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COMMUNITY IN BLOOM SUCCESS

Over the past few months, Cefn Community Council has proudly hosted their annual Community in Bloom competition, which this year saw a record number of entrants. The standard of entries was outstanding, reflecting the wonderful pride the residents take in their gardens and community spaces.

A huge congratulations to the **Best Overall Garden 2025 – Rose Bowl Winner**, Grazyna Holownia, above and to all the winners and participants across their respective categories, see the full list inside..

Your creativity and dedication continue to brighten up Cefn for everyone to enjoy.

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40 YEARS' EXPERIENCE GAINS MANDY FORMAL LEGAL STATUS

GHP Legal is pleased to announce that *Mandy Towers*, a highly experienced conveyancing and probate executive based in the firm's Llangollen office, has been granted Practice Rights as a CILEx Conveyancing Practitioner. With over 40 years of experience in the legal sector, Mandy has now formally qualified through the CILEx work-based route, converting decades of practical expertise into a recognised professional accreditation. Her achievement reflects both her longstanding dedication to the profession and her commitment to continuing professional development. Mandy originally joined GHP Legal almost ten years ago at its offices in Llangollen's historic Old Bank building, and she returned to the practice in early 2021 following a career break. She has continued to work in a senior capacity, delivering high-quality legal services in conveyancing and probate. Her recent qualification was made possible through the extensive support of GHP Legal and solicitor colleague Lauren Blackford, whose guidance helped Mandy navigate the

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Congratulations to all our *Community in Bloom* winners and all who took part the full winners list is:

Best Community Garden

1st Plas Telford, 2nd Alwen Garden Food Forest, 3rd Lys y Graig Residents

Best Small Garden

1st Stephen Jones, 2nd Geoff Langford, 3rd Carmen White

Best Container Garden

1st Stephen Jones, 2nd Butch & Michelle Jones, 3rd Geoff Langford

Best Large Garden 1st Grazyna Holownia, 2nd Barbara Lloyd, 3rd David Bullough

Wonderfully Wild Garden Recognition Award

Frank A Biggs,

Best Vegetable Garden Recognition Award

Karen Hahm Jones

Young Gardeners Special Recognition Awards

Junior Thomas, Nancy Parry, Niamh Parry

Best Overall Garden 2025 – Rose Bowl Winner

Grazyna Holownia

We also wish to thank all the team from Derwen Collage. We really value the time they spent being our judges on the day. We also thank the students



who performed their dances so brilliantly at the presentation, you were amazing.

Thank you to all who attended, its lovely to see the community coming together and chatting afterwards over the buffet lunch.





Hello to you all.

We have started our new stronger start recently in Tesco Cefn Mawr, so please make sure you are getting your blue tokens from the checkouts to vote, this is one token per person.

Christmas is fast approaching so if any groups or events need any support from Tesco can you please email the store or bring a letter of request in, I am also available to visit your events and support them in person, so please just pop in for a chat if you need my help.

We have recently donated £50 from our *Book Swap Shop* donations tub to Rhos Community Agent to support the community bingo, please feel free to take a look at our range of books.

We have Jamie back in Tesco as the Community and Front-End Services Manager, he has already been out and about with me and looks forward to meeting different group in the community. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we look forwards to seeing you instore and community.
email 6450@tesco.com.

Thank you **David – Community Champion.**

EDITORS COMMENTS

Wow, what a change in the weather, I do love this season for the changing colours, morning mists, aka *Dragon Breath* flowing across the valley and the dew garnished cobwebs.

The clocks going back really make me start thinking about Christmas and my annual carrot cake marathon! St John's Graveyard is looking amazing, we have started to fill in some of the more uneven ground in one section with top soil and reseeded hopefully to make mowing easier next season. It is great to see more people are visiting, if you would like to help as a volunteer do get in touch as there is always something you can do here even if you can only spare an hour it helps.

There are lots of events and activities coming up so do check the local events on page 28.

Please do support our advertisers and most are offering Gift Vouchers - ideal as a present for Christmas (give someone you care about a little pampering treat).

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It's hard to believe that the first eight weeks of the school year have already flown by! It's been a busy and exciting start to the term, and everyone is now ready for a well-earned half-term break. All our pupils have settled beautifully into their new classes. Teachers have loved getting to know their new groups and have been so impressed with how quickly everyone has adapted to new routines and expectations. We've been delighted to welcome our new *Headteacher*, *Mrs Rodgers*, who has enjoyed getting to know our pupils, staff, and families, and is already a valued part of our school community.

This half term, our whole school took part in the *No Outsiders project*, exploring how we are all different, all equal, and all welcome here. Through stories, discussions and, creative activities, children reflected on what makes our school such an inclusive and caring place. We also supported Show Racism the Red Card, with pupils and staff proudly wearing red to stand together against racism. The children took part in workshops and assemblies to learn about fairness, kindness, and respect for all.

Our *Harvest Service* was a real highlight of the term. We gathered together to celebrate the importance of sharing and gratitude. Pupils performed beautifully, sharing songs, poems, and prayers, including some in Welsh and British Sign Language (BSL). It was wonderful to see so many talents on display, and our families' generous donations to the local food bank were very much appreciated.

Our youngest learners in Reception have made a fantastic start to their school journey. They've been busy making new friends, exploring the classroom, and enjoying outdoor learning. A highlight for them was a walk to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, where they learned more about our local area and its history. Our *Pupil Voice Groups* have already been busy making exciting plans for the year ahead.

The *Eco Team* has started working with Wrexham

Council to help improve recycling and sustainability in our school. Other groups have begun planning events, charity work and ways to make school life even better for everyone. Year 5 pupils also took part in *Playmakers Training*, learning how to lead games and activities for younger children. They are now ready to run fun sessions at playtimes, helping everyone to stay active, build friendships, and have fun outdoors. It's been a wonderful start to the school year, full of learning, creativity and community spirit. We're all ready for a relaxing half term but are already looking forward to exciting projects and events coming up in November.

TREVOR VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

A massive congratulations to Eric Jones, who won the *Individual Volunteer* of the year Award for Canal & River Trust, Wales & South West Region. Eric is a special part of our team here on Trevor basin and we are all so very chuffed and excited that he has been recognised for all he does here.

Trevor Basin Visitor Opening times for November & December are Fri to Sun 10am - 3pm, our last day of opening in 2025 will be Sun 21st December. We reopen in 2026 on Friday 13th February, opening Fri to Sun 10am - 3pm until Easter when we then open daily 10am - 4pm. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct remains open this winter and will not be closed for any long periods for maintenance works; it may close ad hoc for short periods, no longer than a few hours during the day for some remedial works.

We look forward to welcoming to the visitor centre during your winter walks to warm up with a hot brew and to say hello. We do still have some volunteering opportunities available, if you are interested please visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteering



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UEFA B SUCCESS

Congratulation to Andy Roscoe (Cefn Community Council Development Officer) on successfully qualifying and passing his UEFA B License course with the FAW. Andrew said "This achievement would not have been possible without the encouragement of everyone in our community, and especially the kids whose words and support helped me stay motivated — thank you all!"



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Q&A

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Ulia Choudhry

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Q: My mother is moving into a nursing home but we don't want to sell her house yet. What is the situation regarding council tax when she is in the home, and what happens about it if she passes away and we then sell it? Would she, or we if she has passed, be liable?

A: Council tax is not charged on a property where the owner has moved into a care home, provided the property remains empty. If you decided to let the property out, however, then council tax would become payable. In most cases the tenants would be responsible for paying the council tax.

If your mother dies and the property becomes empty whilst you sell it, then it will be exempt from council tax until probate has been granted on her estate, and then up to a further six months beyond probate. If ownership of the property passes to you in your mother's Will, then you will need to pay council tax as soon as you have probate. Otherwise, the council tax should be paid out of her estate from the exempt period after probate has been granted until the property is sold.

If a solicitor is acting as executor to your mother's estate they will deal with the council tax payments. Otherwise, whoever is executor should deal with it. Similarly, the executors should apply for any due refund of overpaid tax.

After probate has been granted the local authority will require a copy of the probate or Letters of Administration before they will deal with the executors. If no solicitors are involved and you are sole executor, you will need to provide confirmation of that to the local authority in the form of a copy of the first page of the Will. Importantly, you should in the meantime keep the local authority informed about your mother's situation if it changes.

This question has been answered by Ulia Choudhry, a Partner 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

GHP Legal Mandy Towers continued from page 1

alternative route to achieving full practitioner status. Mandy's qualification further strengthens GHP Legal's residential property team and reinforces the firm's commitment to professional excellence and client Service.

"I am so proud of my achievement," says Mandy, "as this was a difficult route to take to gain the qualification. I had to submit five lengthy portfolios showcasing the different aspects of conveyancing I had carried out during the course of my work with GHP Legal.

Alongside this I had to complete a skills section to demonstrate that I could not only do the work but also that I had a full understanding of what I was doing, how this corresponded with current law, and that the work was carried out in accordance with CILEx Code of Conduct."

