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ERDDIG NORDIC WALKERS

Nordic Walking in the Autumn: A Perfect Blend of Fitness and Fresh Air

Erddig Nordic Walkers are currently enjoying their autumn programme of walks in the Wrexham area as the leaves start to put on a show of many colours. A new walk at Loggerheads with a great view of Moel Famau proved very successful and the group is now looking forward to some special Christmas events. Our members agree that Nordic walking is a rewarding way to spend time outdoors, boosting your mood and motivation.

This full-body activity, which uses specially designed poles to engage both the upper and lower body, transforms an ordinary stroll into a low-impact yet highly effective workout. The group walks three times a week, meeting at Erddig on a Saturday morning. All walks are followed by a social; a great chance to meet with like-minded people and make new friends. If you would like to join one of our training sessions, please contact us through our website **www.erddignordicwalkers.co.uk**

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GARDEN IN BLOOM WINNERS

Cefn Community Council held its annual presentation for the garden competition, where residents came together to celebrate the beautiful gardens and find out who our lucky winners were! The event was enjoyed by everyone, with a lovely buffet, tea and coffee, and some fantastic raffle prizes up for grabs. There were some very happy winners!

A special thank you to Derwen College who joined Councillor Phil Vaughan to visit the gardens and help judge the entries, selecting first, second and third prize winners. We are delighted that all proceeds from the event will go to Derwen College, supporting the fantastic work they do. Thank you to everyone who attended, took part, donated raffle prizes and helped make the event such a success. It was a lovely way to celebrate our gardens, bring residents together and support a wonderful cause, the winners were:

Large Garden: 1st Grazyna Holownia, 2nd Mike Roberts, 3rd David Bullough. **Small Garden**: 1st Barbara Lloyd, 2nd Geoff Langford, 3rd Michael Morris. **Container Garden**: 1st David & Michelle Jones, 2nd Barbara Lloyd, 3rd Eluned Jones. **Best Community Garden**: 1st Towers Nursery, 2nd Bethania Chapel. **Veg Garden**: Karen Rowlands. **Wonderfully Wild Garden**: Colin Brown. **Best Overall**: Grazyna Holownia

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Its been a busy and rewarding summer for Tesco Cefn Mawr, as we've had the pleasure of supporting a number of fantastic community groups, charitie
s and local initiatives across our community. Over the summer, we have been proud to get involved in activities including the Ty Mawr Litter Pick, providing free fruit for Rhos y Medre School and volunteering at the Afternoon Lunch and Movies event in Rhos, among many other community activities. It's always a pleasure to see the difference that local support can make and we are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers, groups and organisations who work so hard to make our communities a better place to live. Christmas is coming! With Christmas just around the corner, we'd love to hear from you. If you are part of a community group, charity or school and think Tesco Cefn Mawr could support you or your activities please get in touch and let us know what you are planning. Whether it's volunteering, helping with an event, supporting a local project or simply finding a way we can lend a hand, we'd love to hear your ideas. Our community is at the heart of what we do, and we want to continue supporting the fantastic people and organisations that make such a difference locally. From all of us at Tesco Cefn Mawr we'd like to wish everyone in our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to another year of working together and supporting our wonderful community, you can contact me on **6450@tesco.com**
David, Community Champion, Tesco.

EDITORS COMMENT

Well after that amazing summer Autumn has made its arrival. With misty mornings, different bird calls, dragons' breath in the valleys and clinging to the hillsides, dew laden cobwebs in totally unexpected places that catch your face and makes the hedgerow look like someone started to wrap them the just left them half finished, oh and the leaves, colourful and lovely.. It is my favourite season. Then there is the harvest and the jam making, the preserving and sometimes a chance to make a few bottles for Christmas! There has been so much happening since schools went back in September and it was lovely to see how many of our young people are representing their schools in sports, community activities and civic occasions like the Remembrance Services. We have a great litter picking group of volunteers and they are being joined by some amazing children making their area clean, tidy and welcoming. Thank you to David and all at Team Tesco for all the support they give our community. Do get in touch call 07532 780007 email tyger@tygertactics.com

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Hall Hire Information / Rates: **Main Hall:** £18.50/hour (non-residents & commercial) £14.50/hour (residents & voluntary groups) *Inc dressing rooms:* additional £10.50/hour. **Upper Floor Council Chamber:** £13.50/hour (non-residents & commercial) | £12.50/hour (residents & voluntary groups). **Lower Room / Warm Space:** £14.50/hour (non-residents & commercial) £13.30/hour (residents & voluntary groups) **Party 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 ae charged at double rate.the Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries.

Our **12 Children's Play Parks:** are always open, we ask that you please take your rubbish home with you if there is no available bin, thank you.

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

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

Birthdays: know someone who is going o celebrate their **90th** or **100th** birthdays? Email **admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk**

Trefynant Cemetery: we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to please park carefully and can you put your litter in the bin.

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

Litter Pickers 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. Community Litter Pick dates are posted on our Facebook page Tel: **01978 821298** or email: **admin@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk**

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

Plas Kynaston play park: We are pleased to announce that improvement works at Plas Kynaston Park will begin this month thanks to £23,748 of funding through the UK Government's Pride in Place initiative, the park will have improvements to its play facilities and equipment, helping to create a more enjoyable space for local children and families

Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 27th November from 5pm - 7pm in the George Edwards Hall. Lots of stall and Santa, free entry.

CEFN COMMUNITY AGENT NEWS



I'm Donna Thornley, your Community Agent, offering friendly, practical support for people aged 50+ in Plas Madoc, Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Rhosymedre, Newbridge and Pen-y-Bryn. I can help with forms, bus pass and Blue Badge applications, local services, advice or a friendly chat. Join our activities to meet people and enjoy some company.

COFFEE MORNING – every Wednesday, 9:30am–2pm, George Edwards Hall. Enjoy a cuppa, bacon bap, chat, bingo, cards, arts and crafts, games and other activities. Everyone aged 50+ welcome.

BOCCIA – first Wednesday of every month, 1pm–2:30pm, George Edwards Hall. No experience needed; everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY AGENT LIBRARY DROP-IN – second and fourth Thursday of every month, 3pm–4pm, when the library reopens. Help with forms, bus passes, Blue Badge applications, advice and signposting. No appointment needed.

CINEMA CLUB – first Monday of every month, Plas Telford. Enjoy a film with fellow residents. Contact me to book; places subject to availability.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – 5 December, 2pm–6pm, George Edwards Hall. Our Over 50s party includes a buffet and live singer. Enjoy music, dancing and friends; bring your own tipple if you wish. Tickets on sale: £10 per person. Places limited; tickets subject to availability.

COMMUNITY SURGERY I am holding a Community Surgery on Jan 11 January 2027, 12pm–3pm, George Edwards Hall. Meet organisations offering help and support.

GET IN TOUCH – If you're aged 50+ and would like support, advice or information about any of the activities available locally, please get in touch. I'm always happy to help

Facebook: Cefn Community Agent

Tel: **07925 048711**

Email: **agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk**

Donna Thornley. *Cefn Community Agent*

YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS

The beautiful autumn weather gave us lots of opportunities to learn outdoors. Enjoying our new outdoor shelter, thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our school community last year. It is wonderful to see the children making the most of this space, with our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children especially enjoying exploring both the inside and outside of their classrooms learning through play, investigation and discovery with fantastic opportunities beyond the classroom too. Children took part in a football



