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THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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MOVEMENT CENTRE FUNDRAISER

Local business woman Haley Carnwath from the Maypole Hair Gallery here in Cefn Mawr organised a charity event for *The Movement Centre*, which is a charity based in Gobowen whose mission is to maximise the potential of children's movement control through Targeted Training. Many children who visit the centre have a disability affecting their movement control. Targeted Training addresses these issues. Consequently, a course of therapy can help children to gain essential functional skills. Gaining these skills can make a child far more independent. As a result, this can completely change their lives.



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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

It has been a busy term in Ysgol Acrefair, filled with lots of exciting times. The year started with lots of new topics in our classrooms, from learning all about 'ourselves' in Reception to World War 1 in Year 6. All of the children in Year 6 came to school dressed as evacuees and spent the day in role. They explored the way that they might feel if they were to be evacuated from their home and away from their parents. They used this experience to help bring their writing to life. Following on from this the year 6 children visited the arboretum in Burton on Trent to find out more about the impact of World War 1. Other trips this term have included a visit to Wrexham museum and a visit to Danger Point. We were glad to welcome so many people to St Mary's church in Ruabon for our Harvest Festival and again, more recently, for our Christingle concert. Children from Years 3, 4 and 5 sang beautifully and helped us to feel very festive. Back in school the



Year 6 children wowed us with a fabulous panto 'Ali-baba and the Bongo Bandits' which they have worked on with Claire from Activate drama and our infant children all performed brilliantly in their concerts 'It's a baby' and 'Countdown to Christmas' too. Thanks to everyone who joined us. With stalls selling the children's own crafts alongside lots of external sellers, the Christmas fair was a great success. The elves in the secret room were busy wrapping presents all night so lots of our children's parents would have woken up to a lovely surprise gift on Christmas day. Thank you to all who helped out.



During the final week of term our school choir went out on tour and visited some of our local residential homes for 'Carols and a cuppa'. Mrs Martin and Mrs Brown were so proud of the children's singing and the children loved their time chatting to the residents. On 20th December the children all took part in the Reindeer Run to raise money for Nightingale House. Together they raised more than £900 and there is still money coming into school.

In September the Estyn carried out their inspection of Ysgol Acrefair and we were pleased to achieve a rating of 'good' in all areas.

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

At the Armistice Service Cefn Mawr Mrs Wright-Davies, Year 7 Lead Learner accompanied the following students Ruby Rogers, Tom Savage, Lily Owens and Declan Hughes who laid a wreath on behalf of Ysgol Rhiwabon at the Cenotaph. Ruabon Air Cadets were also in attendance and took part in the march past after the service.

Our students have been working hard recently, raising money for several charities. :£200 was raised for **Cancer Research Wales**, £150 was raised for **Prostate Cancer UK** £100 was raised for **Make-a-Wish UK** and finally thanks to our students" tireless fundraising activities, we are pleased to have been able to make a donation of £1,000 to **Nightingale House Hospice**.

We are pleased to say the **Hope House** concert in the Ruabon Methodist Chapel in December raised £300 for the charity! We are really proud of our students for the range of performances that they gave. The quality of their performance was excellent, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We would also like to say 'thank you' to all the staff who helped prepare the evening. During the evening, Charity Event Co-ordinator, Cat Dowdeswell tweeted:- "*Some fabulous musical performances going on here tonight so thank you for coming out and supporting @HopeHouseKids and the great pupils who are performing tonight!*"



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List of local dates are:

- 18 January – Morrison's, Wrexham
- 21 and 22 January – Chirk hospital
- 23 January – Canolfan Community Centre Glyn Ceiriog
- 11 February – Asda Wrexham
- 18 and 19 February – Coleg Cambria, Yale Campus, Grove Road, Wrexham
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Movement Centre Event continued:

Our little girl Lacey is 2 years old and has weak muscles, because of this she doesn't sit, stand or walk, *The Movement Centre* has provided her with a bespoke standing frame that supports her lower body so she can just work on strengthening smaller areas of her torso at a time, this is called 'Target Training'. We go back for regular reviews to *The Movement Centre* every 8-10 weeks and the aim is to slowly lower the frame as she becomes stronger, the results this charity has from target training are excellent. As it's a charity we have to fund part of the standing frame ourselves, and as you can imagine it doesn't come cheap!

