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## HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Rhosymedre resident Sylvia Colley who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April, Chair Cllr Phil Vaughan took flowers and a card on behalf of everyone at Cefn Community Council wishing her all the best.

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## EDITORS COMMENTS

What fantastic weather we have been having and I hope those with gardens and courtyard areas have entered the

### **Community Councils Garden**

**Competition** as it is always a delight to see the work and creativity people put in to their gardens.

Don't forget **WCBC Plas Madoc Estate Office** is also running a Garden Competition this month as well.

It has been fantastic to see the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen was back with all the activities on the field and events around the town.

It has be very reassuring to see our PCSO Lara and her colleagues out and about and if you have any concerns please contact her.

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

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

*Stay safe and look after yourselves, Tyger.*

## THE VALE OF LLANGOLLEN ROTARY GROUP.

The new president of the Vale of Llangollen Rotary Club is Lee Todd. Vale of Llangollen welcomed Lee, who has been a resident in Llangollen for the past three years. Originally from Exeter, he has been in the care sector since the age of 18, working in the NHS. He is currently a co-owner of a supported living company along with his wife and fellow owners.



The group meet every Monday night at 7.30pm in the *Liberty Tavern, Market Street, Llangollen LL20 8PS* and welcome new members

For more information please contact **Kurly Marwaha** at: [secretary.llangollenrotary@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.llangollenrotary@gmail.com)  
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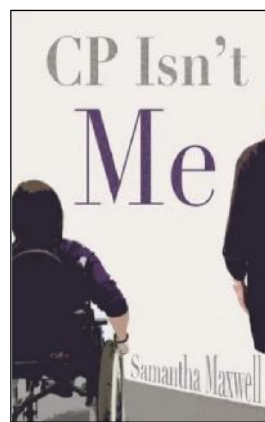


## CP ISN'T ME by Local Author SAMANTHA MAXWELL

Through her book Samantha Maxwell shares her experiences of living with mild *cerebral palsy* in the hope of breaking the stigma associated with the disability. Part autobiographical and part factual she aims to show that regardless of ability we are all able and entitled to live a normal live without being penalised for doing so.

She explained: "I have a degree in graphic design, a graphic design job in the motorsport industry and I own my own small part-time business designing and selling posters online, but because I'm in a wheelchair, that is all society sees unfortunately. In the past, I've been bullied, fired from jobs, and just generally made to feel like an outcast by society just because of my disability."

Samantha is currently working on her second book which will be a more of a generalised view of disability through the eyes of society and will have accounts from the likes of the House of Commons and the Disability Liaison Officer at Wrexham AFC.



*CP Isn't Me* is available on Amazon UK and is being stocked in Bellis Brothers Garden Centre, Holt, Cerebral Palsy Cymru Llanishen iCardiff, Stans Superstore, St. Martin's, Wrexham Library, Wrexham Visitor Information Centre, Waterstones Wrexham and Wrexham Glynd'r University.

It is also going to be available in Derwen College, Gobowen and

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## TEA WITH A PONY



Do you know anyone living with dementia? Jubilee Beau Unicorn Equine Project CIC has some sessions available funded by Wrexham Council.

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## SMALL GOOD STUFF

A community directory to help you find the help you need.

Living in Wrexham and looking for care and support for yourself or a loved one? Would you like to support a local community micro-enterprise that will listen to your needs, offer you choice and support your independence? If so, you might be interested in *Small Good Stuff* – a directory for people to search for care and support in their local area. You can search by location or task and you will then see a list of people who may be able to help you. Most of the enterprises listed have completed our Development Programme which means that they are fully insured, have a DBS check in place and are working to the relevant legislation and best practice.

Visit: [www.smallgoodstuff.co.uk.wrexham](http://www.smallgoodstuff.co.uk.wrexham) or to find out more setting up an enterprise, contact: [amy.kordiak@communitycatalysts.co.uk](mailto:amy.kordiak@communitycatalysts.co.uk)  
Photo **Sheena Walks** Dog Walking community micro-enterprise in Wrexham.



## THE DELPH FUN DAY

Thank you to all who came, it was lovely to see lots of little ones enjoying themselves, we were fundraising for local lady *Sarah Mazzarella's* Strictly Nightingale challenge in aid of Nightingale House! All donations from our ice cream and face painting stalls went towards this wonderful cause! We're now making plans for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party on 5<sup>th</sup> August!



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## DEE VALLEY INSPIRED ART EXHIBITION

The landscape of the Dee Valley has been a source of inspiration to artists, poets and creatives for centuries. The 'Our Picturesque Landscape' project is proud to present an exhibition of new artwork inspired by the Dee Valley, taking place at the **Dory Gallery, Llangollen** from September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>.



A full programme of events and creative workshops will be taking place at the gallery during the month. For up-to-date details please visit

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## COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

Hello again everyone. As some of you already know, I am happy to report that I am back in post.

I now have a hub running at the George Edwards Hall every **Thursday morning, 9am - 11:30am.**

Everyone is welcome and there is free food and drink available. Come along and catch up with me, meet up with friends, or take part in some exciting art & crafts.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any worries or questions about anything. If I'm unable to help you then I can signpost you to other help available.

And finally, please look out for further information about a 1940's afternoon tea dance we will be holding at the George Edwards Hall later this year. You can contact me on **07925 048711** or email [agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

See you all soon. *Marie-Claire.*



## CEFN CREATIVE CRAFT SESSIONS



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Dyffryn Dyfrdwy  
Clwydian Range  
and Dee Valley

We are looking for new members to join our fun and friendly 'Cefn Creative' craft group, funded by the 'Our Picturesque Landscape' project that centres on the Dee Valley and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

World Heritage Site. Each month, a new local artist will share their craft and provide a space to learn new skills, have a chat and be creative! The workshops are completely FREE for locals and will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month, from **10am – 12 noon** at the **Ebenezer Centre in Cefn Mawr.**

For more details or to book onto a free session please contact Our Picturesque Landscape at: [our.picturesque.landscape@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:our.picturesque.landscape@denbighshire.gov.uk)

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## TREVOR BASIN VISITOR CENTRE

With summer now here the number of visitors to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site has climbed. As seen in the Visitor Book, the visitors range from near and far, from Chester to Fiji. There's been some great feedback and lovely comments about the area, centre and Canal.

