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EDITORS COMMENTS

Don't know about you but it feels as if this year has flown! Was going to include photos of the Remembrance Service but there was not enough space so please visit the Cefn & Dee Valley News Facebook page where you will find an album for the Poppy Waterfall, the Service and Parade, well done everyone, and what a fantastic turnout, it is great to see so many young people and children in attendance.

Lots of events and things happening locally for all the family and who knows maybe we will have snow for Christmas. It is lovely to see the shops with their Christmas windows and as the nights get darker they cheer me up, so I am starting to gather my Christmas decs together to brighten my little corner of the world. Do you have a friend or relative in the community with a big milestone birthday or anniversary coming up? If so let Cefn Community Council know, call Natalie on **01978 821298** or email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

I would like to thank all our advertisers for their support over the year, wishing them and you, our readers a *Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

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

Stay safe and look after yourselves, Tyger.



CHRISTMAS AT PLAS NEWYDD, LLANGOLLEN

Hill Street, Llangollen, LL20 8AW.
Saturday 9th December, 10am – 5pm

Plas Newydd Historic House and Gardens will once again be hosting the annual **Christmas at Plas Newydd event for 2023**. A programme of activities during the day will bring seasonal sparkle to the grounds and a touch of Christmas magic for families to enjoy. Shop with a selection of local makers at our Artisan Winter Market, wave to Father Christmas as he makes a special visit to Plas Newydd and enjoy festive tunes by Llangollen Silver Band and Ysgol Bryn Collen.

Families visiting Plas Newydd will be able to explore the grounds with a new festive trail, write letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole Post-box and even make their own reindeer food and paper crafts. As darkness falls, the gardens and topiary will be illuminated for all to enjoy.

The Stable Block Tearoom will be open all day offering delicious mulled wine, mince pies and on-the-go food.

Workshops and Crafts:

10am – 12pm Make your own Festive Wreath (Sorry sold out).

12pm – 2pm Drop-in session to create Winter Wood Crafts with the ranger team (£2).

2pm – 4pm Drop-in session to make Festive Clay Ornaments using natural imprints (Free).

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Coming up to the Festive Season offers an opportunity to reflect on a busy year for Erddig Nordic Walkers. A full programme of events with three walks per week throughout the year has once again proved very successful. With new member training on the first Saturday of the month we have seen the group grow to 180 members with a regular weekly attendance of between 100 and 150 walkers. Our members continually tell us how they welcome the exercise offered, how energised they feel after a walk and how much they enjoy the group.

Our evening Walks also provided an opportunity to experience the delights of our local countryside and to enjoy social events at Tyn y Capel in Minera, Chapel Tearooms Trevor and The Sun Trevor, highlights of these events included a Bingo night and Quiz.

Several 'Away days' took place which included our annual visits to Llyn Brenig, Powys Castle to Welshpool, Pier to Pier Walk-Colwyn Bay to Llandudno and of course our visit to Barmouth via the Mawddach Trail. All 'Away Days' allowing the group to experience the delights of North Wales finest Landmarks. Coffees and Ice Creams essential.

With the Christmas Season almost upon us we have been busily preparing with some special events coming up:

December 16th our **Christmas Celebration at Erddig**

December 18th annual walk at **Chirk Castle** with Castle Visit and refreshments.

December 30th **Twixtmas Walk-Llangollen Canal** walk with Brunch at the Sun Trevor.

January 13th **Annual Awards Lunch** at Erddig (NOTE: These events are open to Members only.)

Next Training Day at Erddig is December 2nd why not sign up? For full details on how to join the group go to: Erddignordicwalkers.co.uk

What next?

We are looking forward to the New Year ahead and there will be a walk at Erddig on New Year's day the first Training day of the New Year will be on 6th January at Erddig. We are hoping to link with your local Community Agents with a view to setting up a Nordic Walking Taster Session in your area keep a look out for further details. Have a *Merry Christmas from Erddig Nordic Walkers.*



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raising **£47**. Pleased with their efforts they decided to hold another street sale, in aid of Cancer Research. A neighbour kindly donated her collection of beach pebbles which the girls painted and sold. On hearing of the girls' good work, one of their Great Aunties knitted a collection of Halloween stuffed toys for them to hold a third sale, which in total they managed to raise **£112.05**. Ivy, Poppy, Maggie, Violet and Ava were awarded certificates in recognition of their efforts from Cancer Research.



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Q: My girlfriend and I had a bust up when I discovered she had slept with my best friend. Next day she changed the locks and for a week I haven't been able to get into the house we own and pay the mortgage for jointly. She says she is going to apply for an Occupation Order, which means I will have to find somewhere else to live. Surely, she can't stop me from going into my own house?

A: If you want the right to return to, stay in or exclude someone else from the home, you may be able to use an Occupation Order. Occupation Orders can also enforce rights, as well as giving or ending rights to occupy a property. They can also be used to clarify who is going to pay the mortgage and utility bills, allow you to return to the home if your partner has changed the locks, and/or to restrict someone's use of a property, for example if you and your partner must live in different parts of the same home.

Occupation Orders usually last a specific length of time and are supposed to be a short-term measure. They do not change the financial ownership of the property.

The making of an Occupation Order can be deemed as a draconian order, and therefore the Court will need good reason to grant such an Order. They are often granted in cases where there is domestic abuse. Whilst victims of domestic abuse can apply for a Non-Molestation Order under the Family Law Act 1996, that does not deal with the issue of who can occupy the property or offer the same protection as an Occupation Order does, excluding the perpetrator from the property, allowing you peaceful occupation.

The court will grant an order of occupation if it believes the applicant will suffer significant harm if the order is not made. You should make an appointment to see a family solicitor as soon as possible.

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



Life Drawing Classes at the Dory Gallery, Regent Street, Llangollen. LL20 8HL.

Classes **Mondays**, £12 per session from **10:30am-12:30pm**. Artist on hand to give guidance. Boards supplied, bring your own pads and pencils. Limited space, booking recommended. Professional model, all levels are welcome. The last class is on the 18th December then back on the **8th January 2024**.

Life Drawing Exhibition until the 28th January 2024. Our 2nd annual exhibition showcasing a selection of work produced from our classes. Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. All artworks for sale. **Ghost of a Room** until the 28th January 2024. A re-imagining of the dark oak carved panels at Plas Newydd by local textile artist **Jan Wallis**. Hand stitched quilting. Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. **Printmakers Pushing the Boundaries Exhibition** until the 17th Dec 2023. Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. A group of printmakers and an enameller working together in an ongoing and evolving project, meeting and walking in the Marches - the boundary between Wales and England. All artworks for sale. **In the Womb of the World** until the 17th December 2023. Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Local textile artist **Jan Wallis** will be working on her new installation. **Exhibition** from the permanent collection of Dory's work. On going. Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Also showing work by local artists **Mandy Wilkinson** and **Louise Edwards**. The **Women's Peace Petition Project** will be showcased at the Dory Gallery next summer.

Check our website (www.dorygallery.com) and Instagram (@[the_dory_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/the_dory_gallery)) for gallery events details and exhibitions. Entry is free for everyone, dogs are welcome inside and kids can have fun with our Art Trail quiz! Email: thedorygallery@gmail.com Please note the gallery will be closed from the 18th December until the 13th January 2024. However there will be a Life Drawing Class on the 8th January.