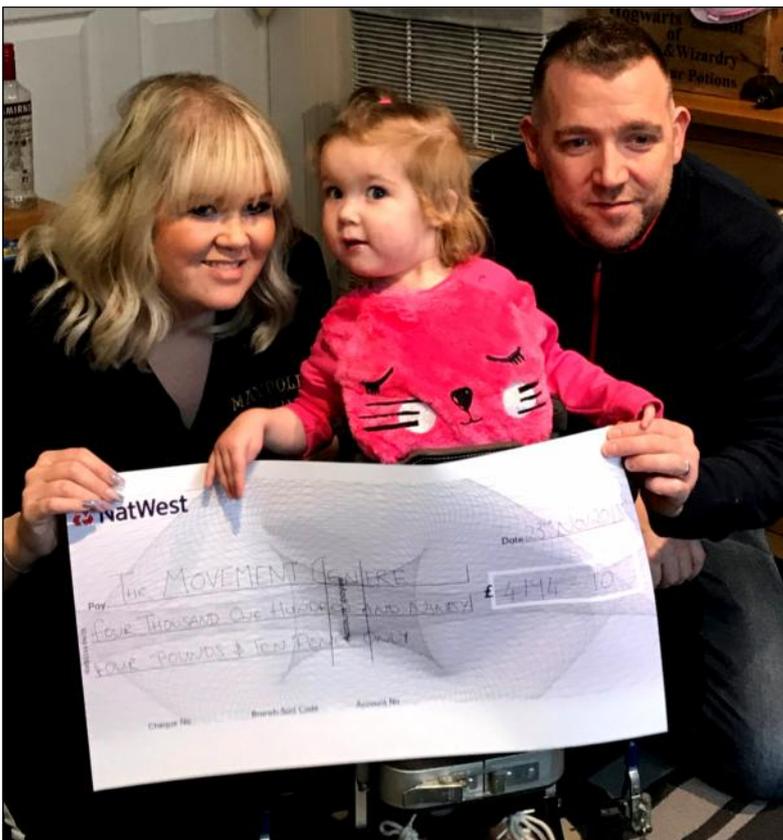
Tickets went on sale and we managed to sell 144 tickets, the room held 150 people, we were already off to a great start!! Some people said they could not come but still wanted to donate so I set up a just giving page. I also asked local businesses for donations and once my salon clients heard about what I was planning the raffle donations came in thick and fast.

We also wrote to larger companies for auction prizes and managed to secure something for everyone, from a spa day for 2 at Lion Quays, VIP tour at Airbus, hand knitted Mr & Mrs. Clause, 2 signed Wrexham Football shirts, Velocity tickets at Zip World and the star of the show a signed Wales Rugby Union ball!!

In total with everyone's help we managed to get 109 raffle prizes and 23 auction lots. On the night the auction alone raised over £1300! The evening was a real success, Cefn Druids football club let us use the function room and bar staff for free, there was a fantastic DJ (who gave us a super knocked down rate), Simply Ribbons and Griffiths Tool Hire donated all the decorations and we provided a yummy buffet which we prepared ourselves earlier on the day. We totally exceeded our expectations with what we raised, so far the total is over £4000!!!

I wanted to do this event, not only to raise money for Lacey at *The Movement Centre*, but also to help raise a greater

awareness of this amazing charity as we only found out about it through Lacey's, godmothers, mother-in-law going to a woman's local club where *The Movement Centre* were giving a talk about what they can achieve for children with muscle needs.



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NEW DOT SCREENINGS

Friday Jan 25 *Blackkkklansman*

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Friday Feb 8 *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* Cameron Post looks a perfect high school girl.

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Friday Feb 22 *The Wife* Joan and Joe Castleman have been married for nearly 40 years.

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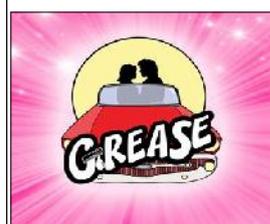
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Thanks to an inclusion grant from WCBCs Adult Social Care our Changing Season's group and members of the

community are enjoying a number of activities scheduled for the coming months. One of which was to Bury market that was enjoyed by all especially with the bargains to be had. The grant also paid for the transport for the club to the Greyhound in St Martins where the club enjoyed their Christmas dinner in December. Many activities are being planned for the coming year with a dancing taster session, craft sessions, a club cinema with the new projector, and much, much more. If you wish to see what it's like to be a member of the Changing Seasons club and you live locally and are over 50yrs please drop in for a cup of tea on a Tuesday 12.30 -2.30pm all welcome.

CRNCA LUNCH CLUB Santa Claus made a visit to the CRNCA Lunch club Christmas dinner which is provided free for regulars as numbers are limited. During his visit gifts were given with and many laughs and photos, a raffle was held with great prizes.