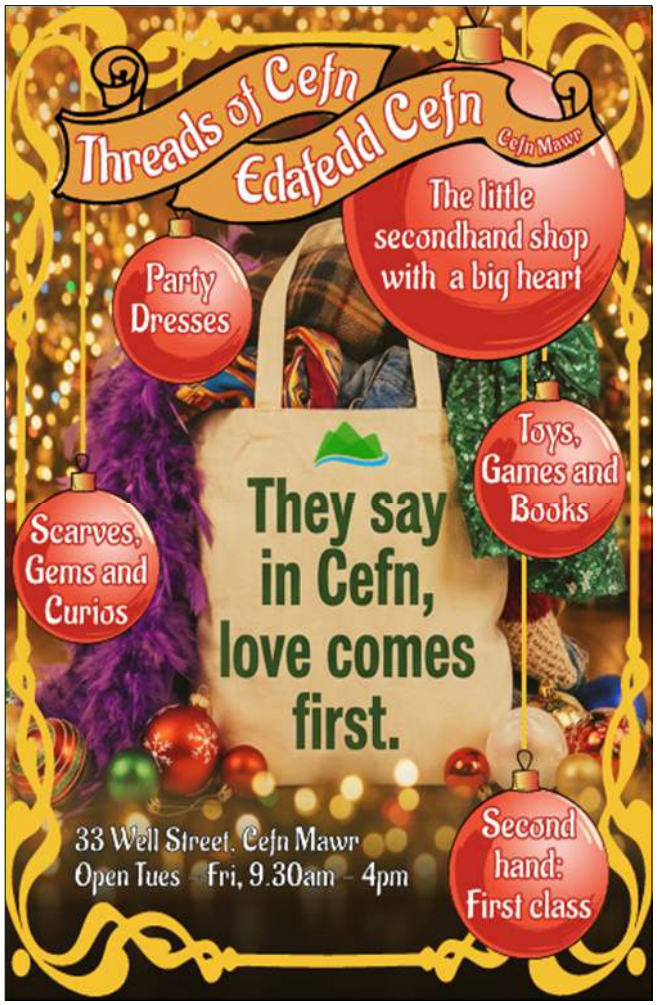
tournament, developing their teamwork, resilience and sporting skills. Dosbarth Gwennol enjoyed swimming lessons, making wonderful progress. Thank you to the swimming teachers for their encouragement and support. All classes took part in 'Restart a Heart' workshops, teaching children how to respond in emergency situations. Working closely with our families and community is important to us and had several opportunities to bring them into school. Our local police team joined us for a workshop with parents on online safety, helping to understand the importance of keeping children safe in an increasingly digital world. Our Maths Workshop for Parents had a great turnout; teachers worked alongside families sharing how we teach maths and support children to develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Parents were able to explore practical resources, see how we use concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches to help make sense of mathematics. An opportunity to learn together, sharing ideas on how to support our children at home. The Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £300 and were incredibly grateful for the beautiful cakes donated by parents and members of our local community. It was lovely welcoming everyone into school for coffee, cake and a catch-up, supporting such an important cause. We took part in Show Racism the Red Card helping to raise awareness of the importance of not tolerating racism, another opportunity for children to talk about equality, respect and celebrate our differences, themes that are at the heart of our No Outsiders work. We also had our Harvest Service and Halloween Disco. A busy and exciting start to the year, we are proud of how our children embraced new experiences, made new connections and shown such enthusiasm for learning and continuing to work closely with our families and wider community throughout the year as we learn, grow and celebrate together

WOOLLIES FUNDRAISING GROUP

The Woollies' charity fundraising group meet on Tuesdays from 2-4pm at the Telford Inn, Trevor. Newcomers welcome to join us with knitting, crochet, embroidery etc. Want to learn how to do it? Come along and we are happy to help, make new friends, chat and see what you can do.
There is a fundraising table always in situ at The Telford in aid of Jackson's Animal Rescue.

EDAFEDD CEFN/ THREADS OF CEFN GRANTS

To All our Customers and Volunteers: We are now ready to issue grants to good causes in and around Cefn Mawr. If you know of any local groups that would benefit from grant funding, please provide a name and contact details to Shop Manager Nadine or email **mark.lacey@deevalleytrust.org.uk** or you can call/text Mark on 07768661367. The next closing date is 30 November 2026.Thank You for your Help!



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With rising vet costs, can we have a "pet-nup" drawn up?

Q: My husband and I are getting a divorce. We are making a joint application and doing it ourselves to keep the costs down. We have two middle-aged labradoodles, and we have agreed that they will live with me because my husband is frequently away on business. We stopped paying out for pet insurance some time ago as the monthly cost rose year on year and was considerably outweighing the cost of annual vet bills, we incurred. However, as they are now getting on a bit, I am concerned that future costs could increase for me. Is there such a thing as a 'pet-nup' that I could get drawn up so that my husband has to share the ongoing costs?

A: The first thing to say is that even if you are planning to apply for a divorce without the help of a solicitor, you should bear in mind that formally ending a marriage is not the same as formally ending your joint financial affairs. So it is hugely important to ensure you have legally severed all financial ties with a former spouse, otherwise they could make a financial claim against you at some point in the future, despite being divorced from you. This is why many DIY divorce couples opt for legal assistance to get a consent order that finalises the split of their finances and property.

In that consent order you can include a "pet-nup" setting out who has responsibility for taking care of your dogs, both in terms of daily care and ongoing medical costs. Such legal agreements are becoming more popular as vet bills rise, and pets get caught up in marital disputes. The "pet-nup" is a deed of agreement which expresses the intention of the signatories to be legally bound by its terms. Such an agreement can be drawn up at any time, not just during a divorce, and is also favoured by co-habiting couples who are not married.

This question has been answered by Nathan Wright, 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

1ST LLANGOLLEN BROWNIES

This term Brownies have had the chance to catch up on skill Builders and unit meeting activities to help the girls achieve theme awards and the brownie bronze, silver and gold award. Three girls have completed their bronze award, two girls have completed silver award, and two girls are completing the extra challenges for their gold award. The girls completing the extra challenges for gold awards have both organised and ran a unit meeting this term, we have had an underwater theme and a science lab theme. We have joined other units in our division for a funday at chirk castle. The girls made peg dragons, played archery, went on a scavenger hunt for a dragon, protected the hidden flag from invaders, explored the Adam's Tower and dungeon, visited the state rooms, made their own banner, and ended the day with a parade! The girls have enjoyed pumpkin carving and a Halloween theme evening. We are now starting our Christmas crafts and activities along with joining units from our division to attend a pantomime at Grove Park theatre. 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 **www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus**
Or contact Alison Fenn on **07872924888**

CEFN MAWR RANGER GIRLS U11 WALK

The Under-11 Girls took on a challenge to remember as they headed up the steep slopes of Dinas Bran Castle for a sponsored walk, the sun made a welcome appearance as they pulled together tackling the climb with fantastic determination. With steep sections, tired legs and a few moments when the castle seemed to be asking, “Are you sure about this?” they kept going and there was plenty of laughter too. We climbed, stumbled, laughed, at times, we very nearly cried importantly nobody gave up. They encouraged and supported one another making sure, they all reached the top together, their sense of achievement was clear for all to see. Standing among the historic ruins with spectacular views stretching out behind them, they had every reason to be proud of themselves.
After the climb, they enjoyed some time together in the area, visiting Cottage Cream ‘n’ Candy (Gifts from Wales) for some well-deserved ice cream. The perfect way to cool down, relax and celebrate their achievement. It was a special visit as they are our fantastic new sponsors for the girls’ away kit.
We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for supporting our U11 Girls helping the team look the part both on and off the pitch. We are incredibly grateful for their support and are delighted to welcome them to the football family. A huge thank you also goes to all the parents and coaches who took on the climb with the girls, encouraging them every step of the way. Your support helped make the day such a success. A thank you also to the girls. Your generosity means so much to the team and will help support them throughout the season. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. They conquered the castle, enjoyed the sunshine and created some brilliant memories together. It may not quite have been Snowdonia — but for our Under-11s, it was one mighty adventure!



1st TREVOR SCOUT GROUP

A strong start to the September term, saw 25 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts camped at the Gladstone Centre, Hawarden, enjoying tomahawk throwing, go-karts and indoor bouldering. They visited Chocks Away at Hawarden Airport to watch planes take off and land. Thank you, Tesco Cefn Mawr who donated to the camp. **Beavers** (6–8 years): Activities included cooking for their badge, a professional Taekwondo demonstration, Halloween crafts and a party, a farm visit to learn horse care and exercise, and canoeing in Trevor Basin. **Cubs** (8–10½ years): had a detective treasure trail in Llangollen combined local learning with solving a crime. Welsh activities included songs, designing love spoons, making Welsh rarebit and tasting Glamorgan sausage. Cubs also enjoyed Taekwondo and a fancy-dress Halloween party. **Scouts** (10½–14 years): Started with orienteering and map skills, then presented camp photos and a skit at our AGM. A circus evening included making rice juggling balls, learning to unicycle and making candy floss, among other activities. At Christmas, the group will carol-sing with residents of Plas Telford and Llys y Graig as usual.
Our Trash n Treasure stall will attend Cefn Xmas Fair on Friday 27 November, Chapel Tearooms Xmas Fair on Sunday 6 December and Garth Schools on Thursday 17 December this year. To invite us to another Xmas Fair, call the number below—the children love taking part.
To volunteer in any capacity or enquire about your child (boy or girl) joining, contact Elaine.
Elaine, Group Lead Volunteer: **07939 476208**



YSGOL PENTRE CIW NEWS

We welcome all our children back to school and what a busy term we have had. It has been a busy and exciting time in Class 1 at Ysgol Pentre! Enjoying lots of outdoor learning, making new friends and developing our skills as we settle into school life. As part of our topic, 'Amazing Animals', we have been investigating different animals and learning all about the world around us in practical ways such as creating microhabitats and labelling animal anatomy. We have been creative with lots of art activities and developing our fine motor skills through a variety of fun, hands-on tasks. We celebrated Harvest Festival, learning the importance of being thankful for what we have and thinking about how we can help others. Thank you to all who contributed to our food bank donations. The children have been learnt how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to people in our community. We have some exciting events including a visit from Animal Aid, our Christmas pantomime trip and creating shoeboxes for Teams4U. With lots more fun and learning ahead in Class 1 we can't wait to continue! Dosbarth 2 are loving our current topic 'Chocolate and all things chocolate' learning where chocolate comes from, how it is made, the journey from bean to bar, and reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory book, we have worked out the fraction of different chocolates in tubs of heroes, (we got to eat them after as well, yum!) With our trip to Cadburys World, we will learn more about chocolate. We celebrated the 225th Anniversary of Chirk Aqueduct. Year 6 pupils made lanterns with a local artist, took part in some recording for their film and celebrated on the evening at Chirk Castle in the dark to finish the parade and watch the final film. Celebrating our Christian Value - Friendship this term



we had an amazing day at St Mary's Church, Chirk. Our Ethos Committee planned the day and hosted a service they prepared. The activities included making Friendship bracelets, drawing portraits of our friends and find a friend's handprint. We are looking forward to performing our Christmas concert, going to see Jack and the Beanstalk in Pantomime and our Year 5/6 children are super excited to go on their residential to Manor Adventure in January. Two of our pupils were invited by our MP to take part in Children's Parliament in the Houses of Parliament. Not only did we go and represent Ysgol Pentre but as the only school in the whole of Wales that attended, we represented Wales and the children did us proud. The day involved an early start, a song and dance in Victoria Tower Gardens, a tour round the houses of Parliament, taking part in a debate, some sightseeing and a late train home. The children were outstanding and loved every minute of the trip. What an experience! We are looking forward to welcoming families and



prospective pupils to our **School Open Day on 12th January**. It will be a lovely opportunity to explore our school, meet our staff and discover what makes Ysgol Pentre such a special place to learn and grow.

GARTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Garth School is Buzzing with Learning, Laughter and Fun! It has been an action-packed and fantastic half term at Garth School, and we could not be prouder of our wonderful children! Our staff have worked incredibly hard to create exciting learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. From Forest School adventures and music sessions to sporting opportunities, creative activities and community events and a Spooky Disco organised by our amazing P.T.A! Our children have been busy! A real highlight was our sponsored walk along the canal from School to Llangollen, finishing with a lovely picnic in Riverside Park. Our children were fantastic throughout; it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the outdoors together. We also celebrated Harvest Service at Trevor Church, the children sang, read their own poems and shared their Harvest artwork. Families generously supported our collection of food for the local foodbank, helping our children see the importance of kindness and giving to others. It has been a half term bursting with learning, laughter, friendship and wonderful memories. We are so proud of our Garth family. Follow our Facebook page for regular photos and videos showing how much fun we're having



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Anna Smith who has worked as a library assistant at Cefn Mawr library since 2022 has sadly left us for pastures new. We would like to say a huge thank you to Anna for all her hard work and commitment to the library over the last few years and to Cefn Mawr community too, we will miss her but wish her all the very best for the future. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Wrexham Libraries or Llyfrgelloedd Wrecsam

KIDDIES WORLD ACREFAIR

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Come along to our **Fundraising Bingo** on **Fri 27th Nov,** doors open 3.30pm, eyes down 4pm. Our sponsored Halloween hunt was hugely successful, and we will be using the sponsor money to fund resources and activities for the setting.

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YSGOL MIN Y DDÔL

At the start of the new term, our girls' and boys' football teams have been in action. The boys took part in the Urdd football competition at Ysgol Clywedog and performed brilliantly, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. The girls competed in the Wrexham County competition, organised by Active Wrexham, and also did incredibly well, just missing out on reaching the final fixtures. We are very proud of all the pupils who represented the school so well. The school held a Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly on in October. The children sang and recited brilliantly, and we all enjoyed giving thanks together. Parents were incredibly generous and donated a wide range of food items, including tinned goods, pasta, rice, and many other essentials. These donations were then passed on to the local food bank through Tesco, helping to support members of our local community. We would like to thank everyone who contributed.



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 LL208NU on the 2nd Fri 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 Fri of every month from 10am to 12 noon.

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RECYCLING CENTRE UPDATE

The Lodge, Brymbo and Plas Madoc recycling centres close earlier at 4pm. These winter hours stay in place until March 2027. Bryn Lane recycling centre doesn't change its operating times for winter and closes at 8pm throughout the year. Winter opening times for Plas Madoc are; October to February 9am – 4pm. All three recycling centres are open every day except Christmas Day.

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YSGOL CEFN MAWR NEWS

We have enjoyed a busy start to school, with visits giving pupils practical experiences to support their topic work.

Dosbarth Harlech and Dinas Bran visited RAF Cosford as part of their War and Conflict topic. In a WW2 workshop, pupils entered an Air Raid Shelter and handled artefacts, then viewed planes, tanks and vehicles from WW1, WW2 and the Cold War.

Dosbarth Y Waun (Year 4) and Dinas Bran (Year 5) visited Dangerpoint, Talacre, in early October. Hands on activities taught them about safety at home, on railways and roads, and in water a great learning day.

Dosbarth Powis and Rhuddlan visited Xplore! for a Wild Weather workshop supporting their topic work and explored the science areas.

Dosbarth Y Waun (Year 4) explored artefacts at Wrexham Museum participating in a World War II workshop to discover wartime life.

Well done to Connor Read (Year 4–Dosbarth Y Waun), who completed the Summer Reading Challenge and won Lego in the prize draw, presented by Seren Young from Wrexham Library Service. Thank you to Cefn Mawr Library for weekly school visits while its roof awaits repair and well done to everyone who completed the challenge and practised their reading.

Bikeability Training and Bike Repairs Year 6/Dosbarth Harlech practised cycling in September on the yard and Plas Kynaston Lane. Instructors praised their progress and will return in November for a second session and Level 1 and 2 Cycle certificates. Active Wrexham's Liam and Sherie repaired pupils' bikes across the school in early October.



Jackson Evans' (Year 5/Dosbarth Dinas Bran) winning Wrexham schools' anti-dog-fouling poster is now displayed near school. Jackson and his mum met the Mayor in the Mayor's Chamber in May. We hope dog owners help keep our community's footpath clean.

Pupils wore red for Show Racism the Red Card, joined an assembly featuring 'The Colour of Your Skin', and took part in a poster competition and class activities. Songs from 'The Greatest Showman' reinforced the message:

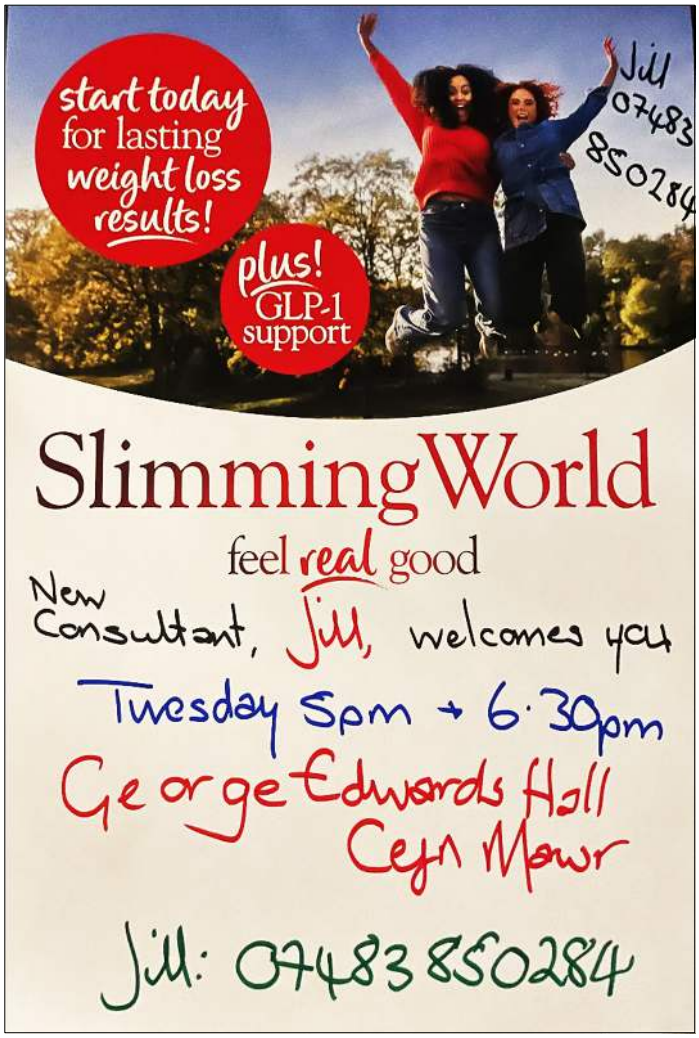


"we are all different and equal".

Reception (Dosbarth Conwy) pupils have settled well into full-time school. Their 'Ourselves' topic covers body parts, Aboriginal art, healthy eating and senses, with counting activities using autumn finds and fireworks. They enjoy indoor and outdoor learning areas. Our September Nursery starters are enjoying playing together and exploring, with Monday Hall sessions and Welly Wednesdays in forest school.

CHIRK AIR CADETS

Cadets meet on Mon & Thurs 7pm till 9pm at ATC HQ, Longfield, Chirk LL14 5RE. For more information, please call **07715 274088** or e: **oc.856@rafac.mod.gov.uk**





TOWERS DAY NURSERY

From September we have been offering funded places for Flying Start at nursery. All children in the area are eligible to apply.