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New Style Rotary Success – Vale of Llangollen Rotary clubs go way back and have a strong reputation for old school traditions. The Vale of Llangollen Rotary under new leadership team of Lee, Kurly, and John has rapidly grown the membership from 9 to 46 members in only 5 months with massive action and innovations. Their group allows different levels of participation without any pressure. This is 'their special sauce': warm welcome to everyone, valuing them, accepting people where they are at in their individual lives and supporting them. Involvement varies from taking on meaty roles and responsibilities to benefit the community, or just coming along to volunteer for fun. They are creating a 'functional family of community', listening to everyone's varying wants to fit what their community needs. They embrace new technologies, innovatively engaging their community. They run a monthly community focused fun event with different themes open to anyone, whether they are members or not. Current and past projects to fundraise or for local good include bra collection bins supporting women in Africa. Regular monthly socials. Local Safe Space scheme. Introducing Stoma Friendly toilets. Table top sale. A scarecrow competition. Providing volunteers for the Christmas Festival. Installing Dog Poo Bag Boxes, and bug hotels across the area. A walk for Polio. The illuminated tractor run coming up on 3rd December. Over the next few months there will be a workshop for mental and physical wellness, first aid training open to the anyone, tree planting, Easter event, and they are working with others to revive the Plas Newydd Summer Fete in 2024. More information and dates on

<https://www.valeofllangollenrotary.com/>
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LLANGOLLEN COUNTRY MARKET

We will be open on Friday 15th December at the **Memorial Hall** on **Market Street** (opposite the Main Car Park). Then we are closing for our winter break. We will be back again on Friday 8th March 2024 and will be open on the second and the last Friday of each month from 11am to 2pm. Our member would like to wish everyone a *Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM

The Finds Open Day in November was very successful. Finds Officer Susie White, based at Wrexham Museum, was here to examine and help identify finds and artefacts brought in by the public. Items included a very old gold ring, a stone pendant (possibly prehistoric), the fibula of a Roman brooch and a mystery carved slate tool. Also brought in were two mediaeval hinges that we have had on display in the Museum previously. They were found in 1947 in a small ruined building on land belonging to Llandyn Hall, just below Castell Dinas Brân, and would appear to be from an internal door in a high status building. They are about 2ft long and were probably for a 3' 6" to 4' wide door. A number of experts have looked at them. One said "This is a very exciting find and could easily be from the 13th or 14th century, although there are doors and hinges in the Welsh Marches, in clearly 17th century contexts, where the design has simply not developed since the Middle Ages". Another said that "given the choice between these being c.1650 or c.1300 I would go for the latter". So are the hinges from an early Llandyn Hall, another important residence, or possibly even from the Castle itself. The Finds Open Day was well attended, we are planning to hold similar events supported by Susie on a quarterly basis. Still to be confirmed, the initial dates that we have pencilled in for 2024 are 9th March, 13th July and 9th November. It's a great opportunity to meet Susie, learn more about artefacts and maybe solve some mysteries! We hope to see you at our next open day! The Museum will be developing a Young Archaeologists Club to be launched over the coming months. Designed to give young people opportunities to get hands-on, discover the past and participate in archaeology, the group will meet monthly. If you would like to register your interest, have any queries or ideas you would like to share, please contact **Lisa Smith** at enquiries@llangollenmuseum.org.uk Please use 'Young Archaeologists Club' as the subject in your email. There will be no museum talks in December and January, in February 2024 we will have a presentation about the Welsh Women's Peace Petition to America, one of the most inspiring 'hidden histories' to have recently re-emerged. In 1923, with the horrors of World War 1 having galvanised a whole generation against conflict, women of Wales organised an unprecedented campaign for world peace. Nearly 400,000 women signed a memorial petition through the Welsh League of Nations Union calling for America to join and lead the new League of Nations. Entry for each of the talks will be £3, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. A new addition to the Museum exhibitions is a reproduction of a suit of Civil War roundhead armour. Coming up at the beginning of next year will be new displays on the **Dee Coracle and Mills** in and around Llangollen. Go to our Facebook page to see our present Artefact of the Week, which is The '**Black**' Bardic Chair, awarded posthumously to Llangollen poet Thomas Jones (who wrote under the name Taliesin o Eifion) at the 1876 Wrexham Eisteddfod. Thomas had submitted the poem under the nom de plume Eusebius, but had died two months before the Eisteddfod. The poem was forwarded to Wrexham on the very day that he died. After receiving an affirmative answer to the question,



"A ydyw yr awdl wedi ei hailfon yn saff?" ("Is the poem safely sent?") he quietly succumbed to death. There is also a link to view the "Black Chair" in full 3D. We are pleased to announce we have recently been successful in getting two grants to make improvements at the Museum. The Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund has supported work to improve storage, put up signage, install a number of standard and audio displays and improve security. The Denbighshire Key Fund has awarded money to allow us to install a chair lift up to the gallery area and improve the facilities for volunteers. The Key Fund has also provided us with further funding to enable us to purchase the Museum building from Denbighshire County Council, enabling us to have more certainty in the ongoing future of the Museum. However, securing the future of the Museum is still dependent upon replacing the roof of the building. We are presently waiting to hear the result of an application to the Community Ownership Fund and will shortly be submitting an application to the Community Facilities Programme to try and secure further funding. The Museum will close from Monday 18th December for Christmas. We will re-open again on Wednesday 3rd January, but then will be closed from Monday 15th to Friday 26th January for our annual stock take and deep clean. We will be open again from Saturday 27th January. Winter opening times are 10am to 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact us on **01978 862862** or email:

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We have taken part in many varied activities in the last few months and have welcomed both a new Cub Leader and some new children to both Beavers and Cubs. Beavers have been working on their International Badge and the Cubs basic scouting of fire lighting, map reading and hiking. In September we took part in a District Event at Wrexham Camp Site, about 300 children were present. We had a great day with all sorts of activities and games available, from crafts, to Air Rifle shooting. To complete the day we held a hog roast with all the trimmings supplied by Martin Anderson of Trevor, it was delicious. A Beaver sleepover was enjoyed in Wrexham by our Beaver section, where they took part in loads of activities, making bread, sharpening tools, craft and walking to Erddig. Our Halloween party was a definite scream, loads of fun, games and laughter with some real awesome scary costumes. We are looking forward to carol singing with our friends in *Plas Telford* and *Llys y Graig* in December, it starts the Xmas Celebrations off nicely and on the 21st we will be having our Xmas movie and pyjama party. Trevor Scout Group would like to wish you all

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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The George Edwards Hall is available to book for parties and events, as well as the main hall we also have available the Lower Room with fully equipped kitchen for smaller

parties and the Council Chamber for those requiring smaller space for meetings here we are also able to offer a teams or zoom facility. The Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries.

Currently we have: *Slimming World* on Tuesday 5pm - 8pm & Wednesday 9am - 11am. *DanceZone* on Mondays 5pm - 8.30pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - 8.30pm. *Line Dancing* on a Wednesday from 7.30pm - 10pm. *Community Agents Hub* on Thursdays from 9am - 11.30am. *Dog training* every Friday from 7pm to 10pm

Our **Children's Play Parks:** are open, we ask that you please take your rubbish home with you if there is no available bin, thank you.

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

Birthdays: If you know someone in our community who are going celebrate their **90th** or **100th** birthdays please email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Wedding Anniversaries: If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their **Diamond, 60 years or Platinum, 70 years**

Anniversaries please let us know on **01978 821298** or email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Trefyant Cemetery: we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to keep your distance as we know some visitors are still concerned. **Polite Notice** - Please use the one-way system, no turning around by the brick cabin, thank you.