Members of the Wrexham Community Choir came and had everyone singing Christmas carols. A great time was had by everyone. We still providing terrific value for money lunches to 50+ age group in the community - £3 for two courses and hot drink - to book please leave message on **01978 821515** or ring **07531 310335** to check availability of space and for menu - diets are catered for. We are still looking for new volunteers to assist in helping with the lunch in house training will be given if you can cook a family meal you can help us with our lunches or if you prefer we always need someone to set up and clear away after. Contact Kris on **07531 310335**.

New Project We are collecting items for a Tyre Project as soon as weather permits we will be asking for large milk containers, good soil, bushes, plants,

paint bits Tyres and of course Helpers, gardeners, volunteers, YOU. We will also try playground tyres for everyone to have fun with so call **07531310335** for more information, check our Facebook page and keep an eye out for posters to see events coming up.

CRNCA BUILDING CRNCA volunteers are continuing to run and maintain this building to keep room hire at sustainable costs. This is an ongoing programme. If you are handy at simple DIY can you spare an hour to help us in this endeavour? We need little things like putting up notice boards, changing toilet seats, filling in nail holes in walls etc. Contact **07531 310335** to know more. Thank you. We are looking at grants/funding to replace the rest of the lighting to led lights and more eco-friendly heaters. If you are able please support our fund raising events. Community Buildings are few and far between with all the cut backs at the moment, help us keep this building for the community, use it or lose it, once something goes it very rarely comes back. We are seeking new Charity Trustee Board Volunteers if you feel you can bring something to the running of this Charity please contact **07531 310335**. An open day for the building will be coming up early April weather permitting.

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We have had many groups in over Christmas from Foodbank collection with Susan Elan Jones MP, Trevor Cubs and Beavers, Rhosymedre, Min y Ddol and Cefn Schools, Ifton Colliery band playing for us. We've helped at the Cefn Community Council Christmas fair, had bag packers from Llangollen scouts. Finally we donated and dressed the tree for the Plas Telford residents. Lovely be part of our local Community and *Happy New Year from all at Tesco*

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Applications can be submitted throughout the year for consideration at quarterly Grant Panels. Following on from the success of the Community Inclusion Grant since 2012 which has helped nearly one hundred groups in the County Borough, WCBC are now widening the eligibility criteria. This means that we will welcome applications from schemes that support older adults and adults with learning and/or physical disabilities and mental health problems, as well as informal carers. The process for obtaining the grant is quite simple to navigate and the staff were always available to help should there be any problems. Having now extended the grant criteria these grants are open to a much wider variety of community groups and this is excellent news, anyone who is thinking of setting up a community group or wants to build on an existing group should get in touch with the commissioning team at WCBC. Grants can be used for sessions run by volunteers where people can meet together on a regular basis for activities. Proposals are invited from individuals and organisations for activities such as:

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The church provides lunches for children on Plas Madoc throughout the school holidays. If you can help we meet at 11am in the kitchen at St John's.

The **'Time Well Spent'** group for those living alone, who would like get together and make new friends meets in St Mary's church hall Ruabon on the third Friday of the month, **18th January, 15th February and 15th March** starting with coffee at 11am, followed by lunch and an activity in the afternoon finishing about 3pm, please contact the vicar if you are interested in coming along. Helpers are also needed, so if you can spare a few hours once a month please let us know. St John's has a meeting room for hire most days of the week please call the Vicar to hire it.

Church notices are on page 22

COMMUNITY AGENTS NEWS

I have been busy leading up to Christmas and really enjoyed my break. The **Dee Boys** Cefn Men's Shed meets from 12.30-2.30pm in the lower room of the George Edwards Hall on **Wednesdays** and we start the year with the great news that they have now received some funding for tools and activities. All are welcome.



Fridays - CEFN CREATES our Arts and Craft group are now back, with local artist Jacqui Kiff so make this year the one when you have a go at being creative! Jacqui takes us through drawing, painting, clay and other guided activities. The group meets at 10am -12 noon in the George Edwards Hall so come along and be creative, enjoy some good company and a cuppa, you don't need to be good at art. Sessions are £5 per person including all materials. Find us on Facebook at **Cefn Creates.**

I will be visiting the many groups we have in the area over the next couple of months and our next project is to start a Community Choir! What do you mean you can not sing? It is a fact that being part of a choir is beneficial to our health and as Gareth Malone said we can all sing so look out for more information. Please feel free to contact me on **07925 048711** or email :- **cefncommunityagent@gmail.com**

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Would you like to be able to refer people to the Foodbank?

