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Offa Community News

Newyddion Cymuned Offa



Welcome from Linda Subacchi, Chair Croeso gan y cadeirydd



Hello, welcome to our Autumn/Winter Offa Community council magazine. I hope you all had an amazing summer break.

I'd like to start by thanking you all for supporting our summer event back in July. The Carnival - the event was a huge success and enjoyed by lots, of course we had the weather on our side. Next year we hope to improve with bigger attractions and get more local people and schools involved.

Any ideas?

We have some lovely Christmas events organised listed below.

We at Offa community council hold a monthly hybrid meeting on the first Thursday of every month. If any resident have concerns / issues please contact our clerk prior to these meetings. Email - clerk@offacommunity-council.gov.uk Or call: 01978 291562

Dates for diary:

Christmas light switch on
Friday 25 November, 4.00pm

Santas Float
Sunday 11 December
Monday 12 December

Pensioners party
Saturday 10 December

Happy Christmas from all of us at Offa community council. Thank you
Linda Subacchi, Chairperson

Helo, Croeso i'r cylchgrawn Hydref/Gaeaf Cyngor Cymuned Offa. Gobeithio ddaru chi gyd cael amser braf yn ystod yr haf.

Gai gychwyn wrth ddiolch i chi gyd am eich cefnogaeth yn ystod ein digwyddiad diwedd mis Gorffennaf - Y Carnifal. Roedd y carnifal yn llwyddiannus iawn a chafodd llawer o bobl leol hwyl. Wrth gwrs roddem yn lwcus iawn gyda'r tywydd braf. Blwyddyn nesaf rydym yn gobeithio gwella wrth gael atyniadau mwy ond pwysicaf yw cael pobl ac ysgolion lleol yn rhan o'r dydd.

Unrhyw syniadau?

Mae Cyngor Cymuned Offa yn cynnal cyfarfod hybrid ar y dydd Iau cyntaf pob mis. Os oes gan unrhyw breswlydd pryderon neu faterion i godi plis cysylltwch â'r Clerc: e bost: clerk@pffacommunitycouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01978 291562

Dyddiadau'ch dyddiadur:
Parciau Cynnu goleuadau dolig
Dydd Gwener 25 Tachwedd, 4pm

Fflot Sion Corn
Dydd Sul 11 Rhagfyr
Dydd Llun 12 Rhagfyr

Parti Pensiynwyr
Parciau 10 Rhagfyr

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda I chi gyd. Diolch
Linda Subacchi, Cadeirydd

The Miners Rescue Station Canolfan achub glowyr

Wrexham warehouse project has taken over the Miners Rescue Station on Maesgwyn Road. The Station has been neglected for many years and was badly damaged by the previous owner.

Work has started bringing some part of the station back in to use.

A memorial wall has been built in the entrance, and a cafe has been opened in the Miners old kit room (open 9am - 2pm Monday to Friday) The cafe is also open before Wrexham AFC home games.

A temporary room has been erected in the main gallery so events can be held to raise funds to keep the building alive.

Our next events will be Halloween and Christmas experience.

Our award-winning **Mini Art Buds** run an after school club on Thursday and Fridays.

Art for Disabilities in on Tuesday 6pm to 8pm.

Open Art Class is on Thursdays 6pm - 8pm, with the **Mens Drop Group** running at the same time.

Art competitions and exhibitions are regularly held.

The Rescue Station is also available for children parties. All staff are volunteers with all money raised going towards saving the Rescue Station.

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The Cost of Living Crisis

Argyfwng costau byw

By Cllr Sarah Roberts. We've all seen a rise in our gas and electricity bills. With cheap energy deals few and far between, it's not possible to make big savings on your gas and electricity payments right now.