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

Community Litter Picks: another successful litter pick in Plas Madoc with Leisure Centre volunteers helping to make a difference. All our litter pickers are local volunteers giving up some of their free time for a good cause. As we run a litter pick hub too, we can long term loan equipment and keep you supplied with bags etc should you wish to organise your own picks you will also be covered for insurance purposes under the Caru Cymru / Keep Wales Tidy scheme, for more information Call **01978 821298** or email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk



COMMUNITY IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Results from the Community In Bloom Gardening Competition held in July 2023

BEST COMMUNITY GARDEN

1st Place - Plants Madoc, 2nd Place - Towers Day Nursery, 3rd Place - Llys Y Graig Rhosymedre

BEST SMALL GARDEN

1st Place - Stephen Jones, 2nd Place - Geoff Langford, 3rd Place - Karen Jones

BEST LARGE GARDEN

1st Place - Colin Brown, 2nd Place - Jan and Vaughan Davies, 3rd Place - Nigel Beesley

BEST CONTAINER GARDEN

1st Place - Stephen Jones, 2nd Place - Nigel Beesley, 3rd Place - Claire Lewis, Aubrey Black & Mork

OVERALL WINNER: Stephen Jones

Chairs special recognition award goes to Michael Richard Morris for his dedication to the event over the years. Once again thank you to all those that took part A big thank you again goes to Derwen College who's staff and students judged the competition. We were treated to a lovely performance from their performing arts students at the presentation ceremony held at George Edwards Hall. Thank you to all who attended

REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all who attended the Remembrance Service and paid their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in all world conflicts. We could like to thank our local schoolchildren who read the names of the fallen, and laid wreaths on behalf of their schools:

Ysgol Acrefair, Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Ysgol Min y Ddol, Rhosymedre Junior School. Thanks to the Rev K Tiltman for taking the service. Extended thanks to: Chair Phil Vaughan, Vice Chair County Cllr D Wright, Rhosymedre Church Ladies, 1251 Berwyn Sqn - Ruabon Air Cadets, Brass with class Miss B Grey Davies, Cllr

Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Raya from the Maelor School Penley, Mr Derrick C Roberts, Raise the Roof Choir, Ruth Barbara and Joan Huw Wayne and Pete Cefn Community Council Jeremy for helping with the set up Quantum Traffic Management for the road closure signs and all who laid wreaths on behalf of their families, local clubs and organisations



CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cefn and District Museum opens regularly in the Waterloo Room at the rear of the George Edwards Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am -12.30pm (usually closed on Bank Holidays). In 2023 we are celebrating 9 years of opening to the people of Cefn and beyond. We have lots of lively and interesting displays relating to the life of Cefn community: the Dee Valley, Industry, Sport, Village Shops and Homes, Churches and Chapels, and Schools, as well as Music and Art. We also hold Special Exhibitions, the current one celebrating the More Than 75 Years of Singing by the Fron Male Voice Choir. We play music and show locally produced videos that fit with the displays. We look forward to seeing you when you visit us!

Cefn Mawr Historical Society continues to attract people to its programme of talks. It meets monthly in the George Edwards Hall on the last Friday of the Month at 2pm, except for August and December. We hope to share the new 2024 programme with you shortly. One highlight is a planned talk by Gareth Valentine, the Cefn-born composer, conductor and musical director, will be with us on Friday 22 March please note that this is a week earlier than usual, as the final Friday of March is Good Friday. Membership is £5 a year, though non-members are always very welcome to our meetings (£2 entry fee). As well as the talk, our meetings always include refreshments and a raffle. We look forward very much to seeing you there! You can contact me on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through our Facebook page, thanks Alan Tiltman, Archivist.

Welcome to Clwyd Family History Society

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

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

NHS WALES & URGENT MEDICAL OUT OF HOURS SERVICE 111

Are you ill or injured and need helpful advice? Are you looking for trusted information on a specific health condition, how to stay well or find your nearest healthcare service? This number is **free to call** from **landlines and mobiles** and provides access to both **GP Out of Hours Services** and health advice from **NHS Wales** Remember its free to use and open 24/7

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Fred and Elaine Morris from Rhosymedre celebrated their 60th - Diamond Wedding Anniversary in July, Cllr Phil Vaughan, Chair Cefn Community Council was delighted to call around with flowers and chocolates to mark their special anniversary and wish them many more on behalf of all at Cefn Community Council.

KIDDIES WORLD ACREFAIR

We provide term time childcare for children aged 2 years+. Flying Start and Early Education provider. Applications are now open to apply for an EE place in April. If your child turns 3 on or before 7th April 2023 you can apply for a place using the link below. <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/.../sch.../funded-early-education>

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News Update

Welcome to the Fifteenth edition of Crane News.

Many thanks if you have taken up the offer of a flu vaccine if eligible. Please get in touch with us if you still require a vaccination.

Appointments for covid vaccination are being managed by the Health Authority for our patients, please contact them in the first instance with any queries.

In the run up to the festive period please ensure that if you are on regular repeat medication, you have enough medication to see you through the New Year. As a surgery we will be closed on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December and Monday 1st Of January. We will be issuing a 56day prescription to those patients who request it and where we feel it is appropriate.

If you are used to ordering your prescription via *My Health Online* then this system has now ceased. Please use the NHS Wales App instead which you can access online without the need for requesting log in details from the surgery.

Many thanks for your cooperation over 2023 and we can all look forward to a healthy 2024.

It would be great if your New Years resolution is to stop smoking. The contact details for Stop Smoking Wales is: **0800 085 2219**. Good luck!.

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

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What's on at the Activity Centre

TUESDAYS

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WEDNESDAY

Lunch Club this is booked most Wednesdays, if you call **07532 484470** before 10.30am you may be able to reserve a place Meals are £3.50p for two course plus hot drink

Woollies Knitting, Crochet, & Krafts meet after lunch club from 2-4pm subs apply. Learn from each other, videos, YouTube it's all out there, make for yourself or a charity its an informal group with fun and laughs refreshments available. Children welcome for instruction in holidays by request Games group Fancy playing card or board games? Maybe jigsaws or marbles pick a game with like minded friends relax, socialise, chat and have a cuppa subs apply.

THURSDAYS

Men's Shed Group meets from 9.30-12.30pm. Break the cycle of boredom and come down to the Activity Centre there is always things to do or make, you can garden, practices your cooking skills or have a go at repair an item of yours. Ask for advice with others attending, talk about cars, bikes, means health whatever. We are an informal group, with tea and snacks available, so give it a try.



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WREXHAM FOODBANK PLAS MADOC

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

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COMMUNITY FOOD, WARMTH AND COMPANY

Free weekly sessions at **St Collen's Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL**. A welcome space where people can enjoy refreshments and connect with each other. **Friday** Community Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm. **Saturday** Community Breakfast 9am to 11am. No need to book, just turn up, We look forward to seeing you.

FRIENDS OF PARKIES Is a charity based on the border of North Shropshire and South Clwyd in St Martins next to Stan's Supermarket, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families, meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am sharing information, and mutual help and support. Call us for an informal chat with **Elaine** on **07760 685447**. See our Facebook page **friends of parkies**.

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE / WELFARE RIGHTS

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VETERANS' GATEWAY Information and support for veterans and families. Call 24/7 for help on housing, mental wellbeing, finances and more. We can also refer you directly to our Referral Partners. Call our friendly helpline team on **0808 802 1212**, text **81212** or email support@veteransgateway.org.uk Use the Self Help on our website to find veteran specific resources across all welfare categories. Our guides contain expert advice from our partners to help you at <http://bit.ly/3O9Dcvk> and find us on Facebook.

