



CEFN & DEE VALLEY NEWS

From Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Cefn Bychan, Plas Madoc & The Dee Valley .

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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EDITORS COMMENTS

Exciting time for local **Auctioneers Tongs** over in Rhosymedre with the BBC Bargain Hunt team filming there on October 1st will your favourite Expert be here? Are you going to be backing the Red or the Blue team? Do you have any items to sell? Don't miss your chance to be on TV, do check out the list of interesting and quirky items and the historic and film memorabilia they have on offer online at

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Our PCSO Lara was out with the Cefn Community Council speed gun checking vehicles on Queens Street who were travelling considerably above the 20mph limit, however there were no issues on Bowers Road and in Newbridge.

The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II leaves a gap in our lives, she was always here, a steady, calming, constant voice, through so many changing, challenging and confusing times, in some ways she was the nations Grandmother. Rest in Peace Ma'am and thank you for your service.

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

Stay safe and look after yourselves, Tyger.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and

protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. This year, Remembrance Sunday will be held on the 13th November. It is my privilege to volunteer with the Royal British Legion for a second year in Cefn Mawr and help raise funding for this excellent charity. Last year, Cefn Mawr raised over £6000 for the Royal British Legion, which shows Cefn Mawr's close service ties. If you would like to order a wreath, volunteer or find out more. Please feel free to send me an e-mail to

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Many thanks. **Joe Wojcik-Jones**

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To use the service you will need to become a member and pay an annual fee of £15 per year, journeys are then costed per mile and quotations available on Request. *For this scheme to succeed we need volunteer drivers.* If you have a need to use the community transport or would like more information on the scheme and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please call us on **07423 503836** or email: **laura@weareplasmadoc.co.uk**

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COMMUNITY AGENTS UPDATE

Hello Everyone.

Autumn is upon us and dark nights are drawing in. Understandably there is a lot of uncertainty around the cost of living at the moment. I would like to reassure you all that you are not alone and you are welcome to approach me or contact me with any concerns, no matter how big or small you feel it is. I will be holding workshops on back to basics which will include energy saving tips, budgeting, shopping and cooking on a budget, and benefit advice. I can also provide general emotional support for those of you who would just like to chat.



On Saturday 15th October the CRNCA on Bro Gwilym are holding an event for *World Menopause Day*, between 10am and 12 noon and I shall be in attendance. There will be lots of information, advice, someone to talk to, different foods to sample, and various holistic therapies to try. It will be suitable for all ages, whether you have something to learn, or experiences to share. Fathers, husbands, and sons are also welcome to join us as you too may have stories to share, or things to learn. You can contact me on cefncommunityagent@gmail.com or **07925 048711** See you all soon. **Marie-Claire.**

The Towers Day Nursery

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SANTA VISITS 2022

Father Christmas has sent the following provisional December visit dates for your diaries!

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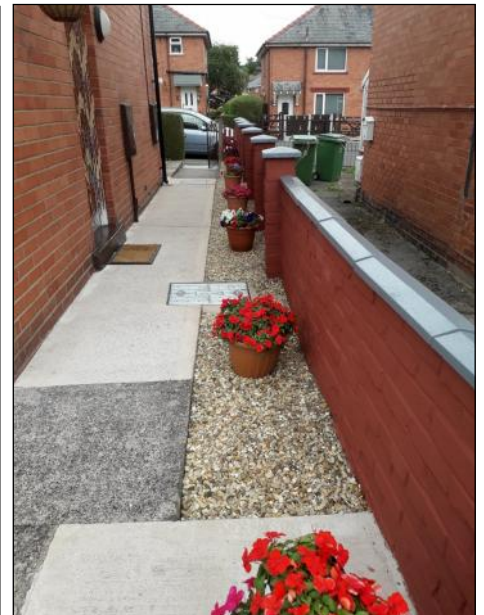


CEFN MAWR COMMUNITY IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2022 WINNERS

Large Garden 1st Jan and Vaughan Llewelyn Davies. 2nd Nigel Beasley. 3rd Carol Williams. **Small Garden** 1st Barbara Lloyd. 2nd Stephen Jones. 3rd Geoff Langford. **Container** 1st Barbara Lloyd. 2nd Stephen Jones. 3rd Keith Evans. **Community Garden** 1st TOCRA Cae Glo. 2nd Francis Roberts Bethania Chapel **Best Overall - Rose Bowl Winner** Jan & Vaughan Davies

We would like to thank Paul Moss, his colleagues and students from The Derwen for their help in judging, our residents from across the ward for entering the competition in what was quite a challenging season for all gardens and all our winners. We hope you enjoyed the presentation.





What an amazing time the judges had going around the area for the garden competition. Well done to the winners and well done to everyone for brightening up our community. There will be an album posted to Newsletter Facebook page with all the photos taken for the competition, so go and see if you agree with the judges. We look forward to more residents enter the competition next year.