Central heating is a very expensive way to stay warm, so rather than heating your home, it can be cheaper to heat yourself

There are several ways you can cut back on your energy usage, and your bills, here are some useful tips:

First things first: get to know your boiler

Learning how to use your boiler correctly can help you save money as you will be able to utilise the timer and thermostat. Your timer allows you to set time periods in which the boiler will switch itself on and off automatically. It's worth Googling your exact boiler brand and model, there are often some useful YouTube videos with simple instructions on how best to use it. Check out this site for more tips:

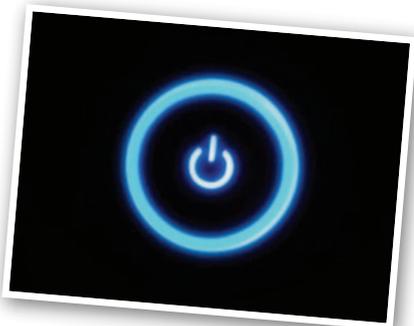
happyhomesproject.com/blog/how-to-stay-warm-at-home-and-save-money

Heat the human, not the home

You may have heard this phrase in the news recently. Central heating is a very expensive way to stay warm, so rather than heating your home, it can be cheaper to heat yourself. Aside from a warm jumper and fluffy socks, electric blankets, microwave beanies and hot water bottles are all very cheap to warm up. It's estimated that an electric blanket can keep you warm and snug for only 3p an hour. In addition to this, it's been proven that several layers of clothing is warmer than one big piece, and thermal vests and socks help too.

Switch your devices off standby

It's estimated that leaving appliances on standby mode cost the average of £80+ a year. Almost all electrical appliances can be turned off at the plug without upsetting their programming or settings. Think about every appliance in your home, how many can you easily unplug? TV's, game consoles, microwaves, airfryers and radios can be a good place to start.



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Save on washing

We all hate doing laundry, especially when it costs us a fortune to run the machine! When it comes to temperature, most clothes can get a good wash on 30 degrees. If you want to run a hotter wash, maybe for bedding or towels, using the eco setting on your washing machine uses less energy, as it heats the water more slowly. This is also the same for your dishwasher or boiler. It's also worth noting that half-loading your washing machine doesn't save any energy, so a full load is much more energy efficient - do fewer (but fuller) wash loads.

Avoid the tumble dryer

As nice as freshly tumbled-dried towels may be, reducing your tumble dryer usage could save you up to £55 a year. If you want to use the tumble dryer, using the cooler settings can help save money even if this means the machine is running for longer. In the winter a clothes dryer next to a radiator can work too. The trick here is hang the clothes on hangers, and try to always have some form of airflow such as a cracked window, this helps circulate the air and avoids the room getting too damp and causing mould.

Spend less time in the shower

Cutting your shower time down can be an easy way to save on water and gas or electric bills (depending on how your shower is powered). The recommended time is 4-minutes each time, you can use this website www.saveourstreams.co.uk to find out how you can save even more money on your water bill and claim free water-saving gadgets for your household. Switching your baths for showers can also help cut back your bills.

Enjoy a cheaper cuppa

Kettles are one of the most used appliances in the kitchen so boil only the amount of water you are actually going to use. If you're spending most of your time at home and boiling the kettle several times a day, you could even fill up a big flask in the morning so you have hot water without boiling throughout the day.

Switch to LED light bulbs

Traditional bulbs waste a lot of energy. Modern LEDs are the opposite, and also last longer so are less wasteful too.

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Close your curtains at night

Keep your curtains open when the sun is shining as this is often a way to heat your home for free - and plus a bit of sunshine can help boost your mood! But when it starts to get dark in the afternoons or evenings be sure to shut all curtains for extra warmth. They act as another layer of insulation, trapping the warm air inside and the cold air out. To find more information visit: www.happyhomesproject.com

Other help and tips

Wrexham Council Financial Support Scheme for people on Universal Credit can offer help with cheaper internet, water bills, electricity bills and council tax bills. Help through the Discretionary Assistance Funds, Emergency Assistance Payment (EAP) and Individual Assistance Payment (IAP), may also be available to you.

See <https://issuu.com/wcbchousing/docs/wcbchousingfio> or speak to our Financial Inclusion Officer, Fiona Moran **01978 292062**.