The children have been busy in the nursery garden lately; harvesting and eating the produce that we have grown. We have had tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers from our greenhouse and courgettes, potatoes and radishes from our vegetable plot. We have also entered two local garden competitions and have won first prize in each.

In June, we had some new resources that gave children and staff the chance to enjoy more outdoor activities. We have also recently enhanced inside the nursery. We have got lots of new natural resources and items that are made from wood; which are environmentally friendly. Shortly, we will be adding an outdoor canopy to enable us to play out in all weathers and we will be refurbishing the art and craft area too. We have now created a new sensory area for babies and the younger children to enjoy and be stimulated. The nursery has recently renewed their Tiny Tums certificate and participating children have received stickers for their efforts at healthy eating.

For Halloween, children came to the nursery in fancy dress for our celebrations. Pumpkin carving, spooky biscuit baking and painting were greatly enjoyed alongside lots of art and craft.

For Children in Need week this month the Children may come to nursery in fancy dress costume of their choice or pyjamas in return for a donation to the charity.

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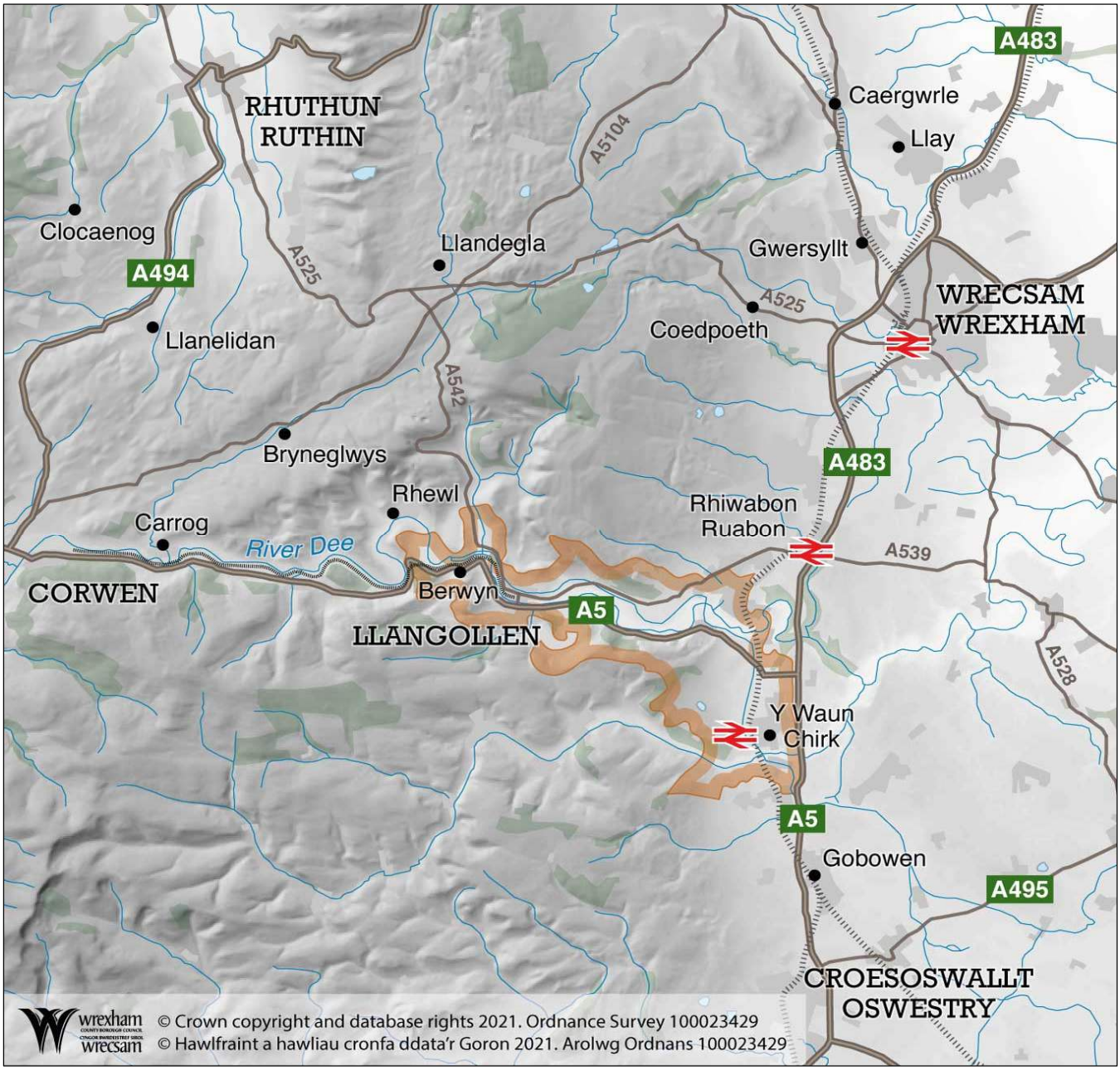
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Dear All, we recently visited Northern Ireland to attend the World Heritage UK conference being held at Portrush near the Giants Causeway. This proved to be very interesting and provided much useful information for our community. Our intention is to reopen the Ebenezer in 2027 hosting the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre. This would provide our community (including all the villages in the central section of the Pontcysyllte WHS on both sides of the valley) with a major tourist attraction at the very centre of our community and the Pontcysyllte WHS. From the Pontcysyllte WHS Visitor Centre in the Ebenezer we will endeavour to encourage visitors to explore and use the many facilities we have in our community which will increase the business opportunity for our area. At the conference in NI one of the main emphasises was on connecting with and helping local communities. To date the Pontcysyllte WHS has been of marginal benefit to the majority of our community since UNESCO Inscription in 2009. Given the ever-increasing numbers of people visiting the aqueduct, our local economy should be growing, however considering the number of closures in the same period of time, economic growth is not occurring. Therefore, our community sees very little benefit from the WHS, and this must change.

We will be writing directly to UNESCO about this. Working with and helping support local communities was a main topic in the 2026 WHUK conference as said and we as the local community openly invite both Community Councils and WCBC to work with us on achieving this for our community.

We want our community to do well and that means putting our community on the tourist map.



As you can see from the above map, something is missing yet again and unfortunately this is not a one off, there are many such examples of this in the tourist information for our area. This is extremely frustrating given that our combined community including all villages in the central section of the WHS is the largest conurbation outside Wrexham Town in the county of Wrexham. This image is taken from the official Pontcysyllte WHS website. Please have a look for yourselves.

We have been told in the past that the Ebenezer is too far away from the aqueduct to be considered for the Pontcysyllte WHS Visitor Centre. However, it is only half a mile whereas the Visitor Centre for the Giants Causeway is one and a half miles, and the Visitor Centre for Stone Henge is two miles from the stone circle. Therefore, we question this statement on behalf of our community.



The images presented of Cefn Mawr on the same website are stunningly beautiful as you can see here just in case you have never seen them, as they are not that easy to find either! And believe me this goes on and on so it is not to surprising that not many people visiting the aqueduct know of or can be bothered exploring the wider area around the aqueduct, i.e. our community.

Both Visitor Centres at the Giants Causeway and Stone Henge are new buildings, whereas the Ebenezer is now over 150 years old, i.e. heritage is built into the Ebenezer, and we wonder if either of the new visitor centres will last this long? Furthermore, the Ebenezer is built from the same sandstone that the aqueduct was built from, quarried from the same quarry, using virtually the same stone masonry methods as used to construct the aqueduct. This is real heritage and not some bought in new building built from materials from who knows where?

Put it simply the Ebenezer as the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre will be living heritage. The rule here is quite simple, use it or lose it, and that is what has been happening to our community. We intend to turn this around. So once again we ask all parties involved in WHS planning to start talking to us, or at least allow us to talk to you, for a better outcome for all our community and interested parties including the visitors to the aqueduct. We are currently continuing works on the Ebenezer to be able to reopen in 2027 as the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre to achieve the above for our community. We openly support WCBC on the new parking lot planned for Queens Street just past the Queens Hotel enlarging the old weigh bridge car park for a 200-slot car park. This will significantly alleviate the traffic congestion in both

Trevor and Fron by moving the bulk of the tourism traffic to a central location which would favour our whole community for a refreshing change. Furthermore, this parking lot can easily be connected to our community with a Park & Ride scheme using existing bus services passing the parking lot. This is extremely efficient tourism management that again will benefit our whole community.

The Pontcysyllte World Heritage Visitor Centre hosted in the Ebenezer will then be supplemented by the Holly Bush Inn Cartographic Museum on the first floor of the Holly Bush Inn. Here as some of you have seen we will be showing the historic maps and related images for our area at the centre of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site as well as the rest of the site extending from Chirk to Llangollen. We are also working on improving the Holly Bush Inn pathway that once linked Plas Kynaston Colliery to the Holly Bush Inn. The Holly Bush Inn is the oldest pub in Cefn Mawr and is built where it is for good reason. It was a busy junction in times gone by and such junctions are where the majority of old pubs and taverns were built. Hence once upon a time not so long ago, you could navigate from place to place via the pubs. So, we are sure the miners working in the Plas Kynaston Colliery in the early 1800's would have walked up the hill via the pathway to the Holly, for a pint on the way home!

