

THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Plas Madoc, Dee Valley and District
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CEFN SCARCROWS WINNERS

Cefn's own Neco Williams was delighted to be asked to judge the Scarecrow Competition and after much deliberation he nominated

- 1st The Window Cleaner
- 2nd Harry Potter
- 3rd The Fireman
- 4th Shrek
- 5th The Nurse

Organised by two local ladies
Dawn Jones and Dannielle Jour-

dain who thought that with all that has been going on this year it was a chance to have some fun in the community and make family walks more interesting. As this was their first one they kept it just to Cefn Mawr and started a Facebook group to bring everyone together and were so pleased to get 23 entries. Their next

challenge was who to judge it? There was only one Cefner that came to mind and he readily agreed so a heartfelt thank you to Neco Williams, it cannot have been easy to choose a winner as they were all so good.

We would like to thank all those who so kindly donated the excellent prizes as this let us have 5 winners. Thank you to Marrubbi Treats, Vanity Fur, Gaynor Roberts, H.E.Y Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, Global Travel Worldwide, Pontcysyllte Chapel Tearooms, Raw Focus Northwest, Morrisons Community Space Wrexham, Costa Coffee Ruabon, Bella and Esme



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Why We Are Consulting

We're carrying out a local public consultation and we'd like your views on the proposal. We welcome feedback and comments that can help inform our plans. For further information and to let us have your views, please visit our **Consultation Hub** via the link below:

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Customer information materials will also be available in the branch.

**This consultation opened on 27 August 2020 and
will close on 8 October 2020.**

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Park Road Rhosymedre is now open with traffic lights for the next week as they finish off the works and the Oswestry bus is back running through Newbridge and Pentre.

The good news is that **Cae Gwilym Lane** and **Plas Kynaston Lane** are now due for resurfacing as this was held back until Park Road was clear so this should deal with our potholes at last. Please look out for start date notifications for these works, thanks.



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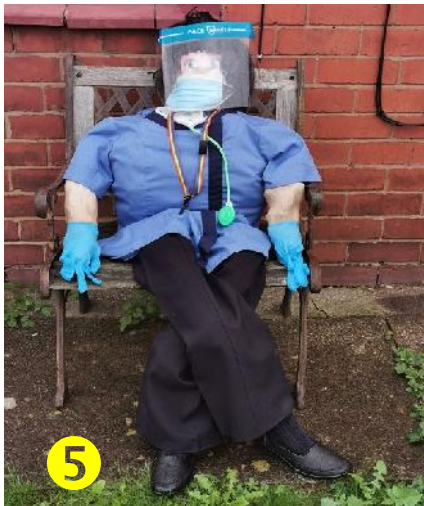
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Congratulations to Cat Meade at Wingetts, Llangollen who has been nominated for an AVOW COVID-19 Volunteer Award in recognition for her work in coordinating the Llangollen Coronavirus Help Group during the pandemic. Well deserved and great work.



VALE OF LLANGOLLEN GOLF CLUB

Another lovely Open Day at the Vale of Llangollen Golf Club. We have a few spaces left in our opens during September and October which can be booked online at www.vlgc.co.uk or call 01978 860906

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At present Llangollen Museum remains closed due to the potential risks posed to our generally older volunteers by Covid-19. The trustees are continually reviewing the situation, but it looks unlikely that the Museum will re-open this year. We have, however, been fortunate enough to receive some funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund that will allow us to upload more items and photographs from our collection to our online archive, for people to view whilst we are closed. It will also enable us to purchase protective screens and other equipment that will allow us to operate safely when we do re-open. Please keep an eye on our website www.llangollenmuseum.org.uk or our Facebook page for the latest news and updates.

LLANGOLLEN COUNTRY MARKET



We have tried to make plans for reopening the market but unfortunately our venue is not ready to open yet. We are working on ideas and plans for opening while keeping in mind the safety of our customers and producers and will open as soon as we are able, thank you.



Run Free Fell Runners
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How are we tailoring our service to meet the current government advice on social distancing?

Unfortunately we are currently not able to visit you in your home. We are asking you to come to our office to make arrangements and to sign any necessary paperwork. However we ask that no more than 2 people come at any one time. This is to ensure we can adhere to the advice to remain 2 meters (6') apart. **If you are unable to come to our office** we can easily discuss all necessary arrangements over the telephone. If there are forms that need to be signed we will deliver them to your home. We would be very grateful if you could sign the forms while we wait outside. To avoid transmission through physical contact **we have taken the tough decision not to shake hands**. Hand-washing facilities and hand sanitiser are available at all of our locations for you to use.

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The George Edwards Hall will re-open on **Monday 10th September** for essential service users only, the building will remain closed to the public. The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries. Also, congratulations to all Community Agents working within Wrexham County Borough on receiving a COVID-19 Volunteer Award from AVOW in recognition for their work during the pandemic, including our own Marie Claire. Also, to Krystina Morrison of CRNCA for her efforts during the pandemic. Well Done to you all!! Please visit our website for up to date information in relation to Coronavirus.