REPORTING STREET LIGHTS for Cefn Community Council. The Community Council managed lamp posts will usually have a number on them and should have all been upgraded to the new energy efficient bulbs, issues should be reported to the Clerk who can be contacted on **01978 821298** or by email: cefnmawrparish@btconnect.com

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STRICTLY NIGHTINGALES DANCING EVENT

This will be held at the Titanic Hotel, Liverpool on **Saturday 26th November**. Fr Lee is taking part in this competition to raise funds for Nightingale House Hospice. If you would like to sponsor him, forms are available at the back of church (St Colleen's)

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The group of volunteers organising the Llangollen Christmas Festival had their first planning meeting. The 2022 festival takes place on Saturday November 26th and they say the plan is to make it bigger and better than ever. Starting with a grand parade through town at 1pm followed by an afternoon of family fun and entertainment with plenty of festive atmosphere for people to soak up.

The group's Austin Cheminais said:
Come and chat to Sion Corn and take a



picture as we're not charging to see him this year. Visit the craft stalls and do some Christmas shopping and try the tasty treats available from local producers. You can also enjoy the fairground rides, marvel at the Christmas lights and firework display, practice your circus skills, enjoy a Punch and Judy show, and visit the stages in the Town Square and Market Street throughout the afternoon for some outstanding music and entertainment. There will also be the chance to do your Christmas shopping in Llangollen's wonderful selection of local shops and stores. Look on social media for more information. If you are interested in helping the festival team, please contact Chem at chemshouts@gmail.com

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COUNTRY MARKET NEWS

Llangollen Country Market is open on the last Friday morning of each month from 9.45 to

11.45am at **Llangollen Memorial Hall**, Market Street, Llangollen LL20 8PS, opposite the main carpark. There are the usual tea and coffee facilities, and you can browse old and new stalls including craft stalls, plant stalls, baked cakes, jewellery and more.

FROM MISSION HALLS TO MUSIC HALLS

Ladies & Gentlemen! Join Fr Lee as he live-streams on Facebook at 6pm on a Sunday night, as recently see on the popular **BBC Songs of Praise** programme. Like and follow our Facebook page to get the Sunday night song sheet link too.

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News Update



Welcome to the Ninth edition of Crane News.

Hello everyone. Hope you have all been keeping safe and well? Since the last edition we have continued to offer an effective clinical service to our patients whilst supporting our NHS colleagues in their commitment to tackle the clinical back log which has resulted from the Covid pandemic.

As Covid 19 is still circulating within our communities we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the latest response from Welsh Government that includes the announcement regarding the Autumn booster vaccination programme. Again, as a practice we are proud to have been asked to assist the Health Board in delivering the vaccinations to our own patients and those from other neighbouring practices within our South Wrexham Cluster.

The vaccine continues to be the best solution to preventing serious illness and the spread of Covid 19, so it is important that you attend your appointment to have your vaccination when you receive your invitation letter. This is because over time there is concern that the immunity gained by an individual from previous vaccinations maybe reduced.

The eligible patient groups that will be invited this time for Covid vaccinations mirror those that are eligible to receive an annual flu vaccination. Those eligible are:

Residential care home residents

All adults over 50 years

Frontline health and social care employees

Adult household members of individuals who are immunosuppressed

Adult carers

16 – 49-year-olds with underlying health conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart disease, kidney disease, neurological disorders, diabetes, asplenia, those on immunosuppressive medications and those with a body mass exceeding 40.

As a practice we have been meticulously planning our clinics and anticipate them starting in early September. All Covid vaccination clinics will be held at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre**. Please note as we are involved in vaccinating patients from other practices, we are not able to administer the flu jab and the Covid vaccination at the same time. If you are a patient at Crane medical Centre please contact the surgery as soon as possible to book your appointment. All flu vaccinations will be delivered from the surgery.

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

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1st TREVOR SCOUT GROUP

The group has resumed after the Summer break with new members. Some new volunteer LEADERS have also come forward, which is brilliant news and we are now putting plans together for the coming year. Our first group trip will be to the Liverpool Museums in October. We will also begin our Xmas plans, some of which will be to attend the local Xmas fairs with our famous Trash an Treasure and our homemade Bara Brith and jams etc as fundraisers.

We have 2 sections in the group. Beavers 6-8 years and Cubs 8-11 years. Both are for girls and boys. Beavers are getting full, but we have vacancies in the Cubs at the moment. We meet every Thursday in term time at our HQ in Heol Penderyst, Trevor. We have children from all over the area and everyone is welcome.

Scouting offers a wide range of activities which provide adventure, fun and is challenging both for the young people and our Leaders.

Our recent activities have included learning how to canoe on the canal, visiting RAF Cosford as part of the Air Activities Badge and our Annual water fight, which is mad and great fun!

As a group we are always in need and welcome any new volunteers, to help in any way. Please contact myself Elaine Anderson Group Scout Leader on **07939 476208** for a chat, if you are interested.

CEFN AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Cefn Mawr Museum continues to flourish, and we have had a very interesting set of visitors through the doors recently, many of them for the first time. We currently have a special exhibition on the Ruabon Field Club, and an upcoming one organised by Heather, one of our volunteers, on the Gresford Mining Disaster (which involved miners from the Cefn area). Our opening hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am to 12.30pm.