*Trevor Basin Visitor Centre would like to welcome a small flurry of new Volunteers to the team: Aqueduct Rangers Peter Jones and Keith Roberts, Towpath Ranger Alex Wilson, Litter Rangers Audrey Mcguire and Louise Wilkie, Destination Assistants Colin Shaw, Yvonne Purcell and Rosemary Lancaster-Jones and new seasonal staff member Nicola Jeffreys.*

The staff at Trevor Basin Visitor Centre have been busy planning **Let's Play** outdoor activity games and **Children's Water Safety** talks for the summer months. It was sad to see Saturn leave, the dry dock looks very empty and sad without it. But on an up note, there are plans in the pipeline for some fun ways to get the dry dock brought to life once more. Please stay tuned for updates!

**Let's Fish** will be back again this summer at Trevor Basin. You can sign up for this FREE event by visiting: [Facebook.co.uk/TrevorBasinVC/events](https://www.facebook.com/TrevorBasinVC/events)

We are currently looking for Volunteer Weekend Destination Assistants for the Visitor Centre. Find out more online on the Canal and River Trust's main website – [Canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer), email [Trevorvisitor.centre@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:Trevorvisitor.centre@canalrivertrust.org.uk), Call 01978 822 912, or just pop along to the visitor centre for a chat with the team.



## RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE

We had our last session on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July and will be meeting up again at St John's Rhosymedre on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August. I have updated our Facebook page. We were very well received at Chirk Hospital last month and it was great to be able to sing for such a lovely audience. As always, we are always happy to welcome new members to the group and they can come along any Thursday evening to check us out! Have a good summer!

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### What happens about shared access & drains if I sell off half my land?

**Q:** I have run a small market garden business from my home for the last thirty years. I now want to retire but my wife does not want to move out of the house. If I sell off the business and land it occupies, what would I need to do about what would become a shared access road, drains etc? And should I sell it leasehold or freehold?

**A:** It is becoming more commonplace these days for people with a substantial amount of land to downsize to one part of it, rather than sell up completely and move. However, dealing with shared access roads, drains and other facilities can be tricky, and you should talk through all your options and their implications with a solicitor before making any decisions.

Even if you have it written into the sale contract that your purchaser agrees to carry out repairs, or contribute to repairs that you make, such an obligation will not automatically pass on to someone they later sell the property to. For this to happen, your solicitor will need to draft the documents so that the maintenance obligation applies every time the land is sold on.

Selling the property with a long leasehold interest in the land instead of selling the freehold outright would make it easier to provide for ongoing maintenance obligations. However, if your purchaser needs a mortgage, then a freehold sale is going to be more straightforward and therefore possibly more attractive.

You should also consider how a new neighbour may affect your land in the future, and you may want to restrict how the land you are selling can be used, or what can be built on it. For example, you could limit the number of buildings on the land or restrict their height or position to ensure light to existing buildings is not blocked. The law on rights of light is complex, so this is another very important area to discuss with your solicitor.

*This question has been answered by Molly Drake, 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](http://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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**Llangollen Library Reading Group** Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 7pm £2 to cover refreshments.  
**Day time Reading Group** is taking a break for the summer and will be relaunched in the autumn. What day would folk prefer to come to one?

**Green Dragon Reading Group** This group discusses topics to do with science, theology, philosophy. Phone the library for details. It is held in the library although not ran by them.

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## 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**

**LL20 8PS.** These are joint meetings with the Wrexham Country Market sellers. Home baked produce, local honey, handmade crafts and art work, jewellery, home knitted and crochet items, home grown seasonal produce and plants depending on time of year. Come and meet the local producers, have some refreshments and a chat with friends.

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**Tuesday 18th July**, 3:30 - 5 PM, Wildflower art with sunshine and shadows.

**Friday 11th August**, 1 - 4 PM, Gelli art printing with leaves.

**Tuesday 15th August**, 1 - 4 PM, Cyanotype sun printing session.

## Free gardening Workshops at Plas Newydd

**Topiary Skills Workshop** - In this hands on session, learn about the techniques and equipment used to look after topiary. **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM These events are part of the *Our Picturesque Landscape* project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

## NATURE FOR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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### Corwen July 2023

**Corwen Community Garden** light gardening sessions, chat & a cuppa on *Wednesdays* July 12, 19, 26 from 1 – 3pm

**Ysgol Caer Drewyn**, Corwen - Summer Fair, Thursday 13, 1 to 3pm

**Dol Corwenna**, Corwen - Scything \*\*Booking is essential, Wednesday 12, 10am to 4pm

### Llangollen, July 2023

**Plas Newydd**, Llangollen, Light Gardening Session, Chat & Cuppa on *Tuesdays* July 11, 18, 25 from 10 to 12 noon.

**Scout Hut**, Llangollen, Stand Tall \*\*booking is essential, *Thursday* 6, 13 from 11.30am to 1pm

**Erddig**, Wrexham, Tree ID Walk, *Tuesday* 18 from 10am to 1pm

Activities are suitable for all abilities and fitness levels. For information or to book contact **Ant 07384 248361** or **Becky 07748 808372** or scan the QR code to book via Eventbrite



## HOP ON – HOP OFF SIGHTSEEING BUS OF THE DEE VALLEY!

The Dee Valley Picturesque Bus service is a circular route running every Saturday up to November 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, linking Llangollen and the 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. Free for Welsh Bus Pass holders! For the full timetable and ticket prices please visit the Picturesque Bus service webpage on [www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyAONB.org.uk](http://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyAONB.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet from Llangollen Tourist Information Centre.

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## CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum located in the lower part of the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr LL14 3AE continues to open every Monday, Wednesday and



Friday (except Bank Holidays) from 10am to 12-30pm. We have a continuing Special Exhibition on the St John Ambulance Brigade - Cefn Mawr Division and have now put up a small display to mark the 2023 Llangollen Eisteddfod. We enjoy an interesting and varied group of visitors, who come from near and far (sometimes very far!). If you've not yet been through our doors, come and see a remarkable collection of objects, photos and publications from our local community, and hear some music that matches the timeline of the exhibitions. We look forward to meeting you soon!

The Historical Society members and guests welcomed Mr Eddie Lambert who gave a talk on 'The History of the Glyn Valley Tramway and Henry Dennis'.