If you are a local agency who works with people who may be in a crisis situation and you would like to be able to refer them for a food parcel please get in touch. You may also be interested in being present at our session to offer advice or resources to those that visit and we'd love to have you there with us. Email info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or phone **07538 547971**.

Donations to the Foodbank can be given in store at Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys or at the Foodbank warehouse on Dean Road. Items that we particularly need are UHT milk, tinned fruit and tinned rice pudding. You can also donate via Paypal on our website www.wrexhamfoodbank.org.uk. Thank you so much for all your support



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WEDNESDAY'S Get free impartial advice from 1.30 to 4.30pm with the **CAB. Knit and Natter Group** meet from 2pm to 4pm. Come along and share your knitting and crochet skills with others, swap patterns and designs. No need to book, just bring your knitting. All levels of knitters welcome, as long as you can natter!

THURSDAYS **Language and Play Chatterbox** sessions from 1 to 2.30pm for Mums and pre-school babies to have fun, share stories, chat, play and sing songs. **Thursday Lego Club** from 3.30 to 4.30pm 50p per child.

Starting MONDAY 28th January from 2 to 4pm and then on the fourth Monday of the month is **Councillors Surgery** with **WCBC Cllr. Sonia T Benbow-Jones**.

FRIDAYS Communities for Work will now be at Cefn Library every Friday afternoon, from 1pm – 3pm, offering advice and support around jobs particularly, but also to help with accessing I.T., Universal Credit applications, or just to tell people more about our project and also have the following sessions Craft Sessions see below planned. These are free of charge and open to anyone who would like to attend. Places are limited, however, so booking is essential. To book a place, please call **01978 820520**

FRIDAY 18th January Christmas Card Recycling Crafts from 2 to 4pm Bring in your old cards to make interesting crafts Free

FRIDAY 1st February Valentine Craft Session from 2 to 4pm Free

FRIDAY 22nd February Introduction to Sign Language Join us for a look at how to sign Free

FRIDAY March 1st An Introduction to Face Painting 1-3pm Everything will be provided to help you achieve professional results

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Don't forget to check out our books in the book sale especially if you are looking for something to take away with you on Holiday and once you've read it no need to bring it back, leave it for someone else!

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- **Telecare Solutions** 01978 292075
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Big thanks to Jill Proud-Rowley for letting me use her lovely photo of the Cenotaph taken after the service.

Hall Hire: need a venue for Parties, Meetings, Events, Stage Productions or more why not book the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. We have free car parking at the rear covered by CCT, accessible from the Tesco Roundabout and reasonable hire charges, please phone the Clerk for details or call in and check availability with the Caretaker.

We are open **Monday to Thursday 8am to 2pm** outside of these times The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** email **cefnmawr-parish@btconnect.com**

CURRENT BOOKINGS INCLUDE

- DanceZone** Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 9pm
- Dee Boys Men's Shed** Wednesday from 1 to 2.30pm
- The Hampdon Indoor Bowling Club** Wednesdays from 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Cefn Creates Arts Group** Fridays from 10am to 12 noon.



The **Free Playscheme** will be operating during the Half term holiday, on **Monday and Wednesday** at Plas Kynaston Play Park and **Friday** at Acrefair School Field from 11am to 1pm.

Dog fouling: Council urges residents to report this to: **environmentalcrime@wrexham.gov.uk**

Street lights: any streetlights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk on **01978 821298**.

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



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We thought this was a good opportunity to thank you for all your support of the Welsh Blood Service in North Wales this year! We've had a bumper year full of changes with more yet to come but have still seen an increase in our collections – an amazing feat, and this is in no small part due to your hard work and support to make your local sessions a success.

- Since our recent restructure, we've moved to largely social media based promotion for which your support in posting, sharing, liking and commenting has been invaluable and I know this has helped us to increase donations in the latter half of the year.
- 2018 has seen us start to post 'Thank-you' messages on social media letting local communities know how much blood they donated at a recent session and if they missed the session, when the next one has been scheduled for.
- Finally in 2018 the Welsh Blood Service in North Wales collected an amazing 20,895+ donations, welcomed 3,521 new donors and registered an additional 626 people on our Bone Marrow register. You may not know but each donation we receive, gets split into 3 different parts (red cells, white cells and platelets) so these donations will have gone on to save or improve the lives of over 62,685 desperately ill North Wales hospital patients. To round up, thanks to our supporters and donors, the Welsh Blood Service has had a fantastic year and we/I look forward to working even more closely with you in 2019. From us all at the Welsh Blood Service, thank-you sincerely for all your support – we hope you had a great Christmas and will have an even better new year.

