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PRINCIPALITY CHILD OF WALES AWARD WINNER
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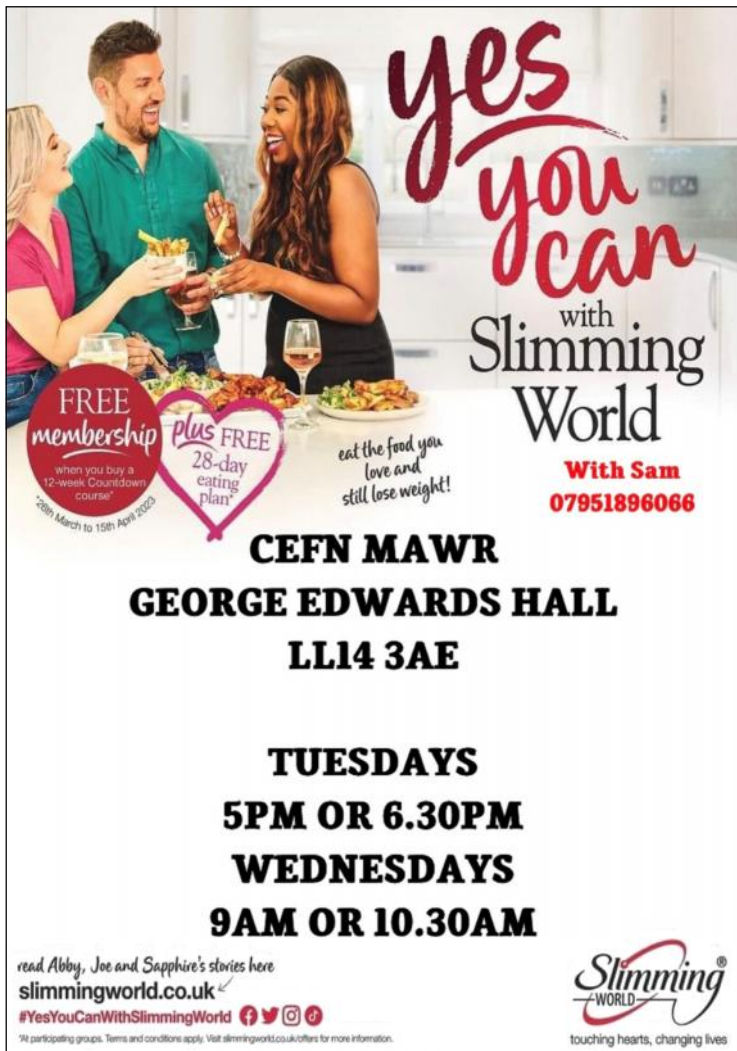
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Congratulations to Ysgol Rhiwabon on winning the secondary school of the year category at the inaugural Leader Education Awards 2023 held at Soughton Hall, near Mold, hosted by ITV Wales presenter Andrea Byrne. These awards recognised the outstanding achievements of pupils, teachers and support staff in schools across Wrexham & Flintshire. The award was accepted by head teacher Melanie M. Ferron-Evans and Joan Lowe, Chair of the Governors with the award recognising their outstanding year.

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EDITORS COMMENTS

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We also wish a Long and Happy Retirement to Jane & Steve at *Lady Jane Bridal Boutique* in Ruabon and welcome the new owners Sue & Shauna who are looking forward to serving all new brides to be. You can find both business in the newsletter and on Facebook.

I am sure you will have been disappointed and annoyed to learn about the vandalism we have been having in the area, please read the Joint Statement on page 13 from Cefn Community Council and our new Police Inspector Matt Subacchi.

Big thank you to all our regular litter pickers who go out in all weathers and quietly make such a difference, the work you do is really appreciated. Just let me or the Community Council know when you need more bags.

Don't forget if there are any significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries coming up in our community do let Trina our Community Council Clerk know on **01978 821298**.

Please do get in touch with me on **07532 780007** or email me at: tyger@tygertactics.com with your news and photos or to book your advertising in the next edition.

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

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.

Jac Williams - Honest Agriculture exhibition of the life of a working family farm in Glyndyfrdwy told through photographs reflecting all season until **21st May**, Sat & Sun from 10am - 4pm.

Pandora's Reticule from **26/5/23 to 20/8/23** brings **Edward Bells** new work exploring lies inspired by the photographic eye Sat & Sun from 10am to 4pm
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We meet every Monday night at 7.30 in the Liberty Tavern, Market Street, Llangollen LL20 8PS. We welcome new members, so if you want to learn about the types of local projects and events we get involved with, come and meet us. You don't have to commit to attending every meeting, so you can be as involved as much or as little as you like. We are a new group with a diverse membership, and are always looking to help the local community. We sometimes have local speakers and have various types of membership fees to suit all contact **Mike Lade** on **07803 038858** or email valeofllangollenrotary@gmail.com



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Cadet Flight Sergeant Lewis Hughes recently attended the Lords-Lieutenant Annual Awards Ceremony at Wrexham's Hightown Barracks where he was presented with his badge of office as a Lords-Lieutenant Cadet. Lords-Lieutenant's Cadets are chosen as recognition of their outstanding contribution to their cadet forces and are also ambassadors for young people in the local area. The role of a Lords-Lieutenant Cadet is to assist the Lord-Lieutenant most usually at large civic and military events and parades. This

will be only the second time (in living memory) that a cadet from 1251 (Berwyn) Squadron has been appointed to assist the Lords Lieutenant of Clwyd in his duties. Are you looking for a new hobby? Please contact oc.1251@rafac.mod.gov.uk to get involved!



AIR CADETS BASED IN CHIRK HAVE COMPLETED THEIR CADET BASIC TRAINING! Four cadets who completed an arduous 6 months of training have now completed their recruit training and have been 'badged' as first-class cadets. The 6 month programme includes training in; basic life support, navigation, airmanship, the Royal Air Force as well as the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. The training also includes an initial kit and equipment issue and teaching cadets how to iron and look after their uniform. The First Class Awards Ceremony took place at Hightown Barracks earlier this month with cadets from Wrexham being awarded their badges. Are you looking for a new hobby? Contact oc.856@rafac.mod.gov.uk to get involved!