We hope to have further talks on the final Friday of the month in July, September, October and November of this year, and then continue with a full programme in 2024. Annual Society membership is £5, which grants you free admission to meetings, while non-members pay £2 at the door. There are always refreshments and a raffle. You can contact me on [a.tiltman@hotmail.com](mailto:a.tiltman@hotmail.com) or through our Facebook page, thanks Alan Tiltman, Archivist.

## 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.

Unit C15, Community Enterprise Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham LL14 3YD. Tel: **01978 822305**. (Answerphone - messages will be responded to as soon as possible). [www.clwydfhs.org.uk](http://www.clwydfhs.org.uk)

## PLEASE LIKE AND FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CEFN & DEE VALLEY NEWS.

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We also post an album of photos that includes the ones we could not fit in to this edition of the newsletter for you.



## LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

We are presently waiting with fingers crossed to hear the outcome of first application for funding for the roof repair – which is 'in the final stages of the decision making process'. A further application for matched funding for the work is in progress. We will also hear by the end of July about funding for another project to increase storage space, improve security and make more images of items in the collection available online.



The exhibition presently on display in the Janet Wakefield Gallery at the Museum consists of a series of photographs, some historical and some modern, depicting scenes from the *International Eisteddfod*. It has been prepared by the *Archive Group* at the Eisteddfod to tie in with this year's festival, which was from 4 - 9 July 2023, this exhibition of photographs will run until the end of July.

The *Eisteddfod Archive Committee* have also prepared this month's window display at the Museum.

In August the gallery exhibition will change to one of paintings by the *Llangollen Art Group*.

The talk by former county archaeologist *Fiona Gale* about the restoration work at Ruthin Castle was very well attended and everybody enjoyed finding out about the work that is being done and the history that is being discovered. These are no talks in July and the next presentation will be much earlier in August than usual. Back by popular demand will be *Peter Dickinson*, giving another of his fascinating talks about the age of steam trains. The talk, entitled *Steaming Through North Wales*, is at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** at the Museum.

Admission will be £3, which includes refreshments.

We are quite busy at the moment helping people with *genealogical and house history research*. If anybody has any queries about their local family history or the history of their house please do feel free to contact us on **01978 862862** or email [enquiries@llangollenmuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@llangollenmuseum.org.uk) and we can see if there is anything that we can do to help.

New displays planned for this year will be one looking at the mills in and around Llangollen and a revamp of our existing display about the geology of the area. Visit our Facebook page to see our regular *Artefact of the Week* feature. The present artefact of the week is a carved sandstone Lion's Head gargoyle or corbel kindly on loan from Valle Crucis Abbey by Cadw.

The Llangollen Museum Team

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The children at the nursery have been very busy making the most of the lovely weather. They have been enjoying outdoor play, water play, sand play, mud kitchen and gardening. The garden is looking very good. All the flowers are out and the children have been busy planting Cosmos, sun flowers and herbs. Our topic is water/ sea-side and the focus has been on art, craft, songs, drama and stories to do with this. Nature and mini-beasts have also been explored. The nursery garden has some lovely bug areas where the



children can hunt for mini beasts. The older children have been participating in *Designed to Smile*, a teeth cleaning initiative. Families eligible for the Free Childcare in Wales have been using their hours at the nursery and this has all run very smoothly.

We are currently able to offer free child care for children during the term following their third birthday. Please get in touch if you would like more information. Several new children have recently joined nursery and are settling in nicely. Places for September are now being taken up rapidly but we still have a few left. Please ring **01978 822446** if you are interested.



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## LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY AGENT

Louise Pritchard, provides support for the over 50s in the villages of Trevor, Garth and Froncysyllte you can contact her by email:

[llangollenruralca@therainbowfoundation.org.uk](mailto:llangollenruralca@therainbowfoundation.org.uk)  
or Tel: 07543 148836





## 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.  
*Community Agents Hub* on Thursdays from 9am - 11.30am

*Dog training* every Friday from 7pm to 10pm for more info email Paul at APK9 Training on [apk9training@proton.me](mailto:apk9training@proton.me)  
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 someone in our community who are going celebrate their **90th** or **100th** birthdays please email [admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk) Thank you to Hayley from *Maypole Florists* on Crane Street who has continued to supply flowers to CCC at a very fair price just like her mum Sue did when she had Vintage Rose.

**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 let us know on **01978 821298** or email [admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

**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:** this Community Council funded project is **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 runs for all holidays excluding Christmas and February.

**Community Litter Picks:** our Councillors carry out monthly litter picks around all areas of the Cefn Ward if you would like to join them call **01978 821298** for details of the upcoming areas, dates and times, check our Facebook page, litter pickers and bags 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**. If you want to do your own litter pick get in touch and we'll lend you a kit!



One again we were delighted to be joined by students from Derwen College who helped with the planting of the hanging baskets ready for the summer. Lara our PCSO joined in too. We also planted up our street planters.



Thank you to our councillors and volunteers who joined the June monthly litter pick which focused on Plas Madoc and Acrefair! Look out for our next one and come and join us, all equipment provided from our Keep Wales Tidy Litter Picking Hub. If you want to do some litter picking of your own speak to Natalie on 01978 821298 or email her on [admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

## FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S GRAVEYARD



As many will have seen the grass has gone really wild this year so along with the regular Community Work ins planned for **July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>** we will also be looking to do some extra sessions. We are appealing for donations to cover petrol

costs for volunteers, thank you. If you are able to give an hours time strimming, raking or helping to move the cut grass it really does make a big difference. We are also looking to create some wild flower areas that will be cut right back, raked and scarified in September and seeded ready for next year. See our Facebook page for updates.



## PCSOs UPDATE

### Operation Blue Lampoon

During the month of April, North Wales Police in Wrexham Rural launched Operation Blue Lampoon which targets anti-social behaviour in our communities. The operation involved assistance from all four districts within the East of the Force; including the Neighbourhood Policing Teams from Wrexham City, Flintshire South and Flintshire North. The operation involves both plain clothes and uniformed officers in areas experiencing such behaviour. We have seen success with the operation, which is on-going. It has allowed us to be more visible in our communities and take positive action against those who cause harm.