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Remembrance Service as yet we as a Council are not in a position to make a decision about this years service. We are hoping for more guidance over the next month and will let you know as soon as this has been clarified.

Cefn Community Council Bowling Green and Football Pitch are still closed until further notice for everyone's health and safety.

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

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

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

Trefnant Cemetery: is open however we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery you distance yourself two metres apart from other people.

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

During this period you can contact The Clerk on **01978 821298** and leaving a message or by email: cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com
Stay safe and follow the guidelines, thank you.



ARRIVA BUS SERVICES UPDATE

We have further revised timetables across North Wales and Chester, for timetable information for **North Wales/Chester Service (inc Llangollen)** go to

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/coronavirus/important-service-information---wales/>

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COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

As households are being encouraged to form bubbles hopefully you are starting to reconnect with your friends and families.

Regardless of age is anyone interested in attending or starting up any groups?

I know we had quite a few active ones in the area before lockdown. All ideas are welcome, so far I have had a request for an all ages welcome, knitting group. Please let me know what else you would like to be able to attend as things start to get back to normal.

If you are struggling and need a **Foodbank Voucher** or you know someone who does, Wrexham Foodbank provide emergency food parcels for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. Please let me know as I can make a referral for you - just a few questions and can be done over the phone.

If you are still isolating and need some support please contact me I am here to help our over 50s.

As I have misplaced my work mobile please can you contact Tyger on Facebook or email her at tyger@tactics.com or Trina our Clerk who will pass your message onto me, alternatively you can email me on cefncommunityagent@gmail.com

You can find me on **Thursdays** at the CRNCA weekly **Elevenes -Tea, Cake and Chat drop-in** from 11am to 12 noon at the Activity Centre.



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Outreach Team



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As we start to move on with life after the strangest five months ever its important to think about what the next few months will bring. Already the early autumn chill can be felt and all those little jobs in the garden that got left are now needing to be done. Then it will be time to start planning Christmas and get out the red tinsel! For those who have be shielding it is important to take that little bit of extra care as you go out more, do follow the guidelines, you will be asked for your contact details when visiting attractions, pubs or cafés with seating areas, to protect you if someone develops Covid symptoms. It is also a good idea to carry a face mask and a spare as you may need to wear them in places such as public transport and it gives you a change of mask of one gets wet.

If you need any help or support just let me know be it a chat, a listening ear, helping to sort out paperwork, walking a dog, shopping, benefits, or something else that is worrying you. Please call me on **07532 780007**, email tyger@tygertactics.com or message me on Facebook, and I can pass things on to Marie Claire or if its something simple see how I can help. On a positive note its great to see the little shops and businesses opening and see more friends going out and about too especially if it's a sunny day, you can have a wee chat and the Charity shop will be opening this week. Enjoy this lovely misty season, its my favourite. As **Marie Claire** has misplaced her phone here is her email:

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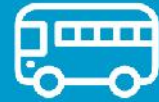
Trained volunteers offer a listening ear, light refreshments and signposting to further help if appropriate. Pet food and toiletries are also usually available. There can be a variety of reasons why people find themselves in crisis, if you are struggling please do seek and receive the help that is available to you. If you would like to volunteer to help then please call the Foodbank on **07538 547971** or email info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk

If you are working with local people and you would like to have the facility to refer people to the Foodbank then please also get in touch. You can keep up to date with all the Foodbank's news on their website, Facebook and Twitter.

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To help make school/college journeys as smooth as possible we are adding additional journeys to some services and when possible making some buses for the sole use of students. For full details: <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/help/coronavirus/school-timetable-information>



PLASSYLANDERS DRAMA CLUB

The club runs every **Tuesday** at 4pm via Zoom, please contact **Donna Jordan** on **07999 974351** if you wish for your child to join. Drama builds confidence, helps concentration and assists physical development. Hopefully we will be starting back at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre in the next few weeks. On behalf of Plas Madoc we would like to say a big Thank you to our **Community Heroes** who helped with the flooding on Hampden Way and went above and beyond to help residents.

WE ARE PLAS MADOC ~ WAPM

Fruit and Veg bags at an affordable price of £5 are available to collect every fortnight from the Leisure Centre carpark on **Wednesdays** at 11am, the next one is the 16 September 2020.

Please inbox the **We Are Plas Madoc Facebook** page to put in your order or message **Donna Jordan** on **07999 974351**.

PLAS MADOC KETTLE CLUB



This is an informal, friendly group run by the AVOW Play and Community Development Team (The Land). Kettle Club is an informal, friendly group that encourages parents, grandparents, carers to meet up and

have a chat over a brew.

People can also access support, advice and have opportunities to attend free training. The group is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

Members of the group currently 'meet' over a messenger chat every **Thursday** afternoon and plans are underway for the re-opening of Kettle Club in the new hub that was purchased recently.

If you would like more information please email claire.pugh@avow.org or add Plas Madoc Kettle Club on Facebook.