Wales Fuel Support Scheme - this is a one off payment of £200

The scheme will be open to households where an applicant, or their partner is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits at any time between 1 September 2022 and 31 January 2023:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credits
- Child Tax Credits
- Pension Credit
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Attendance Allowance
- Carers Allowance
- Contributory Benefits
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- War Pension Mobility Supplement

To apply for this support from Wrexham Council use the following website www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/welsh-government-fuel-support-scheme-202223

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The Energy Bills Support Scheme

The Energy Bills Support Scheme provides a £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households to help with their energy bills over winter 2022 to 2023.

You do not need to apply for the discount, and there's no need to contact your energy supplier. The discount will be applied to your monthly household electricity bill for 6 months starting in October 2022. You'll get:

- £66 in October and November
- £67 in December, January, February and March

You'll get the discount monthly, even if you pay for your energy quarterly or use a payment card.

Caia Park Advice Centre

Offa Advice Service (*funded by Offa Community Council*)

The free advice service provided for Offa residents by Caia Park Advice is still available by phone or email. No appointment required.

For help, advice and support on welfare benefit issues, debt, housing including rent arrears and consumer problems.

Call **Dave** on Monday to Friday **07754 549564**

Email: advicemanager@caiapark.gov.uk

Main Office Answer phone **01978 290614** Anytime.

Your wellbeing is important

Most of all look after your overall Wellbeing. Many of us will feel anxious and worried about where to turn to for help.

At Offa Community Council we have two Wellbeing Clubs which everyone over 50 is welcome to pop into at any time.

Luke O'Connor Community Centre

Tuesday, 1pm-3pm

Bellevue Park Community Centre

Thursday, 1pm-3pm

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Community Agent in Offa

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Our Offa Community Agent is AnnMarie Ruscoe, she has been in post for twelve months.

Everyone is welcome to attend either of our clubs at any time. Some people come every week and others drop in as and when they would like company and a chat

Her service to over 50's in Offa is free of charge and can be used by anyone either by self-referring, GP referral or from other organisations or family members.

A success of AnnMarie's has been the introduction of over 50's Wellbeing Clubs in two of our Offa Community Centres.

Luke O'Connor
Tuesday 1pm-3pm

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"Everyone is welcome to attend either of our clubs at any time. Some people come every week and others drop in as and when they would like company and a chat. Some people bring their craft and others join in with the activities we have available. It's free and the kettle is always on."

says AnnMarie, ***"I also offer a drop in service at the clubs for advice or help with contacting local services."***

If you would like to contact AnnMarie:

Tel: **07803 244614**

Email: **communityagent@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk**

Her working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-4pm.



Offa Community Halls for Hire

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PARCIAU COMMUNITY CENTRE (Bellevue Park)

This centre is for hire for parties, meetings, classes and social gatherings. Fully equipped kitchen. Tables and chairs for 100 people. Perfect setting.

MAESGWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE (Lillac Way)

This centre is for hire for parties, meetings, classes and social gatherings. Fully equipped kitchen. Tables and chairs available. Perfect Setting.

LUKE O'CONNOR RESOURCE CENTRE (Hightown)

This centre is for hire for meetings and social gatherings. Fully Equipped kitchen. Tables and chairs available. Perfect setting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HELEN MCCARTHY:

Tel: 07825 637813

or Email: admin@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk



Little Vawnog Conservation Area

Ardal Cadwraeth Fawnog Fach

Since starting to work with Offa Community Council to manage Little Vawnog Woodland, one of our priorities has been to improve the accessibility of the pathways.

Going forward our aim is to continue to secure funding to enable us to enhance the biodiversity of the woodland, maintain health and safety, continue to manage invasive plant species and also hold wellbeing events to benefit the community

We are pleased to say that we have successfully secured funding to pay for a contractor to reinstate the stone pathways throughout the woodland, including the meadow area. We will also be using chipped bark to improve walkways in the north area of the site. We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery fund for this award, which is overseen and distributed by Transport for Wales. The work is due to take place in November and the footpaths will be closed during this time. Once the dates are confirmed we will post them in the newly erected notice board near the entrance of Little Vawnog and on the news page of our website www.woodworkcic.co.uk