The Holly Bush Inn pathway is now only 42mts long running between the HBI beer garden and the GEH car park since the construction of Tesco and Oxford Street restricting access to Plas Kynaston Lane. However, it still serves a very useful purpose providing easy access to the Cefn Museum in the basement of the George Edwards Hall. This then will link the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre in the Ebenezer to both the Holly Bush Inn Cartographic Museum and the Cefn Museum in the George Edwards Hall basement. Again, very efficient tourism management for the benefit of our community. We are applying to WCBC to have it listed on the Definitive Map of pathways. It will perhaps be the shortest pathway on the map but deserves recognition for the length of time it has been in existence for, 226 years.



We are glad to see our community mentioned again after a noticeable absence from the "This is Wrexham" tourist map. Perhaps people outside our community are starting to listen, and if not, we will be giving them a wake-up call, too much money and time has been wasted since 2009 whilst our community has dwindled further into post-industrial depression.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LLANGOLLEN FOOD SHARE Castle Street end of the Market Street Car Park. Ensuring no-one goes hungry whilst saving surplus food. If you have queries call **07538 894449** contact us on Facebook or email: **steph@llangollenfoodshare.org.uk**

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum closes on Wednesday 23 December for Christmas, New Year and housekeeping, reopening Saturday 16 January 2027. In November and December, Tuesdays close at 3pm rather than 4pm; other opening times are unchanged. There are no talks in December or January. In February, Prof Howard Williams gives his second Wat's Dyke talk alongside his gallery exhibition; see Facebook for details. In 2027, Dr Jonathan Worton presents the Civil War on Wednesday 31 March, and Julian Davies discusses Stone Lifting, a sport rooted in ancient traditions, on Wednesday 28 April. All talks start at 7pm at the Museum; tickets are £3 at the door, including refreshments.

The Janet Wakefield Gallery's current exhibition, with the Dory Gallery, features pictures and sculptures of Dee Valley Myths and Legends. Gary Jones's wildlife photography follows in December and continues after January's reopening. In 2027, exhibitions include Professor Howard Williams's Wat's Dyke (February), Sarah Chapman and friends (March), and Lyn Hodnett (April).

Our window currently features local First World War stories, followed by a Christmas display in December. The Ladies of Llangollen and a Medieval-themed display follow in 2027. The current Item of the Month is a Flanders Poppy; December features Christmas cards. Items for 2027 include medieval spindle whorls and a stock book from the former Church Street tannery and leather works.

The Museum-based Clwyd and Dee Valley Young Archaeologists Club (YAC) holds its final 2026 meeting on 26 November; the theme is undecided. For membership or queries, email **cdv.yac@gmail.com**.

Our Welsh Government funded digitisation and conservation programme improves collection access and care through behind-the-scenes work and new displays. Our Dreamoc 'holographic' cabinet now displays 21 items in 3D with full descriptions. Two Victorian stereographic viewers—the 19th-century equivalent of Meta Quest—will let visitors explore our 3D photographs of Llangollen in the late 1800s.



The stereoscopic viewers and cards

A touchscreen timeline, available at the Museum and on our website, will show when and where collection items and local landmarks originated. Installation is planned for later this year or early 2027. Digitisation of Llangollen Advertiser microfilms not yet available digitally has begun; news from 1911–1913 and 1920–1944 will be accessible on our website.

Next Spring, two open events will welcome prospective volunteers and anyone curious about life behind the scenes at a small independent museum. See Facebook and the Llangollen Blogger in early 2027 for details.

The Museum has held accreditation for 14 years. This official standard assesses management, collection care and safe, engaging visitor experiences, through a partnership of Arts Council England, Welsh Government, Museums Galleries Scotland and Northern Ireland Museums Council. Following Covid backlogs and closure for improvements, we received Provisional Accreditation. Our full re-accreditation visit is in November; we hope to retain full status.

For the latest updates, see our Facebook page. We need more volunteers, especially at weekends. To get involved in local history and volunteer at the Museum, contact manager Gill Smith at **gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk** or **07516 023524.**

CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum opens year-round on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am–12.30pm (except Bank Holidays), with other visits by prior arrangement. Displays cover home life, schools, industry, transport, sport, churches and chapels, military and village life, music and arts, and the Cefn Chronicle. The current special exhibition explores local railways, with background music matching the displays' timeline. Visit our website or Facebook for our regular "Object of the Week" posts. We look forward to welcoming you.



Cefn Mawr Historical Society hosts local and wider history talks at George Edwards Hall, usually at 2pm on the last Friday of each month, with refreshments and a raffle. We recently enjoyed John Roberts' "So You Think You Know Wales", Part 2. On November 20th, Dr Gareth Carr presents "How Welsh Workmen built Liverpool"—a week early because the Hall's Christmas Fayre is on November 27th. No meeting in December. On January 29th, David Ebsworth presents "Liverpool 1911 — A Trip Through Time and Some Quirky Secrets". We do hope you will join us for this interesting talk.

WE ARE PLAS MADOC

What's on in Plas Madoc The Community Pantry is located at Kettle Club, LL14 3US (next to the Land) and is open 3 times a week - please see social media for weekly opening times.

MONDAYS Homegrown, 51 Peris LL14
Drop in - 9am -11am - Pop in for a brew and a catch up with friendly faces :)

TUESDAYS Afternoon Bingo at Plas Telford at 2.30pm - 4.30pm, £3 for 6 games £1 raffle. Refreshments available at half time.

WEDNESDAY Breakfast and brews at Homegrown, LL14 3US - 9am - 12pm

THURSDAYS Homegrown (51 Peris) from 9am -3pm 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. Form filling support between 1 - 3pm - please contact **Katie.St.John@avow.org** for more information. 3pm - 5pm we have our community cook meal which is a free hot meal for anyone :)

FRIDAYS 'Thank Me It's Friday' 10am-12pm at Homegrown group for adults that focuses on supporting wellbeing in a relaxing, calming environment. Bingo every 1st Friday of the month - 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. - Although November's bingo is 13th November due to bonfire night. Make a difference in your community! Our groups are growing, and we need volunteers like you to help us keep doing great work. Supporting our groups is a rewarding way to connect with others and give back. Flexible hours and training are provided. Come and join our friendly team. For more information, please call **07394 465113** or email **Katie.St.John@avow.org**, or check our website - **https://www.weareplasmadoc.co.uk/**

Do you or a loved one struggle to get to medical appointments, the shops, or social events? WAPM Community Transport is here to help! We provide affordable, accessible transport for residents who cannot use regular public transport. Door-to-door service: Friendly drivers take you right where you need



LITTLE SUNFLOWERS Little Sunflowers celebrated its 20th birthday on the 12th of October with a party for all the families who attend. It was an amazing day enjoyed by all. Little Sunflowers childcare offers many services including Flying Start, Funded Early Education, 30-hour childcare offer and family support groups. For more information about any of our services please contact us on mobile 07922 **288252** or email **littlesunflowersplasmadoc@outlook.com**

Plas Madoc Tenants and Residents will be meeting once every term. For further information and for a date list please contact Sharon on **07922 288 252** or **littlesunflowersplasmadoc@outlook.com**

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**





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CHOIRS & BANDS

RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

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RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Choir are singers from our local area, who come together on Thurs at 7pm in St John's Church, Rhosymedre to rehearse. As a Choir we are happy to sing around the community, in care homes and community groups. Interested in joining us, just turn up. To find out more, please contact our Music Director, Nova Evans, Tel **07884 539156** or at **nova.4song@gmail.com** on email. We have some bookings if you would like to hear us: Penycae Community Centre Sat 28th Nov 1pm. Llangollen Methodist Church Sat 5th Dec, 2pm, The Time Well Spent Group St Mary's Church Hall, Ruabon Frid 18th Dec 1-45pm. Haulfryn Care Home Cymau Tues 22nd Dec 2pm. Times and dates can sometimes change, so contact Nova for confirmation nearer the time. We look forward to a whole programme of concerts in the New Year.

THE JAMES LAMBERT SINGERS

The choir is now back after it's summer break, and have been busy with autumn concerts, including on the platforms at Llangollen and Corwen stations for Llangollen Railway, (and with an extra performance on board a train by passengers' special request!) Preparations for our Christmas concerts are underway. If you think you might like to join a choir, come and watch us practise. To find out more phone/text **07774 850677**.

RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are currently recruiting new members to this award-winning Choir. Our team will help and encourage you - come to a practice night and see what you think, either at the Stiwt in Rhos on Mon, or Capel Bethel, Chapel Street, Ponciau on Thurs, both at 7 pm. Don't worry about having little or no previous experience - it's not where you start, it's where you finish. Ring John on **07878 517349** if you would like to know more.

LLANGOLLEN SILVER BAND

Senior band rehearse on Mondays 7-9pm and Training Band on Fridays from 6:15pm in our band room on Parade Street, Llangollen. LL20 8PW. New, returning and experienced players all welcome. We loan instruments and provide tuition FREE of charge to all ages, in return for commitment and enthusiasm.
email: **llangollensilverband0@gmail.com** for enquiries about joining or bookings.