VETERAN'S DROP-IN SESSION at The Memorial Hall Wrexham from 10am -12 noon the last Saturday of the month. A place for Veteran's to find support, camaraderie and resources tailored to their needs. Fostering a sense of community, and a safe space to share experiences, connect with fellow veterans and access various support services should they need to. Organised by Woody's Lodge and WCBC, with a collaboration of local organisations, including veterans' associations, support groups, and community partners. For more information please contact **Graham Jones** graham@woodyslodge.org

WREXHAM FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

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

COMMUNITIES FOR WORK DIGITAL SUPPORT

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PLAS MADOC UPDATES

What's on in Plas Madoc

MONDAYS

Coffee Morning at Plas Telford from 10 to 11.30am.

Volunteer Drop-in at Kettle Club Hub 12.30pm to 3pm come and find out about Volunteering roles in the community and all the amazing training we can support you with.

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

The Land Street Play 3.45pm-5.45pm.

TUESDAYS

Crafty Brew Health & Wellbeing Group from 10am to 12pm at Plas Telford. The group supports mental health through crafts and peer support. All welcome come along and do some crafts whilst having a cuppa.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

Kettle Club Hub drop in from 9am to 12.30pm join us for a brew, hot food, and good company! Free to attend.

For Plas Madoc residents trips to Aldi/Tesco are run between 10-12pm - £1 return which includes drop off at your home. If you need more info, please call **01978 813912** or **01978813912**.

Form Filling at kettle club hub 1pm-3pm, Do you find form filling challenging, over whelming or could do with support pop along.

Pg Sips at Kettle club hub 3.45pm-5.45pm at the kettle club hub a parent, guardian group to discuss all things parenting.

The Pantry 3pm-6.30pm 10 items for £3 these include a variety of choice of non perishable foods.

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

FRIDAYS

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

The Land is open for play from 3.45 to 5.45pm Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6pm eyes down 6.30pm at Plas Telford. £3 per book, inbox **WAPM** for more details and to book your tickets. Children welcome accompanied by an adult £1 for Children's bingo.

First Plas Repairs every 2nd Sunday of every other month at Little sunflowers 2pm-4pm a chance for you to bring broken items to be looked at for repair.

Plas Telford Treasures a table top sale every 1st Sunday of the month, 12pm-3pm an opportunity to sell your unwanted items. Tables £5 to sell items.

Family games night every last Friday of the month at the kettle club hub 6pm-7pm.

We Are Plas Madoc have a website so if you'd like to learn more about the group head over to

www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk



LITTLE SUNFLOWERS

Open to Flying start Families and Rising 4's. Please contact **Sharon** on **01978 813914** for information on all services available, or message Little Sunflowers Avow Facebook page thank you.

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE UPDATE

We are open for all queries and advice, our Kiosk is open for payment of rent and council tax by card only as we no longer accept cash. Reception open to the public **9am-4.30pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm Friday**. It is important that tenants have Home Contents insurance which we can provide at a reasonable rate.

Please call **01978 292061** for a form and advice on this to protect your personal belongings, or by email

PlasMadoc.EstateOffice@wrexham.gov.uk

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

www.benefits-calculator.turn2us.gov.uk

Please note our Offices will be closed from Friday the 22nd Dec 12.00 until Tue the 2nd Jan 2024 We will have callout for emergency repairs only.

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

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Shop open Mondays to Saturdays 7am to 10pm.

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1251 (BERWYN) SQUADRON - RUABON AIR CADETS

To celebrate the Squadron being 35 years old in 2024, we have created an alumnus for ex-cadets and ex-staff members which we hope to get involved in some events next year. To join or for more information please contact the 35 Year Anniversary Project Officer, Flight Sergeant Cooper RAFAC via e-mail at:

Lauren.cooper100@rafac.mod.gov.uk

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023 has ended. Thank you to everyone who has donated this year, the community has raised more than ever before. I would also

like to thank the Poppy Appeal volunteers, Jeremy, Phil, Lauren, Tracy and Barbra for supporting this year. Bring on 2024!

Many thanks. *Joe Wojcik-Jones*

Poppy Appeal Organiser Cefn Mawr & Ruabon



COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

Hello everyone. It's hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us, and we have the dark mornings and nights here too. It's that time of year where we can feel especially lonely so come and join me on a Thursday morning for a warm

breakfast and some crafts, or just a chat, at George Edwards Hall; 9-11:30am.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that got involved with the poppy waterfalls they looked amazing! This is the smaller waterfall, made from the knitted, crochet and plastic poppies it made a stunning display in the Hall.

We are coming to the end of the *Menopause Get Together* which has also been a resounding success so, on that note, if anyone has any ideas for future projects, groups, or activities that you'd like to see then please don't hesitate to let me know. Don't forget to contact me for any queries you may have, no matter how big or small. You can message me directly or through **Natalie** at Cefn Community Council office tel: **01978 821298**.

You can contact me on **07925 048711** or email:

agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Wishing you all a restful Christmas and New Year.

Marie-Claire.



CAN COOK / WELL FED MOBILE FOOD VAN

Currently on **Tuesdays** we visit

Plas Kynaston Football Field LL14 3PU

from 10.30am-12 noon, then

The Community Centre, Froncyllte LL20 7RH

from 12.15pm-2pm

Meals are available to purchase on the day and can be pre-ordered for the following week.

Microwave meals, slow cooker bags & much more from toiletries and food cupboard items.

Our selection includes:

Individual ready meals £2.25

Slow cooker bags, feed a family of four £4.50

Cook easy recipe bags feed a family of four £5.50

Fruit and vegetable bags £3.00

Individual soup pots £1.00

Breakfast pots £1.00

We also sell bread, milk, eggs, household items and much more. See our Facebook page and message us if you need more information.

BINGO AT THE ROYSTON CLUB ACREFAIR

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



PCSOs UPDATE

In September, we introduced our very friendly 'Parking Buddies', outside Ysgol's Min Y Ddol and Cefn Mawr. The initiative followed on from concerned parents and residents regarding inconsiderate parking

surrounding the schools. We understand time can be tight when it comes to the school drop off/pick up, but we hope to encourage

people to utilise parking areas away from the immediate school entrance and to encourage walking where possible.

Our priority from this initiative is to promote safe and considerate parking, and most importantly, ensure the safety of children! Thanks to PACTNorthWales and Cefn Community Council who kindly provided funding, along with both schools.

Over the past 15 years "OP BANG – Be A Nice Guy" has enabled Neighbourhood Policing Teams throughout North Wales to obtain funding to facilitate activities for young people over Halloween and Bonfire night periods. Resulting in a reduction on the demands of staff during this normally busy time of year for all the emergency services As part of OP BANG, we held a successful football fun day and Anti-Social Behaviour workshop, with the support of *Active Wrexham* who ran the session. Funding secured from PACT, meant we were able to provide free pizzas, thanks to *Cymru Kebabs*. A big thanks to all agencies who attended and supported the event and a well done to all the players on their impressive footwork!



As winter approaches, we'd like to remind residents of these simple, but effective, steps to protect your home and prevent burglary:

Lock all doors and windows - even when at home

Keep valuables out of sight and don't leave packaging for expensive items outside your property

Don't advertise that you're away on social media, this tells burglars that your house is empty

Use visible deterrents and security think visible cameras or even just a sticker to say that cameras are in operation.