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS



Has opened its doors for Flying Start families and over the coming weeks we hope to open for our Rising 4's children too. Please contact **Sharon** on **01978 813914** for information on all services available, thank you.

PLAS MADOC COMMUNITY

We are setting up a tenants and residents group here please email your information to:

PlasMadocResidentsAssociation@hotmail.com

if you want to join and make your opinion known and share your views.

PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP

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ALAN ROBERTS ADHD Specialist

Coronavirus is scary to us all but with children who have ADHD it can be more difficult to manage. Normally they cannot

cope with changes and many suffer with anxiety problems. Lots of parents will also be struggling to keep them occupied and unable to cope.

I am offering an ADHD Advice Line to all parents, carers, professionals and to young people with ADHD. The Advice Line is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm to anyone who needs support and advice. Telephone **07717 300311**

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UPSKILLING THROUGH ONLINE TRAINING

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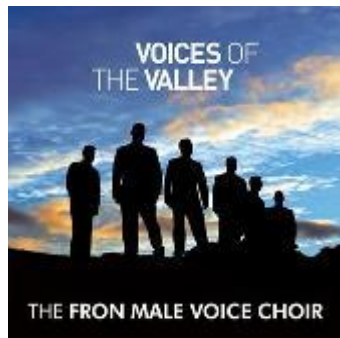
As well as helping individuals, we have used online training to support community groups. Two groups in Llay have had members enrol on a Food Hygiene course which has enabled them to assist in preparing food in their community.

"Just do it, you can achieve so much. It opens so many doors" from Damian

For general enquiries contact us on **07976 200413** or **07976200414** Or email cfw@wrexham.gov.uk



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A big thank you for all your positive comments and Likes for Anthem our latest virtual recording. It was composed by Abba's Benny and Björn with words by Tom Rice and the song comes from the musical Chess. Our recording received 500+ views within 24 hours. Thank you all. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbQsdXmJh44>



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Opening of schools and colleges:

This week has seen a major move forward on our recovery journey into the new 'normal' with the return of our children and young people into schools and colleges. For many families this is a major milestone with some children starting for the first time and others transitioning from Primary into Secondary or secondary to College/6th Form. For many this will be the first time they have seen friends for nearly 6 months but will also bring heightened anxiety for parents and staff. Everyone in schools should be congratulated on the effort they have into creating safe teaching environments. Whatever stage someone is on their education and learning journey they will be faced with new rules and a changed physical layout of classrooms.

Parents have a major part in keeping children safe by following the rules set out by the schools around dropping off and picking up arrangements- the most crucial rule that remains in place is the two metre social distancing at the school gate. The use of face coverings on buses and in communal area of secondary schools is mandatory unless there are specific mitigating reasons that should be agreed with the schools

Holiday quarantine confusion:

This week there has been increased confusion for people who are going or returning from holidays with new additions applying to residents from Wales. The disjointed approach across the devolved nations is clearly going to lead to confusion about what is or is not permissible. The relevant Ministers are clearly basing decisions on what scientific and medical information they have but operating different schemes will/has led to even more uncertainty and anxiety. It needs to be noted that the changes in respect to specific countries will apply to Welsh residents irrespective if they have landed in a Welsh or English airport. It is the place of residency that determines if there is a need for 14-day isolation not the location of the airport.

Scale of Infection:

Thankfully there has been a significant drop in the number of cases that are having to be dealt with in hospital settings creating capacity to go back to more 'normal' hospital procedures. Hospital cases are still only one element and we should not forget the overall picture in some areas are still showing increases in the number of positive cases (particularly in South Wales) – many of these newer cases are in a lower age group where it appears the severity of Covid is not as great. This does not mean people should become complacent as there may only be 'mild' symptoms they need to remember that whilst positive they could pass the virus onto more vulnerable people who may be the next victim to need hospitalisation.

Dr Robin Howe, Incident Director for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak response at Public Health Wales, said: "We are now seeing a steady increase in cases and our investigations show that, these have been transmitted due to a lack of social distancing, in particular by a minority of the 20-30 year age group. This has resulted in the spread of the virus to other groups of people. I repeat my direct appeal to young people to please remember that, even if they feel that they would not be badly affected by COVID-19 were they to test positive, should they pass it on to older or more vulnerable family members, friends or colleagues it could be extremely serious and even fatal". Daily Post 5th September

North Wales has now moved from the top of the county league table for infection in Wales due to the significant increase in various parts of South Wales. Most of these have been tracked back to a lack of social distancing at social gatherings. In North Wales we had a case last weekend with several people testing positive because of sharing a minibus for a night out. It should be remembered that it only takes one infected person to meet one other for there to be a high risk of spreading to occur – being in a crowd statistically means more infection but the one to one is equally an issue.