GHP Legal partner, *Hywel Jones*, said: "We are all delighted Mandy has gained the CILEx qualification and her achievement is well-deserved. She is an important part of the GHP Legal conveyancing team and is well-known and trusted in the area. Knowing you can rely on someone you trust is important and in a small town like Llangollen, trust is what reputations are built on. If you are local you will probably have seen Mandy around town or you may have seen her in her uniform on a day when she is her volunteer role as *Station Master* at the *Llangollen Railway Station*."

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Gregorian Mass: Sung by *Cantores Dei* regular Gregorian chant workshop participants who have been working hard to prepare the music for this special service. As these ancient chants rise and echo through the sacred space, they invite us to step out of the ordinary and enter a world of mystery and quite awe. *Sun 16th Nov, 5pm, St Tysilio's Church (Llantysilio).*

A Feather on the Breath of God: Six singers, resonant singing bowls, candlelight, a narrator, and evocative video recreations of Hildegard's visions come together in a unique performance, immersing the audience in her mystical world through sound and sight. The women of Voci Choir, Gareth Glyn Roberts

narration, visions on screen by David Edmundson. Deborah Catterall, Director. Tad Huw Bryant will be playing crystal singing bowls throughout. No ticket required. Donations in aid of our Roof Restoration Appeal. *Thurs 27th Nov, 7pm. St Collen's Church.*

Christmas Fayre: A chance to pick up festive gifts, treats and soak up the Christmas spirit. Grand Raffle tickets available soon with some fantastic prizes to be won! *Sat 6th Dec, 11am-2pm.* **Collen Players**

Christmas Show: with a prodigious, pulchritudinous, positively perplexing pageant of peerless performance! Our Players' Christmas show returns, promising jollity, japes, and jovial jesting galore. Tickets are £15, which includes sumptuous buffet supper. *Fri 12th Dec, 6.30pm. St Tysilio's Carols by Candlelight: Sun 14th Dec, 3pm.*

St Collen's Carols by Candlelight: Join us for a service of readings and carols by candlelight, a beautiful and reflective way to begin the Christmas season. Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine! *Sun 21st Dec, 6pm.*

St Collen's Roof Appeal: An urgent appeal to raise funds for the conservation of its internationally renowned 16th century medieval hammer-beam roof, a master piece of Welsh craftsmanship is being launched. The iconic roof, admired by visitors from around the globe, faces critical decay and risks being lost without immediate action. Suzanne Evans emphasises the roof's significance as a symbol of Welsh heritage, describing it as a 'testament to the skill and vision of our ancestors.' Urging individuals to protect this invaluable link to Wales's cultural identity, she calls on heritage enthusiasts and supporters worldwide to contribute. Donations will fund essential conservation work, stabilising and restoring the structure for future generations. Supporters can donate through *Just Giving* (see our website under 'Genesis Project').

Carols by Candlelight from Llangollen CD's: We know it feels far too early to think about Christmas...but here's a little festive idea! We're planning to produce CD's of last year's beautiful Carols by Candlelight. Each CD will be £10, with all proceeds going straight to St Collen's Church Roof Appeal. This will make a perfect Llangollen gift for friends and family near or far. Before we go ahead, we need to know how many to produce, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church if you're interested.

A little Christmas cheer and a big help in keeping a roof over our heads!



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Brownies have been working on innovate stage 2 skill builder with 10 of the girls recently completed it. One girl has been awarded with her Brownies silver award this term and is aiming to gold. We have celebrated Diwali to start the girls off on the new celebration badge and finished the term with Halloween crafts and pumpkins carvings. One girl has completed the rest of the challenges for her celebrations badge. Is your daughter between 7-10 years old, want to meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills then why not give brownies ago. We currently have spaces available for girls aged 7-10years. We meet every Wednesday in term time If you would be interested in your daughter joining, please registered on the following link

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1ST LLANGOLLEN RAINBOWS

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everyone to join us in honoring those who have served, with attendees asked to arrive from 10:40am. Your presence means a great deal to our community as we come together to remember.

Small Grants Available This next term, we're inviting local organisations and community groups to apply for small grants to support projects that benefit our area. Applications can be sent to

admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

All applications will be reviewed and discussed at our Full Council Meeting in December. We encourage groups of all sizes to get involved even small projects can make a big difference!

Christmas Event Get into the festive spirit at our **Christmas Fair**, in the George Edwards Hall on **Friday 28th Nov** from 5pm to 7pm. With a range of stalls, seasonal treats, Santa and plenty of community cheer everyone is welcome! Stallholders who wish to take part are encouraged to get in touch early to secure their space, email:

admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

The George Edwards Hall is available to book for parties and events, as well as the main hall we also have the Lower Room with fully equipped kitchen for smaller parties and the Council Chamber for those requiring smaller space for meetings, here we can offer a Teams or Zoom facility.

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Bookings: Flat fee of £36 for 2.5 hours, followed by the standard hourly rate. Discounts: Block bookings of six consecutive weeks or more receive a 10% discount.. Please note, Sundays and Bank Holidays are charged at double rate. the Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries.

Our **12 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: know someone who is going to celebrate their **90th** or **100th** birthdays? Please email admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Wedding Anniversaries: If you know any couples in our community who will be celebrating their **Diamond 60th** or **Platinum 70th Anniversaries** please let us know on **01978 821298** or email: admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Trefynant Cemetery we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided.

Youth Club Our Community Council funded Youth Club at the George Edwards Hall runs Mon & Wed 6pm – 8pm during term time, with a range of activities including free WiFi. We're also host the *Young Carers Group* at this facility.

Community Litter Picks: we do regular litter picks across the community from spring to early winter Our litter pickers are local volunteers giving up their time to keep the area looking good. We are a litter pick hub and can loan equipment and keep you supplied with bags etc. The next Litter pick is **Wed 12th Nov at 10am**, meet at CRNCA carpark. Tel: **01978 821298** or email: admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Period Hub Free sanitary products now available at the George Edwards Hall, in the reception area, please take what you need.

We thank all our residents and community partners for their continued support and involvement in making Cefn a vibrant, welcoming, and caring place to live. *Yma o Hyd — we are still here, and stronger together.*



CEFN COMMUNITY AGENT

Stay Connected with Your Community!

Working for Cefn Community Council I work with all residents over the age of 50 in, for Plas Madoc, Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Rhosymedre, and Newbridge. I'm here to help with form filling, bus passes, Blue Badges, sign posting to local services or just a friendly chat over a cuppa! My Facebook page gives you up to date information on current events, activities and advice, can be found under Cefn Mawr Community Agent

Chat and Chill Coffee Morning Wed 9:30–11:30am George Edwards Hall, tea, coffee, bacon baps, bingo, crafts, board games, or just relax and chat!

Music Afternoon with The Double Focus Sat 6th Dec 2–6pm George Edwards Hall, Live music, bingo, "Play Your Cards Right" & buffet. **Tickets:** £10 BYO Alcoholic drinks & glasses

Connecting Cefn – Friendship Group 1st Thurs of every month, 3–4pm Cefn Mawr Library. Meet new people, share stories, or enjoy a cuppa together.

Drop-In Help Sessions

Tues 11am-12pm at George Edwards Hall,

Thurs 2–4pm at Cefn Mawr Library,

Form filling, Blue Badges, bus passes, or advice—no appointment needed! For anyone over 50 in the area. Come along, meet people, and get support!

Tel: **07925 048711**

Email: agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Warm regards, **Donna Thornley** Community Agent.

We welcome your News, Photos and Information on Events for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

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To advertise please call **Tyger** on **07831 542872**, message the **Cefn & Dee Valley News** Facebook page, or email: tyger@tygertactics.com Thank you.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

StayOnSide Project – Engaging, Inspiring, Thriving Through our ongoing involvement with the **StayOnSide project**, we've strengthened our connections with local residents, schools, and young people. This year, the project has expanded to include:

Welsh Language Development: Creating fun and educational videos to encourage pupils and the wider community to use and celebrate the Welsh language.

Employment Skills & Development: Supporting students to explore workplace skills, build confidence, and gain practical experience.

Tackling Antisocial Behavior: Engaging young people positively in their community, fostering pride, teamwork and responsibility.

Sport & Physical Development: Encouraging the sport of handball seeing a marked improvement in fine motor skills, hand-to-eye coordination and catching abilities over the weeks.

The project highlighted the inspiring work of the *Cefn Litter Pickers*, with educational videos featuring *Jacqueline Palmer and Hoopy*, who regularly collect 8–9 bags of rubbish each day, brilliantly showing community spirit in action. The schools are now nearing the end of this year's programme and we are extremely proud of the enthusiasm, progress and engagement shown by all participants.

National Recognition for Cefn We were honored to be finalists at the *Annual Keep Wales Tidy Awards* in Llandudno, followed by receiving the Level 4 'Thriving' Award at the *Wales in Bloom* competition, a huge achievement recognising the passion, commitment, and pride of our residents, volunteers, and school partners. Thank you to everyone who continues to make Cefn a vibrant, welcoming community.