We have also been doing a number of speed checks around the area following complaints from residents.

**PCSO Lara Shiers**

[Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)



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## News Update

**Welcome to the Thirteenth 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 24hours a day 7days a week.

Are you between 70 and 79 years of age? Have you had your shingles vaccination yet? Shingles is a nasty illness that can leave people with debilitating pain afterwards which is difficult to manage. Did you know you can get shingles more than once.

Having the vaccination is very much recommended. In the autumn the vaccination schedule is changing where patients will be given two doses of the vaccine. But making your appointment before September means that you can still have a single vaccination.

Please contact us to see if you are still eligible.

Take care in the sun. Always wear a sunscreen with at least a factor 30 protection level. Take care with young children especially when they are running in and out of water, reapply regularly. Sunburn is not much fun and can increase your risk of serious skin problems, including cancers later in life.

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](http://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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### 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:  
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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



### LLANGOLLEN FOOD SHARE HUB

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Open for food parcels for people experiencing financial difficulty **1-2pm each Wednesday**. Open for donations **10-11am every Tuesday**. Open for Community Fridge - sharing of free surplus food to reduce food waste **Monday and Thursday 9-11am**.

**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 **07538 894 449**. 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



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referral from somewhere that helps you with other support such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, Community Agent, school or Citizen's Advice Wrexham. You can also call **Help Through Hardships** 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. **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre** foodbank is open **Thursdays** 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 information visit

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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 our **Facebook** page before coming up to see us.

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## 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**. Our Facebook page is **friends of parkies**.

## 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](mailto:fis@wrexham.gov.uk) to see how we can help you. Check our Facebook page for updates resources, events, activities and courses for you.

## NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



People are still dying as a result of fires 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, please contact us for a free **Safe and Well** check, call **0800 169 1234** or visit <http://ow.ly/4zS950UIfr>

## 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**.

**Veterans' Gateway** – information and support for veterans and their families. We are the first point of contact for you and your loved ones. Contact us 24/7 for help across housing, mental wellbeing, finances and more. And we can also refer you directly to our Referral Partners. Get in touch with our friendly helpline team by phone call **0808 802 1212**, text **81212** or email [support@veteransgateway.org.uk](mailto:support@veteransgateway.org.uk) Use the Self Help on our website to find veteran specific resources across all welfare categories. Our guides contain expert advice from our partners to help you get back on your feet <http://bit.ly/3O9Dcvk> You can also find us on Facebook.



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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 1.30pm come and find out about Volunteering roles in the community and all the amazing training we can support you with.

### 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  
**'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.

**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

**Thank Me It's Friday** 10am-12pm *Opportunity Centre carpark* a chance to unwind a learn all about Self-healing.

**Mates Crates** every fortnight 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 6pm eyes down 6.30pm 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](http://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.

## 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, 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 we can provide at a reasonable rate. Please call **01978 292061** for a form and advice on this to protect your personal belongings.

We are doing **Annual Visits** again this year and we will write to confirm appointments before we arrive. Tenants are now Contract Holders with the new *Renting Homes Wales Act* in place and they can ring if they need any information on the changes.

We are doing some **Skip Days** and leaflets will be delivered to all areas before hand with dates and locations.

**Garden Competition** if any tenant wants to enter or nominate anyone they can ring the office. Judging will take place end of July, we have not had many entries so will be pleased to receive any that wish to enter, for all areas that we cover.

Are you missing out on any benefits? Here are two quick and confidential ways to check your eligibility on-line: [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk)

[www.benefits-calculator.turn2us.gov.uk](http://www.benefits-calculator.turn2us.gov.uk)

If you have **URGENT OUT OF HOURS HOUSING REPAIRS** contact housing on **01978 298993**.

You can also contact the Estate Office by email [PlasMadoc.EstateOffice@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:PlasMadoc.EstateOffice@wrexham.gov.uk)



## COMMUNITIES

### FOR WORK

### DIGITAL SUPPORT

Do you need access to IT equipment to help with your job search, applications, online courses and completing your online journal?

Come along to the weekly Digital Drop-in sessions, and a Communities for Work Plus team member will be on hand to offer you support.

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





## LOCAL EVENTS

**July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Glyn Valley Tramway Open Weekend** donations made on entry get wristband for unlimited train rides & access to bus shuttle, parking at LL14 5RL.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Vintage Machinery & Craft Fair** at Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, Dolywern LL20 7BA from 12 noon to 6pm call Davena on **07496 597894**

**29<sup>th</sup> July Wrexham MotorFest** free event 10am - 4pm at Penyllan Farm, Marchweil LL13 0PF classics to super-charged cars and thrilling motor displays something for the whole family including dogs who are welcome on leads! Supporting Nightingale House.

**Table Top Sale** at St John's Church, Rhosymedre from 12 noon to 3pm to book a table please contact **Sarah** on **07535744990**

**Plastonbury** Join us for a fun-filled, free to attend day at the Opportunities Centre Car Park, Plas Madoc LL14 3US between 3-9pm.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> National Playday** on Queens Square and Llwyn Isaf Wrexham from 12 noon to 4pm

**August 5<sup>th</sup> Brass & Voice in Concert** 7pm at Llangollen Pavilion the Lewis Merthyr Band & the Fron Male Voice Choir Tickets £15, Concessions £12.50 from Llangollen Tourist Information Centre

**August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Vivod Sheepdog Trials** at Vivod, call **01978 869389** email: [janetsarsfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janetsarsfield@yahoo.co.uk)

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Welsh National Sheepdog Trials** at Llysfasi Collage, Ruthin admission £5.00 per car, per day.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup> Phantasmagoria Horror Film Festival** at the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr, ticket £15 for weekend or £10 for a day see



**Life Drawing** sessions at the Dory Galley, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL Classes on **Mondays**, £12 per session from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 6 to 8pm. Artist on hand to give guidance. Boards supplied, bring your own pads and pencils. Limited space, booking recommended. Professional Model, all levels are welcome.

**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.

**Pandora's Reticule** running til **20/8/23** brings **Edward Bells** new work exploring lies inspired by the photographic eye Sat & Sun from 10am to 4pm.