Preventative action:

While there is still no Covid vaccine available the need for the defined group eligible for the Flu vaccine should take this up as soon as they become available. It is crucial this winter that the number of people who need hospital treatment for flu related symptoms is kept at the lowest level possible to ensure that the health services are not overwhelmed with Winter Pressures. It should also be noted that when/if a Covid vaccine becomes available there may be a need to have a clear 3 – 4-week gap between a flu vaccination taking place and a Covid one being administered. All the basic hygiene conditions remain crucial with hand washing in warm soapy water being required multiple times during the day. People need to keep themselves generally as fit and healthy as they can- exercise and diet being a major part of a person's overall wellbeing.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Opening of Community Buildings- How to avoid having an **Improvement Notice** or fine being imposed.

This is a lengthy section to reflect on the importance of ensuring communities are safe when attending events/ activities and to help organisers and participants make relevant preparations. There has been considerable confusion regarding the regulations on the opening of community buildings and what activities are permissible and which are not. There are very strong reasons why certain activities are not permitted based on trying to keep everyone safe. AVOW have been holding a series of meetings to bring together representatives of management groups to find out about the latest legislation and share examples of best practice. The next meeting will be on

Wednesday 9th September at 11.00am when we will have Chris Buchan the lead officer in Welsh Government who has been preparing the Guidance on opening buildings. You can join the meeting via this link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85773953038?pwd=NE91NzJEbElleTFFb2YzN0Q1Wl9YUT09&from=msft>

If you have any specific questions you would like asking you can email in advance to Rafat Arshad-Roberts rafat.arshad-roberts@avow.org or join in on the day.

It should be noted that the management committee of a building are the responsible body and any noncompliance of the regulations may mean that they will be served with an

'Improvement Notice' the same as pubs/restaurants - depending on the severity of a breach they also run the risk of being fined. **ALL buildings must have a written Risk Assessment and every organiser of an Activity MUST also have their own Risk Assessment.**

The following is a brief list of what is and is not permissible based on current information.

Church (worship) **Yes** Wrexham Foodbank (Voluntary Service) **Yes** Youth Club (Voluntary Service) **Yes**
 Slimming World / Weight Watchers (Health) **weigh in and selling is ok – group meetings no as they are not a permitted gathering- e.g. talks etc** Street Vibez Kids Dance (Fitness / Exercise) **yes**
 Line Dancing (Fitness / Exercise) **yes max 30 distancing** Turbo Dance (Fitness / Exercise) **yes**
 Karate (Fitness / Health) **yes** Footsteps Kids Dance (Fitness / Exercise) **yes**
 Crystal Healing (Health / Well-being) **not public service or keep fit**
 Caia Park Health Team Courses (BCUHB) **Yes** Possible Flu Clinic managed by Health Centre **Yes**

Groups I am not sure if can restart as possibly classed as social gatherings???

Parent & Toddler Group **no social not childcare** 1:1 Singing Lessons **no** Coffee Morning **no**
 Polish Family Group **no** Yogibabes and Amber Button (Baby Massage) **no** Knit & Natter **no**
 Evergreen Lunch Club (providing cooked meals) **no** Small Bingo Social Group **no**
 Wrexham Constituency Labour Party Meetings **no** One off meeting **no unless of a public service nature**
 Local Councillor drop-in surgery **This could be a public service so yes**
 Craft Group sessions led by an instructor **no** Craft Group sessions self-led **no**

Groups I presume CANNOT meet all no's

Large Bingo groups, Children's Birthday Parties etc, Celebration Discos
 Join in on Wednesday to find out more about what you can and cannot do in your building.

NETWORKS: OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

North east Wales Health and Wellbeing Network.

The network is jointly run by AVOW and colleagues in Flintshire from FLVC – the next meeting will be **10th September at 10.00am** – join through <https://bit.ly/2ZrY5dl> Passcode: 554899 the network has a very varied agenda with something for everyone.

Children and Young People Forum:

Organisations that engage with children and young people or family support representatives are welcome to join the AVOW C & YP Network which is a place to engage with other colleagues to discuss current issues and learn from each other. Contact for information sandra.anderson@avow.org

The next meeting will be on **15th September at 10.00am** to register <https://bit.ly/2QTsJHM>

Volunteer Managers Network:

Do you support volunteers in your organisation – the AVOW Volunteer Managers Network is the place for you to meet others doing a similar role, Come and share your experience and learn from each other how to support Volunteers. At the next meeting you will be able to find out more about the Investors in Volunteering quality mark that is being relaunched. **23rd September 10.00am** to join <https://bit.ly/2Z86tOX> - more information from VB@avow.org

Looking After Your Assets:

This training event is for anyone in the community responsible for any assets – whether physical such as buildings or financial this session is for you. Learn from experience about what can go wrong and how to prevent problems in the future. Unfortunately, this is a major area that can hit an organisation at any time but preventable if correct policies and processes are in place. Join the meeting on **19th October 2.00pm** using link <https://bit.ly/35711lv>

Funding:

We are pleased to announce that Bitesize Theatre, Advance Brighter Futures and Bellevue Fc have all been successful in gaining a donation from Hydro Aluminium on Wrexham Industrial Estate. We would like to thank Hydro for their donation of £2000 which will be shared between the three organisations.