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Sean Rolinson

Three years after divorcing my ex still hasn't paid me my share of the house!

Q. My ex-husband and I were divorced 3 years ago. It was agreed that he would pay me £50,000, and the house would be put in his name, and he would get me off the mortgage. However, I have still not received my money, the house is still in joint names, and I am still on the mortgage. Without the money I cannot buy another house with my new partner, and I am stuck in rented accommodation. What can I do?

A: Without seeing the Court Order that was agreed and approved by the Court it is not possible to provide a definitive answer, but you should have options.

You should be able to apply back to the Court to ask that the order is enforced, and under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 you have the ability to ask that the original order is varied to enable the house to be sold if your ex does not comply with the original order. You may also be able to ask the Court to order that your ex-husband pays you interest on the unpaid sum. Given the length of time that has elapsed since the original order was made, that interest will not be an insignificant sum.

If you are left with no option but to apply to the Court, you can also ask the Court to order that your ex-husband be responsible for the legal costs you have incurred and the Court may well order him to pay you some or all of your legal costs.

You should consult with an experienced matrimonial solicitor who will be able to properly advise you on the merits of your specific case and discuss your options in full. It is worth noting that, depending upon your personal circumstances, Legal Aid may be available to you.

This question has been answered by Sean Rolinson, a Solicitor with GHP Legal. If you would like to speak to someone about this or any other legal matter, please visit our website www.ghplegal.com and use the contact us form, or call us on: Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313, Oswestry 01691 659194



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We have several Reading Groups in the library.

Llangollen Library Reading Group

Meets on the 1st Friday of the month at 7pm £2 to cover refreshments. Next meeting 5th and our May book will be "The Fortune Men" by Nadifa Mohamed June's book will be "Small Things like These" by Claire Keegan.

A new Day time Reading Group

Next meeting Monday 15th May 10.30am. Book to be discussed Alexander McCall Smith books – choose a book by this author and we will discuss it.

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Hundreds of walkers took on the 10-mile Llangollen Canal Walk on Sunday, April 2, raising more than **£20,000** for **Hope House Children's Hospices.**

Fundraiser, *Cat Dowdeswell*, said: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our amazing supporters who have joined us on our Llangollen Canal Walk, raising £16,000 so far with more money still coming in. This money will be supporting seriously ill local children and their families, and without this fantastic support we simply wouldn't be able to be here for those that need us the most.

A huge thank you to our super team of volunteers and our event sponsors Principality Building Society who have helped make this such a great day and sent a team to help us on the day."

LLANGOLLEN COUNTRY MARKET NEWS



The Llangollen Country market is open on the last Friday of each month 11-2 pm, at the **Memorial Hall, Market Street, Llangollen**

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

Our first application for funding to purchase the Museum from Denbighshire County Council, and to replace the roof of the building, will be submitted in about a week,

followed shortly by other applications to obtain matching funding for the project. The programme will also feature a number of community projects, and we will send out details of these when we know the results of the funding applications.

The exhibition presently on display in the Janet Wakefield Gallery at the Museum is of a selection of paintings by local artist Malcolm Hughes of Cefn Mawr. The pictures are landscapes, still life and figure and group studies, as well as studies of the ruins of the First World War munitions works at Plas Bennion. Following Malcolm's exhibition, the display in May will feature pictorial and written histories of some of the houses in Pentredr, produced as part of the Pentredr Community Association's programme, entitled Pentredr Yesterday and Today. It will include applique work made with local wool by the residents of Pentredr, depicting their houses.

There was a full house for the talk in the Museum by Chris Adams on Dylan Thomas and the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, which was both entertaining and informative. There will be no talk in April, but on May 31st at 7.30 there will be an illustrated talk by former county archaeologist Fiona Gale entitled 'The Restoration of Ruthin Castle'. Admission will be £3, which includes refreshments.

Downstairs in the Museum we have a new display about the Ladies of Llangollen. In addition, the spring window display at the Museum celebrates International Women's Day and Women's History Month, featuring



CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Cefn Mawr and District Museum continues to open its doors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12.30pm. In addition to our regular exhibitions, we currently have a special exhibition, curated by one of our volunteers, Christine Jones, on the theme of the *St John Ambulance Brigade, Cefn Mawr Division*, with objects and many photos recapturing what was obviously a well-supported and busy branch.

The Cefn Mawr Historical Society enjoyed a talk by Eric Jones at the end of March on the Cefn Mawr Operatic Society. The Society holds its *AGM at 2pm on Friday 21 April* in the George Edwards Hall, when there will also be time for a talk on the Unknown Soldier. On **Friday 26 May** at 2pm in the George Edwards Hall, Chris Adams from Llangollen will be speaking about Dylan Thomas and his visit to the Llangollen Eisteddfod in 1953.

We look forward to seeing you, in the Museum or at the Society meetings (or both!).

Contact me on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through a message on our Facebook page. Alan Tiltman, Archivist.

Llangollen Women's Suffrage Society, one of the few in North Wales. The window also highlights the lives of other local women, Mary Pugh Jones and Mabel Ward who were both nurses in the First World War. It also features Sarah Pugh Jones - the National Council of Women, Llangollen librarian, and publisher of the Tuesday Review were amongst her many achievements. There are plenty more local women to celebrate from every era. So, if you have any stories of the achievements of local women that you know please do share them with the Museum.

Visit our Facebook page to see our regular Artefact of the Week feature. For the first week of April it features the 'smiling abbot' stone. From May onwards we also plan to take the best of the online Artefacts of the Week and put them on display in the Museum, in an individual cabinet, as the 'Item of the Month', so that visitors can see the real artefacts up close. The Llangollen Museum Team. **Open Mon, Tues 10am to 4pm, Wed 11am to 4pm Thurs 10am to 4pm Fri Closed, Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 4pm**

Welcome to Clwyd Family History Society

The Clwyd Family History Society was founded in 1980 to encourage the study of genealogy and family history in North-East Wales, and to provide a forum for people who are interested in these subjects to meet, and to help each other. It now has approximately 500 members worldwide.

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Emily Stephenson, a Year 8 pupil here at Ysgol Rhiwabon, recently came first in the musical theatre category, at the Oswestry Youth Music Festival. In addition, Emily also sang in the Conwy Young Voices Choir Festival with the county choir, and they came third. The school wishes Emily every success in her musical career.