Community Improvements and Wildlife Support

We're delighted to share that Cefn Community Council has been awarded funding from the *Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)* through Wrexham Council, which will allow us to modernise the toilets at the George Edwards Hall. In addition, we've proudly become *Hedgehog Ambassadors*, helping residents protect wildlife in our area. Anyone interested in receiving a free Hedgehog House kit can get in touch by emailing:

andrew@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

The **StayOnSide project** continues to be a cornerstone of community engagement, combining environmental stewardship, education, wellbeing, Welsh language promotion, employment development, antisocial behavior reduction and sport development. With the support of our residents and schools, we are building a stronger, safer, and more connected Cefn.

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

We are moving into the time of year now when the weather is testing our new roof, so far it has proved up to the challenge. Moving into November we will see the end of the Llangollen Museum Sustainability Programme, kindly funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund, Community Ownership Fund, Denbighshire Key Fund and the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund. So many thanks to all of them for enabling us to make the necessary repairs and improvements to keep Llangollen Museum open. The new security fencing and storage units have now been put in, as has our new noticeboard (many thanks to Dave Bythell for that). Our new entrance door is presently being made, and should be installed in a few weeks and all of our windows and doors are being re-varnished or painted. Our new web site will be going live in a few weeks, and is much more mobile and tablet friendly. We are excited to announce that the first session of our newly founded **Young Archaeologists Club** will take place on Jan 15th 2026, with 'An Introduction to Archaeology'. Sessions will be held at the Museum from 6 to 8pm on Thursday evenings. For information please contact Gill Smith on **07516023524** or gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk Visit the Clwyd and Dee Valley Young Archaeologist's Club at <https://www.yac-uk.org/clubs/clwyd-and-dee-valley>. The following meetings will be:- The Iron and Bronze Ages, Roles in Archaeology, Myths and Legends, Neolithic Rock Art, Midsummer Celebrations and Eliseg's Pillar.

On display in our item of the month cabinet is a truly magical exhibit – a wand. It was found in a secret cache in the ceiling above the main hearth at Pentre Hall, Bronygarth, directly below a demon carved into the floor above. Possibly, it was placed there to ward off evil spirits. In the art gallery is an exhibition of photographs of Dinas Brân Castle by Jane Evans, along with historical paintings and drawings of the Castle and some photographs taken during the recent excavations there by Heneb. In November Sylvia Hikins is mounting an exhibition entitled 'Changing Landscapes', and booked for February is local Carrog artist Grace Hughes, who paints landscapes inspired by the beauty of the local area. Our programme of talks continues. Dr Pauline Clarke gave an illustrated presentation for our October talk about the Portable Antiquities Scheme and the Material Culture of Offa's Dyke. Since its creation under the 1996 Treasure Act, the Portable Antiquities Scheme has built a vast database of artefacts from England and Wales. Based on PhD research at the University of Chester, exploring what these finds revealed about British interactions with Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian neighbours and how they help identify enduring sites in the landscape—particularly in the under-researched Marches region. Our November talk has been moved back into early December. On December 10th Gill Smith will be giving an illustrated talk on Hidden Histories and Folklore of North Wales Churches. This will be the first of two talks covering churches from the local

area to Anglesey and the ancient churches on the Pilgrimage route to Bardsey Island along the Lley Peninsula. Talks start at 7pm at the Museum. Tickets are £3 at the door with refreshments provided. We hope to see you there! The Museum closes for Christmas from Monday 22nd December to Sunday 4th January. We will also be closed for 8 days at the end of January (23rd to 30th), for cleaning and collection inspection. For all of the latest information about what is happening at the Museum, do keep an eye on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Llangollen-Museum-100057657969751/>.

Finally, as with many voluntary organisations, we desperately need more volunteers. If you want to be more involved with the history of the area, and become a volunteer at the Museum, please contact our manager Gill Smith at gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk or on **07516 023524**.

CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cefn and District Museum continues to open weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week from 10am to 12.30pm, the only exception being Bank Holidays, though we will of course be taking a Christmas and New Year break. Do come in and see us and explore Cefn and its surrounding areas as it has been through the past decades and centuries. Our current Special Exhibition is about local railways, and this will run into the New Year. We are also very pleased, when invited, to take our 'Museum in a Box' to community groups and care homes. Please contact Alan Tiltman on **07753 251768** or by email on a.tiltman@icloud.com if you wish to invite us. And you can keep up with us on our Facebook page, which displays an item from the Museum's collection every week.

The Historical Society continues to hold its regular meetings, usually on the last Friday of the month in the George Edwards Hall at 2pm. November's meeting is an exception, as we have had to bring it forward a week to Friday 21st November, when our speaker will be Alistair Williams, giving a talk on '**The Gummows**'. We take a break in December and then on Friday 30 January, David Parry will give a talk on '**Brymbo and North Wales Mineral Railway**'. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings!

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.
Answerphone: **01978 822305**. www.clwydfhs.org.uk

Crane Medical Centre

Crane St, Cefn Mawr, LL14 3AB;
Tel: 01978 810844



News Update

Welcome to the twenty third edition of Crane News.

We hope you are all well. It's that time of year again when we might be tempted to drink more alcohol than usual. Do you know what the maximum number of units a week is now? For both males and females, it is only 14 units a week. A pint of normal strength beer is just over 2 units, as is a small glass of wine. A pub measure of spirits is one unit of alcohol. So, if you only have a pint of beer every day for a week you will be exceeding the maximum recommended consumption. Alcohol is also a source of calories so if you are trying to watch your weight restricting your alcohol is a good idea.

There is an increasing prevalence of Type 2 diabetes. Are you at risk? When we do routine bloods for patients, we usually check your blood for this by measuring something called HbA1c. This is a more reliable method of checking your diabetes type 2 risk rather than just looking at blood glucose. There is such a thing as pre-diabetic and by modifying lifestyle we can often reduce the risk of this developing to diabetes. So, if you are asked to make an appointment for bloods by the surgery please do so and ask about diabetes risk.

Do you know your blood pressure? Do you know what is normal blood pressure for you? You can buy blood pressure monitors so that you can monitor this at home. This is often a better way of knowing what your true blood pressure is as coming to the surgery can often result in elevated readings. If you are on blood pressure tablets, we may need to adjust the dose as you get older. Therefore, it is important to keep a check on your blood pressure.

With some blood pressure tablets we need to also have regular blood tests so please arrange if you are asked to.

Winter is always a busy time at A and E departments so please try not to attend and consider alternatives such as pharmacies or the 111 service. Help the NHS help you.

HEARING AID SUPPORT

Did you know that the *Wrexham Maelor Audiology Department* have monthly Drop In sessions at the following places.

Llangollen Library, Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NU on the **2nd Friday** of every month between 10am and 12 noon, find us upstairs in the Tourist Information building on Castle Street and there is a lift to the library on the first floor.

Corwen Family Practice, Green Lane, Corwen LL21 0DN on the **3rd Friday** of every month from 10am to 12 noon.

Chirk Community Hospital, St John's St, Chirk LL14 5LN on the **2nd Wednesday** of every month from 10am to 12 noon. We clean and re tube aids and give out batteries. No appointment needed.

CHIRK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WOUND CARE CLINIC

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LLANGOLLEN RURAL COMMUNITY AGENT.

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I work **Tues & Wed 8:30-2:30 & Thurs 8:30- 12:30**. Wrexham Sounds 'Have a Go' music sessions and activities at the Community Centre on **18th + 25th Nov** and **9th Dec**.

GARTH & TREVOR OVER 50S GROUP

Trevor Community Centre, Heol Penderyst, Trevor, LL20 7UD

We meet between 2-4pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, in **Trevor Community Centre**, enjoying a wide range of social activities This is a friendly group that welcomes everyone from the area.



FRONCYSYLTE DARBY & JOAN CLUB

We meet every Tuesday at 2pm in *Froncysyllte Community Centre, 1 Gate Rd, Llangollen LL20 7RH*. New members are very welcome at the Community Centre, where we have bingo and light refreshments, our subs are collected towards the cost of trips and our Christmas party.

SHOP AT THE CO-OP?

We are delighted that Fron Community Centre has been successful in securing funding from the *Co-op Local Community Fund*. This will support the work of the Community Centre. You can help by choosing Froncysyllte Community Centre as your 'cause'. Simply log in to your Co-op account and choose Froncysyllte Community Centre as your cause.

<https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes>



TREVOR BEAVERS & CUBS

Would you believe it's becoming that time of year again!! The group had a busy start to the term with a good number of new youngsters joining the group and the opening of our brand new Scout section. This is for boys and girls ten and a half to 14 years of age. *Beavers* have been busy with their gardening and cooks badge, both badges have a number of sections to them. *Cubs* have been busy with their Fire Safety and International Badge. *Scouts* have been working on their Fire Safety and risk assessments. We had a fabulous Halloween party at the end of half term. All the youngsters dressed up and plenty of games and fun for them too. Such as decorating Halloween biscuits, ducking for apples, tasting dragons blood, making skeletons, trying to catch doughnuts swinging on string etc etc. Great, noisy fun. Our Scouts went to Ty Mawr in the dark and carved pumpkins, went for spooky walks and had hot chocolate to warm them up. In November we are spending an evening at Xplore Wrexham to view their new exhibits and games, that should be good. On December 10th we will be carol singing with the residents of *Plas Telford*, then on December 11th, we will be carol singing with the residents of *Llys y Graig*, both the youngsters and adults really enjoy and look forward to that activity. We break up for Xmas on December 12th and to end the year, we have a chippy and movie night. As always anyone who wishes to help in the group in any way at all. Or any children who may wish to join us please contact myself in the first instance on **07939 476208**. Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Elaine Anderson. Group Lead Volunteer.