Comic Relief Voluntary Sector Emergency Fund

AVOW has received a £26,000 share of the funding from the Comic Relief A Big Night In- the fund was launched on the 13th July and full application is available now from F– <https://avow.org/2020/07/08/comic-relief-grant-fund/> the criteria are that each project must meet at least one of these themes-

Children survive and thrive – Actions to give children the best start in life and access to opportunities to achieve their potential

Gender justice – Actions to improve equality for women and girls

A safe place to be – Actions to help vulnerable people improve their circumstances and safety

Mental health matters – Actions to enable access to support and increase awareness.

Creating Jobs – Kick Start Scheme:

The Government have launched their Kick Start employment scheme this week aimed at creating six-month work experience positions for those aged 16 – 25. The scheme will fully fund the wages at minimum rate, employers National Insurance and a payment of £1,500 per placement for admin and training costs. One of the down sides to

the scheme is that it is only open to those who can offer 30 placements. AVOW are looking to set up a consortium of Third

Sector organisations to come together to create 30 opportunities. As this may still prove difficult in the area, we would also welcome private sector businesses contacting with a view to how we could establish a scheme in Wrexham. Job Centre Plus will be arranging a series of events soon to outline details of the scheme. To help progress the possibility we have arranged a briefing session on **14th September 2.00pm** – to register your interest and join use the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84406110531?pwd=S1NIUzRESk55UVFUR2NrbTNDZE1wUT09&from=msft>

For back ground information <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/landmark-kickstart-scheme-opens-to-youth-in-wales>

Latest Welsh Government Briefings: Home-Test-Kits

<https://gov.wales/guidance-schools-and-fe-providers-using-home-test-kits>

Back to School Plans

<https://gov.wales/back-school-plans-september-coronavirus> <https://gov.wales/back-school-plans-september-coronavirus>

Guidance Schools

<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

Technical Advisory Cell – 28 August 2020

<https://gov.wales/technical-advisory-cell-summary-advice-28-august-2020>

Technical Advisory Cell

<https://gov.wales/advice-coronavirus-technical-advisory-cell>

Impact Assessments

<https://gov.wales/impact-assessments-coronavirus>

Post 16 Learning

<https://gov.wales/guidance-safe-operation-post-16-learning-september-2020>

21 Day Reviews

<https://gov.wales/21-day-reviews-measures-manage-covid-19-20-august-review-equality-impact-assessment>

OTHER BUSINESS

Transport Advice

<https://gov.wales/travel-and-transport-advice>



SCIENCE DISCOVERY XPLORE! OPENS OCTOBER

Xplore!, formerly Techniquet Glyndŵr, specialises in science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) activities and for 17 years was based at Wrexham Glyndŵr University. The centre, which has relocated to the former TJ Hughes building in Wrexham town centre on Henblas Street, will unveil more than 100 new exhibits at its re-opening on **Saturday 3 October**.

The new venue provides visitors with more interactive exhibits to experience, a bigger gift shop as well as a café, which will stock local Welsh produce. **Scot Owen**, centre manager, said “After our rebrand and decision to move premises, we are eagerly anticipating opening our doors to people of all ages. We’re really excited to start the ball rolling on reconnecting families and school pupils with their love of science. We have four zones in our new location, construction, reflection, action and the dark. We co-created this with our visitors in mind, based on feedback from the previous site. In these areas, you will be encouraged to construct masterpieces or play a tune on light-controlled paddle tubes and be wowed at our four-metre scarf maze.

There will be 111 exhibits in total including more than 100 new additions and some old favourites. The Batak Button Challenge, which tests the speed of people’s reactions, will be particularly popular, with the chance to take a selfie and share your high score on social media to beat your friends.”

Health and safety measures to tackle the virus have been put in place, with a deep clean taking place every morning and further sanitisation in the middle of the day. A booking system is also being implemented to manage numbers and avoid queues, with hygiene facilities and hand sanitising stations widely available to use before and after using the interactive displays.

Scot added: “The whole Xplore! team has worked hard to ensure the health and safety of staff and visitors during their trip is a top priority. Our new booking system will also help us manage the capacity for morning and afternoon slots and we have removed any exhibits which were deemed high risk due to COVID-19.”

To book please call **01978 293400**

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Hello everyone, we’re ‘Good to Go’ and open. We look forward to welcoming you to the Visitor Centre, it will look a little different and we have put some new measures in place for your safety and that of our team. We are open Thursday from 11am to 3pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. The car park and toilets are also open daily so pop in when you visit and enjoy the autumn colours too.