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CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Our Facebook page **Cefn Mawr and District Museum** is well followed and our website gives a greater insight into our work here at the museum at www.cefnmawrmuseum.org.uk

We continue our popular 'Museum in a Box' visits to community groups and organisations the next one being held at the Memory Clinic at Chirk Hospital, now a regular venue for us, we also welcome schools and other community groups to come and visit us in the Museum. Open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am -12.30pm. Admission is free and there is good parking off the Tesco roundabout. Telephone us on **07972 528626** for bookings or to request a visit.



TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

There are signs of spring already at Ty Mawr! The birds are singing, the daffs are showing and the beautiful white blossom of the blackthorn is bursting open. After a lot of work by contractors, staff, volunteers, Tesco volunteers and the Friends of Ty Mawr, the all-weather parking area at Ty Mawr is taking shape. The green shoots of grass and wildflowers are starting to show and once established the area will be open for parking. Let's hope this will be the last Christmas of congestion outside the park. Thank you all for your patience, and for your ongoing support.

Wednesdays 6th February and 6th March our monthly **Spinning, Knitting & Weaving** group meets from 1am to 4pm. Beginners welcome contact **June Mclaughlin** on **07780 000206**. See our Facebook page **Ty Mawr country park spinners/weavers/knitters**.

Wednesday 27th February Micro Greenhouses
Make your own micro greenhouse and plant it up ready for the spring. Sessions from 1.30pm 3.30pm suitable for all ages £2.50.

Saturday 30th March Craft Class: Felt Making. A Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site 10th Anniversary Event. Learn to craft beautiful pictures with sheep fleece. Make a picture to take home and one to add to the WHS 10th anniversary patchwork collage. From 11am to 4pm. Suitable for 16+. All materials are provided. £30 per person (£10 reduction for piece added to the patchwork) To book a place, please contact **junemclaughlin@btinternet.com** or phone **01978 711941** for further details.

We are open 7 days a week, the Visitor Centre is open weekends only from 10.30am to 4.30pm during the winter. Tel: **01978 822780** and see our fb page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group**. Ask about sponsoring one of our lovely animals next time you come to visit us.

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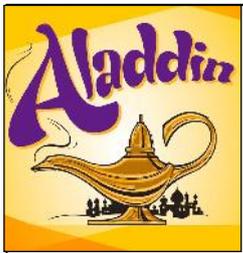
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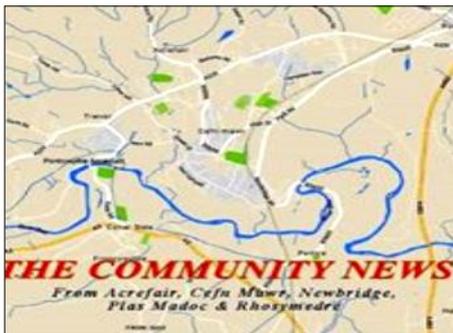
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TOWERS DAY NURSERY NEWS

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the nursery welcomed several new children. They have all settled in very well and are enjoying all the varied

activities on offer.

In October, the children had lots of fun having a party and dressing up for Halloween, making craft items and helping to carve a pumpkin from the nursery garden. They also celebrated Bonfire night by learning about Guy Fawkes.

The Tempest photographer has been to take photos of the children and we have also had a visit from Nerys, as part of the Healthy School Campaign.

The nursery is involved in the **HIPP organic baby food initiative**, and as well as some members of staff updating their Food Safety qualifications, we have recently, once again been awarded **Level 5 in Food Safety**.

In November the nursery raised money for the *Children in Need Appeal* by having a dressing up week and by making and selling cakes.

Christmas was a very busy time for everyone with lots of art, craft, and singing taking place. The final event before closing for Christmas was the Christmas Party; which Father Christmas attended, bringing a gift for everyone! This term, we are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New year, St Valentine's Day, St Dwinwen's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

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COME ALONG TO DISCOVER "THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS"

The Meeting Place returned to The CRNCA, in January. Our next meetings are on *3 February, 3 March and 7 April*. There's cuppas & cakes from 10.15am, for a 10.30am start - **all ages welcome**. Our theme in the New Year gatherings will be: **"The Secret of Happiness"**. We hope to help all who come along find the way to a more fulfilling life, now and for ever. At **"The Meeting Place"** we dare to have fun, then chat about our reactions to a topic and learn more about it together, as we enjoy something cakey with a cuppa of our choice. We've craft, colouring, toys and a toddler area too - there really is *something for EVERYONE!* Give it a try in 2019.