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CEFN LIBRARY UPDATE

What's on for Children

Summer Reading Challenge Thank you to everyone who took part. We had more than double the number of children taking part and were able to give out certificates and medals in assemblies in Ysgol Min Y ddol, Ysgol Cefn Mawr and Ysgol Acrefair. Congratulations to Ffion who also won the £25 Odeon voucher and all the other prize drawer winners.

Lego Club every Wednesday 3:15-4pm.

Bike Marking North Wales Police again provided a free session outside the library on October 22nd. Look out for future dates to help all ages be safe and be seen.

What's new for Adults

Warm spaces do drop in any time over the winter for a free cuppa, borrow a book or read the newspaper. We have colouring in sheets for adults and children too. Come along to

Connecting Cefn every Thursday 2-4pm. Make new friends and Donna, **Cefn's Community Agent** is here if you're over 50 and need any advice or support.

Cefn Remembers has moved to **3-4pm** on the **1st Thursday** of the Month We love hearing memories of local life. Do bring along items or photos to share. We'll have a different theme display each month. November it's on wartime in Cefn and December – Christmas and shopping. January no meeting but still come for a cuppa & February – Married in Cefn. If you've got wedding photos from local churches over the decades we'd love to display them – we can take a photocopy if you don't want to part with your picture or email them to us at cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk.

Citizens Advice is now twice a month in Cefn Mawr Library. The next drop in services are **1:30-4:30pm** **Monday 10th & 24th November, 8th & 22nd December, 12th & 26th January, 9th & 23rd February.**

Adult book club has moved to the last Friday of the month from 2-3pm.

What else do we do?

Come along anytime for a chat, read a book or newspaper. We provide photocopying, free WIFI, iPads, computers and laptops. Wireless printing is available: 20p per page Black & White, 40p per page for colour. You can also get blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags.

We have a dedicated **quiet** corner and also quiet library time from 4:30-5:30 on Thursdays.

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.

Don't forget we have **audio** books on CD, **large print books** plus **Quick Reads** for those who haven't got a lot of time. With the **Borrowbox** app you can **read online**. Just download it to your phone or laptop.

Can't find the book you want? Ask in the library, online or by email and we'll try and find it for you. You can collect or return items from any local Welsh library. **We're open Mondays 1-5:30pm, Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-5:30pm, Friday 9-5:30pm.** Email: Cefnmawr.library@wrexham.gov.uk or ring 01978 820938

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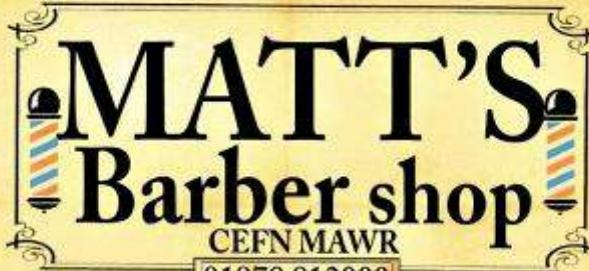
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CHURCH NEWS



'Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship' has moved after 11 happy years of us meeting in the Old Canteen in Cefn Mawr, due to its recent closure. We want to say a big thank you to Krissy and all those involved for looking after us so well and making us feel so

welcome during that time.

We now meet at **Froncysyllte Community Centre** and are happy now to have re-named ourselves as **'Dee Valley Christian Fellowship'**. This is a new and exciting adventure for us as we now meet with the lovely folk from the surrounding villages within the whole valley, and we would really love you to come along and join with us too!

But who are we? We are a friendly group of people from different backgrounds and churches – or none – who believe God's bible to be true. We continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month at 10.15am for Café Church where we enjoy a selection of free cakes and cuppas around small tables to question and discuss things written in the bible, giving us the opportunity to understand it more fully, and to get to know more about Jesus. Or perhaps you have heard about our Social Evenings? We hold these 11 days after Café Church at 7pm when we meet for a fun evening, often with table games, but always for a good old natter around more free food, and with the opportunity to meet new friends, but please bring along some friends of your own for us to meet and enjoy getting to know as well! We will be having our **Carol Service** on Thursday 18th Dec' this year, so if you'd enjoy joining with us for that, we would truly love to have you with us to celebrate in song the true meaning of Christmas. If you would like to know more, then please telephone *Colin or Rowena* on **01978 824785**, or leave a message on our answer phone and we will call you back. **We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year!**

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Open for **Sunday** worship at 10:30 am.

Sun 21st Dec Carol Service at 2-30 pm.

Wed 25th Christmas Day Service at 10-30 am

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December Services

Sun 7th Dec Holy Eucharist Christingle at 11am

Sun 14th Dec Holy Eucharist at 11am

Sun 21st Dec Morning Prayer at 11am

Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm

Tues 24th Dec Crib Service at 3pm

Christmas Eve Eucharist at 8pm

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Sunday Services

1st Sun 9.30am Family Eucharist followed by tea & coffee

2nd & 4th Sun 9.30am Choral Eucharist

3rd Sun 9.30am Morning Prayer followed by tea & coffee

5th Sun Mission Area Joint Service time tbc.

Contact **Sue Tye 07591 175936**.

Sat Nov 29th Tabletop Sale 12noon-4pm. £10 per table all funds for church maintenance. Contact Julie **07542 055408**

Sun 30th Nov Christingle Service at 4pm

Weds 3rd to 24th Dec Advent Bible Study 1.30pm in Church Hall and evenings Zoom tbc.

Fri 5th to Sun 7th Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 6th Dec Walking Nativity meet at Village Hall 10am

Sun 21st Dec Christmas Carols at 4pm

Wed 24th Dec Christmas Eve Crib Service 4pm

Christmas Eve Eucharist 11.30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCHS

St. Richard Gwyn Parish Chirk, Llangollen & Ruabon **Parish Priest:** 3 The Villas, New High Street, Ruabon, LL14 6NW **Office :** **01978 821 568** **Website:** www.strichardgwynparish.co.uk
Email: priestruabon@rcdwxm.org.uk

Weekend Mass times: Saturday 6pm Holy Cross, Llangollen, Sunday 9am Sacred Heart, Chirk & 11am St Mary's, Ruabon

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Sacred Heart, Chirk - 10am, Wednesdays, Holy Cross Llangollen - 10am Thursdays, St. Mary's Ruabon - 10am.

Holy Day of Obligation:

Vigil Mass, Holy Cross, Chirk - 6pm

Day of Obligation, Holy Cross, Llangollen - 10am St. Mary's, Ruabon - 7pm

Adoration and Rosary on 1st and 3rd Friday each month.

Shared Christmas events at St Mary's, Ruabon:

Sun 30th Nov Christingle Service at 4pm

Fri 5th to Sun 7th Christmas Tree Festival

Sun 21st Dec Christmas Carols at 4pm

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve 24th Dec, 6pm, St Mary's, Ruabon

Christmas Day 25th Dec, 9am, Sacred Heart, Chirk and 11am, Holy Cross, Llangollen.

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

Weekly **Mass and Communion** on **Sundays 11am**, When there is a **5th Sunday** there will be a united service for all four churches. *Church Opening Times for Prayer and Visiting*: Sunday: 10am - 12 noon. Monday to Saturday 10am - 3pm.

Celtic Eucharist: The first Sunday of every month (9.30am) at St Tysilio's Church, Llantysilio. Step into a service rooted in the ancient traditions of the early Celtic Christians! Come, find peace in the Celtic way.

Sun 14th Dec, 3pm. St Tysilio's Carols by Candlelight

Sun 21st Dec, 6pm St Collen's Carols by Candlelight: Join us for a service of readings and carols by candlelight, a beautiful and reflective way to begin the Christmas season. Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine!

Wed 25th Dec, 11am Christmas Day Service

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

Trevor LL20 7TL

Sunday Morning Prayer at Trevor Church every Sunday at 9.30 am. We have Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of each month. When there is a 5th Sunday we have a combined service in St Collen's Llangollen at 11am.

Wed 25th Dec Christmas Day Service in St Collen's Church, Llangollen at 11am.



THE DORY GALLERY

Regent Street, Llangollen.
LL20 8HL

Christmas Fair Sat 6th Dec from 12 noon to 4pm.

Looking for that special piece of art to enrich your home, come and have a mooch around our 8 gallery spaces. The work varies each month with regular exhibition updates.

Bernie Bakari - Sky Arts Portrait of the Year contender. Bernie paints *Jack Dee* and has a wonderful experience. He is now delivering oil painting classes for those who are taking the medium seriously and offers a comprehensive 10 session course covering all aspects of painting with oils. (See website or call in for more details)

John Peacock - stunning stitched collage, John worked for the BBC as a costume designer working on period dramas etc., he has also written several books on the subject.

Anne MacRae Marshall - Canadian born based in Virginia with a special affection for North Wales Anne has captured the beauty of Llangollen and the surrounding area in a bright, invigorating array of colour.