Once the work on the pathways are complete we are planning to carry out work on the hedge around the perimeter of the woodland, some of which backs on to houses on Foxwood Drive. We hope to speak to all residents whose properties this affects to find out their preferences for the height of the hedge. If we have not already spoken to you and you would like to speak to us about this, please contact us via email at info@woodworkcic.co.uk

One of our aims is to facilitate the use of Little Vawnog Woodland for the health and wellbeing of the local community. Throughout the summer it was used by Wrexham Playsheme for free weekly play events. There have also been events such as mindfulness walks and meditation, and bird box making events for young people with additional needs.

We would very much appreciate any volunteer time that you can give us, there is no regular commitment needed, any time you can give is valued. Please do get in touch if you think you can help, supervised children are welcome.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or ideas about the woodland, or if you would like to volunteer.

Our contact details are:
info@woodworkcic.co.uk
www.woodworkcic.co.uk



Victoria School Environmentalists Amgylcheddwr Ysgol Fictoria

The children of Victoria are all budding environmental champions. They not only learn about how to care for their environment but are also enthusiastic about putting that learning into action.

And it starts early – nursery children enjoy their ‘Muddy Mondays’ – exploring their environment and developing their understanding about how things work. And, of course, they have lots of fun along the way.

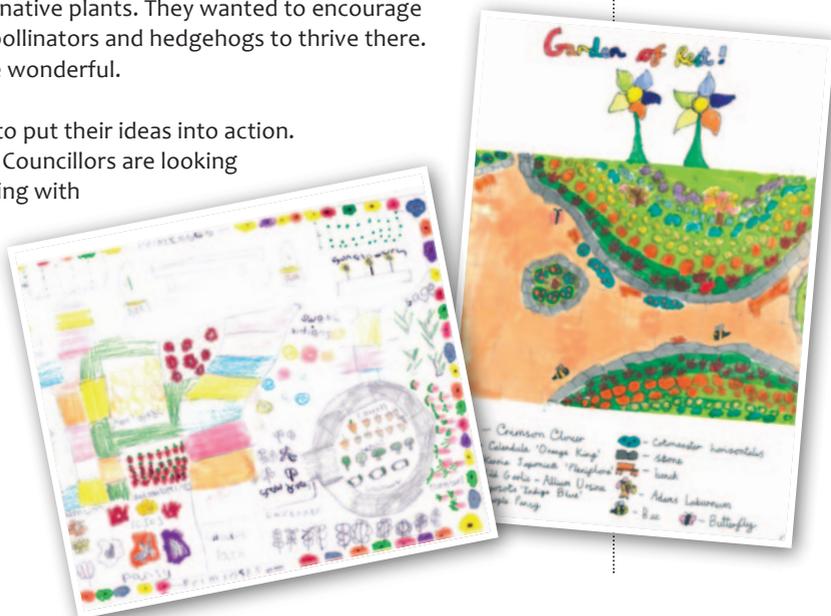
An interest in their natural surroundings and a respect for their environment is an important part of education at Victoria.

The school eco committee has an especially important job. The children on the committee, who all represent their classes, are responsible for preparing an eco action plan for the whole school to engage with. They plan to combat litter and to save energy as well as promote healthy eating and living.

They were also keen to broaden their sights and move out of the school environment and improve the Offa community. The committee organised a competition to enhance the Garden of Rest area adjacent to the school grounds. This area is often littered and overgrown and they wanted it to become a haven for wildlife and for children and adults to grow edible and native plants. They wanted to encourage wildlife such as pollinators and hedgehogs to thrive there. Their designs are wonderful.

The next step is to put their ideas into action. Offa Community Councillors are looking forward to working with the school community to make the children’s vision come true.

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Neco Williams

*A player born in Wrexham
Neco Williams his name
none shall pass
this lad is class
on top of his game*

*In the red of Cymru
repelling the attack
through strong-willed
talented, skilled
the number 3 on his back*

*Confident going forward
staunch in Wales defence
he'll get the nod
in Page's squad
Rob knows that it makes sense*

*A bright star in Wales football alongside Brennan & co
a World Cup dream
with him in the team
Pob Lwc Neco bro.*

Wales and Nottingham Forest full-back Neco Shay Williams was born in Wrexham and continues to do his place of birth and indeed his nation proud.