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Citizens Advice Wrexham are still open and providing a service during COVID-19

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FUNDING SCHEMES APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Please find below details of when a number of COVID-19 funding schemes are set to close for applications in date order:

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme - 30th September 2020

A number of lenders and news websites note that this scheme is set to **close for applications on 30th September 2020**. For further information on the purpose of the scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply please follow: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme>

Futures Fund - the end of September 2020

This scheme will **close for applications at the end of September 2020**. For further information on the purpose of the scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply please follow: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/future-fund>

Self-Employed Income Support Scheme – Claim before 19th October 2020

Claims for the second and final taxable grant via the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme **must be made before 19th October 2020**. For further information on the purpose of the scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply please follow: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme - 20th October 2020

This scheme is due to **close for applications on 20th October 2020** although the Government have the right to extend this deadline to 31 December 2020. For further information on the purpose of the scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply please follow:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-coronavirus-large-business-interruption-loan-scheme>

Bounce Back Loan Scheme - 4th November 2020

This scheme is due to **close for applications on 4th November 2020** although the Government retain the right to extend this. For further information on the purpose of the scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply please follow:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan>

CHANGES TO EXISTING SUPPORT SCHEMES:

The Job Retention Scheme From 1st September the government will pay 70% of wages up to a cap of £2,187.50. Employers will pay employer national insurance and pension contributions and 10% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500. For the average claim, this represents 14% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.

If you have 100 or more employees the 'What you'll need section' of the Job Retention Scheme web-page has been updated to inform employers using the template for 100 or more employees that it **may be rejected** if the information provided is not given in the right format. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

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After taking the difficult decision to postpone Spring Clean Cymru in March, we're excited to announce Autumn Clean Cymru will be taking place from 11-27 September! Autumn Clean Cymru will be a bit different from our usual clean-up campaigns. To make sure everyone stays safe and well, we're encouraging individuals and households to clean-up the streets, parks or beaches on their doorstep. It's part of the **Great British September Clean** which will be happening across the UK at the same time.

We've been overwhelmed by the support for our work over the past few months. It seems that, more than ever, people are recognising just how important a clean and safe environment is to their health and well-being. There's also been a real sense of frustration at the increase in litter since restrictions have eased. Autumn Spring Clean is a chance for us all to take a stand and declare that litter is not acceptable.

How to get involved

- ✓ Organise a private clean-up for your household in your local area.
- ✓ Pledge to do your own individual clean-up.
- ✓ Whether you do five minutes while walking the dog or five hours every individual action can make a difference.

Sign up for Autumn Clean Cymru at
<https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/forms/sign-up-for-autumn-clean-cymru>

Fill out a short form to pledge your support for Autumn Clean Cymru. Please remember, we're only asking individuals and households to clean-up the streets, parks or beaches on their doorstep.

All clean-ups are private, so we won't be making any details public. The information you provide is just for our records.

WCBC HOUSING

If you have **URGENT HOUSING REPAIRS**, please contact housing on **01978 298993**. For **URGENT HOUSING QUERIES** please call **01978 315305**.

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult situation.

We have had queries on how you can pay your rent with the estate offices being closed. Here are the alternative methods of paying:

0300 333 6500 (24hr payment line).

Online at: <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/online/index.htm>

You can pay with a monthly direct debit - payable on 1st or 16th of every month (this is the easiest way for you and us) or by weekly direct debit. You can contact **01978 315305** for details and forms, Use your Rent swipe card at any open Paypoint (in post office, co-op) etc.

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TOWERS DAY NURSERY

The nursery has been open throughout the summer for Covid Funded children, Rainbow Scheme children and our regular customers. We have been trying to run as normally as possible

during the current circumstances and have put in place extra measures to enhance health and safety of children and staff.

The children have been busy in the nursery garden, but unfortunately this year there will be no garden competition, therefore garden photos have been submitted instead.



We have now taken delivery of a lovely outdoor hand washing station for the play area. This has been plumbed into the mains and has hot and cold running water. The children can now wash their hands outside after play / gardening etc, all year round without entering the nursery.

Spaces are now being requested for the Autumn term, so if you wish to reserve a space, get in touch ASAP. Viewings are currently available outside of nursery hours only so please contact us via our Facebook page or by ringing **01978 822446**.



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How has this virus and lockdown affected you in the past weeks and months? Some of you perhaps unable to visit much loved relatives or close friends? Some of you unable to get to work, because of the type of work you do, or perhaps you may have even lost your job? Some, due to ill health have been unable to step out of your home, feeling imprisoned and dependant on others shopping for you? And maybe some of you have had the virus, or lost loved ones because of it? Money pressures may have caused you problems, relationships may have put you under huge strain and caused you much stress, or even depression? We have of course experienced good times as well, the enormous generosity and kindness of others around us and having the time to speak to neighbours etc. building new relationships? But it has been a horrible time hasn't it? I'm sure there's not one person who hasn't been affected and would deny that pain, so you may well feel justified in asking "where is God in all of this?" Or even "if there's a God in heaven why doesn't He do something about it?"

We cannot blame God for this, He hasn't caused this virus, He is the God of love and it's not in His nature to deal out hate, punishment and suffering. We, (the human race) unfortunately need to accept responsibility for the way we've messed up God's perfect world, causing the many problems we now experience within it. But God is still there for us, He doesn't want us to run **from** Him because of our circumstances, but to run **to** Him for His help, love and support in our time of need. God knows what it's like to suffer, He allowed Jesus, His Son, to die on the cross for us all, for our guilt and wrongdoing, but His arms were open wide then, putting Himself in the place we deserved to be, accepting us as we are, and the Father and Son's arms are still open wide for us now, no-matter what sort of baggage we come along with!