The Historical Society has not resumed yet, but we now have one or two speakers in mind to get us going again. Ideally we should like to resume sometime this autumn, with a full programme for 2023. We will let you know as soon as arrangements are in place. You can contact me on a.tiltman@hotmail.com or through a message on Facebook. Alan Tiltman, Archivist

CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The George Edwards Hall is available to book for parties and events, as well as the main hall we also have available the Lower Room with fully equipped kitchen and the Council Chamber, for those requiring smaller space for meetings or smaller parties the Clerk can be contacted on **01978 821298** for any enquiries. Currently we have *Slimming World* on Tuesday 5pm - 8pm, and Wednesday 9am - 11am. *DanceZone* on Mondays 5pm - 8.30pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - 8.30pm. *Line Dancing* on a Wednesday from 7.30pm - 10pm.

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

Street lights: We have completed the upgrade to our street lights with energy efficient LED bulbs. If you notice any street lights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk on **01978 821298** thank you.

Birthdays: If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their **90th** or **100th** birthdays please can you let the Clerk know on **01978 821298** thank you.

Wedding Anniversaries: If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebrating their **Diamond, 60 years or Platinum, 70 years Anniversaries** please can you let the Clerk know on **01978 821298**

Trefynant Cemetery: we respectfully ask when visiting the Cemetery to keep your distance as we know some visitors are still concerned. **Polite Notice** - Please use the one-way system, no turning around by the brick cabin, thank you. We are very please with the recent improvement to the path done by local firm Cefn Mawr Driveways see photos below.



Youth Club: the Council funded club in the George Edwards Hall is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm during term time.

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



Remembrance Service: This year's service will be on Sunday 13th November at the Cenotaph, Plas Kynaston Lane starting at 10.40am so please can those attending be in place by 10.35am, we will also have two rows of seating available. After the service has finished please join us at the George Edwards Hall for refreshments including a buffet. If you are laying a wreath on behalf of an organisation please call the Clerk to let her know on **01978 821298**.



Community Litter Picks: our Councillors have been carrying out monthly litter picks around all areas of the Cefn Ward and if you would like to join them please contact the Clerk on **01978 821298** for details of the upcoming areas, dates and times, also check our Facebook page, litter pickers and bags are provided. If you know of a litter 'hot spot' please do get in touch with the Clerk, thank you.

Wildflower Meadows: we would like to thank everyone for the lovely and positive comments made about our Cornfield and Wildflower meadow planting this year on Cae Glo, the field off Rock Road and Plas Kynaston. This was through a National Lottery Heritage Grant for Green Spaces in Nature.

Cefn Christmas Celebrations: We are planning our Cefn Community Council Christmas Celebrations for Friday 9th December with the lights switch on at around 4.45pm, a Christmas Window Display Competition to be judging by the Mayor of Wrexham, Carol Singing, our Christmas Fayre with refreshments in the George Edwards Hall between 5 and 7pm and a Santa's Grotto please check our Facebook page for more information.

Playwork project: don't forget our free playwork project will be operating over the autumn half term on Monday and Wednesday in Plas Kynaston Park and on Friday on Acrefair school field for children aged 5+ from 11am to 1pm. This is the last one for this year, it will be back after Easter 2023.



PCSOs UPDATE

Welcome.

During the summer, we wished PCSO Jessica Lloyd a farewell on her new journey to becoming a Police Constable. Jessica is well into her training program and we hope to see her back in Wrexham Rural early next year. We welcomed PCSO Kelvin Evans to the Cefn Ward; he has worked across Wrexham Town and Rural during the past few years and he has now taken Plas Madoc under his wing.

Community Engagement

Recently, we have secured funding which has allowed us to purchase a NWP Community Engagement Gazebo and accessories for the Wrexham Rural District. The idea of this is to provide good visibility and opportunities for members of the public to engage with us at pop-up events, carnivals, and outside retail premises. How can you help? If you know if any local businesses, charities, or organisations that are holding events, please do let us know and we will endeavour to come along to participate.

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LLANGOLLEN MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum is, open four days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00am to 4:00pm. We are re-starting our programme of talks – the next will be Friday 30th September and will be an illustrated presentation by *Graham Greasley* entitled *Chirk 1939-1945*, a tribute to those men and women who served their country in the Second World War. Starting at 7.30pm – entrance will be £3 on the door and, as usual, will include tea/coffee and a biscuit.

This September the art gallery at the Museum features a photographic exhibition of *May Queens* and *May Day events* in Llangollen over the one hundred and eleven years that it has been running. So come along and spot an ancestor – or even yourself in some of the later pictures.

YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU Llangollen Museum has been making the history of the town and surrounding area accessible to locals and visitors for well over twenty years. With displays about the heritage of the area, and a collection of over 10,000 items, we are preserving the history of Llangollen for future generations, so that they can learn about the changes that have happened to our unique area over the centuries.

Totally volunteer run, we became an accredited museum ten years ago. We would very much like to be able to continue to provide this service to everyone for another twenty years and beyond, but, aside from the issue of steeply increasing running costs, we have two critical problems. The first is volunteers. As with many organisations our number of active volunteers has dropped significantly and, following the pandemic, we are struggling to recruit new ones. We have had to cut our days of opening to just four every week, not only making it harder for people to access the heritage but also reducing the income from our small shop area.