Keith Roberts - London based artist, Keith has strong connections with Llangollen and we are honored to exhibit his latest collection *Jack Drum's Entertainment* which uses the human form in a mythological guise. (One for those who like intrigue)

Edward Bell - creator of some of David Bowie's album covers - a collection of his montage pieces, quite thought provoking.

Paul Munroe - last chance to view these exquisite abstract sea scapes and boats.

Jan Wallis - Llannerch/Glade is Jan's developing textile installation, feel free to come and chat with her or check out *Ghost of a Room* her on-going re-imagining of the dark oak carved panels at Plas Newydd all hand sewn, white quilting mock up of the house interior (took years to make)

Louise Edwards - local artist with a wonderful selection of character paintings - you feel you've met them before, colourful and vibrant.

Danusia Keilar - local artist producing landscape water colours with a fresh vibrancy that draws you in.
Steve Lane - Liverpool based artist, Steve's love for nature and his feel for the environment shows in his small abstract landscapes.

Our Life Drawing Group - we have a collection of work from our life Drawing group show casing various styles and techniques at great value for money.

Dory - as always a small selection of Dory's work to engage with and develop your skills of just being and absorbing.

Life Drawing Classes Our regular Mondays classes 10.30am - 12.30pm run throughout Nov and Jan (non in December) drop in sessions, £13 bring your own pads and medium - pencils, charcoal, paints, inks etc. we supply boards and tea/coffee and a chance to show your work should you wish to. All professional models used. All levels welcome.

Nook Arts - Pottery, we now have Charlie and her potters wheel, book a 1hr taster class on Facebook at [nookartsllangollen](https://www.facebook.com/nookartsllangollen) and make your own pot. Plus advanced sessions for those with a little more experience.

Bone Health & General Wellbeing Movement

Practice improve your mobility and flexibility, Join us on Wed morning 10.30 - 12noon or evening 6.30 - 8pm to relax, ease tension and tune into your body with gentle mindful movement, strength work using bands and moderate yoga poses. for more information, or to book email

leewardyoga@gmail.com or pop into the gallery.

First class half price, £12 thereafter. Equipment supplied or bring your own.

We also hire out gallery spaces should you wish to hire a space, please see our website. All exhibitions, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Check our website www.dorygallery.com and Instagram

[@the_dory_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/the_dory_gallery) for details, exhibitions and gallery events. Entry is free for everyone, dogs are welcome inside and kids can have fun with our Art Trail quiz!

Email: thedorygallery@gmail.com



CINEMA CRYPT

George Edwards Hall,
Cefn Mawr LL14 3AE

Saturday 20th December
The Nightmare before Christmas

Doors open 3.30pm for 4pm start, tickets £3 at the door, refreshments available, we take cash or card. Free car parking at the rear of the hall, disabled accessible. See our Facebook page for more information.

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Llys Y Craig Sheltered Housing, Rock Road,
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the railing to the right of their yard gate.*

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

On wall to left of front door.

The George Edwards Hall, Well St, Cefn LL14 3AE
On the wall to left by front door planter.

The Eagles, Llangollen Road, Acrefair LL14 3RP
*On the wall facing King Street near pedestrian
crossing.*

Plas Madoc Housing Office, 50 Peris, Acrefair LL14
3LF All equipment is accessible 24/7 and is regularly
checked.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LLANGOLLEN FOOD SHARE HUB

Castle Street end of Market Street Car Park. If you have queries call **07538 894449** contact us on Facebook or email:

llangollenfoodshare@gmail.com

Open for food parcels **1-2pm Wed**, for donations **10-11am Tues**. Open for **Community Fridge** sharing free surplus food **Mon & Thurs 9-11am**.

*Donation Point for Llangollen Food Share is at The Spar. We will collect donations on a regular Basis. Thanks to Spar Llangollen for joining us to help those in poverty. For Crisis or Emergency support: we can help out of hours: to talk in confidence, message us on Facebook or text **07538 894 449**. If you know of anyone struggling, please share details for them to contact us. We can deliver to those unable to collect. We share supermarket surplus to stop food waste, check our Facebook page for updates. Food Share is for everyone. If you can support us by donating food or money, please get in touch for with us.*

WREXHAM FOODBANK PLAS MADOC

Provide emergency food parcels and toiletries to those in financial crisis. You need a referral from someone that helps you with other support such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, Community Agent, School or Citizen's Advice Wrexham. You can also call **Help Through Hardship** free on **0808 208 2138**. We have 8 centres for parcel collection, and someone can collect on your behalf, or you can request a home delivery.

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre foodbank is open **Thurs 10.30-12 noon**. Donations welcome on Tues and Fri between 10am -3pm at **Unit 3 Edwards Enterprise Park, Rhosddu Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL11 4YZ**. To volunteer please email ifo@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or call **07538 547971**. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk

THE COMMUNITY CAFE & FOODBANK RHOS

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.

CITIZENS ADVICE WREXHAM

Free independent impartial, confidential advice on **Thurs** at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre 9.30am to 12 noon**. Also at **Cefn Mawr Library** on **Mon 10th & 24th Nov, 8th & 22nd Dec, 12th & 26th Jan, 9th & 23rd Feb**. Need advice before then? Call **0300 330 1178** between 10am and 2pm or leave your name, number and brief description of your issue on the general advice line answer machine **01978 364639** and they will call you back.

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Do contact us for a free **Safe and Well** check, Please call **0800 169 1234** or visit <http://ow.ly/4zS950GUlfr>

COMMUNITY FOOD, FRIENDSHIP & COMPANY

Free weekly sessions at **St Collen's Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL** Tel: **01978 860231**

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. Please check the Facebook page **St. Collen's Community Centre** for updates.

VETERAN'S DROP-IN SESSION

At the **Memorial Hall Bodhyfryd, Wrexham LL12 7AG** from 10am -12 noon the last **Saturday** of the month. Email **Graham Jones:**

graham@woodyslodge.org

FRIENDS OF PARKIES

The charity is based in **St Martins** next to Stan's Supermarket, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families, we meet every **2nd Wed** of the month. Call **Elaine** on **07760 685447** and see our Facebook page **friends of parkies**.

NEW PATHWAYS

Provide specialist support to adults, children and young people who have been affected by rape, sexual violence or abuse. Phone **01685 379310**, email enquiries@newpathways.org.uk or visit our webpage www.newpathways.org.uk

VETERANS' GATEWAY Information and support for veterans and families call 24/7 for help **0808 8021212**, text **81212** or

email support@veteransgateway.org.uk

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE / WELFARE RIGHTS

Telephone advice for all Wrexham residents on Social Security entitlements including Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance and disability benefits. Call **01978 298255 9.30am - 12pm, Monday to Friday**.

WREXHAM FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Here to help and support with a range of family issues or concerns. Call **01978 292094** or email: fis@wrexham.gov.uk to check our Facebook page for updates resources, events, activities and courses.

WREXHAM KIDNEY CAFÉ

At **The Wellbeing Hub, 31 Chester Street, Wrexham LL13 8BG**

Popham Kidney Café meets **1st Wed** of the month from **10am - 12 noon**, supporting people, families and carers living with kidney disease. To book call **0333 2001285** email:

support@pophamkidneysupport.org.uk or visit www.pophamkidneysupport.org.uk

B.O.T.S. BUMS ON TUMS

We are a Stoma support group called B.O.T.S we meet on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **Hope Church, Oswestry SY11 2EP** in Room 1 from 11am to 1pm. At our meeting we socialise with other ostomates, offer the opportunity to talk and share, find out about the latest products from suppliers and have guest speakers on a variety of subjects. New members welcome, please contact Emily on **07972 519165** email: emily.hackworthy@live.co.uk

PLAS MADOC UPDATES

What's on in Plas Madoc

& The Land

MONDAYS

Homegrown, 51 Peris LL14 3LF

Drop-in 10am-12pm pop for a chat, support and a brew.

After Dark parent group at Kettle Club Hub 6pm-8pm

TUESDAYS

Crafty Brew at Homegrown 9am - 12 noon come make some crafts.

Over 55s Bingo at Plas Telford 2pm, £5 book prizes to be won.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast and brews at Homegrown free for anyone 10am - 12pm

Cook Club at Homegrown from 5pm-7pm £2 to cover ingredients

THURSDAYS

Homegrown (51 Peris) from 9am -3pm - with the **Pantry** being open during these hours. Please note, we have Internet and phone credit for anyone who may need to use it :) we can only do food bank referrals for Plas Madoc collection between 10am and 11.45am (collection times are 10.30am - 12pm)

Drop-in - where we can help with food bank referrals, baby basics, daf, and support for other services - and of course brew - please only attend if you need support with anything.

The Pantry is open also 9am - 3pm where it is 10 items for £3, please bring your own bags.

FRIDAYS

'Thank Me It's Friday' 10am-12pm at Homegrown group for adults that focuses on supporting wellbeing in a relaxing, calming environment.

RSPCA Mobile Clinic from 9am-11am at the Kettle Club Hub.

Playschemes at the Land for children aged 5 to15 please **contact @Land Plasmadoc** for more information or call **01978 813912**

The Land a provision for children & young people facilitated by The Land team will run Monday – Friday. We will be running services for children aged 0-15 and their families on the Land Adventure Playground and within the community.