Our CaféChurch and Social evenings, like all other churches, haven't been able to meet during this pandemic, but we're still here for anyone who needs someone to talk to. We do hope that it won't be long before we are able to invite folk to come along again and enjoy those times of fun, friendship and support that so many of us have enjoyed in the past years at the Old Canteen, Cefn. But if you need help now, then please telephone us, **Colin** or **Rowena**, leaving your name and number on our answer machine if necessary - **01978 824785** – and we will get back to you.



Community Support Officer

Jessica Lloyd PCSO 3969

email: Jessica.Lloyd@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

CHURCH NEWS

ST JOHN'S RHOSYMEDRE

We are please to say St John's will be opening for a service of Holy Communion at **11am on Sunday 6th**

September, and Sunday services will be every Sunday from then on. The churchyard is open if you wish to visit to tend a grave.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH RUABON

St Mary's continues to be open for private prayer on a Wednesday morning from 10am-12noon and on Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm.

We are also holding services of Holy Communion In church every **Sunday at 9.30am**.

Zoom services continue at 11am, and links to online services can also be found on the website.

All church services follow the health and safety guidelines issued by the Church in Wales, and we ask that people wear masks, use the hand gel provided, and sit socially distanced. We look forward to seeing you!

Every week we put a service on WhatsApp - Offa Mission Area Prayer. There is also a short 'thought for the day' by this group with a chance to add you own thoughts or pictures. The service also appears on You Tube and on www.stmaryschurchruabon.com.

Tel: **01978 824087**,

email: katherinetiltman@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ruabon, Llangollen and Chirk

Holy Cross Church Llangollen is open for private prayer on Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30 to 11.30am with socially distanced Holy Mass every Saturday at 6pm.

Sacred Heart Church, Chirk Holy Mass every Sunday at 9 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Ruabon every Sunday at 11 a.m.

Please contact: Rev'd Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP for weddings, births and funerals by email:

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Tips to avoid being scammed:

-)] Be cautious and listen to your instincts. Don't be afraid to hang up, bin it, delete it or shut the door. Take your time and don't be rushed or feel pressured.
-)] Always ask for Identification, even if they are in uniform or represent a charity.
-)] When online, be aware of fake. Use trusted sources such as .gov.uk or NHS.uk websites. Type in the addresses in and don't click on links in emails.
-)] Report suspicious texts. Forward original message to 7726 (spells spam on keypad)
-)] Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
-)] Know who you're dealing with - if you need help, talk to someone you know or get in touch with your local Council on the numbers below.
-)] Protect your financial information, especially from people you don't know. Never give your bank card or PIN to a stranger.

Contact information:

If you think you've been scammed, report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** and if you need advice,

Call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 1133**.

For a Welsh speaking advisor call **0808 223 1144**.

If you are in immediate danger, contact the police on 999.

Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

To learn more about different types of scams and how to protect yourself and others, visit

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With garden waste collection charges applied from Monday, August 31, a number of you who've recently signed up to the service have been asking us why you haven't received your bin sticker yet.

We want to remind residents that it can take up to ten working days after you pay for

the service before you will receive your sticker through the post. Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "When your sticker arrives, please attach it to the lid of your garden waste bin(s). It's important you do this so that our crews will know that you've paid for the service. If it's been over ten working days since you paid for the service and you still haven't received your sticker from us, please let us know by calling the contact centre on **01978 298989**." If you signed up for the service earlier in the year, please continue to display the original sticker you were sent as new ones won't be sent out...it doesn't matter if the contract date showing is now incorrect, your bin(s) will still get collected until August 31,

You can sign up by calling the contact centre on **01978 298989** and making a card payment. Or you can now pay online to have your green

garden waste bin emptied, just go the www.wrexham.gov.uk/gardenwaste

I don't want to have a garden waste bin anymore

If this is the case we'll pick it up. You can your visit MyAccount at

<https://myaccount.wrexham.gov.uk/> and either login or sign up to ask for it to be taken away. We'll collect it, but it won't be straight away so please be patient. If in the future you change your mind and wish to pay to have a green bin emptied you will have to buy a new bin if you've already sent yours back.

I don't want to pay but want to keep my garden waste bin

That's fine. You can keep hold of it for the future but we won't empty it. If you do decide to pay for your green bin to be emptied in the future you also won't have to pay for a new green bin. We hope you will continue to have your garden waste bin emptied by us as we want to see Wrexham's recycling rates continue to increase year on year, but times are really hard and we understand if you don't wish to pay for this service.

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE

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TRAFFIC REGULATION CONSULTATION

There is a proposal for a no parking Traffic Regulation restriction on **Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr** to facilitate a turning circle at the end of the road, from the northerly boundary of No.85 in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres. This order is being advertised on the Wrexham Council website <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/environment-and-public-protection/traffic-regulation-order-proposals> and was in The Leader on Monday 24th August. If you wish to support or object to the proposals please do so via email to traffic@wrexham.gov.uk, Please note the closing date for objections is **September 18th 2020**.