**Skyscapes** by **Edward Bell** also on til **20/8/23** Sat & Sun 10 - 4pm

Check our Facebook page for pop up exhibitions and gallery events, Entry is free for everyone, dogs are welcome inside and kids can have fun with our Art Trail quiz! Tel: **01978 860311** Mobile: **07884 292404** Email: [thedorygallery@gmail.com](mailto:thedorygallery@gmail.com)

## 1ST TREVOR SCOUT GROUP.

Busy time for the group as usual. The Beavers have been building dens and taking part in their gardeners badge, wonder who will have the tallest Sunflower this year!



The Cubs have completed their International badge by making fabulous hand made lanterns, out of nothing, really. We held a Coronation party for all the children in the group and their families. Pete cooked up a storm on the BBQ, yummy. Shelby was crowned as King, voted in by all the other children. Plenty of helpers on all the games that the children enjoyed, from trash or treasure, icing coronation cakes, guess the names of royalty, throw coins in the well etc. Also by request we had a lovely sing song at Llys y Graig in Rhosymedre and will be returning at Christmas. We hope to take part in more outside activities while the nights are lighter.



We have 2 sections in Trevor, Beavers consisting of girls and boys ages 6-8yrs and Cubs both boys and girls age 8-11 yrs. We have vacancies in both sections at the moment, if you would think your child would like to join us, we meet in our HQ on Heol Penderyst, Trevor on Thursdays during term time . We have children from all over the area and all are welcome. Scouts offer a wide range of activities which provide adventure, fun and is challenging both to the youngsters and Leaders too. Also as a group we any new adult volunteers to help in any way they feel comfortable with. Please contact **Elaine Anderson** Group Scout Leader on **07939 476208** for a chat re helping out or indeed to enter your child.

## THE NEW HAMPDEN BOWLING CLUB

**ACREFAIR** We have had to come out of the league this year because we didn't have enough players . We would like to enter next year but need new players . If you are interested come to the Royston Green Monday and Thursday, find us opposite the Chinese on Llangollen Road Acrefair at 6 pm . We are a friendly group of all ages and you would be very welcome. Call Isabel on **07413 933141** for more information, or email: [twigg300@gmail.com](mailto:twigg300@gmail.com)

## BINGO AT THE ROYSTON CLUB ACREFAIR

Thursday is Bingo night every week in the bar at the Royston Club. Doors are open at 7pm and Bingo is from 8 to 10pm. All welcome, good parking.



### CAFÉ CHURCH

The end of school term is in sight, the sun has been shining and these past few weeks have been drenching us with warmth (as well as some rain!). The nights are still light and that probably means that folk are starting to plan holidays (if not having already done so!) So, what sort of things do we have in mind? A holiday abroad, now that the covid restrictions are behind us? Or perhaps a holiday in this country to a place undiscovered? Or will it be meeting up with family or close friends somewhere, or them coming to us? No matter what we might have decided to do, there's always a lot of planning involved! What might the weather be like? Making lists of places to see and things to do. What sort of clothes should we take? How much spending money will be needed? Are we self-catering or being catered for!? If planning for a family, all those decisions increase – of course! But we look forward to it with excitement!

As Christians, we believe we too are on an exciting journey to undiscovered places. The first step, to trust Jesus with our lives and to put our hand in His. Yes, we still must make some hard decisions that life throws at us, but He makes that easier for us, because we know He is there to help us make the right choice every step of the way - if we ask Him! In hardship He comforts us. In turmoil he gives us peace, and each day offers a new adventure which brings joy, with Him by our side! We are thinking about doing a Christianity Explored course in the Autumn of this year. This offers a journey of discovering Jesus for yourself. Is the bible true? Does God and / or Jesus really exist? If so, does He / they really care about me and what I'm going through? What difference would it make to my life if I were to believe this to be true? How hard would this commitment be for me? And so many more questions – to be asked and answered! But why not come along to Café Church now, which is held 'café style' on the first Sunday of every month at 10.30am in the CRNCA (The Old Canteen in Cefn). There's plenty of free tea, coffee, cakes etc. where you can start to ask those questions among a very friendly group of folks. Or come to our Social Evening held on a Thursday at 7pm, 11 days later. A time again to make new friends, have a good old chat and a bit of fun! If you would like to know more then please telephone **Colin or Rowena** on **01978 824785**. Or leave a message and we'll get back to you! We'd love to see you!

### RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

Chapel Street, Rhosymedre LL14 3YF. Open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am** All are welcome. For more information please call **01978 821177**.

### 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.



### HAFOD FAMILY OF CHURCHES

Are a group of Church In Wales Churches that includes St. Thomas',

Penycae, **St. John's Rhosymedre**, and St. David's, Rhos. Our **St John's Community Pantry** is open every Thurs from 1.30 until 3pm, with drop-in coffee and tea available as well, for people that just want to come down and have a chat. Our normal Sunday Services are at 11am. Our celebrated *Chips and Bingo* has returned and runs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> Aug & 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. There is a small cost to attend (around £5 for the chips), please let us know if you'd like to attend, so we can make sure that we've got some chips for you. St John's will be holding a **Table Top Sale** on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm. If you are interested in having a table please contact **Sarah on: 07535 744990** for further details.

For some pastoral care pop in on Thursdays between 1.30 and 3pm and speak to Dawn.

Follow us on Facebook @ Hafod Family of Churches on Twitter @HafodFamily, or even on Instagram!

Hafod Family. For wedding, baptism or funeral enquiries please call **01978 846204** or e-mail:

**PhilBettinson1@churchinwales.org.uk**

### LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

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

**St Collen's Church Opening Times for Prayer and Visiting:**

Sunday: 9am - 12 noon. Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 12 noon - 2.30pm. Wednesday - Saturday: 9am - 2.30pm. **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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. New ringers are always welcome, please contact **Richard Archer-Jones** at [ricarcher.j@macunlimited.net](mailto:ricarcher.j@macunlimited.net) or **Ruth Stevens** at [erstevens@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk)