Neco is an integral part of Robert Page's Wales squad as they prepare for the upcoming World Cup finals in Qatar this November.

We have had a very busy start to the new school year! A special welcome to the new pupils in the nursery class, to Miss Elin Evans who has joined as a teacher in year 5 and 6 and to Mrs Naiomo Tudor, our new cook. We have also been celebrating Roald Dahl day and Owain Glyndwr day. We are also fortunate to have such a wonderful natural area next to the school. Here are some pictures of the pupils recent walk to Erddig. We look forward to another busy term!

Yr ydym wedi cael dechrau prysur iawn l'r tymor! Croes l'r disgyblion newydd sydd yn y dosbarth meithrin, I Miss ELIN Evans sydd wedi ymuno fel athrawes ym Mlwyddyn 5 & 6 ac I Mrs Naiomi Tudor, ein cogyddes newydd. Yr ydym hefyd wedi bod yn dathlu diwrnod Roald Dahl a diwrnod Owain Glyndwr. Dyma luniau o'r plant yn eu gwisg lliwgar! Rydym hefyd yn ffodus o'n ardal lleol hyfryd, dyma luniau o daith cerdded yr Adran Iau I Erddig yn ddiweddar. Edrychwn ymlaen I brofi tymor prysur arall!



Special Services at the Parish Church

Gwasanaethau arbennig yn Eglwys y pariah

By Cllr David R. Jones

This Autumn two special services were held at St Giles Parish Church, one planned, one unexpected.

the Letters Patent (granted by Her Late Majesty), which were displayed at the front of the church, were formally presented by the King's representative, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant

It was in June, at this year's Platinum Jubilee, that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted Wrexham city status, to take effect formally on 1 September. A service was arranged for Saturday 10 September to celebrate this honour but was postponed following the announcement on 8 September of the Queen's death. Over the following days various commemorations were held throughout the County Borough, and a book of condolence was opened by Offa Community Council.

The memorial service for Her Late Majesty was held in a packed Parish Church on Sunday evening 18 September and hymns included **'The Lord is my Shepherd'**. The Vicar, Canon Dr Jason Bray, spoke of the many other occasions during the parish church's long history when other proclamations of a new monarch would have been heard. He drew parallels with Edward III (1312-77) who also enjoyed a long reign (*fifty years*) and who also experienced many crises including one of the most devastating of pandemics, the Black Death.

He then touched on the many personal qualities of the late Queen, particularly, in recent years, her sharing of her Christian faith. The service concluded with both verses of God Save the King and a rousing rendition of Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau, after which many walked to Queen's square to observe the national two minutes' silence at eight o'clock.



The postponed Civic Status service was held at 11.30am on Saturday 1 October. Representatives were present from the Church, national government, local and community councillors, the armed services and other organisations. The service, which had a strong Welsh flavour, opened with a procession of clergy followed by the Standards and the Civic Mace while the congregation sang the hymn **'Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer'**. A Reading in Welsh was followed by the Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir singing **'O Gymru'**; after a Reading in English they sang **'You Raise me up'**.

Then the Letters Patent (*granted by Her Late Majesty*), which were displayed at the front of the church, were formally presented by the King's representative, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Responses were made by the Mayor of Wrexham and the Leader of the Council who concluded, **'As a city of Wrexham we will continue to rise together'**.

In his address, the vicar gave an historic overview of the development of the town from its earliest days, the changes in industries, its recent economic fortunes, and the diversity of communities it now embraces.

To emphasise the inclusion of all areas of Wrexham, the procession of the clergy moved within the church to face the four compass points where prayers were offered to ask a blessing on all the wards lying in each direction as well as services and businesses; South, of course, included the wards of Hermitage, Erddig and Offa as well as the hospital, its workers and patients, schools, pupils and staff.