GwE Mathematics MAT Competition Ysgol Rhiwabon students came 3rd in Wrexham, out of 10 teams, in the second round of the GwE Mathematics MAT competition the students were an absolute credit to the school and worked together superbly. They have also won entry to the next round in Llandudno Junction, where they will compete across the North Wales region! Congratulations to:- Carlie Jones, Oliver Holgate, Efan Powell, Chloe Aston. Pupils from 7CWE enjoyed their recent visit to Ruabon Library. This part of our school's initiative to encourage more students to read for pleasure. Whilst at the library, students were given a tour, informed about the library's book borrowing system and were given opportunities to read books that interested them. They also participated in a book hunt, where they had to find certain books with specific genres, topics about Ruabon and Wales, and books from authors of diverse backgrounds. They loved being part of the Ruabon Library community, and many of our students couldn't wait to return. We would like to thank all of the library staff who helped make this trip possible. Recently, 20 students from Year 8 visited Wrexham's Library, and another class have gone to Cefn Mawr Library. Our students are appreciating and enjoying these new reading environments, and as a school, we are looking forward to all of our Key Stage 3 students visiting a library in the local community, in the near future.





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 for smaller

parties and the Council Chamber for those requiring smaller space for meetings here we are also able to offer a teams or zoom facility. 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.

Dog training every Friday from 7pm to 10pm for more info email Paul at APK9 Training on

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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 Community Council funded youth club in the George Edwards Hall is open on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 6-8pm during term time with a great range of activities including WiFi.

Cefn & Acrefair Playwork Project: we are pleased to advise that this Community Council funded project started back over the Easter Holidays in **Cefn - Plas Kynaston Play Park** on **Mondays and Wednesdays** and **Acrefair School Field** on **Fridays** from 11am to 1pm in all weathers for children 5+. This will run for all holidays excluding Christmas and February.

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 let us know thank you. We are delight to announce that we are also a **Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub**.



Our Community Litter Pick in March focused on the area around the Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, thanks to all the volunteers who came out on such a miserable day.



We held a Spring Clean Volunteer Day recently - organised by Cefn CC in partnership with Ty Mawr Country Park Rangers and volunteers. Local company RPM sent several members of staff along on the day, who assisted with laying concrete paths, weeding, painting, repairing fencing etc a great team effort. Another volunteer day is scheduled for the summer date to be confirmed, thank you everyone.



STREET LIGHTING FOR CEFN CC AREA

These lamp posts will be numbered 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 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>



**CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND
NORTH WALES POLICE JOINT
STATEMENT ON ANTI SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR (ASB)**



Over recent weeks there have been several incidents of ASB in our Community Council Area, this has included the *MUGA at Plas Kynaston Lane* being damaged following £25000 being spent on resurfacing it.



The *View Point on Cefn Bank* had a new dry stone wall and bench installed which Cefn CC worked in Partnership with Our Picturesque Landscape, this

has been damaged numerous times by both graffiti and stones being dismantled and thrown onto *Bowens Lane, Hill Street and Queen Street* causing significant damage to property and very dangerous situations to residents pedestrians and motorists, how no one has been seriously injured by this is very fortunate to say the least.

At *Ty Mawr* Cefn CC worked with WCBC, Ysgol Cefn Mawr and Ysgol Min y Ddol to plant over 250 sapling trees, many of which have now been torn up and discarded.

There have been many incidents recently of youths driving both motor bikes and electric scooters throughout the community area in an erratic and dangerous manor putting themselves and others around them at risk. There are repeated incidents of motorbike riders and riders of E Scooters in *Plas Madoc* terrorising people, tearing up the football field there and riding around with balaclavas on to prevent being recognised. *Rock Road Rhosymedre* is also seeing repeated reckless driving in the area.

Councillors are elected to serve you, we are doing our best to provide facilities for everyone in our community and want to keep improving services, we can't sustain the level of recent damage being done, if it continues we will have to consider some drastic measures such as closing the *MUGA at Plas Kynaston Lane* at 4pm every day and on the weekends.

The last thing we want is for any youth to get a criminal record which could blight them for the rest of their lives but feel we have no other choice but to ask all residents to ensure that they report any future ASB incidents to North Wales Police.

"As the inspector of Wrexham Rural I have been made aware of several incidents of Anti Social Behaviour within the communities. In particular Cefn Mawr has seen some incidents which affect the community. I am in full support of the Community Council and the good work they do. My ask is that you help your community to ensure that it is a pleasant place to live. I won't accept behaviour that affects the public in a negative way – criminal damage, public order incidents or anti-social behaviour. I will be putting uniformed officers into Cefn Mawr throughout the evenings and asking that such behaviour is dealt with."

Inspector Matt Subacchi



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News Update

Welcome to the Twelfth edition of Crane News.

Hello everyone. Hope you have all been keeping safe and well and have had a lovely Easter break.

Please continue to help the NHS by accessing the most appropriate service to address your health issues. You can contact NHS direct on 111 who will be able to advise and direct you to the most appropriate service. You can access them 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

From Thursday the 6th April there is a new service option for Patients and their families/carers who are nearing their last days or weeks of life and require urgent care which is:

111 Press '0' is now an option for Palliative End of Life

It is now hay fever season and we would like to remind you that the health authority guidance to GP's is not to prescribe antihistamines, eye drops etc to adults who only need them for a few months of the year. This is because they are readily available to buy from a pharmacy or in some instances a supermarket for a reasonable cost. You can of course get advice from your local pharmacist as well as the surgery on how to manage your hay fever symptoms more effectively.

In April patients over 75 years of age and those who are considered very vulnerable to infection will be offered a booster Covid-19 vaccine. This is being organised by the health authority and not your local GP surgery. Please take up this offer if you are invited. Any queries relating to this vaccine roll out should be directed to the health authority in the first instance.

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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BCUHB'S NHS 111 PRESS 2 SERVICE

This is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The health board is encouraging those with urgent mental health needs to **call 111 and select option 2**, where they will be put through to a dedicated wellbeing practitioner. The number is free to call from a landline or mobile, even when the caller has no credit left. In life threatening situations, people should always call 999 or attend their nearest Emergency Department (A&E).



