortnight 11.15-12.00 on Mondays Why not have a spot of lunch after your chair yoga session! (Luncheon Club £3.50)

New Luncheon Club: Term time Mondays at 12.15pm Two course meal & drink for just £3.50 Booking is essential, call in or Tel: **01978 821600**

Community Support Hub: Plas Madoc is proud to host one of Wrexham's Community Support Hubs in partnership with BCUHB Residents are able to access a number of services via signposting from PMLC, these include WAPM, Warm Wales, Citizens Advice, Wrexham Foodbank, MIND, Cambrian Loans and Saving, Communities for Work and Re-Engage to mention just a few of our partnership services. Residents can access advice and practical support which include:

-)] Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kit collection
-)] Food (either Foodbank or/and cooked meals/ classes)
-)] Accommodation/tenancy support
-)] Money/debt management/Credit Union/benefit advice
-)] Legal advice (family, employment, civil matters)
-)] Fuel/heating support
-)] Family support
-)] Mental & physical health support
-)] Domestic and substance abuse support
-)] Digital inclusion
-)] Multilingual support
-)] Modern slavery & exploitation support
-)] Entry to employment/sustaining employment
-)] Social prescribing
-)] Gentle Exercise for over 75's

We are working hard to develop the community support hub with new projects coming soon to include Food Education Courses and Digital Inclusion support, check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Birthday parties and Private Hire: Bookings are now available for Birthday parties with one of the following options: Soft play, Swimming Pool, Bouncy Castle, Football and Roller Skating. Hot food is provided from our cafe. Prices available on our website; <https://www.plas-madoc.com/parties>.

Santa will be visiting us again this December Check our website and FB page for updates and info.

SplashPort to Leisure: Plas Madoc Leisure Centre offers a **"SplashPort to Leisure"** scheme to all Plas Madoc residents. This scheme allows anyone living on Plas Madoc Estate to benefit from a 50% discounted price for the following activities – Swimming Pool, Gym, Fitness classes, Badminton, and the Soft Play area. *How does it work?* To be part of the scheme you need to reside in Plas Madoc. (*Proof of address may be requested*) Complete an application form and return it to Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. Pay £2.00 for a SplashPort membership card. Start Saving! For more information, please contact the Centre on **01978 821600** E-mail; info@plas-madoc.com, find us on Facebook or pop into the Centre.

Birthday Parties: bookings now available Softplay, Swimming Pool, Bouncy Castle, Football, Roller Skating.

Climbing Wall: please ask about the wall availability. Please check our Facebook page and our website for activity timetables and session times. Don't forget our *PMLC Support Hub* for access to key services on your doorstep.

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Merry Christmas Everyone, and here is some good news to help us get by. Two years ago, now we saw Storm Christopher and Bowers Road turned into a river with the runoff from the Delph. During the storm NRW, Natural Resources Wales recorded the highest river levels ever for the river Dee, whilst large areas in lower Wrexham and Cheshire flooded. This flooding was despite the major civil works constructed to counter such, Llyn Brenig, Llyn Celyn and containment at Bala during a 20-year period from 1950's to the 1970's.

We have just seen the hottest summer ever recorded with exceptionally low levels at Llyn Celyn, Brenig and Vyrnwy. And now, once again, almost constant rain. While the B5605, Newbridge Road remains closed for almost 2 years now. COP 27 has just completed, and the Welsh Government have followed this up with their own Wales Climate Week where Climate Emergency issues are discussed and explored at a national level.

We fully support this work, and this is why we seek to reopen the Ebenezer as a Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre at the heart of our community. To address the current Energy Crisis WCBC has asked for local groups to join in with their Warm Places scheme, and we have offered the Ebenezer. We are hoping that the council will work with us, so we can offer our community a warm place this winter. At the Holly Bush Inn we keep a warm pub, open from 11:00 am to 23:00pm 7

days a week and have a log fire most days as well. The Christmas tree will be going up again on Cefn Square outside the Ebenezer to make our village look more festive and we hope all will enjoy.

We are also continuing with our Duty-Free Keg Beer campaign to try and reduce the beer prices in all pubs. The knock on from this is that our pubs would become more attractive, and this would reduce the amount of beer sold in cans and bottles. We have calculated that something in the region of 3.8 billion cans and 2.5 billion bottles are produced every year, just to sell beer. This will have a tremendous CO2 impact, and then they must be recycled, at best, as well! Its far better for the Environment to drink your beer from a glass filled at your local pub. So, rest assured we are looking at the problems but are also working on solutions, that can be quite nice. Furthermore, our Environmental Policy is working well, and we are reducing our Carbon Footprint wherever we can. So Merry Christmas once again and Happy New Year to you all, and we hope to see you in the Holly helping save the planet.



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

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