The Standards and Civic Mace returned while the congregation sang **'God is our Strength and Refuge'** to Eric Coates' Dambusters march. The congregation left the church to the strains of the Rhos Orpheus Choir singing **'We rise again'**. It was a positive and forward-looking service with great expectations and hope for the future.

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St. Giles Church Eglwys Sant Silyn

St Giles' is an intensely busy Church, drawing thousands of visitors throughout the year.



For St Giles' itself, the central focus is on our Christmas services. These begin on Sunday 18th December when we hold the Service of Nine lessons and Carols.

In 2022, the Platinum Jubilee Festival of Crowns, many having been fashioned by community groups including St Giles' School, attracted streams of people from a very wide area. More recently, the Condolence Book for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the formal Commemoration Service on the eve of the State Funeral, were held in this impressive and historic place of worship, the great internal pillars of which having been witness to such major events since the time of Edward II in 1377.

In December, there will be a number of concerts, which will be publicised separately, and the **Victorian Market will take place on Thursday 8th December, from 12-8pm.** As usual there will be a busy and exciting atmosphere, the Church and its grounds providing the centrepiece to an event that will spread into the local streets.

During the month also, several schools will bring along staff, children and parents to join together as they make their Christmas presentations. It is a particular joy to welcome them all as they mark the great Festival. For St Giles' itself, the central focus is on our Christmas services. These begin on **Sunday 18th December when we hold the Service of Nine lessons and Carols.** It begins at 4.30pm and ends in candlelight – a really impressive occasion, to which of course all are welcome.

On Christmas Eve, there is first the Crib Service at 4pm, when children come dressed up in costumes relating to the season - and who knows what the Vicar will choose this year to surprise us all once again? **The Great Midnight Service begins at 11.30pm,** when we celebrate the First Eucharist of Christmas, again with the dramatic conclusion in candlelight. There is a further celebration of the **Christmas Eucharist at 10am on Christmas Day.**

St Giles' is open Monday to Saturday, 10am and 4pm and for services on Sundays. We are available 24/7 by phone on **01978 355808**, by text on **07751 422594** and email at **office@wrexhamparish.org.uk**. As always, all are most welcome at all times to come here, whether for private prayer, worship, or simply to sit and absorb its great peace and presence.

Wrexham Concert Band Cyngherdd Band Cymreig



Wrexham Concert Band Needs You!

Do you play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument?

*Do you want to be part of a brand-new windband
in the heart of Wrexham?*

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm
held in Bellevue Community Centre, Wrexham LL13 7NH.

For more information, or to register your interest contact us via:
email: wrexhamconcertband@gmail.com or call: 07766 303727
Or find us on Facebook: [@wrexhamconcertband](https://www.facebook.com/wrexhamconcertband)



Youth Justice Team

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These pictures show the work carried out by Stuart Edwards and his helpers from the Youth Justice Team.

A big THANK YOU to Stuart and all his team!

Stuart is the supervisor in charge and carries out a lot of work throughout the community for Offa Community Council.

Pictures show work carried out at the Welcome Garden area on the corner of Bron y Dre opposite Wrexham Cemetery which had become very overgrown and unkempt.

They have also recently installed a noticeboard at Little Vawnog and carried out a lot of work to clear the site for the RWF Statue outside the Barracks in Hightown. Partnership working at its best!

A big THANK YOU to Stuart and all his team!



Dynamic Fundraising Codi pres Dynamic

Dynamic is based on Salisbury Road, Hightown, Wrexham. They are a centre providing a range of services for over 100 children and young people aged 8-25, including their parents/carers.

To be able to continue to deliver their services they currently need to raise approximately £2,000 per week and rely heavily on the generosity and support of the local community. They'd like to take this opportunity to share some of their recent fundraising stories and share how you can get involved too.

In September, a **Psychic Night** organised by **Tracey Jones** and the **Circle of the Spiritual Friendship** at Brymbo Sports & Social Club. Guests were entertained during the evening by a host of mediums and able to have private readings and tarot readings. They raised a fantastic £1,412.