"The Meeting Place" (TMP) is run by Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship - all sorts of people from all sorts of churches locally - *and none!* If you come along, you're in and BELONG! Usually 11 days after a TMP gathering we have an open Social evening on a Thursday from 7-9pm. There's some snacky food (unless its Harvest!), pool and table games but mostly time to chat with friends old and new. We had many "guests" at our **Harvest Supper** and a bigger meal. In November we marked the **Remembrance 100** anniversary with a sculpture of the 1914 Christmas Truce borrowed from Cefn Druids FC where one of our leaders is now the Club Chaplain. We heard about young Percy from Cefn who died at the front only weeks before war ended, whose story was discovered when a history professor found his letters home to his girlfriend in Vron. It was very moving to hear about Percy and as we shared in some simple readings and prayers of thanksgiving for the sacrifice of so many and the peace we enjoy today.



December had **CEFN COMMUNITY CAROLS** with special guests **Ysgol Cefn Mawr Choir**. We thought about the true spirit of Christmas - giving not getting - because God gave the world the gift of his eternal life and love in His Son, Jesus Christ. Nearly 80 local people of all ages enjoyed the Carols and Christmas-y refreshments that followed. A good time was had by all!

The God we share about at "The Meeting Place" is loving and good, and wants everyone to enjoy his blessings that's why He invites us all to draw near to know Him better and by following Jesus to experience His love, joy and peace now and always. Call **810761 or 824785** to find out more.

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LOCAL SPORTS NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

CEFN MAWR RANGERS

There is very little action scheduled for our teams in January and as yet no fixtures for February have been published. The Club do though have exciting news, in that we are looking to start a couple of kids teams for next season, to further expand our club on the back of the recent introduction of the reserve team. More info will follow, when we have confirmed the age groups we have most interest from.

We will also, look at the possibility of introducing a "Mum's Football" initiative, where ladies will have an opportunity to, Keep Fit, and Make Friends through football. This is in very early stages, but we are hopeful this will come to fruition. With the introduction of the new, youth/kids teams and possibly the Mum's Football, we have had an application accepted for the current **Tesco's Bags of Help**, to provide some funding for these initiatives, so when you are out shopping, be sure to pop your blue token in our pot when we appear on the board, thanks.



supporter's coach to South Wales on Saturday 26th January. If you are going to come along and support the boys contact us via social media or email info@cefnruidsaafc.co.uk

It takes a lot of hard work and effort from volunteers to push our club forward and we are always keen to recruit new hands. Whether as a matchday steward or to help out running the clubs social media, or everything in between – Get in touch!

As Phase 1 comes to an end, keep your eyes peeled for the second half of the seasons Welsh Premier League Fixtures! – Come along and support Huw and the boys as they fight it out for the last remaining European play off place!

CEFN UNITED FC

Cefn United has been helping local children play football since 1999 our main aim is to get as many children playing and supporting football as possible. we play on Church Fields Rhosymedre on a Saturday and Sunday mornings currently we have 3 sections under 8's,9's and 12's all our sections and the club itself is run by volunteers from the local community who work tirelessly to provide a safe environment for the children to play in. All coaches are fully qualified with FAW Accreditation's, we have a cafe on site which provides refreshments on match days so why not come along to watch and support your local club and enjoy a bacon butty at the same time. We are always looking for volunteers to help out so if anyone is interested you can contact our Secretary **Alistair Burnett** on **07714 156307** for any info including how to get your child involved in playing.



We are having issues at the moment with people walking their dogs on the pitch itself, despite us displaying signs forbidding walkers to enter the playing surface, dogs are welcome around the edge of the pitch as long as they are on a lead and the owners are responsible with picking up the mess that dogs sometimes leave behind. Our ground staff work hard to keep the playing surface and the surrounding area clear and safe for the children to play on so we ask everyone to respect the work they put in and be responsible. Also we are aware of parking issues that the very patient local residents are raising on match days so the club have asked Wrexham Council to consider extending the car park at the site to help with this so fingers crossed!

*The **Wrexham League** are always looking for new referees who do get paid for their services and also get travelling expenses so if there are any aspiring people out there male or female that think it might be something of interest to them you can get info from the **NEWFA** website.*



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DRUIDS NEWS

Druids started January's transfer window early signing forward John

Owen from Llandudno. He spent six years at Bangor City moving to Porthmadog, Rhyl and Llandudno before signing to Aberystwyth, he was a prolific goal scorer there and will add some real quality to this Ancients side as they prepare for a Phase 2 battle and the chase for 7th. Manager Huw Griffiths said "I'm chuffed to sign John. He's someone I've been after for a while and it's great to get the deal done so early, I want to help John fall back in love with football and hopefully get the very best out of him, because he will certainly bring a little more quality to the squad. It's a huge statement for Cefn Druids to sign him as much as we aren't doing as well in the league last year, it shows how well we are progressing that we've been able to get him in."