CLIMATE ACTION LLANGOLLEN

A total of 174 people attended two screenings of *The People's Emergency Briefing at Llangollen* at Llangollen's Town Hall followed by discussions about the local implications. The screenings were part of a wider UK helping communities engage with the climate and nature crisis supported by Chris Packhan. Packham encourage people to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing, the film creates the kind of honest local conversation we urgently need, both about the threat from climate and nature breakdown, but also about what we can do, together with our politicians, to build a better future.
People were encouraged to take time to process the information followed by a discussion, which focused on food security, climate change, energy transition, plus health and economic impacts. Participants also focused on exploring how local communities can continue the conversation, take forward local actions, as well as encouraging others to attend or host further screenings and engage elected representatives.
Climate Action Llangollen, who helped organise the event, said: "What stood out was how quickly the discussion moved from concern into practical questions about what people here may be able to do together next." Organisers say there was strong interest in continued local engagement, including discussion of how community support might be built around encouraging our local MP to back the Parliamentary Call for a televised emergency briefing on the climate and nature crisis. In October a local climate conversation discussion followed those screenings, hosted by Drosi Bikes and Climate Action Llangollen, in partnership with Llangollen Food Share at St. Collen's Community Hall. Over 30 people attended this discussion which focused on our community strengths and gaps in relation to the climate and nature crisis. If you would welcome getting in touch with Climate Action Llangollen, email **climateactionllangollen@yahoo.com** To find out where you can watch the national People's Emergency Briefing, within your local community please type in **https:/www.nebriefing.org/screeing-map** into your search bar.

LLANGOLLEN COUNTRY MARKET

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BACK TO FRONT STOMA SUPPORT St Collen's Community Hall, Regent Street, Llangollen LL20 8HL Our Stoma support group for Llangollen and District, meets on the 1st Monday of the month from 2-4 pm. Talking about and sharing concerns, experiences and finding out about the latest products. With guest speakers on a range of subjects, a warm welcome awaits. For more information, please contact Moira on **07484 772772**

LLANGOLLEN LIBRARY Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NU **Tel 01978 869600. CLWB Darllen Cymraeg Llangollen**: first **Mon,** bi-monthly. **Talking Point** Thur from 10am to12.30pm **Reading Group** meets on the first **Fri** of the month at 7pm.**Job Club** is the 3rd Wed of every month, 2pm to 4pm, including recruitment and skills workshops with Working Denbighshire, free help with CV writing, job searches and applications, online training and personal statements. **CAB** alternate weeks on **Thurs** from 10-1pm & 2-3pm. Drop-in service no need to book. **Hearing Aid Support** every 2nd **Fri** monthly from 10am to 12 noon. Friendly help and advice about your hearing aid, trained volunteers will clean and re tube aids and give out batteries. **Closed Mon & Tues. Open Wed 2-5pm Thurs & Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm and Sat 9:30am-12:30pm**

LLANGOLLEN REPAIR CAFÉ Llangollen Memorial Hall, Market Street, Llangollen LL20 8PS Email: **llanrepaircafe@outlook.com** We meet on the 3rd Sat of the month from from10 to 12 noon, bring us your broken stuff! Donations welcome. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram **@llanrepaircafe**

LLANGOLLEN PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP We meet at The Hand Hotel, Bridge Street, LL20 8PL the 3rd Wed monthly at 2pm, come along to a meeting, have a chat and a cuppa. Please contact Stuart on **contact@llangollenpcsg.co.uk**

ST COLLEN'S NEWS & EVENTS Community Breakfast: Saturdays from 9-11am. Free. Donations welcome. **Community Lunch:** Fridays from 12 - 1.30pm. Free. Donations welcome. **Taize Service Sun 22nd Nov** at 5pm in St Collen's Church, Llangollen welcome! Last Friday of every month, 7pm. Contact Fr Lee to book your place.
E: **frleetaylor@hotmail.co.uk**
Sonic Sanctuary - Monthly Sound Baths: A sound bath is a time of restful meditation and prayer, using calming sounds to help quiet the mind and focus the heart. It is about creating a space to listen for God's still, small voice (1 Kings 19:12) and reconnect with Him in a world full of noise. For further information, visit our Facebook page: Sonic Sanctuary.
Celtic Eucharist: On 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 and find peace in the Celtic way.

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CHURCH NOTICES

DEE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The hot summer we had this year is now behind us. For some it might have been too hot, for others, especially families with children perhaps, it must have been such a joy to get out of the house and enjoy the sunshine. But now, with Autumn, we see the leaves changing colour on the trees etc. The nights have drawn in, and we are starting to tweak the heating up in the evenings due to the chill in the air now. I'll say it's one of my favourite seasons of the year as it can be so beautiful to see the different colours and enjoy the relaxing cosy evenings, reminding us of God's beautiful gifts of creation and of His provision in so many ways which He gives us all to enjoy and share! Harvest celebrations are behind us and we have Christmas ahead of us. We may be getting excited about all that it means to us, or fearful of the expense it brings, or family divisions or loss which are very painful. But let us remind ourselves again of what the Christmas celebration is really all about, as it is purely to remind us all again of the amazing gift from God of His Son to us. The word 'Christ mass' means a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ, so Jesus should be at the centre of our celebrations and not cast aside. There is more to the baby Jesus we visualise in the animal trough. He grew up into childhood and manhood. He became as one of us, walking this world and living like us, but as a perfect example of how we 'should' try to live. In Café Church we learn about how He teaches us to show genuine concern, sharing love, kindness, and our provisions to those in need. Wars, selfishness, hatred and greed have taken over this world, it's sinful! but this was not the way God planned it to be. Would you like to know more? Come and join us on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10am at Froncysyllte Community Centre. We provide cuppas, cakes and new friends for free! Or join our Thursday Social Evening 11 days later at 7pm with free food and friendship available at every meeting! We would truly love you to join us! We have our much-loved Carol Service in December, date to be confirmed, keep an eye on Facebook, or telephone Colin or Rowena on **01978 824785**

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CIW RUABON

1st Sun Family Eucharist 9.30am. 2nd Sun Holy Eucharist 9.30am. 3rd Sun Morning Worship 9.30am. 4th Sun 9.30am Holy Eucharist 9.30am. 5th Sun see Noticeboard. For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by arrangement, please contact Revd Pam Hallam at **pamhallam@cinw.org.uk**. *Sun Dec 6th Lights & Holly Festival. Sun Dec 13th 2pm Christingle. Sun Dec 20th 4pm 9 Carols and Lessons. Thurs Dec 24th 4pm Crib Service Thurs Dec 24th 8.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist All are welcome, please join us.*

CATHOLIC SERVICES ST MARY'S CHURCH RUABON

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 StMary's, Ruabon Weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Sacred Heart, Chirk - 10am, Wednesdays, Holy Cross Llangollen – 10am Thursdays, St. Mary's Ruabon – 10am. Holy Day of Obligation: Please see website all information is on the Bulletin.
Thurs 24th Dec Christmas Carols 5.30pm Ruabon
Thurs 24th Dec Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm Ruabon
Fri 25th Dec Christmas Mass 9am Chirk
Fri 25th Dec Christmas Mass 11am Llangollen
Sat 26th Dec Family Mass 6pm Llangollen
Sun 27th Dec Family Mass 9am Chirk
Sun 27th Dec Family Mass 11am Llangollen
Thurs 31st Dec New Year Vigil Mass 7pm Ruabon
Fri 1st Jan New Year Mass 10am @ Chirk

ST. JOHN'S CIW RHOSYMEDRE

Church Street, Rhosymedre LL14 3EA.
Our regular **Sunday Services** are at 11am. **Bible Study** every Wednesday at 1.30pm. St John's is open to any school or group who wishes to visit. We also have an upstairs room for people/groups to use for meetings or get togethers. Please contact **Beulah Griffiths Church Warden** on **07539 229228**

RUABON METHODIST CHURCH

22nd Nov 10:30. Rev James Eaton Challinor. 29th Nov 10:30 Holy Communion. Rev Marian J Jones.
20th Dec 4pm Carol Service. Rev Marian J Jones 25th Dec 10:30 Rev Marian J Jones

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES ST COLLENS PARISH CHURCH

Weekly Mass and Communion on Sun 11am. When there is a 5thSun there will be a united service for all four churches. Church Opening Times for Prayer and Visiting: Sun: 10am - 12 noon. Mon to Sat 10am - 3pm. Celtic Eucharist: The 1st Sun monthly 9.30am at St Tysilio's Church, Llantysilio. Come, find peace in the Celtic way.
Sun 20th Dec, 6pm at 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.
Fri 25th Dec, 11am Christmas Day Service

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH Trevor LL20 7TL
Sunday Morning Prayer weekly at 9.30am. Holy Communion on the 4th Sun of each month. On the 5th Sun combined service in St Collen's Llangollen at 11am