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This may be improvements in attendance levels, parent engagement or examination results as well building upon partnerships in the local or business community, achieved new green credentials, or achieved competition success. Ysgol Rhiwabon, who are committed to ensuring that every individual achieves the very best. They strive for young people to leave school confident, happy and equipped with the skills for lifelong learning. They have a proud history with values based on tradition, at the same time they're an innovative and forward-facing school linked to the best educational practise. Mrs Ferron. Evans said: "I am very very proud of our school and staff truly give 100%. I am also very proud of our students and all the hard work they put in, as well as the wider community of the school for trusting us and supporting us." Mrs Ferron-Evans continued: "I want to thank The Leader and the sponsors for putting on this event, as it is a privilege to celebrate the work of the school. Their work to share positive news stories every day sends positive messages for the future." The award was presented by Kevin Downey from Wockhardt Pharmaceuticals.



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BLOOD DONATIONS - WE NEED YOU

There are several blood donation sessions coming up in the Wrexham area with appointments available to book. Please help if you can.

**St Margaret's Church, Wrexham
The Hand Hotel, Chirk
The Hafod Club, Rhos**

To register please visit

<https://wbs.wales/CefnCommunityNews>

Os yw rhoi yn eich gwaed, helpwch ni.



If giving is in your blood, please help.





CAFÉ CHURCH

I'm writing this Newsletter in the week leading up to Easter Sunday, but you will probably be reading this after Easter while finishing up the remains your Easter eggs! What **is** Easter all about?

Is it about bouncing lambs, cute chicks, or fluffy bunnies? Well, in some ways it is, because all these young creatures are supposed to remind us of new birth and new life. Most of us love springtime after months of colder days and long dark nights. Isn't it lovely to see the spring flowers pushing their way through the soil along with the buds on trees and bushes bursting into a radiance of beauty and colours? Again, for us, this visible joy celebrates New Life! . . .

So where do chocolate Easter eggs come into it? Well, the egg again suggests New Life, but it's said also to represent both the shape and colour of the stone which was rolled in front of the tomb Jesus was buried in on Good Friday - following His death on the cross. And the hollow egg representing the empty tomb when the stone was rolled away on the following Sunday – as it had been prophesised many years before – because Jesus really had risen from the dead! We have Hot Crossed Buns to remind us of this cruel death which Jesus suffered on the cross for us, taking our place of sin, but through His death, if we put our faith and trust in Him, He gives us New Life in a relationship with Himself and our Father God as well as the promise of everlasting life! What a precious gift!

Would you like to know more? Why not join us at CaféChurch at 10.15 on the first Sunday of every month and our Social Evening 11 days later at 7pm each month? Both meetings are held in the Old Canteen (the CRNCA) Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr LL14 3PA Bring a friend or find a new one! Everyone and every age welcome! . .

Telephone Colin and Rowena for more information on **01978 824785**

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Chapel is now open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am** All are welcome.

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

LLANGOLLEN CITY CHURCH

Brook Street, Llangollen LL20 8LS

We meet every Sunday doors open at 10am for 10:30am, come and join us all welcome. You can expect a warm friendly welcome, we are a united church family, where you will experience a church full of freedom and love. Tel: **01978 253688**
email: church@citychurchllangollen.org.uk

LLANGOLLEN METHODIST CHURCH

Princess Street, Llangollen LL20 8RD

Sunday Worship at 10:30am on ZOOM or 11am in person at Llangollen Methodist Church
Tel:**07927 144822** or visit our Facebook page.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE HAFOD FAMILY OF CHURCHES?

The Hafod Family of Churches is a group of Church In Wales Churches that includes **St. Thomas', Penycae, St. John's Rhosymedre, and St. David's, Rhos.**

Rhosymedre has a lot of exciting news over the next few weeks and months. Our **Community Pantry** is now open every *Thursday* from 1:30 until 3:00, with drop-in coffee and tea available as well, for people that just want to come down and have a chat. *Tuesdays* the pantry will be open as often as possible between 1:30 and 3:00 but we are still looking for more volunteers to make that a guaranteed regular event. If you would like to volunteer for either of these things, please just pop, or drop us an email. We have also got a lot of things going on at St. John's that we would like to invite you all too. On **Fridays**, we have our modern contemporary *Worship Fellowship* at 1:30-2:30, a chance to worship God, and meet new people. It has modern music and a lively form of prayer.

We have an **All-Age Service** in St. John's on the *first Sunday of the month*. This is a place to bring your entire family, from the very young, to the young at heart. This is a relaxed, interactive modern service. We will also be taking bookings for baptisms following this service.

If your looking for a room for an event, St. John's upper room is accessible and available to book for day or evening events. To book, check our Facebook page for details . St. John's is open for anyone to visit, or just pop down as often as we can make it. There's a welcome to people of all faiths and none.

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

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.

St. Collen's has a fine ring of eight bells. We practice on **Wednesdays** from 7.30pm to 9pm. **Sunday** ringing is 10.30am to 11am but please check on a 5th Sunday in the month. New ringers are always welcome, please contact **Richard Archer-Jones** at ricarcher.j@macunlimited.net or **Ruth Stevens** at erstevens@btinternet.com or call **07970 281987**

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

Trevor Llangollen LL20 7TL

Sunday Services at Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30 am. We have Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

CATHOLIC CHURCHS

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

Regarding other services or events please look out for posters with times at each Church, thank you.

PLAS MADOC LEISURE CENTRE

Acrefair LL14 3HL Tel: 01978 821600

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

<https://www.facebook.com/PlasMadocLC>

<https://www.plas-madoc.com/>

Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Friday of the month. Free for local residents – Next Dates are: **12.05.23** and **9.06.23** (proof of address may be requested)

Free swimming: Under 16's - Saturdays 3pm – 4pm
Over 60's Tuesday 10am – 11am and Thursday 9am – 10am (Term Time only proof of address may be requested)

Gym: Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 9.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9.00am – 4pm. Our friendly Gym team offer inductions/programmes/personal training and helpful support and advice. Pay as you go or membership options are available;

<https://www.plas-madoc.com/membership-list>

Fitness Classes: We have something for everyone from Zumba to Kettlebells, see our full class timetable <https://www.plas-madoc.com/fitness-classes>

Sports Hall & Dry activities: Our Sports Hall is available for block bookings for Football/Roller Hockey etc. We also offer Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis and Squash. Please enquire for private hire and event hire; Denise.chadwick@plas-madoc.com

Café and Soft Play: Opening Times: (Term Time) Tues and Thurs – 11am – 3pm and 3.30pm – 6pm. Sat and Sun – 11am – 3pm

Conference and Meeting rooms: We have a number of different size areas available to hire for meetings and conferences. Catering available.