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

### 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](mailto:church@citychurchllangollen.org.uk)



Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League 2022-2023									
	Team	GP	W	L	D	%	PD	Points	Legs
1	Rhos Snooker Club	30	27	1	2	90.00%	0	56	184
2	Sun Rhos	30	25	0	5	83.33%	0	55	187
3	Royston	30	22	5	3	73.33%	0	47	166
4	Cons Club	30	20	4	6	66.67%	0	46	157
5	Cefn Social Club	30	19	7	4	63.33%	0	42	140
6	Vaults	30	17	9	4	56.67%	0	38	141
7	Pubby McPubface B	30	14	8	8	46.67%	0	36	133
8	Chirk AAAs	30	14	13	3	46.67%	0	31	123
9	Eagles	30	9	15	6	30.00%	0	24	102
10	The Delph	30	8	15	7	26.67%	0	23	108
11	Black Lion Rhos	30	8	16	6	26.67%	0	22	104
12	Oddfellows	30	7	17	6	23.33%	0	20	92
13	Pubby McPubface A	30	4	20	6	13.33%	0	14	68
14	New Inn	30	5	23	2	16.67%	0	12	78
15	Penycae FC	30	1	24	5	3.33%	0	7	72
16	Queens	30	0	23	7	0.00%	0	7	65

**CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE**  
 13<sup>th</sup> June was the end of the league season which saw the **Rhos Snooker Club** crowned as champions! They were closely followed, missing out on the title by 1 point, by the **Sun Inn, Rhos**, who went through the whole season unbeaten, which has been a ridiculously closely contested seasons and is a testament to the quality of players the teams have up and down the league.

The wooden spoon went to the *Queens, Cefn* who struggled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season but carried on and competed right until the end. They were of course missing an important player in Ian Morgan, who the league are saddened to inform

had passed away in May, we wish his friends and family our condolences.

There was more good news for the *Rhos Snooker Club* and *The Eagles, Acrefair* as they both won their respective team Knockouts. Congratulations to both teams. It was a fantastic night with players and teams from up and down the league attending to enjoy a special night of darts.

The league now moves on to the remaining Knockouts for the end of season run in. 3<sup>rd</sup> July was the Singles, 10<sup>th</sup> July is the Pairs, 17<sup>th</sup> July is the Captain/Vice Captain's, and finishing with the **Finals Night and Presentation** on the **24<sup>th</sup> July** all held at the **Cefn Social Club**, spectators are more than welcome to come along and support.

The League will then enter a short summer break before resuming again in September, we at the Committee look forward to restart and anyone or venue wishing to join the league should contact Rob Pugh on our Facebook page

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## CRNCA NEWS

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**TUESDAY Changing Season** group for the over 50s meets from 12.30 - 3pm subs £1, pop in for tea, a chat, games and fun all welcome.

**WEDNESDAY Lunch Club**, food is served at our popular lunch club at **12.30pm prompt** for all over 50s with a main, pudding and a cuppa for £3.50, booking is essential. Most diets catered for. Please call **07532 484470** by Tuesday 12 noon to book your place.

**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 a canal boat trip 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 cuppa and chat.

**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.

All of our Clubs and activities offer a safe friendly place where you can pop in and have a cuppa, a chat, meet friends and make new ones.

**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.

## 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](mailto:countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk)

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## CEFN LIBRARY UPDATE

**Mondays Citizens Advice** drop in service every Monday from 1 - 4:30pm to provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice on any issue brought to them. It is a sit and wait service, no appointment needed.

**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.

**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 children if needed. It's free with a drink of squash and a biscuit.

**Thursdays our Adult Book Club** is on the last Thursday of the month from 2 - 3pm.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Visit the library 3 times over the holidays and read 6 books to receive rewards and a certificate.

### Summer Activities

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Lego Make & Take**, slots available between 9.30am & 2.30pm, receive a kit to take home, booking essential.

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**Under 16's** - Sat 3pm – 4pm. Plus Mondays 3pm – 4pm in the School Holidays.

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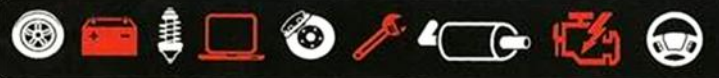
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July







## YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

The Ysgol Rhiwabon Year 11 Personal Profile Ceremony was held on June 22nd with the Prom held at The Rossett Hall Hotel. On a picture perfect evening, the Year 11 students met at the school, with just over 250 parents and family members waiting to greet them and take photographs in the school grounds. There were some marvellous vehicles on show bringing students to the ceremony from a range of vintage cars to motorbikes and numerous supercars. The ceremony hosted by Mrs Alex Wild Lead Learner for Year 11, with the Profiles presented by the Chair of Governors, Mrs Joan Lowe and Headteacher, Mrs Melanie Ferron-Evans, supported by the Year 11 Form Tutors. Mrs Lowe, Chair of Governors said *'It is a privilege to see our Year 11 students, and to recognise the journey that they have followed during their time in Ysgol Rhiwabon. The Governors and staff wish them well as they venture into the wider world, and the school sends their best wishes to all of them for the future'*. The students then travelled to Rossett Hall Hotel for their Prom Party



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**Mondays** *Toddlers Story & Rhyme*: 1.15pm  
*Natter & Chatter*: 3-4pm creating space for people to talk and browse books or read the local paper whilst enjoying a cuppa.

*Family Lego Club*: 3.30-4.30 suitable for ages 4+. Come and get creative on Mondays (not bank holidays).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month** *Adults Creative Crafts*:  
2.15pm an informal and varied craft taster session, refreshments provided.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month** *Time to Remember*  
2-3pm sharing memories and reminiscence. Individuals, families and carers welcome, refreshments provided.

**Last Wednesday of the month** *Ruabon Readers Reading Group*: 2-3pm Friendly and informal book club, with refreshments provided.

**Thursdays** *Quiet Time*: 9.15-10.15 Autism/dementia friendly. We have a designated Quiet Area available at all times for anyone who may need it, and we are a designated Safe Place.

**Fridays** *Knit & Natter*: 2- 4pm whether you knit, sew, crochet or just natter, all welcome, with refreshments available.

**What Else?** We are participating in this year's Summer Reading Challenge '**Ready, Set, Read!**' Just ask staff for details. We have free WI-FI available, as well as access to computers and iPads, with printing facilities including photocopying. We have lots of place to study if you want to bring your own laptop or tablet. You can pick up blue recycling bags and green caddy bags from us.

We have varied monthly exhibitions in our exhibition area, ranging from art from local artists and art groups, to historic artefacts and crafts. Potential new exhibitors are welcome, just ask staff for availability and details.