We have drawn away to Barry Town United in the next round of the Welsh Cup after beating Ynysddu Welfare 3-1 in the third round. The club are running a



Major Investment at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre



The large function room is getting a big overhaul thanks to the help of the Tesco 'Bags for Life' funding. The work will involve stripping out the old stage area and laying a new wooden floor, the area will be repainted and fitted with new LED lights. The room will be

available for hire by the local community for meetings and events. Call us on **01978 821600** for more details.

Brand new Gym Equipment

2019 will see the Gym kitted out with brand new state of the art CV equipment, the kit provided by Life Fitness will transform the fitness offering here at the Leisure Centre. Why not come and visit before you join?

Free Swimming!

Monday Night Free Swim! Every Monday night from 5pm-6pm for local residents.

Junior Swim – Free session for local children aged 8+ 1st February from 6pm-7.30pm

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Junior Fitness We offer Junior Gym sessions for 11-15 year olds. Monday-Friday 4pm-5.30pm and Sunday 10am-11.30am and Junior Fitness in the Pool (Ages 11-16) ask for details.

Climbing Wall Why not try **THE WALL** at Plas Madoc we now offer Junior and Adult climbing courses, call to book your place. We also offer private parties on our Climbing Wall as well as private bookings call **01978 821600** or email info@plas-madoc.com
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Private Pool Party - £11 per child Min 25 - 1 Hour

Climbing Wall Party - Ask for more details.

All prices include the hire of the Aqua Lounge Party Room and a Children's meal with a drink.

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Aqua Lounge Refurbishment!



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The Half Term is almost here! We have extended swimming and other activities for the kids! Please check out our website: www.plas-madoc.com for details nearer the time and also to find out about swimming times in our tropical lagoon pool! To stay in the loop follow us on Facebook or twitter @PlasMadocLC

SPLASH CELEBRATES 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

At a celebration party on the 6th December 2018 Splash Community Trust marked the 4th anniversary of the centre reopened under community ownership. A plaque was unveiled in the foyer to thank local people for their hard work and determination in getting the facility reopened after Wrexham Council closed it in April 2014.

The trust also unveiled a plaque which was awarded to them as the winner of 'The Welsh Social Enterprise of the Year 2019' an award of huge significance, highlighting the work of local people in Wrexham in reopening the centre. Thank you for your continued support!

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

In Plas Madoc Monday to Fridays during school term times for children attending full time school ages 4 to 11. Healthy snacks are provided. Children can be placed in sessions from 3.05pm-5pm. Sessions cost £3, snacks are 30p per day. For information please contact **Sharon Evans 019787 813914**

Plas Madoc Community Support Officer

Ryan Jones PCSO 3649

Mobile **07989 170401**

email:Ryan.Jones@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Cllr Paul Blackwell Councillor for Plas Madoc

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YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed entertaining our local residents this year, by carol singing when they visited Plas Telford, Magnolia House, Llys Y Graig and Tesco. All involved really demonstrated the Christmas spirit by joining in with singing and having a dance too!! We were immensely proud of all our pupils who participated in this year's concerts, every single child was simply wow! We were mesmerised by the effort and dedication our pupils have made to learning their lines, learning songs and learning dance routines; they have



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worked so hard and their efforts really paid off in four stunning concerts.

We were delighted for one of our pupils *Mazie Pemberton*, who won The Clwyd South Christmas Card competition. She received her certificate and a prize from Susan Elan Jones MP and Ken Skates AM in a special assembly.



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RHOSYMEDRE CUBS & BEAVERS



We are 1st Pen-y-Cae Rhosymedre Cub Pack, located at the CRNCA Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym near Ysgol Min-Y-Ddol and Ysgol Cefn Mawr schools. Cubs had a fantastic term developing their culinary life skills in preparing, creating, decorating and cooking a number of international food dishes. This term we will have an explosion of a time doing a Harry Potter Science themed term with a trip to Technquest. In March we will head to Kibblestone which is an international scout camp near Stoke-on-Trent, cubs will embrace themselves in the outdoors completing a number of adventurous activities. Join the Adventure Cubs on Wednesday evenings from 6.45pm to 8pm, session cost £2.50 a week .