PMLC 50+ Luncheon Club: Every Monday (Term Time Only) 12.15pm Two course meal with tea & coffee **only £3.50** Booking is essential (call in or Tel: 01978 821600)

Birthday Parties and Private Hire: Bookings are now available for Soft Play/Swimming Pool/Bouncy Castle/Football Parties /Roller skating (1 activity per party). Hot Food can be provided from our café. Private hire of our Pool and Sports Hall is also available.

[Parties | plas-madoc](#)

Splashport to Leisure: We offer a 'Splashport to Leisure' scheme to all Plas Madoc residents. This scheme allows anyone living on the Plas Madoc Estate to benefit from a 50% discounted price for the following activities; Swimming, Gym, Fitness Classes, Badminton and Soft Play. *How does it work?* To be part of the scheme you need to live in Plas Madoc. (Proof of address required), just complete an application form and return it to the Centre. Pay £2 for a Splashport membership card and Start Saving! Contact the Centre on 01978 821600 Email: info@plas-madoc.com.

Group /Private Swimming Lessons:

From age 3 months we have group courses or private 1 to 1 lessons available

Climbing Wall: We are now offering courses following NICAS guidelines. Contact the Centre to register your interest.

Swim Teachers/ Lifeguards Wanted! We are hiring, competitive rates of pay. Level 1 and 2 Swim teachers and qualified lifeguard positions available.

Community Support Hub: Plas Madoc Leisure Centre is developing its Community Support Hub with a



dedicated Community Hub Space which will be available to hire for local Community groups. Residents can also access advice and practical support from NewMIND (Mental health) Citizens Advice, Wrexham Foodbank, WCBC Tenancy Support, Cambrian Savings and Loans, Communities for Work, Advance Brighter Futures and The Wallich to name just a few! Advice on Covid testing. Food (Foodbank/ Food Education courses/cooked meals). Accommodation/ Tenancy Support. Money/Debt Management Legal Advice (Family, Employment/Civil Matters) Mental Health Support. Wellbeing Support Physical Health Support. Domestic and Substance abuse support. Digital Inclusion. Modern Slavery & Exploitation support. Entry to Employment/Sustaining Employment support.. Social prescribing. Warm Space available every Friday from 9.00- 12 noon with FREE Tea and Coffee. Let us know what you want from your Community Hub! Volunteers always welcome. Contact info@plas-madoc.com / Tel: 01978 821600



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llangollenfoodshare@gmail.com. Open for food parcels for people experiencing financial difficulty **1-2pm each Wednesday**. Open for donations **10-11am every Tuesday**. **Crisis / Emergency support:** if you are in crisis or need some emergency support, we can help out of hours: please get in touch. To talk in confidence about how we can help, message us on Facebook or text **07533 324337**. 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 to stop food waste, check our Facebook page for updates 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. Food Share is for everyone. If you are in position to support us by donating food or money, please get in touch for more information about how to do this.*

WREXHAM FOODBANK PLAS MADOC



We provide emergency food parcels and toiletries to those in financial crisis.

To receive a food parcel you need a referral from somewhere that helps you with other support too such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, community agent, school or Citizen's Advice Wrexham. You can also call the **Help Through Hardship** free helpline on **0808 208 2138**.

We have eight centres for parcel collection, if you are unable to get there someone can collect on your behalf, or you can request a home delivery. Our centre at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre** is open on **Thursday** from **10.30-12 noon**, use the red fire exit door by the main car park. Foodbank donations welcome at Ruabon Road warehouse on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am -3pm, or in most supermarket stores. For more information visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk, follow us on Facebook and Twitter. To volunteer please contact info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or **07538 547971**.

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.

CITIZENS ADVICE WREXHAM

Offering free independent impartial, confidential advice on any topic, including employment, benefits and debt issues. Every Thursday 9.30am until 12.30pm at *Plas Madoc Leisure Centre*. Need advice before then? Call **0300 330 1178**. You can also leave your name, telephone number and brief description of your issue on the general advice line answer machine **01978 364639** and they will call you back.



FRIENDS OF PARKIES

We are a charity based on the border of North Shropshire and South Clwyd in St Martins, next door to Stan's Supermarket, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families. We meet socially every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am 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**.

CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY WARM SPACES

Free weekly sessions so you can get out of the house to have a chat, meet friends, have a cuppa and stay warm at:

The George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr, Monday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm refreshments, games, WiFi & TV available.

Cefn Mawr Library, Plas Kynaston Lane, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 1pm to 5.30pm, **Friday** 9am to 5.30pm with refreshments, books, newspapers & WiFi.

CRNCA Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym, Tuesday 10am to 2.30pm, **Wednesday** 9.30 to 4pm & **Thursday** 9.30am to 12.30pm with refreshments, games & WiFi.

COMMUNITY FOOD, WARMTH AND COMPANY

Free weekly sessions at **St Collen's Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL**. This is a warm space where people can enjoy refreshments, connect with each other, read newspapers etc. **Wednesday** Warm Places from 11.30am to 3pm. **Friday** Community Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm. **Saturday** Community Breakfast 9am to 11am. No need to book, just turn up, We look forward to seeing you.

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.

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**

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PLAS MADOC UPDATES

What's on in Plas Madoc

MONDAYS

Coffee Morning at *Plas*

Telford from 10 to 11.30am

Volunteer Drop-in at *Kettle Club*

Hub 12.30pm to 2.30pm come and find out about Volunteering roles in the community and all the amazing training we can support you with.

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

'Suppa n a Cuppa' 6.30pm to 8pm at *Kettle Club Hub* meet new friends, enjoy a bite to eat or just chill free to attend.