Many burglars tend to avoid houses where an intruder alarm has been fitted

If you see anybody acting suspiciously in your area, you can report it to us via the live web chat. Alternatively,

contact us anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

PCSO Lara Shiers Tel:07814 075602

Email: Lara.Shiers@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

CHURCH NEWS



CAFÉ CHURCH

Wishing you a “*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*” I wonder how many

greetings we will receive this Christmas through cards and messages with those words directed towards us? Let us unravel that message to see what exactly is ‘wished’ within it? **LOVE** - We all want, and need to be loved, and we all long to love those who are close to us. **PEACE** - To be able to live a trouble-free journey through life, with no worries or pressure from the life we live, not just for ourselves, but also for those we love. **JOY** - To be happy in life, sharing good times with family and friends.

Contented with what we have in our homes and at work etc. Happy for those we know and love to be in that position as well too! Sadly, life isn't always like that. There are wars raging around us. Lives are being lost unnecessarily. It dishes out problems, pressure and often pain. The Christmas and New Year greetings are so soon forgotten as we personally tackle these challenges. But it wasn't meant to be like this. The real reason for Christmas celebrations should be a wonderful time, and it should be full of **Love, Peace and Joy**. . . **Jesus, the Son of God**, was a real man, not just a story. He was born into this world as a gift of **LOVE** from His Father. To bring **PEACE** into this troubled world full of wars, hatred, sickness, and disharmony. Jesus lived His life full of love and compassion to all, and to show us that if we follow His ways, we could give in this way too, bringing peace to those around us. In serving others, it will bring joy into our hearts! We can't solve all the world's problems, but we can make a difference in our communities. Let us show that **LOVE, PEACE** and **JOY** to others this Christmas and in 2024! Would you like to know more? Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship is a group of very friendly folk from different churches - or none. **Café Church** meets around tables, with free cakes and cuppa's on the first Sunday of every month in the CRNCA, (The Old Canteen in Cefn), from 10am. Our **Social Evenings**, meet at the CRNCA, with more free food, 11 days later each month from 7pm. Come and join us for sharing friendship and fun. Or call **Colin** and **Rowena** on **01978 824785**

RUABON METHODIST CHURCH

Henry Street, Ruabon LL14 6NS

Open for worship on Sundays at 10:30 am and every 4th Sunday of the month we worship at Rhosymedre Methodist Chapel at 11:00am.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 17th December at 4pm. All Welcome

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

Chapel Street, Rhosymedre LL14 3YF.

Open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am** and every 2nd Sunday of the month we worship at Ruabon Methodist Chapel at 10:30am.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 24th December at 11am

Christmas Morning Service

Monday 25th December at 10:30am All Welcome



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

ST. JOHN'S RHOSYMEDRE

Church Street, Rhosymedre LL14 3EA

Bible Study group meets every Wednesday at 10.30am. The **Community Pantry** is open every Wednesday and Sunday morning from 10.30am Our normal Sunday Services are at 11am. For enquiries please call Beulah Griffiths on **07539 229228**

Christmas Services and December Events

3rd Christingle 4pm

9th Table Top Sale 12- 3pm

12th Soup lunch at 12.30pm

17th Carol's by Candlelight at 6.30pm

24th Crib service at 3pm

Christmas Eucharist at 9.30pm

25th Christmas Day Eucharist at 10am

31st Eucharist at St Mary's Johnstown at 11am

CATHOLIC CHURCHS

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

Christmas Services

Saturday 9th 10am Nativity Parade Village Hall, Ruabon

Sunday 17th 5pm Joint Community Carol Service with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies at St Mary's, Ruabon

Wednesday 20th 10am Penitential Service Holy Cross, Llangollen

Sunday 24th 5.30pm Carols followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm St Mary's, Ruabon

Monday 25th 9am Christmas Day Sacred Heart, Chirk 11.00am Holy Cross, Llangollen

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

Trevor Llangollen LL20 7TL **Sunday Services** at Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30 am. We have Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Christmas Events & Services

15th December at 7pm Christmas Concert with the James Lambert Singers.

Communion Service at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

CITY CHURCH LLANGOLLEN

Brook Street, Llangollen LL20 8LS We meet every Sunday at 10am for 10:30am, come and join us. You can expect a warm friendly welcome, we are a united church family, where you will experience a church full of freedom and love. Tel: **07957728473** email: **church@citychurchllangollen.org.uk**

LLANGOLLEN METHODIST CHURCH

Princess Street, Llangollen LL20 8RD

Sunday Worship at 11am

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LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

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

St Collen's Church Opening Times for Prayer and Visiting: Sunday: 9am - 12 noon. Monday: closed

Tuesday: 12 noon - 2.30pm. Wednesday - Saturday: 9am - 2.30pm.

CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE

The 2023-24 season is well underway. The close season has caused quite a bit of player movement in the league resulting from the Oddfellows and Penycae FC unfortunately dropping out of the league. But we are happy to welcome the Aqueduct (Fron) and Delph B. The 2 teams feature many new faces to the league which is fantastic to see darts doing so well in the community. The Cons Club Ruabon have set the early pace in the league in the season finding themselves top after 9 weeks played, the Aqueduct and Eagles have yet to register wins, but are improving week by week.

Important date coming up for the League is the annual **Turkey Shoot** on the **18th December**. Last years edition was fantastically supported by players and non-players and we are hoping for a repeat down at the Cefn Club.

One last thing, the Delph and Cefn Club are holding weekly ADC (Amateur Darts Circuit) Vault competitions which are a route to get to the MODUS series which is shown live on TV, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, featuring top players from all over North Wales, it is a great way to improve your game and watch some top quality darts. The Cefn Club and Delph are fantastic darting venues for the League and are proving to be top venues for the ADC Vault events. More information can be found online at uk.dartscircuit.com

| 2023/2024 | | | | | | | | |
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| Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League | | | | | | | | |
| | Team | GP | W | L | D | PD | Points | Legs |
| 1 | Cons Club | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 55 |
| 2 | Royston | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 52 |
| 3 | Sun Rhos | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 51 |
| 4 | Black Lion Rhos | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 49 |
| 5 | Rhos Snooker Club | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 54 |
| 6 | Chirk AAA | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 42 |
| 7 | Pubby McPubface B | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 35 |
| 8 | Vaults | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 43 |
| 9 | Cefn Social Club | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 35 |
| 10 | Delph A | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 27 |
| 11 | Pubby McPubface A | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 26 |
| 12 | New Inn | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 25 |
| 13 | Queens | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 20 |
| 14 | Delph B | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| 15 | Eagles | 9 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| 16 | Aqueduct | 9 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 |

MAELOR ABC NEWS

The Gym is open Monday to Thursday as usual. We had a successful **Maelor Boxing Club Tournament** at the George Edwards Hall in November and were pleased to welcome The Mayor Cllr Andy Williams, accompanied by his Consort and son Luke Williams. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their great support, the visiting Clubs and their Boxers, our Coaches and Boxers and our Committee. Also Cefn Community Council and Staff.

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RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

Would you like to sing in a good established Male Voice Choir that welcomes and encourages new members. Our numbers are diminished but our ability to perform to a high standard has not. Come to one of our practices and see what you think. No previous experience necessary, you will receive advice and guidance. We are Cor Meibion Rhosllanerchrugog /Rhos Male Voice Choir. Ring me, Mike on **07944 386550** for a chat if you wish. Practices-- The Stiwt 7.15 Mondays, Capel Bethel, Chapel Street Thursdays.

RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY SINGING FOR EVERYONE

Raise the Roof is a locally-based Community Choir, offering opportunities for anyone to come and sing with us. We meet on Thursday evenings at St John's Church, Rhosymedre at 7pm led by choir director Nova Evans and we are accompanied by John Nicholas. We sing a wide range of popular songs. We welcome invitations to sing at local community events and local residential homes. We have Christmas bookings at Chirk Court, Chirk Hospital and Plas Telford and look forward to fresh engagements in the New Year. Anyone wishing to contact us may get in touch with **Nova Evans** at nova.4song@gmail.com or look us up on *Raise the Roof's* Facebook Page. Or just turn up on Thursday evenings! You'll be very welcome to join us!

THE JAMES LAMBERT SINGERS

We are a Wrexham based mixed voice choir who have been singing popular light music for 50 years, in English and Welsh, with performances in the UK and abroad. We are looking for new members. Previous choir experience and music reading ability is not essential. All you need is to be able to hold a tune, have some enthusiasm and commitment. We practise every Tuesday (7.30 to 9.30pm) at the *Brymbo Sports Club*. If you would like to know more, you'd be welcome to come and meet us and hear us practise. Call: **07774 850677**

CEFN AREA DEFIBRILLATOR 24/7 LOCATIONS

Ty Mawr Country Park, Cae Gwilym Lane, Cefn LL14 3PE.

Hinds Shop, Bro Gwilym, Cefn LL14 3PA

CRNCA Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym, Cefn LL14 3PA

The George Edwards Hall, Well St, Cefn LL14 3AE

Llys Y Craig Sheltered Housing, Rock Road, Rhosymedre LL14 3YH

Henry Williams & Son (Roads) Ltd, Unit 1, Park Road Industrial Estate, Rhosymedre LL14 3AX.

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Mondays Citizens Advice drop in service every Monday from 1 - 4pm. No appointment needed.
Knit and Knatter group meet every Monday from 1-4pm. Come and join this friendly group of people.
Integrated Autism Service from 1 - 4pm on 15th January and 19th February 2024.

Wednesdays Cylch Ti a Fi 1 - 2.15pm during term time. Suitable for under 4s and Welsh or non speaking Welsh families. Learn simple songs and take part in a craft activity. The sessions are free but you need to book in advance by contacting the library
Lego Club runs every Wednesday all year round from 3:15 - 4pm. Suitable for children age 4+ with some building blocks for younger children if needed.

Thursdays

Cefn Remembers 2 – 3pm on 7th December and 2nd February 2024. (No January meeting)

Our **Adult Book Club** is on the last Thursday of the month from 2 - 3pm on 25th January and 29th February 2024.

Fridays

Children's Christmas Crafts from 3.15 – 4.15pm on 1st December, 8th December, 15th December and 22nd December 2023

What else do we do?

Warm spaces (Free tea and coffee) available all our opening hours, come along anytime for a chat, meet friends, read a book or newspaper. Computers and WiFi printing available all opening hours. Photocopying / printing 20p per page Black & White, 40p per page for colour. Free WiFi. iPads, computers and laptops are now available in the library. You can also get blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags.

We have a dedicated quiet corner and also quiet library time on Thursdays from 4.30 to 5.30pm.

Please return or renew your books every three weeks by phone, in person or online at www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online services link. **No more fines!** We'd still love our books back if you've finished with them. Now if you've had a book for more than 90 days anyone over age 11 will be asked to repay the cost of the book if you do not return it.

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Call us on: **01978 820938**

Email: Cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk
Plas Kynaston Lane, Cefn Mawr LL14 3AT

We're open Mon 1-5:30pm, Closed Tues, Wed & Thur 1-5:30pm, Fri 9-5:30pm.

We close after 22nd December for the whole week and will open again on the 3rd of January 2024.



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Tea with Santa

Wednesday 13th December –

Session 1 – 4.30-5.30pm

Session 2 - 5.30-6.30pm

Ring to book – 01978 821600

Pool Timetable: Our Term Time Timetable and Christmas Closure is available on our website and Facebook page

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

Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Friday of the month. Free for local residents – Next Dates are: **08/12/2023;** **09/02/2024;** **08/03/2024** (proof of address may be requested)

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

Gym: Open Mon to Fri 9.00am – 9.00pm and Sat and Sun 9.00am – 4pm. Induction required before first use. Our friendly Gym team offer/programmes/personal training and helpful support and advice. Pay as you go or membership options are available.

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

Sports Hall & Dry activities: Our Sports Hall is available for block bookings for Football/Roller Hockey etc. We also offer Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis and Squash.

Café and Soft Play: NEW Opening Times:

Term Time Tues & Thurs 10.30am – 3pm and 3.30pm – 6pm, Wed 4pm – 6.30pm, Sat 11am – 3.30pm. Sun 10.30am – 3.30pm

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

Tuesday Breakfast Club: Every Tues (Term Time Only) 9.30am – 11.30am Adults Only **£2.00** for 3 Breakfast items plus Tea or Coffee. Children Only **£1.50** for 2 Breakfast items with a glass of squash. **FREE SOFT PLAY INCLUDED!**

Birthday Parties and Private Hire: Bookings are now available for Soft Play/Swimming Pool/Bouncy Castle/ Football Parties /Roller skating (1 activity per party). Hot Food can be provided from our café. Private hire of our Pool and Sports Hall is also available. Pirate Ship inflatable or floats and rafts available for Private Hire **Parties | plas-madoc**

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

Community Support Hub: Residents can access advice and practical support from Citizens Advice, Wrexham Foodbank, Kim Inspire, Caniad, WCBC Tenancy Support, Cambrian Savings and Loans, Communities for Work, Advance Brighter Futures and The Wallich to name just a few! Let us know what you want from your Community Hub! Volunteers always welcome.

KIM4HER Women's Wellbeing & Mental Health Group Every Tues 10am – 11.30am

Social/Craft Group COME & TRY! Every Wed 9.30am – 11.30am. Do you enjoy Arts & Crafts? Want to meet



new people or learn a new skill? Come along and meet our friendly volunteers and have a go at our easy-to-follow Arts & Craft sessions. FREE Tea & Coffee with everything you need provided!

Citizens Advice Every Thurs 9.30am – 12 Noon
Wrexham Foodbank Every Thurs 10.30am – 12 Noon
CANIAD – Substance misuse and mental health Support. Every Thurs 1pm – 3pm

Contact info@plas-madoc.com / Tel: 01978 821600

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

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

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LOCAL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PANTOS

Pinocchio William Aston Hall Wrexham. Christmas panto by the Delta Academy. Wed Dec 13 till Sun Dec 17, tickets £14 adult, £12 child and £7.50 for schools.

Jack in the Beanstalk Grove Park Theatre Wrexham. Thurs Dec 7 till Sat, Jan 6, 2024. Tickets £12 adult, £10 for 16 and under, family tickets (multiples of four) £40.

Snow White The Stiwt, Rhos, Wrexham. Fri Dec 8 till Sat Dec 31. Tickets start from £10. The Stiwt will also hold a relaxed performance on Thurs Dec 14 adapted for those who would prefer a slightly quieter show, with less special effects.

Jack and the Beanstalk Llangollen Town Hall by Llangollen Pantomime Group. Tickets £9 adults concessions (under 16 & adults over 65) £6. Thurs 11 to Sat 13 Jan 2024 (Evening) - Doors 7pm - starts 7:30pm. Sat 13th Jan 2024 (Matinee) - Doors 1pm - starts 1:30pm.

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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

Children in Need The School Council would like to thank pupils, parents and staff for their support for the Children in Need event.

Children and staff wore their pyjamas or Pudsey clothes to school. Everyone took part in the Joe Wicks Children in Need exercise class during our school assembly and completed lots of Children in Need fun activities in their classes. A grand total of £194.70 was raised.