Also in September, an evening with **Dion Dublin** (ex-footballer and TV presenter) was held at The Maesgwyn Hall. This was organised by **Simon Evans** and the team over at **Monopoly Buy, Sell and Rent** raising a staggering £8,000.

Dynamic would like to thank all those involved in each of these events and all those who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets or attended. This money will be used to help cover the many increasing costs the charity currently face.

There are lots of ways you can fundraise for Dynamic so please get in touch if you have any suggestions for events or even personal challenges. One of the easiest ways you can show your support is via the **Wrexham Community Lottery**. The draw takes place every Saturday at 8pm and prizes include free tickets and cash prizes. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased at: www.wrexhamcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/dynamic-centre

Dynamic also have their very own signing choir, **The Signing Sensations**. The members are all young people with additional needs. They enjoy performing and can be booked to perform at local events.

For more information or to enquire about the Signing Sensations Choir, please contact: **Marie Gibson** (Liaison Officer) on: **01978 263656** or email: info@dynamicwrexham.org.uk

Since the lottery launched in December 2021, they have had 78 winners, 13 of these were cash winners with some of these winning cash more than once. They are now just waiting for someone to match those lucky numbers and bring home the incredible jackpot of £25k!



Christmas Events

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

Friday 25th November

4pm - 7pm

Following the incredible success of last year's event Bellevue Park will again be lit up in an amazing light show. Santa has already confirmed its in his dairy and is looking forward to meeting the children in his grotto along with his elves. There will be carol singing, brass bands and lots of catering stalls and small funfair rides for children. Mince pies and hot mulled wine available at the community centre. This event is funded by Offa Community Councillor with members volunteering on the night to make it a safe and fun filled evening for families.



SANTA FLOAT

Sunday 11th & Monday 12th December

Santa loved it so much last year he is coming back again on the Offa Santa float. This is the third year for this event and it has proved enormously popular with children and young families. The Santa float will be travelling around the Offa Community on both evenings. Check out Wrexham.com and local social media for the exact route on each evening a bit nearer the time.



OFFA PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 10th December

The Pensioners Christmas Party is again taking place in the Parciau Community Centre on Saturday 10th December. This is a free ticket only event for the over 65s living in the Offa Community and is funded and provided by Offa Community Council. A Christmas buffet with wine is provided and there will be games and entertainment from choirs and bands. Santa will also be attending to give each attendee a small gift. For your free ticket please apply to the Clerk to the Council Mrs Karen Benfield on 01978 291562 or by email: clerk@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk. Please apply as soon as possible as tickets are issued on a first come basis.



Royal Welsh Fusilier Statue Cerflun y Ffiwsilwyr Cymreig Brenhinol

Offa Community Council is proud to announce that groundworks have now begun outside the Barracks on Kingsmills Road in Hightown.

The project to erect a life-size statue in bronze of a Royal Welsh Fusilier and Regimental Goat in a floodlit landscaped setting is finally underway. Groundworks are being undertaken by a local firm **Dave Cottle Civil Engineering**. **Stewart Rawson Electrical** of Wrexham are installing all the floodlights, with all labour free of charge. **Cambria and Wales and West Housing** are providing the materials and labour for the footpaths free of charge and **Bellis Transport** have also offered to transport the finished statue from the foundry to site free of charge. WCBC have installed dropped kerbs, re-positioned the bus shelter and installed a new lamppost. Councillor Graham Rogers has been heavily involved with fund-raising for the project for several years and is pleased to see works on site finally begin.

This exciting project is to commemorate the long association of the Royal Welsh Regiment going back over 300 years with the town of Wrexham. When completed it will be a wonderful attractive landmark on one of the main routes into the new city.

The project is being undertaken by Offa Community Council assisted by comrades from the regiment. Nick Elphick is the sculptor awarded the commission and members of the Community Council and many comrades recently travelled up to Llandudno by coach to the artist's studio to view the progress on the sculpture.

Many local Community Councils, local businesses and members of the public have contributed to the project as well as larger firms such as **Kronospan** and **Ifor Williams Trailers** who have both contributed several thousand pounds each to the overall costs.