Please contact **Cub Leader** on **07554 534149**

Beavers start from age 5 3/4 with an adult and from age 6-8 without. We do a variety of activities including days out to various locations, Boys and Girls can join the Beavers on Wednesdays at 6pm, until 7pm cost is £2.50 a session.

For more information please contact **Beaver Leader** **07946 271370**



We were proud to take part in Cefn Community Councils Remembrance Service this year. We cheered at the Pantomime, then had a lovely Christmas Party at the Activity Centre before our Christmas break. Lots more exciting and enjoyable activities planned for 2019 so come and join in the fun with our Beavers and Cubs group!

1st RHOSYMEDRE BROWNIES

If your daughter aged 7-9 is interested in joining Brownies we meet at Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Plas Kynaston Lane on Thursdays during term time from **6.15 to 7.45 pm**, cost is £2.00 per night. For more information please call **Tracy** on **01978 820686**. or search on line on the Girlguiding website.

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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

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Our Upper Foundation Phase practiced singing together in an after school Choir Club. The children sang beautifully at Tescos, the Community Council Christmas Fayre, and for residents at Bod Llwyd Residential Home. The Choir also put on a performance for parents with refreshments which was greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to Mrs Ellis (Year 2 class teacher and Healthy Schools Coordinator) and our pupils for winning the next award in the Healthy Schools Scheme from the Welsh Government. Mrs Ellis, Our Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, attended the Award Ceremony at the Catrin Finch Centre at Glyndwr University where they were presented with the award which is proudly displayed in our foyer.

Well done to our Nursery class who performed 'Nursery Nativity', and our Reception class who performed 'A King is Born' for families. All the children were confident with their lines and sang beautifully.



Thank you to Mrs Hughes for organising and running a *Cookery After School Club* for some of our Year 4 pupils. The children enjoyed making cakes and chocolate truffles, and took them home to share with their families.

Thank you to *Wrexham Fencing Club* for visiting our school and introducing our Year 4 and Year 6 classes to fencing. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon session.



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CEFN DRUIDS CLUB Monday is Bingo Night at 7.30pm, 10 houses, 2 fliers including the **Druids Flier** plus **Open the Box** with guaranteed Jackpot! Free admission, bar, tea & coffee available. **Druids Goldmine** £5 per month with the chance to win £1000 call **01978 810287** for upcoming events.

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Priority will be given to veterans who participated in the D-Day Landings, with the remaining spaces allocated to Normandy Veterans via a ballot.

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The PKC Group intend to build the Cable Car System originally spoke of six years ago in 2012. We are seeking a loan for this from the Business Development Banc of Wales and have put together a supporting Business Plan. To be successful in securing the required loan it will be necessary for all parties to work with us. The main ones being WCBC, CRT and Eastman Chemicals. We are taking this step to initiate the regeneration of our community through Sustainable Tourism Development. The general plan is to build a cable car system between the Windborne Gate (WBG) Parking

lot and the Crane. We will also install 2 x Zip wires adjacent to the cable car route so that people can enjoy riding both over the former works site. The cable car will be linked to the Ebenezer which we plan to reopen as an Arts & Visitor Centre that will provide display space to the Cefn Community, Museum & Historical Society, Local Schools, Groups, Artists & Artisans etc. as well as the static displays showing off our community and the redevelopment of it. On the second floor will be a display model of the Cefn, for the general idea see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K1UdZXc9DM>

The Ebenezer failed for two main reasons, a lack of foot fall and no parking. By linking the WBG to the Ebenezer with the CC system, the problems are solved. There are 330,000 people visiting the aqueduct annually and if only 10% ride the cable car, this still delivers 33,000 tourists onto our streets, enough to keep the Ebenezer busy. Our main problem will be getting WCBC & partners to work with us, but we hope they will come around since this will be the key, they seek and a major boost to the economic future of our community.

We estimate with the addition of the CC & Zip Wires the visitor count will rise to around 400,000 annually and our mean estimate of operation is 20% which will provide the operating costs for the Ebenezer. This means that we will be able to offer the display space to our community. We also intend to run training programs as we originally said in 2012 to work with our young people. This will enable them to work with us and look for work outside our community both on and offshore which we will encourage them to do. To help us do this we will be looking at establishing links with other bodies such as the Princes Trust. We intend to pursue this on behalf of our community and can be successful if the relevant bodies will work with us. If you like this idea you can help, like us on Facebook, it will show WCBC and all that we want this.

Happy New Year
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