TUESDAYS

Crafty Brew Health & Wellbeing Group from 9.30 to 11.30am at *Plas Telford*. 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*. 1.30pm-3.30pm on the *Opportunity Centre car park* outside Rhosymedre school. 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.

WEDNESDAYS

Breakfast & Brews from 9 to 11am in the *Opportunities Centre*, join us for a hot drink and breakfast, free to attend.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Youth Street Football. Under 13's 6-7pm on the *Leisure Centre field*. **Over 13's** from 7.30pm - 8.15pm in the *Leisure Centre Main Hall*.

THURSDAYS

Kettle Club Hub from 9 am to 12.30pm join us for a brew, hot food, and good company! Free to attend. For Plas Madoc residents trips to Aldi/Tesco are run between 10-12pm - £1 return which includes drop off at your home. If you need more info, please call **01978 813912**.

Citizens Advice from 1- 4pm at *Kettle Club Hub* to provide free, independent, confidential, and impartial advice on any issue brought to them. It is a sit and wait service, no appointment needed.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm.

FRIDAYS

Mates Crates every fortnight our new food project at *Kettle Club Hub*, lots of food at a low cost, pop us a message on Facebook or call **07394 465113** more information or to order.

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm

Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm eyes down 7pm at *Plas Telford*. £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

The Land is open for play from 12 noon to 2pm.



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 have a website so if you'd like to learn more about the group head over to www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk

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.

COMMUNITIES FOR WORK DIGITAL DROP-IN

Do you need access to IT equipment to



help with your job search, applications, online courses and completing your online journal? Why not come along to the weekly Digital Drop-in sessions, the kettle will be on!

Every **Monday from 9.30 to 11.30am** at the Opportunities Centre, Plas Madoc LL14 3US

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE / WELFARE RIGHTS

Our Welfare Rights Unit provides telephone advice to all Wrexham residents (Homeowners and Tenants including all in Private Rental) 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**.

PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP

Shop open Mondays to Saturdays 7am to 10pm. Sundays 8am to 9pm. **Post Office** open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 12.30pm
Tel: 01978 820729

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE UPDATE



We are open for all queries and advice and our Kiosk is open for the payment of rent and council tax by card only as we no longer accept cash.

Reception open to the public **9am – 4.30pm Monday – Thursday, 9am – 4pm Friday**.

It is important that tenants have Home Contents insurance which the council can provide at a reasonable rate. Please ring the office on **01978 292061** for a form and advice on this to protect your personal belongings.

Are you missing out on any benefits?

Here are two quick and confidential ways to check Your eligibility on-line:

www.benefits-calculator.turn2us.gov.uk

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May 11th & 12th *Llangollen on Show Variety Concert* for Turkey & Syria with Comedy, Showstoppers and Old Time Music Hall at Llangollen Town Hall, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £12

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May 13th *Llangollen Garden Railway Festival* at Llangollen Pavilion, Abbey Road LL20 8SW from 10am to 4.30pm tickets £14 adult, accompanied children free. www.Lgrf.co.uk

May 15th *The World Turned Upside Down* a film screening to encourage better conversations around Dementia from 10am to 12noon at the Wellbeing Hub, Chester Street, Wrexham. To book call 01978 298608 or email: kateA.evans@wrexham.gov.uk

June 10th Friends of Ruabon Summer Fete from 1pm to 4pm.

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July 15th Family Fundraising Festival in aid of the Movement Centre, Oswestry and Little Stars Baby bank from 12 noon to 7pm at Brynkinalt Estate, tickets adult £10 children £5 available from **Family Fundraising Festival Tickets, Sat 15 Jul 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite**

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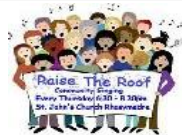
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CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE UPDATE

As of 8/4/23, we have 6 games remaining of the league season. The Sun Rhos and Rhos Snooker Club are separated by just 2 legs, showing what a competitive league we have.

The Royston Club's chase to the title has faltered after shock losses to the Oddfellows and the Vaults Ruabon on Weeks 22 and 24.

The League season is due to finish on the 5th June, where the league will be split into 2 and the end of season Team Knockouts will take place. The draw for which is being organised by Pubby McPubface B Captain Patrick Kyffin and will be livestreamed on the Cefn & District Invitational Darts League Facebook group in the coming weeks, featuring 2 'legends' of Cefn Darts.

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| | Team | GP | W | L | D | PD | Points | Legs |
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| 13 | New Inn | 24 | 5 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 68 |
| 14 | Pubby McPubface A | 24 | 3 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 54 |
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Woollies Knit & Natter from 2pm - 4pm, subs £1.20 members knit, crochet, weave and of course natter in this friendly group, if you want to learn they will help you get started. They also create lovely items to fund raise for charities.

Games Group gets together from 2 - 4pm with a choice of cards, board games and jigsaws. Members of these clubs also arrange trip to places like the Derwen Garden Centre and their Vintage Advantage Charity shop or out for pub lunch.

THURSDAY Men's Shed all ages 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 have a cup of 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 the Centre is open as we are starting planting and maintaining the raised beds and tiding up the grounds around the centre. Look out for posters with litter pick/project dates. All ages welcome children must be with a adult please. We are a *Keep Wales Tidy* Litter Picking Hub and have equipment you can borrow.

WARM PLACES Tuesday 10am to 2.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon and 2 to 4pm, Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm. All of our Clubs and activities offer a safe warm place where you can pop in and have a cuppa, a chat, meet friends and be warm.

CRNCA Lending Library don't forget to check out our books in the centre, pop in and borrow a book to take home or bring us a book for the library, we also have some DVDs and children's books available.

We now have a **Defibrillator** located by the front door should the one by Hinds not be available.

FRON FUNDRAISING FOR NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

Saturday 29th April, Froncysyllte Community Cafe will be open from 12noon - 4pm to raise funds for *Nightingale House Hospice*.

Home made cakes, sandwiches, tea/coffee. Raffle. All welcome.

Friday, 12th May, a Prize Bingo session will be held at **Froncysyllte Community Centre** in aid of *Nightingale House Hospice*. Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7pm. All welcome. We wish to thank everyone that has provided prizes.

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Knit and Knatter group meet every Monday from 1-4pm. Come and join this friendly group of people. Stay for as long as you want. Tea and coffee available. Please bring your own mug.