This will become particularly noticeable when our energy bills shoot up next year. The second issue is with the building. The roof has developed a leak and the only solution is to replace the entire roof – at a cost of around £80,000. Under the terms of our lease from Denbighshire the Museum will have to pay for this. We may be able to apply for funding to do this work, but again it comes down to volunteer numbers – volunteers with time to write applications but, more importantly, to show that we are viable to continue to stay open.

Without good volunteer numbers we will struggle to secure funding, as it would be of little use to have a new roof if we do not have the people to run the Museum. **One thing is certain – if we do not manage to get more volunteers then Llangollen Museum WILL have to close within the next year.**

So we need your help. If you think that you would be able to give some time each week (days and times can be arranged to fit in with what works for you) to helping in the Museum please contact our manager Gill Smith at gilliansmith2@hotmail.co.uk or on **07516 023524**. So do get in touch and help us to let all visitors and local people enjoy the heritage of our fascinating area for the next twenty years.

BLOOD DONATIONS - WE NEED YOU

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WINTER EVENTS

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

CRNCA **Halloween Market** from 10-1pm in the Activity Centre, Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr

Trevor Church **Autumn Fair** in Trevor Community Centre starting at 1pm.

Cefn Mawr Community Social Club opening night ABBA tribute band, Disco & Karaoke! a free arrival cocktail and buffet on us!

Voices of the Valley - The Fron Male Voice Choir will be joined by merseywavemusic for an **evening of music** at The Holroyd Community Theatre just off the Gledrid roundabout on the A483. tickets available from <https://cutt.ly/FronMVC-Autumn> at £19.

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Harvest Festival Hog Roast 5pm at the Hollybush Inn Cefn Mawr

Llangollen Railway **Heritage Railcar Gala** Sat 8th & Sun 9th with Saturday evening hot-pot supper & 4-car Landcruiser visit llangollen-railway.co.uk for info

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

CRNCA Bro Gwilym are holding **World Menopause Day** event for between 10am and 12 noon

The Stute Cup Autumn Open Pairs competition £20 per team. Max 32 teams, 10am to finish, at Weston Rhyn Institute. Weston Rhyn SY10 7RG

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Ultimate 80's party night with **80s Manic Bingo**, auction & raffle followed by 80s & 90s Disco 7pm at Llan Town Hall for Llangollen Parks Community Group, tickets £7.50

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

The Colleen Players **Music Hall & Variety Show** 6:30pm at St Colleen's Community Hall. Tickets £15 includes supper. Tel: 01978 861768 to book.

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

The Tommy & Geraint Lloyd **Memorial Darts Trophy Open Competition** at the RAFA Club Llangollen registration from 12 noon entry fee £15 per team

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Cefn Community Council **Service of Remembrance** at the Cenotaph, Plas Kynaston Lane at 10.40am with refreshments in the George Edwards Hall.

SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Fair at Pontcysyllte Tearooms

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

CRNCA **Christmas Market** 10-1pm

Llangollen Town Christmas Festival provisional date

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Cefn & District Invitational Monday Dart League are planning a **Charity Darts Competition** in memory of Les Warner and Sue Wright at Cefn Mawr Social Club more info closer to the time, all money raised going to cancer research.

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

The 1st Llangollen to Chirk **Illuminated Tractor Run** in aid of Vale of Llangollen Rotary & Llangollen Young Farmers. Tractors start to muster at 3.30pm in Llangollen and leave at 5pm through the main street of Llan then along the A5 to Chirk. Public can walk around the illuminated tractors prior to departure.

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Cefn Mawr and District **Community Groups** meeting 2.30pm at Cefn Mawr Library

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Cefn Community Council Christmas Celebration with lights switch on at around 4.45, Christmas Window Competition judging, Carol Singing, Christmas Fayre in the George Edwards Hall between 5 and 7pm and Santa's Grotto please check our Facebook page for more information.

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

We are Plas Madoc Community Christmas from 3pm -7pm in the Opportunity Centre carpark, Traditional games and stalls with choir and Santa's grotto.

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Trevor Church Christmas Concert at 7pm.

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CHURCH NOTICES



“Will somebody please tell us some GOOD NEWS!”

Is that what we are all thinking? Is that what is in all our hearts? It's true to say that our world is in an absolute mess - nobody can deny that! We might try to

bury our heads in the sand and close our ears to what we hear on the TV, internet and other platforms, hoping it'll go away and won't effect **US** – but we've been told and warned that we are **ALL** in for a rough ride this winter!

“So where is the GOOD NEWS in that” - I hear you say! . . . Well, as I write this it's September 2nd!

Christmas seems - and is - months away! But this quarter of our Community News will cover Christmas! Some 'organised' people will already be putting to one side gifts for others. Other folk will be panicking as to how they will make ends meet each day, without the added pressure of giving gifts! But do you know that Christmas is not supposed to be a pressure point like this? Let us, for one moment visualise in our minds the birth of Jesus – God's precious gift and Saviour to all over past centuries! He was born in a dirty smelly stable, not the clean and comfortable place we would expect to be delivered these days! The first people who were told about Him were not close family and friends, waiting with cards and gifts to welcome the new baby, but to scruffy, dirty, smelly shepherds, considered to be the lowest of the low in those days! But the angel came to them, not the well, respected folk in posh houses and castles that you might have expected! The shepherds were terrified the bible tells us, but the angel's message to them was **“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people”** – I don't suppose the shepherds had two pennies to rub together between them, and yet we're told that their hearts were filled with 'joy and peace' as *they* were invited and went to meet **this** new baby – empty handed!