Fund raising continues and if you can make a donation, please contact the Clerk to the Council **Mrs Karen Benfield** on **01978 291562** or by email: **clerk@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk**. All contributors will be invited to the grand unveiling ceremony on St David's Day next year. This is truly a project that the whole of Wrexham is getting behind and something to make our new City of Wrexham proud!

This exciting project is to commemorate the long association of the Royal Welsh Regiment going back over 300 years with the town of Wrexham.



Poems of Autumn

Cerddi'r Hydref

Newid Tymhorau

Haf gadawodd llosgiadau i ni
ar groen a phridd
dwr cynnes o dap yr ardd
a dail yn disgyn
rhagweld yr hydref.

Dal yn ein llochesi
rydyn ni'n yfed diodydd oer
a meddwl am y flwyddyn nesaf
gan obeithio y bydd yn addfwynach
y newid tymhorau hwn.

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Autumn with its imitation gold
And faint smells of decay
We press flowers in children's books
And put the pots away.

Parciau

Chwarel ar un adeg
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol
fe'i cynhaliwyd yma
ym mil naw deuddeg.
Bu Lloyd George yn siarad.

Nawr lle gwyrdd
heddwch a hamdden
yn dod â ni at ein gilydd
mor agos at yr ymyl
o ganol y ddinas.

Poems by David Subacchi

Christmas Quiz

Cwis Nadolig



1. Who gives London the big Christmas tree every year?
2. How many presents are given in total during the song "The 12 days of Christmas"?
3. What is the next line in this song "Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat"?
4. Which pantomime character shares its name with a brand of children's chocolate?
5. How are Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior better known?
6. Name both of the pets in "The Simpsons", which have Christmas names
7. Three of the names of Santa's reindeer begin with the letter "D" – name two of them
8. The lost island of "Naboombu" features in which Disney production?
9. Which of Snow White's seven dwarfs wore glasses?
10. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
11. Who wrote the children's book "How the Grinch stole Christmas"?
12. True or false? – All of Santa's reindeer are male.
13. Which Saint's Day is celebrated on Boxing Day?
14. Who discovered Christmas Island on Christmas Eve 1777?
15. Traditionally, are the 12 days of Christmas, before or after Christmas?
16. True or false? – The Christmas cracker was invented in China.
17. Which famous mathematician and astronomer was born on Christmas Day in 1642?
18. In which Bond film does the character Dr Christmas Jones feature?
19. When was the first Christmas card designed – 1843, 1853 or 1863?
20. Who wrote the book that inspired the 1983 animated film "The Snowman"?

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1. Norway / 2. 365 / 3. Please put a penny in the old man's hat / 4. Buttons /
5. The Three Wise Men / 6. Snowball (cat) and Santa's Little Helper (dog) /
7. Dancer, Dasher and Donner / 8. Bedknobs & Broomsticks / 9. Doc / 10. White / 11. Dr Seuss /
12. False – Vixen / 13. St Stephen / 14. Captain Cook / 15. After (26 December to 6 January) /
16. False (In Britain by Tom Smith) / 17. Sir Isaac Newton / 18. "The World is not enough" /
19. 1843 / 20. Raymond Briggs

ANSWERS

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Youth Clubs in Your Area Clwb Ieuenctid yn eich ardal

The Youth Team at Caia Park Partnership continue to deliver our open access youth provisions across the ward. Youth clubs operate on the following three evenings:

TUESDAY - LOCH Youth Club

Tuesday Evening from 6:30 - 8:30pm

Luke O'Connor House, Barter Court, Hightown, Wrexham, LL13 8QT

THURSDAY - Hightown Youth Club

Thursday Evening from 7:15 - 8:45pm

Hightown Community Resource Centre, Fusilier Way,
Hightown, Wrexham LL13 7YF

FRIDAY - Maesgwyn Youth Club

Friday Evening from 6:30 - 8:30pm

Maesgwyn Community Center, Lilac Way, Wrexham, LL112BB

Feel free to contact the team at CPP:

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