LLANGOLLEN METHODIST CHURCH

Princess Street, Llangollen LL20 8RD
Tel:**07927 144822** Our regular **Sunday Services** are

held at 11am followed by refreshments where we can chat and encourage each other in fellowship**.** **Jammy Church** is held on the 2nd Sun each month in The Memorial Hall on Market Street starts at 10.30am with BREAKFAST! yum, yum. Young families are welcome to join us worshipping and having fun. **After School Drop-in** is for young people of High school age. It's a friendly place to hang out, play games (or not) enjoy refreshments and just spend time together between school and home, no charge. This is every Thurs during term time in the Memorial Hall on Market Street Llangollen 3-5pm. A **Coffee Morning** Is held every Tues 10-12 noon in the Memorial Hall Market Street. We are currently fundraising for essential repairs to our iconic church. **Bible Study** Is held fortnightly in the Memorial Hall. Please check **Riverside News** on Llangollen Methodist Church Website for details. **Sat 28th Nov**, the Memorial Hall in Llangollen, will be open for the **Llangollen Christmas Festival,** from 10.30am - 4.30pm for Refreshments and Children's Crafts, admission free. **Sat 5th Dec**, the Llangollen Methodist Church will be hosting a **Christmas Concert** by Raise the Roof choir, Tickets to include seasonal refreshments - Adults £10 Children £5

PENLLYN CHAPEL, LLANGOLLEN
Brook Street, Llangollen LL20 8LS.
Sundays 10am for 10:30am come and join us, we are a united church family, where you will experience a church full of freedom and love. We also hold a **Healing Prayer** meeting on the first Saturday of the month between 10-12pm T: **07957 728473** E: **church@citychurchllangollen.org.uk**

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RHOS COMMUNITY AGENT UPDATE



I work for Rhos Community Council, offering free support to residents over 50 in Rhos, Johnstown, Pant and Ponciau. I help with forms and signpost to groups, clubs, activities and support services.
Free boccia: first Wednesday each month, 11am–12.30pm, Johnstown community centre, followed by a cuppa and biscuits. This seated, low-impact game is like bowls and suitable for different mobility levels. Everyone welcome. "**News and Brews**": first and second Thursdays each month, 12pm–2pm, Johnstown bowls club, Bryn Avenue. Free hot drinks, light lunch and a speaker. Everyone welcome. **Reminisce Group**: third Friday each month, 11am–12pm, Rhos library, for people living with dementia and their carers. Activities include day trips and social events. In December, we will visit Erddig Hall's Christmas decorations and enjoy Christmas lunch. **Lunch club**: second Monday each month, at a different location. **Bingo**: last Wednesday each month, 1pm–2.30pm, Hafod colliery club, Rhos. Christmas bingo on 25 November starts at 12pm, with a buffet, free flyer and music from The Silver Stars Ukulele group. **Annual Band and Afternoon** tea: 9 December, 12.30pm–3.30pm, Hafod club. Triology will play songs from the 70s and 80s. Tickets £12, available from me. **Armchair Exercise Sessions** will start shortly in Johnstown and Rhos. For details, contact me: Phone: **07851 798630**
Email: **rhoscommunityagent@gmail.com**
Facebook: Rhos, Johnstown, Ponciau community agent Michelle Wynne

RHOS LIBRARY NEWS

Rhos Library, Princes Street, Rhos, LL14 1AB
Tel: **01978292090 (new number)**. The Council's Contact Centre will connect you to your chosen branch. Email: **rhos.library@wrexham.gov.uk**
Opening hours: Mondays and Fridays 10am–6pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am–5pm. **Closed Thursdays.** Regular weekly/monthly events: **Mondays** 10:30am–12pm — Art Group, 10:30am–12pm — Community Agent drop-in 2–3pm — Conversational Welsh **Tuesdays** 2–4pm — Knit and Natter, 10–11am — Quiet Time 10am–3pm — Communities for Work Digital Tuesdays **Wednesdays** 10am–3pm — Citizens Advice drop-in: Penycae, Ruabon South, Ponciau, Pant, Johnstown and Rhos residents only. No appointment needed. 2:30–3:30pm — Reading Group (first Wednesday each month) 3–4pm — Lego Club (ages 4+; Duplo for younger children) 2–4pm — Wrexham Family Information Service drop-in (last Wednesday each month) **Fridays** 10:30–11am — Bilingual Story & Rhyme Time 1:30–3pm — Art Group 2–3pm — Friendship Group 11am–12pm — Reminisce Group (third Friday each month). Enjoy our jigsaw table—add a few pieces or complete the puzzle. Mindfulness colouring sheets and pencils available. Photocopying per sheet: A4 black & white 20p, colour 40p; A3 black & white 40p, colour 60p. Desktops, laptops, iPads and wireless printing available. **Dedicated quiet area**: Tuesdays 10–11am. Wheelchair and mobility scooter access; accessible toilet. English and Welsh fiction, non-fiction, audiobooks and children's books. Three-week loans; renew by phone, email, **www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries** or in person. Return items to any County Borough library.
Collect blue recycling sacks and green caddy bags here. **Christmas holidays:** closes 5pm Wednesday 23 December; reopens Monday 4 January 2027.

RHOSYMEDRE CHURCHYARD VOLUNTERS

Excellent turnout on our open day, a huge thank you to all that came, we had 14 volunteers in total and we were delighted with our young volunteers who tackled leaves and then went putting the made-up pot of flowers on graves, thank you, you were amazing. This has meant 3/4 of the churchyard was cut plus various other jobs were done, from clearing the paths, sweeping and gathering leaves and twigs blown down after the strong winds, revealing more long buried graves, 30 flower arrangements were made and distributed (and we had a general clean up. It has taken three years to get the graveyard looking this good. We would like to thank all those who have supported our work through the donation tins you can see in various local businesses, individual donations made as people see us or as we are working in the graveyard and those who make regular donations. All monies are spent on the project, you help us make all the difference.



SEASONAL WHAT'S ON

Sat 21st Nov, Who Kidnapped Kate Bush at Llangollen Town Hall doors open 6.30 for 7pm tickets £12 online from Ticketsource

Thurs 26th – Fri 27th Nov, A Christmas Carol at the Stiwt, Rhos tickets from **www.stiwt.com** or call the box office on **01978 841300**

Frid 27th Nov, Cefn Community Council Christmas Fair from 5pm - 7pm in the George Edwards Hall. With stall, entertainment, and Santas Grotto, admission free

Sat 28th Nov Glyn Ceriog Christmas Fayre at Canolfan Centre, Glyn Ceriog from 10am-3pm stalls, food, games & Santas Grotto, admission free

Sat 28th Nov, Llangollen Christmas Festival in the Memorial Hall open 10.30am - 4.30pm for Refreshments and Children's Crafts. admission free

The Festival Parade sets of from the Pavillion at 1pm

Sat 28th Nov Llangollen Christmas Illuminations Switch on at 5pm, free parking, festive music, fireworks and fun for all the family.

Wed 2nd Dec Puccini's Madama Butterfly at the Pavillion, Llangollen from 7 - 10pm

Fri 4th Dec Quiz Night in aid of Popham Kidney Support at Fron Community Centre, door 6.30pm starts 7pm £10 per team of up to 6 people, bring your own snacks & drinks. To book contact **Mo Fazakerley** on Facebook.

Fri 4th - Thurs 31st Dec Jack & The Beanstalk at The Stiwt, Rhos, tickets from **www.stiwt.com** or call the box office on **01978 841300.**

Sat 5th Dec Christmas Fayre at St Collen's Church from 11am to 2pm, raffle, stalls, and refreshments

Sat 5th Dec, Brunch with Santa at the Stiwt, Rhos Starts 9.30-11am and 11.30-1pm all tickets £7.50 tickets from **www.stiwt.com** or call the box office on **01978 841300.**

Sat 5th Dec, Christmas Concert by Raise the Roof Choir at Llangollen Methodist Church LL20 8RD, tickets include seasonal refreshments - Adults £10 Children £5

Sat 5th Dec Cefn Community Council **Over 50s Community Party** from 2 - 6pm at the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr

Sat 5th Dec - The Fron Male Voice Choir in Concert with **Lleisiaur Afon Ladies Choir** at All Saints Church Gresford

Sun 6th Dec Christmas Fair at Chirk Court Care Home from 2-4pm stalls, raffle, refreshments, and Santa with his Elves for more info e **nicola.hughes@clwydalyn.co.uk**

Sun 6th Dec Llangollen YFC **Illuminated Tractor Run** Raising funds for North Wales Cardiology Centre, DPJ Foundation and Dementia starting from the Pavillion, Llangollen see their Facebook page for routes and times expected in the villages.