We too can experience that **'great joy – and peace'** when we meet with Jesus. “How?” I hear you ask! Is He going to help pay the bills, feed and clothe our children, solve our problems?” – Well, you may be surprised to hear that the answer to that is so often yes, because He has been there and knows what it's like! He invites us to call upon him and **ask** for help and He'll not turn us away! Are you in that place now? CaféChurch is held on the first Sunday of every month at the CRNCA (the Old Canteen) Our Social Evening is always on a Thursday evening 11 days later. We're a group of very friendly people who meet from different and no church backgrounds, with our own personal stories to tell of how Jesus helped each one of us, and gave each one of us that peace in different ways. Would you like to know more? We would love you to join us. Telephone **Colin** or **Rowena** on **01978 824785** or leave a message on our answer phone and we will get back to you.

RHOSYMEDRE METHODIST CHAPEL

We are open for worship every **Sunday** at **11am**
We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 25th September, all are welcome to join us.
For more information please call **01978 821177**.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH RHOSYMEDRE



Our normal **Sunday Services** are at **11am**.

Our celebrated **Chips and Bingo** runs on the **second Tuesday** of every month, there is a small cost to attend (around £5 for the chips), and please let us know if you'd like to attend, so we can make sure that we've got some chips for you. Follow us on Facebook @ **Hafod Family of Churches** on Twitter @**HafodFamily**, or even on Instagram! **Hafod Family**. For wedding, baptism or funeral enquiries please contact me on **01978 846204** or e-mail:

PhilBettinson1@churcheinwales.org.uk

LLANGOLLEN GROUP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES

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

Free Lunch at St Collen's

Community Hall Fridays 12noon - 1.30pm. All welcome.

Free Breakfast at St Collen's Community Hall

Saturdays 9 - 11am. All welcome.

Our **Annual Pet Blessing** service is at St Collen's on Saturday 22nd October at 2pm.

Gong Bath Sound Healing 25th October at 7pm. St Collen's Community Hall. To book, tel: **07534 118899**

Expand a new meet-up group for people of all faiths and backgrounds who are interested in the metaphysical, mystical experience and conversations around consciousness. To register your interest, please email: frleetaylor@hotmail.co.uk

Donations for those in need: In preparation for Christmas, we are collecting donations of toys, toiletries, gifts, knitted items (hats, scarfs, blankets etc) for those who will struggle this coming winter.

Church Welcoming Duty: Can you spare 1-2 hours a week to be present in church to welcome visitors to St Collen's? A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church.

TREVOR PARISH CHURCH

The Church in the Wood, Services are held at Trevor parish church every Sunday at 9.30am. A service of **Holy Communion** is held on the **4th Sunday** of the month. All are welcome. Saturday October 1st **Autumn Fair** in Trevor Community Centre starting at 1pm. **Christmas Concert** on Friday 16th December at 7pm.

CATHOLIC CHURCHS

Llangollen, Chirk and Ruabon Churches are open for Mass, **Llangollen** Saturday at 6pm, **Chirk** Sunday at 9am and **Ruabon** Sunday at 11am. please see local Church Notice Boards for more information, thank you. For other devotions including weddings, births, confessions and funerals please contact: **Fr John Bosco Bukomba** by email at: [PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto: PriestRuabon@rcdwxm.org.uk)



CRNCA NEWS

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The clubs and group continue at the Activity

Centre for all to come along and participate in even if only for a look to see if you like to join them

Changing Seasons

Over 50s Club every Tuesday 12.30 -3pm subs apply
Fun games, craft, chat it is your choice Over the summer members have been out and about enjoying the freedom to visit local places including The Derwen Garden Centre, Chapel Tearooms and enjoyed two canal boat trips.

Over 50s Lunch Club

Wednesday at 12.30pm 2 course meal plus hot drinks for £3.50p Ring Kris on **07531 310335** to book.



The Fabulous Woollies Knitting & Crochet Group

Wednesday 2-4pm subs apply, want to learn or brush up your skills come along as meet our great 'Woollies' all welcome refreshments available.



Games and Hobby Hour

Cards, dominos, jigsaws, if you need to get out of the house, come along and have a game with likeminded friends, maybe copy some old photos and chat about the local history. This follows directly after Wednesday lunch club at around 1.45pm.



Men's Shed / She Shed Groups

Thursday 10-12.30pm. We now have electricians in the container so some real work can start in making items for yourself or to raise funds, do some gardening, or just chat over a cuppa and snack Subs apply. The Community Agent will on occasions be available at this time if you wish to speak with her.