Wednesdays

Cylch Ti a Fi 1:15-2pm during term time. 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 Sophie on **07483366233** or sophie.ross@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.

What else is available

Come along anytime we're open for a chat, photocopying, read a book or newspaper or just take time out of your day. Hot drinks are also available for free until at least the end of April. Free WIFI is available. You can also get blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags. Just pop in and ask.

We're open Mondays 1-5:30pm, Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-5:30pm, Friday 9-5:30pm.

We'll be closed on all the bank holidays.

Don't forget to **renew your books** by phone **01978 820938**, in person or online www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online services link.

Since January if you've had a book for more than 90 days you will be asked to repay the cost of the book or return it before you can take any new ones out.



As part of the Wrexham Carnival of Words Author Elen Caldecott held a well-attended Creative Writing Workshop here at Cefn Library the work will be published in an anthology.



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17th- Siglum

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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS

Despite this half term only being a short one, we have managed to achieve a great deal! During our eco and well-being week, children focussed on developing their



5 steps to mental wellbeing: connect, take notice, keep learning, give and be active. Whole school activities included litter picking in the community, sending home-made Easter cards to the local residents, developing their sign language skills, local walks and classes coming together to play games. They also got the opportunity to create a dragon from the willow growing on the school grounds. Haven't they done a fantastic job?



A visit from Forces Fitness to develop our pupils' health well-being and building resilience was also well received and a highlight for all was the tug of war activity. We held an open morning, led by the children, where it was a pleasure to welcome so many parents, friends and family into the school. The children shared their efforts, gave the visitors a tour of the whole school, inside and out, and entertained them with a short concert at the end. A big thank you to everyone who came, and also to those who supported our recent Easter Bingo which successful raised nearly £600 – a great success! Our inclusive and welcoming Welsh language school is thriving and our sector leading outdoor provision, for pupils from nursery up to year 6, is resulting in many schools visiting, locally and further afield, to gain inspiration and support in developing similar provision in their schools. Welsh Government have also recently completed a video case study of our effective communication with parents and, soon enough, it will be available to others. Please do come and visit if you would like to see for yourselves – everyone's welcome!



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NEWS FROM THE DEE VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

We are three small schools, Froncysyllte CP, Garth CP and Pentre Church in Wales. During Summer Term each school will be hosting an open day or open evening. If you would like to

find out more about any of the schools, please contact the headteacher **Mr Nathan Williams** at headteacher@pentre-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Pupils from across the Dee Valley Federation took part in a writing competition brilliantly organised by Wrexham Rotary Club. Pupils from Year 3 and above had to write a short story or poem about the theme of peace. Four entries were selected from each school within the Federation. The entries were judged and a winner from each school was selected. The winning entries went to represent the three schools at Rotary District Level. This meant they competed against entries from schools across North Wales, West Cheshire, Wirral and Merseyside. At the end of March we received some fantastic news, one of the Year 6 pupils in Fron won the District Competition! This means his entry now goes on to compete at the National Competition. The two winners from Pentre and Garth were also judged to be highly commended entries. This is a huge achievement for our Federation and all the staff are very proud of all three pupils for doing so well in



this competition. All pupils from Year 3 and above had a go at this competition and it is hoped that this event has helped inspire all pupils with their writing. The Federation would like to say a big thank you to Wrexham Rotary Club for organising this competition and presenting the certificates to the pupils. We held our annual Eisteddfod in March. It was fantastic to see the whole Federation celebrating St David's Day with a huge celebration of Welsh Culture and Language and all the children were supportive of one another. A huge 'diolch yn fawr' to **Mrs Sophie Hughes** and **Miss Danielle Weigh** for organising the event and making it such a success. The Federation would also like to say 'diolch' to **Rev Val Hughes** for attending and judging on behalf of the Governing Body. They were also delighted to welcome **Buddug Selway-Jones** as a guest judge from the

Local Authority. Buddug was very impressed with the standards of Welsh on display throughout the Federation.

We were very excited to have had the opportunity over the past couple of weeks of planting a tree for *The Queen's Green Canopy*.

The schools have planted either a Wild Cherry, Mountain Ash or a Red Oak tree in their school grounds to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The Federation took part in lots of celebrations back in June to honour the Jubilee so the children were very proud to have marked such a special occasion with something that can be a part of the school for years to come.

All three schools owe a huge thank you to **Charles Gittins** from Flintshire Woodlands and to **Kate Thomson**, Federation Governor, who made this happen.

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1ST TREVOR SCOUT GROUP NEWS



In Trevor Group, we're looking forward to the Summer months, so we can get out and about in the fresh air, more. Unfortunately a number of children and Adults were hit by infections coming up to Xmas, some items had to be delayed. One being our visit to Plas Telford Carol singing, so instead we went in February and all sang some funny scout songs, with the residents joining in, it was a nice friendly evening enjoyed by all. Recently we visited our nearby activity centre where an Easter egg hunt, a Scavenger hunt and climbing the wall was fun. Beavers have been cooking up a storm and food tasting to achieve their cooks badge. Cubs have been concentrating on their International badge, their chosen country being Korea, learning about their flag, traditions and food amongst other things. We have 2 sections in Trevor. *Beavers* consisting of Boys and Girls age 6-8yrs and *Cubs* again both Boys and Girls age 8-11 years. Vacancies are available in both at the moment. If you would like your child to come along, we meet every Thursday term time in our HQ on Heol Penderyst, we have children from all over the area, and all are welcome. Scouts offer a wide range of activities which provide adventure, fun and challenging both to the youngsters and Leaders too. Also as a group we welcome any new volunteers to help in any way in which they feel comfortable with. Please contact Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader on **07939 476208** for a chat re help or indeed to enter your child.