Cefn Mawr Museum Pupils in our Y1 and 2 visited Cefn Mawr Museum in November, learning many interesting facts about our local area as part of their topic 'Then and Now'. They saw many artefacts of how people lived and how the area looked through the years including home life and local industry. We would like to thank the Museum volunteers for making it such an enjoyable visit.

Super Careers Learning Week our Super Careers Learning Week in October, was about new careers and encouraging pupils to think about what they would like to do when they are older. The week started with each class reading a story 'When I grow up' by Colin McNaughton. We invited many people to talk about their jobs, including a Police Officer, Children's Nurse, Dancer, Lawyer, Sports Coach, Footballer, Army Officer, Doctor, Paramedic and a Vet's Nurse. Thank you to all our visitors who gave their time to talk to the pupils about their jobs and what they had to do to achieve and what qualifications was need for their position. Pupils had lots of questions. Staff created a wall display in the school hall where parents had the opportunity to see during our Parents' Evenings.

Remembrance We held a whole school Remembrance Service and congratulate our Head Boy Blake Y6 and Head Girl Lola Y6 for reading some of the names of the fallen at the Remembrance Service at Cefn Mawr Cenotaph and well done to our Deputy Head Girl Izzy Y6) and Prefect Lily Y6 for laying a wreath on behalf of the school. A special mention to Y1 and Y2 who made poppy wreaths as part of their topic work. It was lovely to see so many families at the Cenotaph at this special community event despite the wet weather. Thank you to the families for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Cross Country Team very well done to our cross country team from Years 3,4,5 and 6 who represented the school at the Wrexham Cross Country event at Ty Mawr Country Park in October all pupils ran a mile and were awarded a certificate. Well done to Ben, Lola, Riley, Amelia (Y6), Reggie, Cadi, Sharon, Prosper, Demi-Lea, (Y5), Cole, Noah, Ellis, Bella, Raya, Seren,



Calli, Emily (Y4), Jax and Jack (Y3) – they were all fantastic, a special mention to Emily who won 3rd place in the Y3/4 girls' race, a great result.

RHOS COMMUNITY AGENT UPDATE

Working for Rhos Community Council I work with residents in **Rhos, Johnstown** and **Ponciau**. There are lots of events coming up over the next couple of months. I am busy myself within the groups which I run, running various events over the Christmas period.



For next year monthly bingo sessions are held on the last Wednesday of the month 1pm, eyes down 1.30pm, at **Hafod Colliery Cub**.

Monthly Reminisce sessions every third Friday of the month 11am-12pm at **Rhos library**. Monthly lunch club the second Monday of each month 12.30pm, location varies and a weekly coffee morning on Tuesdays 11.30am at **Café Rayo's** in **Ruabon**. As well as these groups there are many more in the villages which I can advise you of and introduce you to.

On February 7th myself and Sue Hallard, chair of Rhos Community Council, will be holding a Community Afternoon Tea and Film at the Stiwt. We will be showing **The Great Escaper**, which is based on a true story and stars Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. This is a ticket only event costing £8 per person which can be purchased from myself. Hope you all have a happy festive season.

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YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

The Ysgol Rhiwabon Catering Team is delighted to receive the Food Standard Agency Hygiene Rating of 5. This is the highest rating available. Mark Davies, Head Cook, and his team are pictured with the letter and certificates.



Remembrance Service Attendance

Ysgol Rhiwabon attended two local Remembrance Services on November 12th. At the Cefn Mawr Service, *Elsie Davies-Bottomley* and *Kowren Davies*, Year 7, laid a wreath on behalf of Ysgol Rhiwabon students, staff and governors. Whilst in Ruabon St. Marys Church, Ruabon, *Issac Hughes* and *Sam Joseph*, Year 11, laid a wreath on behalf of Ysgol Rhiwabon students, staff and governors.

Dragons' Lair

Cat Dowdeswell was at Ysgol Rhiwabon last month to launch the **Dragons' Lair** to Year 10. It is now an established part of *The Enterprise & Employability Skills Challenge*, and is a fabulous way to test pupils' skills, and raise funds for Hope House & T Gobaith Children's Hospices.

Thanks to The Principality Building Society for sponsoring this programme.



Children in Need

A big, big thank you to all that supported, this event which resulted in a whopping **£836.05** being raised, through online donations, non-uniform, and the activities in school. A fantastic result.

Year 9 Presentation

Thank you to Paul from Gareth Morris Construction Ltd for an informative presentation to Year 9 pupils. Everyone gained a valuable insight into the career opportunities the construction industry can offer through apprenticeships and beyond Further information can be found at

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Thanks to Lesley Lloyd, Careers Wales for facilitating the presentation.

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Mondays Duplo Play & Read: 1pm -2pm (during term time for babies & toddlers up to 4 years old).

Croeso i Siarad Cymraeg/Welcomes to Speak Welsh: 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Giving Welsh learners and speakers opportunities to socialise, use and practice their Welsh language skills in a fun and informal way.
Family Lego Club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Come and get creative every Monday (except bank holidays).

2nd Wednesday of the month: Adult Creative Crafts: 2.15pm. An informal and varied craft session. Bring your own project or share and do something new or different with others.

3rd Wednesday of the month: Time to Remember: 2pm -3pm. Sharing memories and reminiscence. Individuals, families and carers welcome.

Last Wednesday of the month: Ruabon Readers Reading Group: 2pm -3pm. Friendly and informal book group. Books provided and new members very welcome.

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

Fridays: Knit & Natter: 2pm -4pm. Whether you knit, crochet, sew or just natter, all welcome.

Starting in January, Groundwork North Wales will be running a series of the following short courses: Energy saving advice; Budgeting; Tablets; Smartphones, and a six week Basic IT course commencing 22nd February. Please contact the library directly for more information and dates/times. We have free Wi-Fi available, as well as free computer and iPad access. Printing facilities, including Wi-Fi printing, and photocopying is available with a small charge. We have lots of space to study if you wish to bring your own device.

We have monthly, varied exhibitions in our exhibition space, ranging from local art exhibitions from local art groups and artists, to historic artefacts and crafts. The space is free to use. Potential new exhibitors are welcome, just contact the library for availability and details. You can pick up your blue recycling bags and green caddy sacks from us, and there is a free Contact Wrexham (access) telephone available during library opening hours.

During the winter months, Ruabon Library is part of the community warm places where you are welcome to come and get warm and enjoy a tea or coffee. We have a large and varied stock of both fiction and non-fiction books, audiobooks and large print, including Welsh language, Young Adult, local interest and reference. We have a welcoming children's library where you are always welcome to come and share a story or two. If you can't find what you want, the staff are always more than happy to help.

Open: Mon, Wed & Fri 12.00 – 5.00; Thur 9.00 – 1.15; Tues CLOSED we will be closed between Christmas and the New Year and will open on 3rd January 2024

RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT



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RUABON MEDICAL CENTRE

We have a quick update to say that we still have some flu vaccinations left over for anyone eligible and we are happy to vaccinate our patients. We had a successful few Saturday clinics where we vaccinated our patients for Covid and Flu vaccines. During the Christmas and New Year Period please look out for updates on our website for all the latest news and upcoming events and details of who to contact during the festive periods – we shall keep our website updated at all times. Our website is accessible via: www.ruabonmedicalcentre.co.uk for all latest news and information.



FRAUD ALERT

North Wales Police have been made aware of fraudsters targeting residents, purporting to be from their local GP

Surgery. The criminals are asking the victim about their general health and recommending new prescriptions for ailments. The victim is then asked to provide their bank details.