**Open Mon 12pm-5pm, Tues Closed, Wed 12pm-5pm, Thurs 9am-1.15pm, Fri 12pm-5pm**

**RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT** Is here to support all over 50's in our local community. Working Tues 9-2, Wed 9-3 and Thurs 9-2, call **01948 830730** an answer machine is available if no one is in the office and is checked regularly. Or email Angie on [angie.cunningham@therainbowfoundation.org.uk](mailto:angie.cunningham@therainbowfoundation.org.uk)

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## NEWS FROM THE DEE VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

This term Froncysyllte, Garth and Pentre children took part in a trip to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. The children took part in a set of workshops focusing on the history of the Aqueduct and life on the canal. They learnt about the habitats and wildlife that surround the local area. Throughout the day children found out about Thomas Telford and William Jessop and their 10 year journey building the Aqueduct. The best part of the day was the ride along the Aqueduct in a canal boat! All of the children had a brilliant day and all felt very proud to be Welsh!

During the term, pupils across the Federation took part in the Royal Fun Run. The fun run had two



important purposes. The run helped the children to learn about and celebrate



King Charles's Coronation. The other important purpose was to raise money for Nightingale House Hospice. The pupils had a fantastic time and also raised a significant amount of money for Nightingale House. In total our Federation raised a total of **£1596.45** which is a phenomenal amount which will help the Hospice.

After Easter pupils from Years 5 and 6 in Pentre and Years 3 to 6 in Froncysyllte went on their residential trip to Manor Adventure. The children had an amazing time and took part in activities such as canoeing, kayaking, aeroball, challenging trails, obstacle course, axe throwing and obstacle course.

The children were a credit to you the whole school community and all staff are very proud of them for conquering fears and having a go of the activities! They made memories which will last a lifetime. There were lots of positive comments from the centre staff about pupil attitudes and behaviours.



## MAELOR ABC NEWS

**Cory Jones** travelled to Europe, Ireland, England and Scotland to represent the Maelor and Wales, beating the English Champion twice, the Scottish Champion, Polish Champion, and the British Champion, he also won the Welsh Championship for the fourth time. He won Silver in the BOXAM Spain, won Silver in Danas Posniakas, Lithuania and Silver in the British Championship's Scotland. Brilliant results and a tribute to his work ethic, we are all so proud of you. We would like to mention **Gwion Ellis** and **Ben Rowlands** who were runners up in the Welsh Novice Championship's, We would like to congratulate *David and Jo Arthur* and *Ben Rowlands* for passing their Coaching Exams. The Club would like to thank *Malcom Hughes* for over thirty five years service to the Maelor ABC pictured here with *Guy Roberts* Maelor ABC Chair and myself. The gym will be re-opening the first week of September.



## VIVOD SHEEPDOG TRIALS 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

*Day 1 Monday* will start at 12 noon and will end around 6pm. We also have a **Second Class** and a **Local Class** happening on the Monday that you can enter and pay on the day.

*Day 2 Tuesday* will have the two fields running; the *Eirriant* and the *Vivod*

*Open* leading to the Final in the evening. There is also the **Brace Class** happening around lunch time. Entries now being taken for the trials! You can enter the Open trial £7 and the Brace class £5 on the online: <https://vivodsheepdogtrial.square.site>

If you have any further questions about the trial or have any issues please message the **Vivod Sheepdog Trials** Facebook page you can also call **01978 869389** or

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We will also have a **Best Conditioned Sheepdog** competition happening before the final which is enter on the day and open to all sheepdogs! Entry to the field is free for all spectators both two-legged and four-legged and included parking! Food, drink and even ice cream will be available to buy on the field! You can find us with the post code LL20 7LS or ///torched.enchanted.trying if you're using what3words. We look forward to seeing you.





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## YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Outdoor learning Fun Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their pond dipping session in our Forest School area. Learners selected appropriate resources and discussed how best to use them for the purpose of investigating the living creatures in the pond. Learners determined the appropriate safety precautions to take whilst working alongside the pond.

They also discussed how to maintain respect for nature making the following list to support this; appropriate handling of resources, Placing pondweed into the containers as it would contain wildlife and making sure it was not discarded, ensuring there was appropriate water levels for the creatures we may see, taking care not to be forceful with the equipment to ensure the creatures were safe.



Pond water was then carefully scooped up and the containers were placed on the floor ready for observations. Learners carefully investigated the contents of the trays and could see many different types of creatures within the water. Learners used the pond life key diagrams to begin the process of identifying the life observed. Learners carefully



followed the arrows, criteria, descriptions and branches until they found the most appropriate solution. Once they had identified the creatures they

carefully returned the water to the pond, taking care to ensure trays were empty. When they returned to school the children researched on computers to continue identifying their finds.

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## YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

We have had a very busy term in Ysgol Acrefair packing in so many interesting and exciting things! It's been wonderful to have some beautiful weather which has helped us to get outside for lots of outdoor learning! Really focusing on



increasing biodiversity within our school grounds and lots of our learning has related to this. Our younger children have learned about insects, plants, and animals. Year 5 have been incredibly busy designing and making bird houses from scratch! Alongside this they learned about interdependence and adaptation, including

birds beaks and the ways these change according to the environment they live in. There was great excitement when one of our Year 6s brought in frogspawn and everyone helped to take care of it as it changed into

tadpoles and eventually some tiny frogs which we were able to release into our school pond! Our Year 1 have done an inquiry into bees with a science focus and the children in Year 3 and 4 are in the process of rehearsing for a



wonderful production based on bees using all their expressive arts skills! We can't wait to see the finished product. Year 2 have been involved in a very exciting project with the Arts Council of Wales. The project focused on 'Cynefin' which related to our sense of place and community and our understanding of the country which we live in! We learned lots about diversity in Wales and how each of us is different and unique and are also able to make a wonderful contribution to our community and the wider world! Mrs Rosen- Edwards shared our work at the event at Ty Pawb recently. We are so proud of all of the children and adults involved and what they have achieved!

Another exciting event was the wonderful 'AmaSing' concert which took place in the William Aston Hall in Wrexham. After all of the practise and rehearsals, the concert was stunning and participating in it was a huge achievement for all involved. We joined with lots of other schools who sang and danced, performing songs which included one written with help from our very own Finlay and Kelsey Year 6. Our children really shone with their wonderful performance skills but also their outstanding attitudes and engagement!