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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

We've had a busy and productive term. In February we held a Super Learning Week, all classes took part in a cross-curricular topic week on the theme on Our Local Area. Children used maps and photographs and classes visited the local area to gain further information. Nursery and Reception studied and completed work on Plas Kynaston Lane, Year 1 and 2 visited and completed work on Cefn Mawr Viaduct, Year 3 and 4 visited and completed work on Castell Dinas Bran, Year 5 and 6 visited and completed work on Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. All classes produced some fantastic work, which we entered into our School Eisteddfod competitions. For our Design and Technology competition, pupils were asked to make a model of the area they were studying, what a fantastic response and thanks to parents for supporting their children. We held our school Eisteddfod with Mrs Mair Evans and Mrs Ellis as our adjudicators. We are very proud of the children performing Welsh songs and poems on the stage. We invited PC Erin Hulley (Schools Police Liaison Officer) during Safer Internet Week, for a Key Stage 2 assembly to educate our pupils about keeping safe online and using appropriate sites for their age; Pupils created posters about what sites are age appropriate for them. PC Erin Hulley held a parent online safety drop in and information workshop. She also delivered an assembly on how to stay safe when gaming for pupils in Years 2 to 6 during the last week of term. We worked with an organisation called **Well Fed** where our school families were offered the opportunity to take part in 4 Slow Cooker sessions. They were given a slow cooker and hand blender to take home and use to create healthy meals for their families. During the sessions they taste tested food cooked in the slow cooker and took recipe cards and all the ingredients to cook the meals at home. In the summer term **Well Fed** will be selling good quality, healthy budget meals and cookery packs on the MUGA car park, we will provide more details through our newsletter and ClassDojo/app when we receive the dates. Our Criw Cymraeg held a competition to design a new Criw Cymraeg logo for the school. Diolch yn fawr for all the entries. A winner was chosen from each class and the overall winner was Eden in Year 4. Da iawn pawb. The logo will be made into badges for Criw Cymraeg and will be used on any emails/letters they send. To celebrate World Book Day, pupils came to school dressed as a book character. All parents of were invited to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the end of the day to view the work children had completed during the day, see our Eisteddfod Design and Technology Competition entries and have advice on how they can help their children with their reading at home, including a demonstration on accessing the online readers.



Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a 3 day residential trip to Glanllyn in Bala, having a brilliant time their behaviour and attitude were amazing! Taking part in canoeing, orienteering, raft building and many other team activities, as well as practising their Welsh language skills. Thanks to all staff who accompanied them and for giving up their own time. We held our Easter Prize Bingo fundraiser before breaking up. Thanks to all our families who supported and attended this. Together we raised over £800 which will be used to purchase new reading materials for all of our pupils.



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TREVOR BASIN VISITOR CENTRE

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We are looking for friendly faces to come along to assist Canal and River Trust in keeping the Trevor Basin area a friendly and litter free place for locals, families and tourists to visit. On your regular walks along your towpath patch you'll be required to collect any litter you come across. All equipment will be provided by Canal & River Trust. You will also be required to help open up the visitor centre in the morning and any small maintenance jobs that may be required, such as emptying the litter bins and brushing the paths. Time requirement would be one morning (8.30am - 10am) per week, fortnight or month. Find out more online at the Canal and River Trust's main website:

Canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer, or email Trevorvisitor.centre@canalrivertrust.org.uk call **01978 822 912**, or just pop along to the Visitor Centre for a chat with the team.

TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK

WE are open all year round. We respectfully ask that you keep dogs on leads especially around our children's play areas and animals. Don't forget we welcome any fruit and vegetables you don't need as we can use them to feed some of our animals, these can be peeling from preparing vegetables & salads, 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.

Lindens Coffee Barn is open every day from 10am to 4pm with snacks, toasties, sandwiches, home made cakes, hot and cold drinks and more. See us on Facebook For park information call **01978 822780** or email: countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk

THE DEE VALLEY PICTURESQUE BUS

Has started its third season providing access to some of the key destinations in our beautiful and historic landscape providing a circular route running every Saturday until 4th November 2023, linking Llangollen and surrounding villages to popular local attractions including Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wenffrwd Nature Reserve, Horseshoe Falls, Valle Crucis Abbey, Plas Newydd Historic House and the Horseshoe Pass. This will enable visitors and



residents to visit and explore these locations without the need to find car parking spaces. It also makes it easier for those without their own vehicle to access

these places as the bus offers a hop on/ hop off facility with a 1Bws ticket price allowing unlimited travel on the service through the day, making it ideal for getting off to visit a site and then back on the bus later. The service also provides free travel for **Welsh Bus Pass Holders** through Transport for Wales. The bus part funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund is part of the Our Picturesque Landscape Project so do pick up a timetable and information leaflet from Llangollen Tourist Information Centre or visit the 1Bws webpage. The Dee Valley Picturesque Bus offers the perfect chance to explore the Dee Valley in comfort without stress and travel for free on the Welsh Bus Card!

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Dear All, we are reopening the Ebenezer as a Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre in May on a permanent basis for our community. We are applying for the significant finance to be able to do this as work is required, to repair, service and maintain much of the equipment in the Ebenezer, such as the roof, heating and lift after 10 years of closure. We have invited both local Community Councils and WCBC to support. The first floor will be given over to the Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre, which will be the main feature. This will have displays ranging from far off locations local scenes we are all familiar with. The general concept is to be Citizen Science led (i.e. us), where we will use available information to show the problems we face and the solutions we can and are putting in place. We will be looking at Fuel Poverty and how this can be resolved on a Low Carbon basis for our community, as well as many other issues, and your input is welcomed. Together we can have a very significant voice. Also, on the first floor we will have a Technical & Earth Science Library that specialises in local history, and we hope to link up with Cefn Museum. If you have any reference books, or books about our local area that you don't want please bring them along for the library. This will be supplemented by a small office set aside for Employment Agency and CAB. In the atrium on the first floor, we will have the Art Gallery we have planned since 2015 where local artists are welcome to display their work. There will be a tourist information point in the entrance foyer where we want to feature local venues, such as all our pubs, B&B's, shops, and facilities including Plas Madoc. So please have a think about what you would like on show and bring along. We also need people, as it will require many people to run this venue successfully and I am afraid in the first year of operations we will all have to work on a voluntary basis, until we get, the commercial aspects of the building working. So if you are interested in helping save our planet, and our community, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. If we can secure the funding and large loans being applied for, the building will be made Carbon Zero and put on a commercial basis with a bar, cafe and community cinema opened over the next 18 months as we progress. We estimate that we can achieve a very good head count to the Ebenezer which will help our economy grow on a practical application of Sustainable Tourism Development.

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

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