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AVOW COVID-19 VOLUNTEER AWARD

Congratulations to **Mr Kieron Loney** from **Ruabon Air Cadets** and **Ffion Austin**, **Ruabon Community Agent**, they were nominated for an AVOW COVID-19 Volunteer Award in recognition for their work during the pandemic.

TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK UPDATE

Lindens Cupcakes @ Ty Mawr Kiosk new opening hours will be during term time Monday - Friday 10.30-2.30 and Saturday and Sunday 10.30-4.30, weather depending. Looking forward to making some tasty home made soups for the Autumn. Limited menu and safe distancing in place. It will be great to see you.



The Ty Mawr car park is open and free to park in until **30 September**, but please note at this time there are no Visitor Centre or Toilet Facilities open in the Country Park. Can we remind you that we encourage you to come for short visits and enjoy the changing seasons, wildlife and wonderful views, the guidelines are still in place for social distancing and family bubbles. Can we also ask that if you bring it with you can you take it away afterwards, thank you as litter and rubbish are not welcome in the park.



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This will keep you up to date during this strange time. We will also keep updating information as Businesses and services are opening and those also offering home deliveries so we can all stay safe.

You will also find an album of photos that includes the ones we could not fit in to this edition of the newsletter.



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DAN 24/7 Drug & Alcohol Help Line 0808 808 2234

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MIND 0300 123 3393

National Drugs Helpline 0800 776600

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The Mix Young Peoples Helpline 0808 808 4994

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RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE

We have regular Zoom meetings at 7pm on Thursdays until we can all safely get together again. Please check the joining details on our Facebook page. We hope

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YSGOL RHIWABON UPDATE

August 20th, 2020 was a very special day of celebration for Year 11 students in Ysgol Rhiwabon. It was GCSE Results day. No year of awards in education has ever merited "grades they deserve" more than this one. Our young people have been out of school since March. They have been living through a period of uncertainty, new constraints and anxiety about the future. In such a time their qualifications and sense of achievement are more important than ever before to support them in the next phase of their learning. Ysgol Rhiwabon Staff and Governors are proud of the achievements of every single learner this year. We are certain the results awarded will support our students as they progress in further education and the world of work. The excellent results are a tribute to the students and their hard work across a broad range of subjects, vocational courses and skills. The school is delighted to report; Every student is leaving compulsory education with a minimum of 5 qualifications. Excellent results in the core and non-core subjects, which builds on the success of last year and recent school records.

A significant increase in the number of the cohort achieving the upper grades A* - B across their subjects, with some outstanding individual performances. Excellent skills development, evidenced through the Skills Challenge Certificate. Headteacher, Mrs Ferron-Evans said, *"This is a year group which has worked very hard to secure success in challenging circumstances and we are so proud of them. On behalf of the school and the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents for their contribution to the incredible amount of hard work and dedication shown across a wide range of studies. The grades calculated by our teachers provide certainty and opportunity for the future, based on dedicated and sound professional judgement. As Ysgol Rhiwabon students move forward, supported by the school, the results will enable our young people to further their studies or to enter the world of work as confident and successful individuals. We wish them continued success and happiness in the future."*

We also had three investment projects completed in time for this new school year, Project 1 – Completion of the Science and Technology Building Upgrade, Project 2 – New Toilet facilities for pupils and Project 3 – The School Driveway





The Holly Bush Inn & Beer Garden, and the PKC Group move on. We are now seeking to work with the WAG, Welsh Assembly Government on their Circular Economy proposals for Wales which support the FGA, Future Generations Act 2015. This in our case will come at three levels, (1) Our Village Centre and the streets surrounding the Holly Bush Inn, (2) The Pontcysyllte WHS and the ex-Monsanto Site and (3) Nationally across Wales and the UK. We will explain these three levels over the next three articles so please keep reading the page.

At a local level (1), Cefn Mawr Village Centre we are taking a pride in our community and keeping the road junction of Oxford Street, Hill Street, Crane Street, Well Street and High Street where the Holly Bush Inn stands clean. We hope you have noticed. This is our Environmental Policy. During the COVID 19 Lockdown when we had to close because of Government Regulation we learnt many things to help our community. All our local pubs are shining examples of a Circular Economy where we sell beer and other drinks in glasses which are washed and reused. The beer is delivered in kegs which are reused by our brewers to supply us with fresh beer for you. There is little waste in this and therefore is a good example of a circular economy which is the point we will be making with the WAG. Over 90% of our sales are made this way. For the limited amount of bottled and caned drinks we sell, we have a strict recycling policy where we achieve approximately 110%. This is possible because we also recycle all litter left on our streets around the Holly Bush Inn sold elsewhere (something we have learnt).

We hope to see you all for a beer some time at our pub, the Holly Bush Inn at the centre of our community and if you would like to talk about this I would be happy to explain further about it all.

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

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