Eco and garden project

Anyone wishing to try a little gardening from experts to beginners come along on Thursday mornings from 10-12pm New activity sessions once a fortnight next one Saturday 8th October from 10-1pm with DIY, craft, gardening, building maintenance, cooking skills eg jam making, upcycling. You nominate it and we can all have a try at it

The Old Canteen Activity Centre is run and maintained by community volunteers if you feel you can contribute to any of our projects even for an hour please call kris 07531310335

We really could do with a little help

Any one wish to help cook with another volunteer on a Wednesday? Once a month simple homemade food like you do at home never by yourself so give it a try

CRNCA Carpark

Please note this is a private carpark provided for Centre users and only users in the centre vehicles are insured, so any cars and other work vehicles parking for schools, shopping etc are not insured and are parking at their own risk.

Diary Dates for up coming events at the Centre

Saturday October 1st Halloween Fayre from 10 -1pm. Come and see some amazing Halloween crafts ideal for the great day many local stalls and fundraising groups.



Saturday November 26th Christmas Market from 10-1pm. Find that special little something that will delight you and your friends or family. Refreshments available.



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This easy-to-remember number is **free to call** from **landlines and mobiles** and provides access to both **GP Out of Hours Services** and health advice from **NHS Wales**
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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LLANGOLLEN FOOD SHARE HUB



At the Castle Street end of Market Street Car Park. If you have queries or trouble finding us please call **07835 261343** or

Facebook us. Open for food share **2 - 3pm each Wednesday**. Open for donations on **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month from **10 - 11am**. **Crisis / Emergency support:** if you are in crisis or need some emergency support we can help out of hours please get in touch. To talk in confidence about how we can help, message us on Facebook or text **07835 261343**. If you know of anyone struggling, please pass on our details for them to contact us. We can deliver to those unable to collect. *We also share supermarket surplus to stop food waste, check our Facebook page for updates as we usually post details of our Community Food Share when there is more than we need, help us save food from going to landfill. Just bring a bag and help yourself from the table outside. Food share is for everyone.*

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from somewhere that helps you with other support too such as your housing officer, social worker, health visitor, community agent, school or the Citizen's Advice Bureau. You can also call the **Help Through Hardship** free helpline on **0808 208 2138**. There are eight centres where parcels can be collected, but if you are unable to get there someone can collect on your behalf, or you can request a home delivery. Our centre at **Plas Madoc Leisure Centre** is open on Thursday from 10.30-12 noon, use the red fire exit door by the main car park. Foodbank donations can be made at our warehouse on Ruabon Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am -3pm, or in most supermarket stores. For more information visit www.wrexham.foodbank.org.uk, follow them on Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us on info@wrexham.foodbank.org.uk or **07538 547971**.

THE COMMUNITY CAFE & FOODBANK RHOS

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

COMMUNITY GROUPS

1st Trevor Scout Group 07939 476208

Choral Variations Mixed Choir 07532 780007

North Wales Hampden Bowling Club 01978 820179

Raise the Roof Community Singing 01978 266569

Please let me have your group name and contact number to include in this section - only those who have confirmed that they wish to be added will be including . Please email me on:

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FRIENDS OF PARKIES

We are a charity based on the border of North Shropshire and South Clwyd in St Martins, offering support for those diagnosed with Parkinsons, their carers and families. We meet socially every 2nd Wednesday of the month to share information and to help/support one another. We offer support for people recently diagnosed with Parkinsons who don't know where to turn for help and information. We have a diverse range of people of all ages so don't think you are too young or too old - everybody is welcome. We have guest speakers at our social meetings who offer help and advice accessing Parkinsons support. We also arrange social outings which have included a canal cruise and a visit to Keele University to see the research work being undertaken to treat Parkinsons. Sounds interesting? Call us for an informal chat and more information. Tel: **Elaine** on **07760 685447**. See our Facebook page - **friends of parkies**.

WCBC BENEFITS ADVICE

Our Welfare Rights Unit provides telephone advice to Wrexham residents on all matters relating to Social Security entitlements including advice on Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance, disability benefits and so on. Please call **01978 298225** between **9.30am and 12pm, Monday to Friday**.

WCBC ESTATE OFFICE UPDATE

We are open for all queries and advice and our Kiosk is open for the payment of rent and council tax by card only as we no longer accept cash. Reception open to the public from **9am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday**, and **9am to 4pm Friday**.

Our staff are now out and about on the estates. Tenants can call the Estate Office on **01978 292061** If you have **URGENT OUT OF HOURS HOUSING REPAIRS** please contact housing on **01978 298993**.

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PLAS MADOC POST OFFICE & TOP SHOP

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PLAS MADOC NEWS & UPDATES

Plas Madoc Kettle Club run by the AVOW Play Team (The Land) is an informal, friendly group where parents, grandparents and carers can meet up, have a chat over a brew. People can also access support, advice and opportunities to attend free training. The group is free to attend everyone is welcome. In addition, the Play Team have dedicated parent support which can be accessed Monday to Friday. If you would like more information, please contact claire.pugh@avow.org or find us on Facebook or call **01978 813912**.

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

Crafty Brew Tuesdays 10am-12pm in the Aqua Lounge at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. Crafty Brew is a Health & Well-being group that supports mental health through crafts and peer support. All welcome - come along and do some crafts whilst having a cuppa.