I would urge residents to be aware of this tactic and **not provide personal details or bank details to ANYONE** over the telephone.

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We do have open evenings in each school in January. **Pentre's** evening is Thursday 25th January, **Froncysyllte's** evening is Tuesday 30th January and **Garth's** evening is Thursday 1st February. Please spread the word about our open evenings.

We are also continuing with our Baby and Toddler groups across the Federation after half term. If you know of anybody that might be interested in attending the sessions, please share the information.

The **Eco Committees** in all three schools have been working hard to promote eco-friendly behaviour. The Eco Committees are a group of pupils and staff who encourage everyone to think about the following areas: Global Citizenship, Litter, Waste Minimisation, Energy, Water, School Grounds, Biodiversity, Transport and Food. Our committees (both past and present) have been doing some fantastic work around our schools to raise awareness of the themes above. As a result of their brilliant work, the committees in all three schools have been awarded their next Eco Awards which is wonderful news. The next stage is for all three schools to try and achieve the prestigious Green Flag Award. Watch this space!

Netball Pupils from all three of our schools took part in the Dinas Bran Netball tournament. All players represented their schools with excellent behaviour and teamwork. We are very proud of the children for showing off their fantastic netball skills. Well done everybody.

Midday Supervisors If you're interested in finding out more about relief work in Froncysyllte, Garth or Pentre CIW schools, please contact the schools on: **01691 773322** or by e-mailing headteacher@pentre-pri.wrexham.sch.uk



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CHIRK GARDENERS' CLUB

Chirk Gardeners' Club was founded 37 years ago in 1986. We're a friendly, informal group with about 60 members. The group meets February to July then September to November in the Parish Hall in Chirk, on the last Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7.15pm and consist of a talk or demonstration followed by refreshments. This is a good time to swap gardening knowledge and tips with other gardeners. There are plants and other gardening items for sale by way of a making a small donation to the funds.

The charge to join is £12 per year or £3 per visit and the club is usually able to subsidise at least one outing a year. In recent times we have visited Bridgewater the RHS garden near Manchester, Woolerton Old Hall Garden and Gateacre allotments.

Our speakers are all highly qualified and experienced in both horticulture and speaking and we cover a wide range of subjects. If you would like any further information please contact the Chair, **Dawn Gough** on dawngough60@gmail.com or **07538 418421**. New members and visitors always welcome.

Our next two talks will be on 26th February where we have **Sarah Griffiths** who is the Deputy Editor of the Ancient Egypt Magazine and Secretary of the Manchester Ancient Egypt Society, on *The Ancient Egyptians: The World's First Gardeners*. The walled gardens of the ancient Egyptian elite were the earliest known domestic gardens in the world, sanctuaries of flowers, shady trees and lily ponds where the



fortunate few could escape the desert heat, and the sounds and smells of the bustling cities. Take a trip back in time to visit these beautiful landscapes through the painted scenes in Egyptian tombs, and discover the plants and features that made up a typical Egyptian garden, and the magic and symbolism of the garden in the afterlife. Then on 25th March we welcome **Iain Clarke** who will guide us through *Building the Organic Dream*. He is the Assistant Principal at Reaseheath. This talk will cover growing vegetables organically to include rotations and sustainability.



The Chirk Pantomime **CINDERELLA** is at the Parish Hall Chirk Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th February 2024 doors open 6.30pm show starts 7pm, matinee on Saturday, doors open 1.45pm and show starts 2.30pm. For tickets and information please call **Pat** on **01691 777231**



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YSGOL MIN Y DDOL NEWS



It has been a busy few weeks again at Ysgol Min y Ddôl as all pupils are continuing to try their best and flourish in their learning, in both spoken languages and through BSL. Their efforts in conversing in 3 languages are commendable and we are very proud of their achievements, well done everyone. Thank you to our year 6 pupils, Emma and Elise, for taking part in the Cefn Mawr Remembrance Sunday Service. They did us proud in reading the names of those who fell and in laying the wreath in their memory. Our pupils also worked very hard to create a poppy cascade for the school which was displayed, for all to see, in our reception area.

Our Welsh medium provision is growing and going from strength to strength every year. Have you considered it for your child/ren? There is no need for any parent to speak Welsh in order to send your child/ren to a Welsh medium school. Visit us direct at the school or come to the advertised event to find out more! Our Cylch Meithrin (Playgroup) have recently won an award as the best in North East Wales – huge congratulations to all the staff who do an amazing job in ensuring our children, and parents, get the best as they start their journey at Ysgol Min y Ddôl.

Our weekly clubs are as busy as ever. Pupils rotate around cookery, art, digital and sports throughout the year and get to compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod with entries they've been busy making in club. Over half of our school have joined the Welsh Language organisation which provides a range of experiences through the medium of Welsh for our pupils to take part in.

As a school, we are very proud of our pupils and their efforts and feel they need to be recognised elsewhere too. They're amazing! The whole school enjoyed an Autumnal Disco at the end of the first half term and came in fancy dress. Our wonderful PTA organised the whole event which included a light up disco floor, a DJ, games and refreshments. The children had so much fun and it finished off the half term nicely with a well deserved treat for all.



Another great achievement is our Y5 girl's football team who played brilliantly in the recent Football Tournament in Ysgol Morgan Llwyd against other Welsh schools in the cluster. Although they didn't win, they played well showing excellent sportsmanship throughout. Da iawn merched!



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Firstly, we would like to send best wishes to the children who have left to start school and we welcome all the new starters who are enjoying settling in.

In October, the weather was mild so the children and staff had the chance to enjoy more outdoor activities. For Halloween and bonfire night, children came to nursery in fancy dress for our celebrations. Pumpkin carving, spooky biscuit baking and painting were carried out alongside lots of art and craft.

For *Children in Need Week* in November, children wore a fancy dress costume of their choice or pyjamas in return for a donation to the charity. The children are looking forward to Christmas and are busy making cards and decorations. They will have a visit from Father Christmas on the day of their Christmas party on *Thursday 21st December*. After Christmas we will be thinking about the spring festivals and get busy making Valentine cards ready for 14th February and looking forward to Pancake day. If you are interested in a nursery place, please get in touch on 01978 822446 or contact us via Facebook to arrange a viewing.



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We would like to run a small competition across Wrexham County for the best kept Bus Stop and are inviting both Wrexham County Council and local community councils to join in on the administration side to help encourage more use of public transport services. Chirk Railway Station has won many awards, and it would be good to replicate this for Bus Stops in Wrexham County.

We see the Holly Bush Inn bus stop as one of the most important bus stops in our community as it is at the top of the hill. This then represents the best stop for anyone living in Upper Cefn or anyone wanting to access our medical services. We think it unreasonable for people who need to see the Doctor or call into the Pharmacy for a prescription, to be expected to walk up the hill. Therefore, we would like to see a bus stop sign on both sides of the road to facilitate this. And again, we ask WCBC and Arriva to supply.

We are aware of the controversy that has been going on this year with the busses stopping at the Holly



Bush Inn Bus Stop and are grateful to all the bus drivers that have been good enough to stop for our people. To this end we are considering introducing a small incentive scheme to reward and encourage more drivers to do so and again we are hoping that all councils and Arriva will support in this.

And since it is nearly Christmas, Happy Christmas and New Year everyone. We will be putting the Christmas Tree up again this year and this is hard work, it is heavy, and we must put it up by hand, so if anyone would like to join in, they will be most welcome. We will post the day we are putting it up on Facebook.

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

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