Fri 11th Dec- Deck the Halls at 6.30pm in St Collens Community Hall. An evening of music, laughter and Christmas cheer with the St Collen's Players tickets £15 call **07762 814511**

Sat 12th Dec – A Choral Christmas, Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry at 7pm The Fron joins Oswestry Youth Orchestra for a festive evening Tickets £15, available from **WeGotTickets**

Sat 19th Dec, John's Boys in concert at Chester Cathedral

Sat 19th Dec Llangollen Silver Band Christmas Gala concert at Llangollen Town Hall at 7pm

Sun 20th Dec- Carols by Candlelight at 6pm in St Collens, Llangollen

Thurs 14th Jan -Sun 17th Jan Llangollen Pantomime Group presents **Sleeping Beauty** at Llangollen Town Hall

Sun 14th Feb The Music of Queen & ABBA by the Afterglow Orchestra at St Giles Church Wrexham at 6.30pm tickets from **https://tickets.aftergloworchestra.com/events**

CHIRK GARDENERS CLUB



All welcome at Chirk Gardeners' Club, we meet at Chirk Parish Hall on the last Monday of the month and talks start at 7pm. It's a £15 yearly membership or £3 per talk for visitors. This includes 9 talks and refreshments and a subsidised outing. On November 30th at 7pm Samantha Hopes will be giving a talk on Plants with a Story. Interesting plants, how they were introduced, folklore and much more. Sure to intrigue. We will also have our Christmas raffle. We then take a break, our next meeting on 22nd February where our speaker is Wolfgang Schaeferon talking about *Gardening in the Dolfar Hills* a journey through Cwm Weeg Gardens and more. If you would like more information please contact the Chair, Dawn on **07538 418421** or email **dawngough60@gmail.com**

New members and visitors are always welcome.

CHIRK MUSEUM

Parish Hall, Holyhead Road, Chirk, LL14 5NA

We are normally open Mondays from 10am to 12 noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4pm. Closed on Bank holidays, visiting outside these times is by arrangement.

CHIRK COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

At the Parish Hall, Holyhead Road, Chirk, LL14 5NA, open every Wednesday 2pm - 5pm. Open to all who live or work in Chirk this helps stop food wastage. We are not a food bank, and we welcome anyone in the community who wants to access the initiative. Visitors are free to collect food, drop off donations or swap items from their own cupboards. No food goes to waste; fresh produce not used by the end of the day is collected by other food waste schemes in other areas.

RUABON LIBRARY

Mon: Croeso I Siarad Cymraeg/Welcome to Speak Welsh: 1.45–2.45pm. Socialise and practise Welsh with learners and speakers. **Family Lego Club:** 3.15–4.15pm, ages 4+, every Monday except bank holidays. **4th Mon:** Integrated Autism Service Advice Hub, 2–4pm (December visit: Mon 7 December). **1st Wed:** Wrexham Family Information Service (WFIS) drop-ins, 2–4pm; Adult Jigsaw Swap, 2–3pm.
2nd Wed: Adult Card Craft, 2.15pm. Informal, varied sessions; £1 each. **Last Wed:** Ruabon Readers Reading Group, 2–3pm. Friendly, informal; books provided, new members welcome. Children's Crafts, 3.15–4.15pm. **Thurs:** Quiet Hour, 9.15–10.15am, autism/dementia friendly. Quiet spaces always available; designated Safe Place. Children's Jigsaws Drop-in, 11am–12.30pm.**1st Thurs:** Community Agent Drop-ins, 11am–1pm. **Fri:** Knit & Natter, 2–4pm: knit, crochet, sew or chat; all welcome. Children's Colouring Club, 3.15–4.15pm.
Christmas at Ruabon Library Free drop-in Kids Craft every Wed, 3.15–4.15pm, from 25 Nov–21 Dec.
Borrowbox & Press Reader Borrowbox & Press Reader drop-in: Wed 20ndJan 2027, 2pm. More details on social media and library noticeboards in January.
February Half-Term Mon: Family Lego Club. 2-3:30pm **Wed**: Free Drop-in Kids Craft. 2-3:30pm **Thurs:** Family Jigsaws. 11-12:30pm **Fri:** Boardgames and colouring fun. 2 – 3:30pm
Explore fiction and non-fiction, hobbies and interests, favourite authors, historical fiction, crime thrillers and Ruabon library continued cosy crime. Our varied collection includes audiobooks, large print, Welsh books for adults and children, Young Adult, local interest and reference titles. Share a story in our welcoming children's library Free Wi-Fi, computer and iPad access, plus space to study with your own device. Printing (including Wi-Fi printing) and photocopying available for a small charge. Monthly exhibitions feature local art, historic artefacts and crafts during opening hours. Exhibition space is free; new exhibitors welcome.
Contact the library for availability and details. Help complete our community jigsaw! Blue recycling bags, green caddy sacks and a free Contact Wrexham (access) telephone available during opening hours.
Open: Mon, Wed & Fri, noon–5pm;
Thurs, 9am–1.15pm.
Closed: Tues, weekends & bank holidays.
Christmas closure: From 1pm Thurs 24 Dec until noon Mon 4 Jan 2027.

RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT

I'm Angie your local Community Agent employed by Ruabon Community Council. As a community agent I support people over the age of 55 living in Ruabon free of charge. I also support residents in sheltered accommodation in Ruabon to remain connected, active and stimulated with socials, music activities, quizzes etc. Our **Ukulele Group** still meets fortnightly from 1 to 2.30pm, at the Village Hall at Maes Y Llan Lane, Ruabon. This month our News and Brews will become a **Boccia and Brew** session for the winter months meeting on the 4th Thursday of the Month from10-11.30am at Ruabon Village Hall. My **Community Agent drop in** continues at Ruabon Library the 1st Thursday of the Month 11am-1pm for help with bus passes, blue badge applications, referrals etc. For Ruabon Community Agent activities please check Ruabon Community and Events Facebook page, the noticeboard in the village hall or noticeboard near the carpark. There will be a Mince Pie Christmas social on the week beginning 7th December keep a look out for posters nearer the date. My working hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.You can contact me on **07947 530140** or email: **agent@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales**

FRIENDS OF RUABON

Monthly Meetings Wed Dec 2nd 7pm - The Wynnstay Arms Ruabon. Sat Jan 9th 10am - Bridge End Inn Ruabon Wed Feb 3rd 7pm- The Wynnstay Arms Ruabon. Friends of Ruabon **Frost Fayre Sun 6th Dec** 1pm - 4pm The Wynnstay Arms Ruabon. Friends of Ruabon Santa Sleigh - full details of dates and routes in the local area on Facebook page. For more details, please email **info@friendsofruabon.co.uk** follow us on Facebook.

RUABON AGE CONCERN CHARITY SHOP

Central Buildings, John Street, Ruabon. A charity, raising funds for seniors who live in the village. Open **Mon to Thurs 10am- 3pm, Fri 10am-12 noon**.



RUABON CHURCH BELL RINGERS

St Mary's Church bell ringer open bell practice night is on Thurs from 6.30 to 8pm, creating joyful melodies that resonate. If you would like to know more, please contact the Tower Captain, Gordon Richardson on **ruaboncbr@hotmail.com**

YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS

Ysgol Rhiwabon has achieved The PTI Leadership Mark for whole school leadership having demonstrated excellence in leadership across a range of measures.

The Leadership Programme is an ongoing professional development pathway for school leaders. It is built from a national network of school leaders seeking to make the greatest impact within their schools.

Members of the Leadership Programme develop school leadership approaches and practical solutions aimed at supporting effective teaching and learning. Enhance whole-school leadership by: Strengthening leadership skills across school Developing challenging and inspiring teaching Promoting the professional development of passionate teachers. Enhancing the reach and impact of curriculum-based leadership. Sharing the outcomes of action-based research. Encouraging collaboration across and within schools.

Mr. Patrick Bingham, Headteacher said: "We are delighted to have been awarded The PTI Leadership Mark for whole school leadership through our innovative work and our commitment to continued professional development. We will be proud to carry the Mark on our stationery and website as evidence of our commitment to inspirational teaching, leadership and learning across the whole school." Further information on the Leadership Programme can be found here – **https://www.ptieducation.org/what-we-do/schools-leadership-programme/**



TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK

The Park is open all year round so do come and enjoy the countryside and the facilities here. Check our Facebook page Ty Mawr Country Park where we post pop up events and activities over the winter months. We have our **Christmas Event on Sun 6th Dec** from 12 – 4pm, see our Facebook page for full information.

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/.../tymawr-country-park**

KIDORA

I'm a mum of two from Broughton in North Wales and founder of Kidora, and I wanted to share a free family initiative that I thought could be useful for families. We've launched Outgrown, Not Wasted, a free seven-day family clear-out challenge built around something most parents know very well: children constantly growing out of clothes, toys, books, shoes and other belongings while they still have plenty of useful life left.

The challenge helps families work through what they already have and decide what to keep, pass on to another family, donate, recycle responsibly or sell. We've also created free materials that schools, nurseries, PTAs and community organisations can use, so families can take part individually or local groups can share the challenge more widely.

With Christmas approaching and more toys, clothes and gifts likely to come into family homes, we thought this was a useful time to encourage parents to clear some space, check what they already own and make sure good children's items do not simply sit unused. Everything is free and available here: **https://kidora.uk/outgrown**

We also have a Facebook page


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