PMLC Support Hub Tuesdays 10am-12pm alongside Crafty Brew various drop-in support from the Council, Mind, Warm Wales, Communities for Work, Cambrian Savings & Loans & the Wallich. (please note some attend once a month)

Mobile Food Van Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm on the carpark by the Leisure centre field. Meals available to purchase on the day and can be pre-ordered for the following week. Microwave meals, slow cooker bags & much more from toiletries and food cupboard items.

Community Transport Scheme Tuesdays 6pm-7pm on Leisure Centre carpark by the field. If you have a need to utilise the community transport or would like more information on the scheme, come along and have a chat, If you have a current driving licence and are interested in becoming a volunteer driver pop along and we can give you all the information and get you signed up.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE

The Land, Adventure Playground is free to attend for children aged 5+ and is currently open Tuesday - Saturday. For more information, please find us on Facebook, email claire.pugh@avow.org or contact the office on **01978 813912**

Drama Club meet every Monday from 4pm to 6pm upstairs in the Leisure Centre, for children of all ages.

Youth Club on Wednesdays for High School children from 6pm to 8pm upstairs in the Leisure Centre. Also, on Wednesday – **'The Land' Youth Football** for over 10s from 7.15pm to 8.15pm in the Leisure Centre big hall. For more information on services for children and young people please find us on Facebook @Land Plasmadoc/ email claire.pugh@avow.org or call us at the office on **01978 813912**

Monthly Bingo every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm eyes down 7pm- Aqua Lounge Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. £3 per book, inbox **We Are Plas Madoc** for more details and book your tickets. 8 Lines/ 8 houses (you can play 4 lines/4 houses if you are unable to stay for the duration). **Children Bingo** £1 must be with an adult.

We are Plas Madoc Community Christmas is on Saturday 10th December 3pm-7pm Opportunity Centre carpark, Traditional games, stalls a choir and Santa's grotto, to get involved call us on **07394 465113**



CEFN & DISTRICT INVITATIONAL MONDAY DARTS LEAGUE

July saw the end of season Finals & Presentation Night of the *Cefn & District Invitational Monday Darts League* at Cefn Community Club. The league itself has a long history in the local area and has been running from local pubs and clubs for many years and is popular among some of the best players in the area all competing in the league's unusual Double In-Double Out format. Some of the league's players have gone on to represent the league in tournaments all over the world and on TV.

The 2021-22 league season was won by the impressive **Sun Inn Rhos** who only lost 2 games all season. Finals night saw the culmination of all of the end of season Knockouts. The results of which are:-

Team Knockout Winner **Sun Inn Rhos**
Team Knockout Runner Up **Cefn Community Club**
Consolation Cup Winner **Vaults Ruabon**
Consolation Cup Runner Up **Queens Hotel Cefn**
Individuals Winner Ian Bride **Cons Club Ruabon**
Individuals Runner Up Matt Bottomley **Royston Club Acrefair**
Women's Individual Winner Gladys Davies **Grapes Johnstown**
Women's Individual Runner Up Abbie Pugh **Pubby McPubface A**
Pairs Winners Sion Matthews and Gareth Gray **Sun Inn Rhos**
Pairs Runner Up Andy Armstrong and Ian Bride **Cons Club Ruabon**
Captains Cup Winners Andy Armstrong and Ian Bride **Cons Club Ruabon**
Captains Cup Runner Up Matt Bottomley and Doug Price **Royston Club Acrefair**

Awards were presented to all winners and to Danny Dulson **Jolly Masons Rhosymedre** who achieved the finish with least number of darts used, and Jim Leighton **Eagles Acrefair** who achieved the highest finish of the season with an impressive 154. Following the AGM on the 5th of September the League restarts for the season on September 19th. We have new teams joining from The Delph and Chirk AAA, the Grapes have relocated to the New Inn, and the Jolly Masons unfortunately have pulled out for the coming season. If anyone would like to play for a team in the league, they should contact a venue in the League or contact **Rob Pugh** or **Greg Matthews** via the **Cefn Mawr & District Invitational Darts League** Facebook group who will point them in the right direction.

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.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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FREE ONLINE PARENTING COURSES

It's been over two years since the launch of the free online Solihull Parenting Courses for families within North Wales area. To date, across Wales, 7804 learners have taken part, with 5,551 of these being from North Wales, which is fantastic!

These courses are appropriate for ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period up to 18 years of age. They are relevant for parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc. The documents, below, are FAQ's and testimonials by parents who have completed the courses:- We believe that parents are their children's first and most important educators and we are delighted to share this growth and learning opportunity with you as parents and carers. These courses are **FREE** to all residents of North Wales with the access code **NWSOL**.

The licence is valid until end of **October 2023** so please take advantage of this fantastic resource while you can. Once you have accessed the courses using this code you will have non-expiring access to the courses.

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Wednesdays

Cylch Ti a Fi - 1.30-2.30 this group runs every week (term time) and is aimed at under 4's it is suitable for Welsh and non Welsh speaking families. In Ti a Fi your child will learn and sing simple welsh songs, listen to welsh stories and take part in simple craft activities. The sessions are free of charge but places must be booked in advance. To book, please contact Llinos on **07483324364** or email

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Lego Club We have re-introduced our popular Lego club, this club will be on every **Wednesday** from **3.15 -4pm.** Suitable for ages 4+ but we do have building blocks available for any younger children who wish to come along. Lego club is **FREE** and we will provide a drink of squash and biscuit.