It was a very long day but so worth it to see all of those lunchtime practises paying off in front of an enormous audience. We were delighted to have some beautiful weather which allowed us to go ahead with this year's sports days. We were grateful to everyone who came along to support the children, cheering them on and making the days so much fun. Thank you all! All of the children did their best in their races and other events, they were a wonderful support to each other too- we are so proud of them. We've also enjoyed some fantastic trips and visits this term too. Reception children have visited Erddig and Year 6 spent three days in Cardiff. Year 5 also went on a residential visit to Robin Wood and Year 2 spent the day in the Blue Planet aquarium which was lots of fun! There are still lots of trips and visits coming up in the final weeks of term!



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# Hollybush Afternoon

## Music Sessions

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5th- Elie

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12th- Salty  
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19th- Fat man  
+ Little Boy

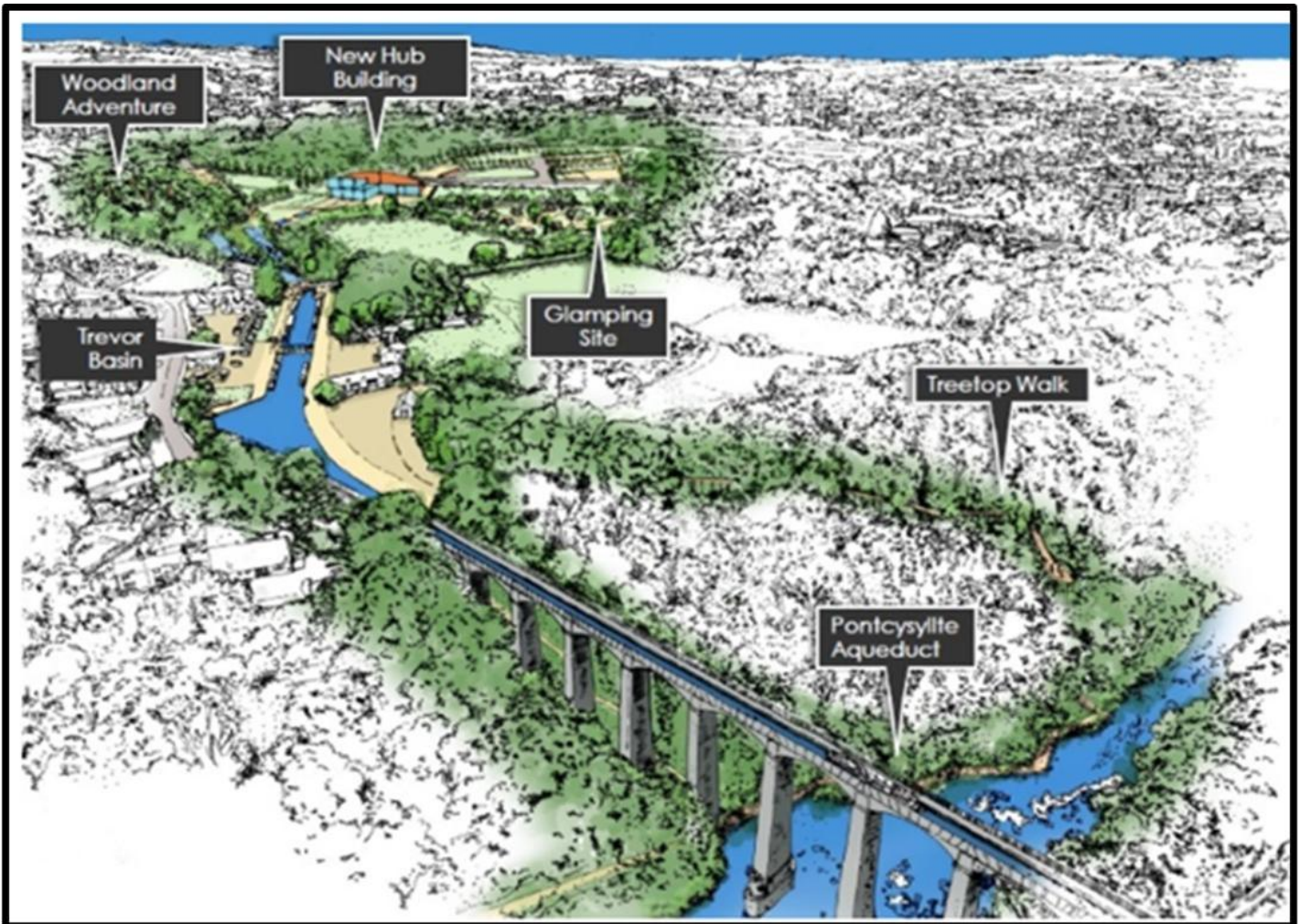
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August





The Ebenezer reopened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May as the world's first Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre open to the public. This can achieve CO2 Emission Reduction simply by attracting visitors from the aqueduct to also explore our wider community. Something they currently do not do. The current average dwell time is 60 minutes or less, because that's how long it takes to get out of their cars, walk over the aqueduct and back, take a couple of photos, and then drive off elsewhere. In many cases to Llangollen where traffic congestion is one of the main problems Llangollen has during the summer season. This is whilst the streets in Cefn Mawr remain empty.

WCBC has £4.2M to spend in our area over the next 18 months through the levelling up fund and the Government stated that Cefn Mawr should be connected. This in turn has been a driving force in reopening the Ebenezer, to provide a good venue for such and hopefully ensure the right connections can be made. The above map is from the Trevor Basin Master Plan 2017 and as you can see our community / communities are not really included. We need connections that are going to work, to link up our area and end the fragmentation.

To be able to keep the Ebenezer open and bring about economic growth within the retail and hospitality sector of our community we need this connection. One of the main displays in the Ebenezer is about linking our community together to support Sustainable Tourism Development. Given the very high counts at both the Aqueduct and Ty Mawr Country Park, some 400,000 visitors, this is perfectly feasible with the available finance WCBC has from Central Government Levelling Up Fund. Again, we ask WCBC and both Community Councils to join in with us so that we can all work together for the benefit of our community. PS: I have not forgotten about Newbridge and if you call round to the Ebenezer, you will also see this on display as well. Everyone is welcome.

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

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