All play provision is free to attend – for more details please contact Claire.pugh@avow.org

Or <http://avow.org/> or find us on

Facebook@Land Plasmadoc

Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm 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

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

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

www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk http://

LITTLE SUNFLOWERS

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



PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP

Shop open Mondays to Saturdays 7am to 10pm.

Sundays 8am to 9pm.

Post Office open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 12.30pm **Tel: 01978 820729**

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE

The Office is 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 Mon–Thurs, 9am–4pm Fri.

It is important that tenants have Home Contents Insurance, please call **01978 292061** for advice on this as we no longer provide this service or email us on 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

If you have **URGENT** Out of Hours housing repairs contact housing on **01978 298993**.



KIDDIES WORLD ACREFAIR

Tel: **01978 810242** **Playgroup** morning 9am-11am

£10, afternoon 12.30pm-3pm £11, all day 9am-3pm

£28 **Nursery wraparound** 11.30am-3pm £13.50

We offer a baby/toddler group on Mondays 9am-10.45am based in the activity centre at Ysgol Acrefair. Sessions are £2 per child/adult 50p for any additional children or adults. Includes snack and a drink for both the children and the adults.

We have been busy moving some of our sessions into the newly refurbished activity centre building with a view for the whole of Kiddies World to soon be fully operational from this building. We enjoyed Hallowe'en and completed a sponsored Hallowe'en Hunt raising £340. We are looking forward to the run up to Christmas and welcoming our new Early Education and Flying Start intake in January 2026.

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LOCAL CHOIRS

THE FRON MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Fron Choir Hits a New Note – and Gets Ready for a Festive Finale! It's all change for the Fron Choir this autumn! After an incredible 30 years rehearsing at Ysgol Acrefair, the lads are packing up their sheet music and heading to a new home. From Mon, 3rd Nov, rehearsals take place at Ysgol Rhiwabon's Gym/Hall. Don't worry though — it's still the same friendly routine: Mon and Thurs, 7 to 9pm. Visitors are still more than welcome to pop in and listen, though the choir jokes it might be wise to give them a couple of weeks to figure out how the new gate and doors work first! And what better way to round off the year than with some festive singing? We have two local Christmas concerts lined up, both promising that special mix of warmth, humor and glorious harmony that the choir is known for. First up, All Saints Church, Gresford, on Sat, 6th Dec at 7pm, joined by the fantastic Wrexham County Youth Choir, who always bring a wonderful energy and sparkle to any performance. Then, on Sat, 13th Dec, the Fron are heading just over the border to Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, again at 7pm. This time their special guests will be Lleisiau'r Afon, a talented ladies' choir from Carrog, near Corwen. They're led by Leigh Mason, who also happens to be the Fron's very own Musical Director so there'll be plenty of friendly rivalry and festive spirit in the air! With a new rehearsal space and two joyful Christmas concerts to look forward to, it's safe to say the Fron Choir are ending the year on a high note.

THE JAMES LAMBERT SINGERS

We are a mixed choir and our weekly practices are on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Brymbo Sports Club. For booking and membership enquiries, phone or text **07774 850677**

Thanks to everyone who supported our free *Concerts for Care Homes Programme* during 2025, which has now closed. It was very popular and was oversubscribed and we are just sorry that it wasn't possible to provide free concerts for everybody.

RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are currently recruiting new members to this award winning choir with an emphasis on excellence. We have a top class Musical Director who is also an award winning Conductor. We are also blessed with a top class accompanist.

We have just won The Welsh National Eisteddfod in Wrexham, you can see our winning performance on YouTube. Our current team will help and encourage you. Come to a practice night and see what you think, either at the Stiwt in Rhos on Mondays or Capel Bethel, Chapel Street, Rhos on Thursdays both at 7pm. Don't worry about having no or little previous experience, it's not where you start it's where you finish. Ring John on **07878 517349** if you would like to chat.

RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY CHOIR

For Raise the Roof Community Choir, the autumn and pre-Christmas periods are always quite busy. We currently have engagements at Bod Llwyd and Ashley Court Residential Homes locally, as well as the Haulfryn Care Home in Cymau and an engagement in Penycae.

We are open to further requests to sing — just contact Nova Evans on nova.4song@gmail.com or **07851 078491**, or Alan Tiltman on **07753 251768** or a.tiltman@icloud.com

We meet to sing every Thursday at St John's Church, Rhosymedre at 7pm.

You would be very welcome to join us!

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Acrefair LL14 3HL Tel: 01978 821600

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Family Fun Swim: Every 2nd Fri of the month.

FREE for Welsh residents – Next Dates are:

14/11/25 and 12/12/25 (proof of address may be requested)

FREE swimming for Welsh residents

Under 16's -Mon 3.30pm – 4.30pm and Sat 3pm – 4pm

Over 60's –Thursday 9am – 10am

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

FREE Football Training Sessions for boys and girls with Wrexham AFC Youth Development

Every Thur – 8yrs – 11yrs 4.30pm – 5.15pm

12yrs -16yrs 5.15pm – 6pm

Gym: Open Mon to Fri 9am – 9pm and Sat and Sun 9am – 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: Opening Times:

Mon to Fri – 11am – 4pm

Sat - 11am – 3.30pm

Sun – 10.30am – 3.30pm

Hours are extended in the school holidays, check our website for updates.

PMLC 50+ Luncheon Club:

Every Monday (Term Time Only) 12.15pm

Two course meal with Tea & Coffee **only £3.50**

Booking is essential (call in or Tel: 01978 821600)

Christmas Lunch 8th December £7.50

Birthday Parties and Private Hire: Bookings are now available for Soft Play/Swimming Pool/Bouncy Castle/ Football Parties /Roller skating (1 activity only 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

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Community Support Hub: Residents can access advice and practical support from Citizens Advice, Wrexham Foodbank, WCBC Tenancy Support, Adult Learning Wales, Communities for Work, Groundwork North Wales and Hafren Dydrdwy to name just a few plus we have Social and skill sharing groups on offer from Sewing to Clay modelling!

Let us know what you want from your Community Hub! Volunteers always welcome.

Communities for Work - Mondays 9am – 1pm

Provide one-to-one mentoring for people living in Wrexham aged 20 or over, living in Wrexham and currently unemployed to find a job ideal job.

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Booking is direct with Coleg Cambria;

E mail; Skillsforadults@cambria.ac.uk

Tel **0300 30 30 007**

Website: www.cambria.ac.uk

Citizens Advice Every Thurs 9.30am – 12 Noon

Advice and help on everyday issues – Foodbank vouchers available.

Wrexham Foodbank Every Thurs 10.30am – 12

Noon – *Please note you must obtain a voucher prior to your visit*

TEA WITH SANTA! Friday 5th December 2025



4.30pm – 5.30pm OR 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Only £6 per child, every child gets Tea, Present and a visit with Father Christmas!

Book now on **01978 821600**

TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

The Park is open all year round so do come and enjoy the countryside throughout the winter. Please check our Facebook page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group** where we post pop up events and activities over the winter months.

Looking for an unusual Christmas Gift?

Did you know you can sponsor your favourite animal? The sponsorship scheme has been running since 2006 and has proved to be hugely popular. Money from sponsorship helps towards the upkeep of the animals, including housing, feed, and veterinary bills. For just £10 per year for small animals and £15 for larger animals, you'll receive a personalised certificate, and a chance to meet your chosen animal on a chosen day! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a difference and connect with the amazing animals at Ty Mawr. To sponsor an animal go to WCBCs website

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/.../ty-mawr-country-park> and follow the details given and become a proud sponsor today!

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Mondays: *Croeso i Siarad Cymraeg/Welcomes to Speak Welsh:* 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Giving Welsh learners and speakers the opportunity to socialise, use and practice their Welsh language skills in a fun and informal way. *Family Lego Club:* 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Come and get creative every Monday (except bank holidays).

1st Wednesday of the month:

Wrexham Family Information Service (WFIS) drop-ins: 2.30-4.30pm. *Adult Jigsaw Swap:* 2-3pm

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.

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

Last Wednesday of the month: *Children's Crafts* 3.15-4.15pm.

Thursdays: *Quiet Hour:* 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.

Children's Jigsaws Drop-in: 10:30 – 12:30pm

1st Thursday of the month:

Community Agent Drop-ins: 11am-12pm.

Friendship Group: 12-1pm

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

Children's Colouring Club: 3.15-4.15pm.

Wednesday December 3rd, 10th, 17th: *Children's Christmas themed Craft* 3.15 – 4.15pm.

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We have monthly, varied exhibitions in our exhibition space (available during library opening hours) ranging from local art exhibitions from local art groups and artists, to historic artefacts and crafts. The space is free to use. New exhibitors are always welcome, just contact the library for availability and details.

We also have a community jigsaw, come along and see if you can complete it! 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.

Christmas Hours: Closed from 5pm Mon 22nd Dec 2025 and will re-open at 12noon on Fri 2nd Jan 2026.



RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT

Here to support the over 50s in our Community and help to improve your wellbeing. Signposting to appropriate services, reconnecting you with your local Community, help with Digital Connection, I can support you to complete online applications for Blue Badges, Bus Pass Renewals etc. I hold a weekly **Coffee & Chat Group** at Ruabon Bowling Club on Wednesdays from 10.30-12.30, you can call in for information or book an appointment. I am available the 1st Thurs of each Month at Ruabon Library from 11-12am (No Appointment needed). **Ruabon Library Friendship Group** 3rd Wed of the Month 2-3pm **Ruabon Ukulele Group** meet alternate Mondays at Ruabon Village Hall 1.15-2.30pm. **Musical Memories Group** once a Month Ruabon Bowling Club I work Mon or Tues 9-2, Wed 9-3 and Thurs 9-2. Call 07947 530140, or email ruaboncommunityagent@avow.org

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FRIENDS OF RUABON UPDATE 2024

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Santa Sleigh Ruabon Sat December 20th 5pm, **Santa Sleigh Christmas Tour** of surrounding villages please check our Facebook page for updates.

Sat meetings in the Bridge End Ruabon
Wed meetings in St Mary's Church Ruabon

Wed Nov 5th 7pm, Sat Nov 29th 10am

Sat Jan 10th 10am, Wed Feb 4th 7pm

For volunteering and events please contact **Sarah** on 07957 628551, follow us on Facebook or email: info@friendsofruabon.co.uk



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Sunday 14th December - Acrefair
Saturday 20th December - Ruabon

*Full details, times and updates
can be found on our Facebook page*





YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

Members of the School Council, Student Leaders and Senedd yr Ifanc representative attended the School Council Network at Wrexham FC, allowing students across all Wrexham Secondary Schools to share ideas, experiences, and good practice, including what individual secondary school councils are currently working towards. The school council members had the opportunity to meet other representatives from other schools, learning more about participation opportunities and the UNCRC, supporting pupils and school staff to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and maintain participative approaches and structures within their schools.

Congratulations to Year 9 *Sports Leaders* who did an amazing job as part of the Wrexham Lexus Tennis Open ball crew recently.



Following a very successful period settling our new students into Ysgol Rhiwabon, the school opened its doors to everyone as part of the *Community Open Evening* last month. We had lots of things to celebrate this new academic year, including the our School's 450th Birthday. This made this year's Open Evening even more special. Some

of our Year 7 students who have all been involved in our SWAN project, spoke to a packed main hall, about their transition from primary to secondary school and their experiences of settling in.

Mrs. Ferron-Evans, Headteacher said, 'The Open Evening is an important event for our local families as they visit Ysgol Rhiwabon and look to the future. It is also important for staff and students to be able to showcase our pride in the school. It was a very busy but successful evening'.

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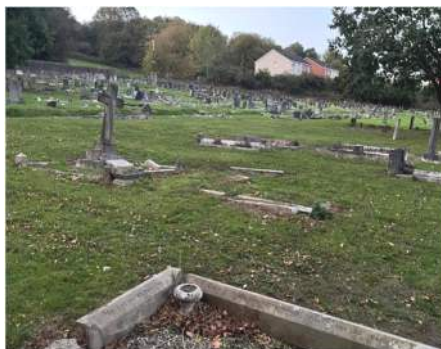
Doors will open at 12 noon and boxing starts at 1pm. Tickets - pay on the door. Adults £15 and U16s £10, please note **cash only** for tickets, thank you.

Any inquiries please call **07776 444191**.

The Lads and Coaches have all been working hard getting ready, Butch and the Team look forward to seeing you here.

SPONSORS We are seeking sponsors for our Boxers for this event, if you would like to support us through sponsoring one of the lads either speak to one of the boxers who will have sponsorship forms or call us on **07776 444194**. Thank you.

RHOSYMEDRE CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEERS



Never though we would get the area looking this good. Almost ready for Remembrance and as a group we will be laying a wreath, paid by ourselves as we promised all money raised is spent on the

graveyard. Thank you for your donations as they have covered fuel, repairs, insurance, replacements as equipment gives up and tools ! We hope to focus more on the paths over the winter if the grass stops growing and we welcome new volunteers.

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Super Learning Week – Careers Week

We have enjoyed a very busy Super Learning Week at the end of October. Thank you to all of our volunteer visitors who came to school to talk with pupils about their jobs/careers. The pupils went to see our visitors at a Careers Fair in the hall. The pupils enjoyed talking to a variety of people who had different careers including a nurse, doctor, librarian, secondary school teacher, sports coach, hairdresser, Tesco colleague, Social Worker, Family Support workers, and Police Officers which included a look around the Police van. In the afternoon, pupils enjoyed meeting Green Watch, Wrexham, with their fire engine, meeting the fire crew and having a tour around the vehicle, with some of our younger classes having the chance to use the fire hose. Our grateful thanks to all of our visitors for giving up their time and helping our pupils to find out about different jobs. Class teachers shared some photographs with families on our ClassDojo. We were delighted with the comments from our visitors about the brilliant questions and good manners our pupils used.



Harvest Celebration

We celebrated a Harvest Celebration Assembly for our whole school on Wednesday, 22nd October. We discussed what harvest is and how lucky we are to have food to eat.

Thank you for your donations of packets and tins. We enjoyed watching each class perform a Harvest song for the school.

Photos were shared with families on the ClassDojo. Well done to everyone for a lovely morning of celebration. We will deliver the food donations to local Foodbanks.



WHAT'S ON LOCAL SEASONAL EVENTS

Sat, 15th Nov, Wrexham Christmas Lights

Switch-on Starting at 12noon in Queens Square then at 5pm the Nightingale House Hospice Lantern Parade wends it way to Eagles Meadow Shopping Centre, where the countdown and Christmas lights switch-on finale will take place from 5.30pm.

Sat 22nd Nov St Martins Christmas Craft

Fayre. 10am St Martins Church Green Lane. Free entry - Come join us and have fun perusing the various craft stalls. Refreshment available. Children welcome.

Tues 25th Nov Rhos Community Council Christmas

Lights Switch-on with music, festive stalls, face painting, fairground rides, Santa and lots more, starting at 6pm

Wed 26th Nov Fiction Fest Meet the Author -

Graham Edwards 2.30am at Llangollen Library admission free, to book call **01978 869600**

Fri 28th Nov Cefn Community Council Christmas

Fair, from 5pm to 7pm at the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr.

Sat 29th Nov Derwen Collage Christmas Fayre

10am-4pm. Locally grown Xmas trees crafts & more.

Sat 29th Nov St Mary's Church Ruabon Tabletop

Sale 12 noon-4pm. £10 per table all funds for church maintenance. Contact Julie **07542 055408**

Sat 29th Nov Llangollen Christmas Festival 10am

Sion Corn Parade & Grotto, Children's activities, live Bands, Market Stalls, Street Food and more.

Sat 6th Dec St Collen's Christmas Fayre

11am-2pm pick up festive gifts, treats and soak up the Christmas spirit. Grand Raffle tickets available soon with some fantastic prizes to be won.

Sat, 6th Dec The Fron Choir & Wrexham County

Youth Choir, at 7pm, in concert at All Saints Church, Gresford.

Sun 7th Dec YFC Illuminated Tractor Run

public entry to the field 3.45pm Tractor Run begins at 5pm, Start & finishing at the Llangollen Pavilion Field. **Route** Llangollen, Trevor, Plas Madoc, Ruabon, Johnstown, Rhosyllen, Wrexham, Marchweil, Eyton, Rhosymedre.

Sun 7th Dec Pontcysyllte Chapel Tearooms

Christmas Fayre 10am-4pm with a visit from Santa, brilliant local stallholders, tasty food & drink and holiday music.

Fri 12th Dec Collen Players Christmas Show

6.30pm Our Players' Christmas show returns, promising jollity, japes, and jovial jesting galore. Tickets £15, includes buffet supper.

Sat, 13th Dec, The Fron with Lleisiau'r Afon

Ladies Choir at 7pm in concert at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry

Fri 15th to Wed 31st Dec The Wizard of Oz Panto

at the Stiwt, Rhos Box office **01978 841300**

Thurs 16th to Sun 18th Jan Dick Whittington

presented by Llangollen's Pantomime Group at Llangollen Town Hall. Show starts 7.30pm and Matinees start 2pm tickets available from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/llangollenpanto



PENYCAE COMMUNITY AGENT

I am Zoe Scott your local Community Agent for Penycae (working for AVOW)

As a Community Agent I work with people over 50 living in the local area and can support you with signposting to services and organisations that will support your health, social and financial needs. Enabling you to feel more independent by focusing on what is important to you. Assisting with form filling, blue badges / bus passes etc. and signpost you to other services that can complete other important applications. Signpost people to local activities and groups and support people to remain socially active and engaged with their community.

Helping people feel more secure and cared for and to have a better quality of life.

Every **Monday** there is **Lunch Club**, £5 per person at Penycae Football Club from 1.30-3.30pm and my **Community Agent Drop in** at Penycae Football Club on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Coffee Morning from 10am-12 noon. If you feel I can support you please do contact me on **07751 778868**.