Thursdays

Our Adult Book Club is on the 4th **Thursday** of every month from **2 to 3pm.**

Spooky Stories for children Monday the 31st of October. There will be 3 sessions 4-5pm for **2-6, year olds.** 5:15-6:15pm for **7-10 year olds** and 6.30-7:30pm for **10 plus.** Session will involve two stories and a craft along with hot chocolate and a treat.

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We're very grateful to all our volunteers including the Volunteer Litter Rangers for their hard work maintaining the bins and litter management during this busy time as well as the Aqueduct Rangers for their outdoor assistance, chatting to visitors, their help to ease boat congestion and reporting in any issues they see on a daily basis.

The FREE Let's Fish event held by Canal and River Trust Angling has seen another successful year here at Trevor Basin. They supplied us with some wonderful photographs of customers enjoying their free lessons in the sunshine. If you'd like to find out about their events along the waterways please visit their Facebook page @CanalrivertrustAngling or by visiting their website <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/fishing>

Big thank you to Loving Life in Wellies for holding another great Event at Trevor Basin with her Canalside Yoga and BYO picnic which was held on Sunday 14th August. It was a very hot day but Chelsea very kindly still managed to raise money for the Canal and River Trust. Thank you to those who got involved too in. "Celebrating late summer, and our beautiful blue and green spaces with relaxing beginner-friendly outdoor yoga and mindfulness class (60 mins), followed by a picnic of your choosing, located near to Trevor Basin." Find out more at <https://lovinglifeinwellies.co.uk>

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Ysgol Cefn Mawr Year 6 Leavers

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The pupils were gifted Leavers' Hoodies earlier in the term which they were able to wear in place of normal school uniform. They performed their Leaving Service for families and school, each pupil received a memory book of their time at Ysgol Cefn Mawr, they have been an absolute credit to the school and their families. We enjoyed a Beach Themed Party evening and organised a bowling visit to Tenpin to thank the pupils for their hard work and contributions to the school during their time with us.



YSGOL RHIWABON NEWS



We celebrate our Year 11 Leavers with some photos of their shirt signing and Prom. We also congratulate them on their GCSE results. This year marks the return to formal examinations for a cohort affected at

the end of Key Stage 3, and throughout their examination years, by the disruption caused by the pandemic. Despite these challenges, Year 11 students have achieved an amazing set of results and we are delighted for them. They have improved on the last set of formal examination results pre pandemic, with an Increased number of students securing the highest grades A*/A across all their subjects. Ysgol Rhiwabon Staff and Governors are proud of the achievements of every single learner this year. The Class of 2022 has displayed some outstanding individual achievements and a collective success which the school and local community can be proud of.

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The toilet block is also open. Do you have fruit and vegetables that you are going to get rid of cos you will not use them? If you do, did you know we can use them to feed some of our animals? These can be peeling from preparing veg, The only veg/ fruit they don't eat are potatoes, onion family or lemons. Please leave them by the rangers office and we will pick up from there.

Please, please can people tidy up after themselves!!! We all love Ty Mawr because of its beauty but recently our brilliant volunteers went above and beyond, they were faced with human poo and toilet paper ,used yes used tampons and dirty nappies ,this really isn't acceptable its bad enough picking up other people's rubbish but thiswho do they think cleans up after them .Please respect our park

Ty Mawr Spinning Group meets here on the **first Wednesday** of the month from 1 - 3.30 pm. In the old visitor centre. We are happy to welcome anyone interested in learning to spin, knit crochet, in fact anything to do with wool, in a very large and spacious barn. Please bring your own refreshments. Thank you For park information call **01978 822780** or email: **countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk**

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Malcolm Glovers Photographic Exhibition at the Ebenezer proved quite popular with our local people, and this was good to see. The exhibition in the [Ebenezer Chapel](#) was the first in over 10 years and we hope to be able to bring you more as we progress. We now see the main purpose of the building as a Climate Crisis Mitigation Centre that will address Fuel Poverty. Currently with the warm weather this is not too much of a problem but come winter with the significant rise in utility costs, this will become one of our main problems which we need to find solutions for. This therefore becomes the main purpose for the [Ebenezer Chapel](#) whilst we will be incorporating many of the suggestions from our public consultation last year.

As a small point, if any one has been watching our website counter, they will notice it is now only reading +90,000. This is because the counter tripped at 1 million late last year, so please be assured people are reading about our community around the world and we are doing our best to get the message out there.

The Holly Bush Inn has also been successful in our Beer Garden Summer Music Festival, and we thank all those involved and every one that has come along, it has been great having everyone around and we hear a lot of people have enjoyed it. In case you have not seen, we have recently installed the latest TV technology in our lounge at the Holly and now have 2 screens in the bar, in addition to the big screen (projector) in the sports bar. We also hope to be able to keep bands coming and please see our [Facebook Page](#) for updates of when it is happening.

Also, another date for your diary's is our **Harvest Festival Hog Roast** on **Saturday the 8th of October** at the Holly Bush Inn. Hope to see you all there for a crackling day.

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

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