Best wishes Zoe

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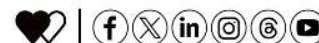


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RHOS LIBRARY NEWS

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Opening hours: Mon & Frid: 10am-6pm, Tues & Wed: 10am-5pm The library is closed on Thurs.
The following regular events/activities take place each week/month:-

Mondays 10:30 –12pm *Art Group* 10:30-12pm
Community Agent Drop-in session. 2-3pm
Conversational Welsh **Tuesdays** 10-11am *Quiet Time* 2-4pm *Knit and Natter*. **Wednesdays** 10-3pm
Citizens Advice drop in for residents of Penycae, Ruabon South, Ponciau, Pant, Johnstown and Rhos only. No appointment needed 10-3pm *Communities for Work Digital* **Wednesdays** 3-4pm *Lego Club* suitable for 4+ with Duplo Lego available for younger children. 2:30 - 3:30pm *Reading Group* on the first Wednesday of every month. 2-4pm *Wrexham Family Information Service* drop in held on the last Wednesday of every month **Fridays** 10:30-11am *Bilingual Story & Rhyme Time*. 2-3pm *Friendship Group* 11-12pm *Reminisce Group* held on the third Friday of every month.

We provide a photocopying service – 20p per sheet A4 Black & White and 40p colour A3 Black & White 40p per sheet and 60p A3 colour. We have desktops, laptops and ipads. Wireless printing is also available. We have a dedicated quiet area which is available on Tuesdays between 10-11am. Our library has easy access for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and we also have a disabled toilet. We have a wide range of both English and Welsh fiction and non-fiction books, audio books and children's books. Items are on loan for three weeks and can be renewed either by phone, email, online www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries or in person. Items can be returned to any of the County Borough's libraries. You can also pick up blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags from the library. **Christmas closing** the library will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve Wed 24th December will reopen on Fri 2nd January 2026 at 10am

RHOS COMMUNITY AGENT

Working for Rhos Community Council I help all residents, 50+, living in Rhos, Johnstown and Ponciau by signposting to groups, clubs and activities, helping complete forms and signposting to services supporting local people. This free service provided by Rhos Community Council.



We have a **Christmas Event** at The Hafod Club Rhos on **Wed 26th Nov**, afternoon tea and a band called Triolgy, playing assorted music from the 60's onwards Tickets £12 are available from myself. In October myself and the PCSO's started a new group called "**News and Brews**" held in Johnstown Bowls Club, Bryn Avenue **12pm-2pm** on the **1st & 2nd Thurs** of the month, a free event with hot drinks and soup provided followed by a speaker. There are **coffee mornings/ageing well** events on the **1st Wed** of each month at Johnstown Community Centre, Heol Kenyon **10.30am-12pm**. Breakfast baps from £2, hot drinks £1 and there are information stalls from different services, open to all. The **Reminisce Group** meets at Rhos library on the **3rd Fri** of each month 11am-12pm and supports those living with dementia and their carers. There are spaces available at the **Art Club**, held at Rhos library **Fri 1.30pm-3pm**.

Lunch Club is the **2nd Mon** every month at different locations each month.

Rhos Community Councils **Christmas lights** switch on is on **Tuesday 25th Nov** and the festivities will start at 6pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me for information on local support available via:

Phone **07851 798630**

Email: rhoscommunityagent@gmail.com

Find me on Facebook: Rhos, Johnstown, Ponciau community agent

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Michelle Wynne



CHIRK GARDENERS' CLUB

We're a friendly, informal group with about 60 members. Meeting in the Parish Hall, Chirk on the last Monday of the month at 6.45pm, talk starts at 7pm with a talk or demonstration and refreshments. We usually have a selection of members plants for sale and a raffle. This is a good time to swap gardening knowledge and tips with other gardeners. Our annual membership is £15 including refreshments and a members annual outing, or £3 per visit. If you would like more information please contact the Chair, **Dawn** on **07538 418421** or dawngough60@gmail.com New members and visitors are always welcome. Our last meeting of the year is on **Mon 24th Nov** when the talk will be 'Don't Let Your Garden go to Sleep in Winter' by Kevin Pratt a gold medal winning gardener. Kevin will be looking at Winter plants, jobs to do and gardens to visit for Winter interest. He is a very experienced horticulturalist who has won gold medals and is on the RHS Trial Committee. He'll be telling us how we can have interest in our gardens in Winter by covering 50 plants to grow and how to grow them. He'll also be giving us jobs to do and where to visit to see Winter colour. We have our Christmas Raffle for a superb Bird Table and three amazing Bug Boxes. We then take our winter break and look forward to welcoming you back for our February talk on **Mon 23rd Feb** 'Plants with a story' by Samantha Hopes. Sam trained at Birmingham Botanical Gardens and has worked at RHS Wisley too. She'll be telling us about 25 interesting plants. From where they were collected, how they are pollinated and grow to folklore and old wives tales. Sure to intrigue!



CREATING SPACES

A friendly space for people with Dementia and their loved ones every Tuesday at Dobbie's Café, Morton Garden Centre, Chirk from 2-4pm. This is a safe, relaxed place to connect, chat and unwind. Enjoy a hot drink, a snack and good company. For more information contact **Brigitte** on **07383 579824**



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Chirk Drop-ins are at *Craig Close Community Centre* – the middle Wednesday of every month between 10:30am – 1pm. This is for the residents of Craig Close and other WCBC Housing Contract Holders

GLYN CEIRIOG & CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY AGENT

Christina Brewin works with all over 50s, in the areas of **Llansantfraid, Glyn Ceiriog, Nantyr, Pandy, Tregeiriog & Llanarmon DC.** Offering free advice and information, connecting you with key local services, she works Wed and Thur 10am - 6pm. Sat morning 9am - 1pm. Tel/text: **07908 373003** or e: glynceiriogcommunityagent@gmail.com Available for phone calls Monday and Tuesday evenings between 6pm - 8pm. Here to help!



GLYNTRAIAN COMMUNITY AGENT

Davina Davies supports all over 50s with free advice and Information to improve your quality of life, health and wellbeing in **Dolywern, Pontfadog, Llechrydau, Llwynmawr** parts of **Castle Mill** and **Bronygarth.** **Brunch Club** every Tuesday, served 10 till 12 noon, everyone is encouraged to stop and chat afterwards at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, **Computer Club** every other Wednesday and **Coffee & Cake** every other Thursday. Our **Men's Club** meets every Thursday evening 6.30pm till 8.30pm at the Oliver Jones Hall Dolywern. My working hours are every afternoon from 12.30pm and all day Tuesday. Phone **07496 597894** or email: communityagentGT@glyntraian.org.uk

CEIRIOG COMMUNITY

Carols by Candlelight with **The Llansillin Choir**, at St Garmon's Church, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog on Sat 30th Nov at 4pm.

Free entry, and all welcome, do join us for carols, mulled wine and mince pies!

CHIRK COMMUNITY AGENT

Brigitte Price supports the over 50s in the Chirk community. Let me know how I can help you live your best life by improving your wellbeing. Signposting you to helpful services, reconnecting you with your local community and much more. Please contact me on **07383 579824** or **01978 312556**.

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CHIRK COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

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YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

We have been delighted to welcome back learners this Autumn. We also have extended a very warm welcome to many new learners across the school including our Nursery friends. We are proud of how quickly and calmly learners have settled into the new academic year. It has been a busy half term!



Learners in our Foundation Phase Resource Provision learnt about Autumn in their locality using a multi sensory approach which included listening to the crunching leaves and feeling natural

textures.

Learners in Year 2 raised £74 for Macmillan by decorating and selling biscuits.

Learners in Year 4 have been learning about life as a Celt. The children have enjoyed designing and building Celtic roundhouses and creating a hillfort to replicate a Celtic Settlement.



Year 6 have been enjoying taking part in the Stay On Side Project again this year, learning about Anti-Social behaviour and how we can make our community a

safer and cleaner place. They love learning how to play Hand Ball during these sessions too! Year 6 also have also learnt about Wales and legends. They have completed some amazing artwork about y ddraig Goch.



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THE FRON MALE VOICE CHOIR HIT THE RIGHT NOTE WITH WREXHAM AFC FANS

The Fron Male Voice Choir have struck a chord with Wrexham AFC supporters quite literally by releasing two unforgettable singles inspired by their performances connected to the club's remarkable journey. The first, *Can't Keep My Eyes Off You*, was recorded after the choir's rousing half-time performance during Wrexham's historic win over Boreham Wood — the match that sealed the National League title and secured promotion to the EFL League Two. Fans were so moved by the performance that they urged the Fron to record the song.

Their second single, *Yma O Hyd*, Dafydd Iwan's iconic anthem of Welsh resilience, was also recorded following huge fan support. The choir had previously performed the song in an advert celebrating Wrexham's striking third shirt, a crisp white and light blue design reminiscent of Argentina's national colours. The shirt's palette honours the Welsh colony established in Patagonia, Argentina, in 1865, a lasting symbol of Welsh heritage abroad. Both singles are available exclusively on Bandcamp for just 99p each. To find them, simply search "**Bandcamp FronMVC**" on Google.

These releases prove once again that the Fron Male Voice Choir are masters of uniting passion, pride and harmony and, that sometimes, the fans really do have the best ideas.

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