

Offa Community News

Newyddion Cymuned Offa



Music in the Park Cerddoriaeth yn y parc

Summer in Bellevue Park

Outdoor music returns to Bellevue this summer with three concerts being held in the parks bandstand.

The events which run from 7pm to 9pm on Fridays are a perfect way to enjoy the barmy summer evenings listening to live music, with many people bringing along a picnic to the park.

The events are hosted by the Friends of Bellevue in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council. Although free to enter, the events cost the Friends of Bellevue a lot of money to host, as such please be generous with your donations when you see the collecting bucket!

The concerts all take place from the **Edwardian Bandstand** in the award winning park, which is situated close to Wrexham Town Centre 7pm till 9pm. Everyone welcome!

The seasons kicks off on Friday June 22nd with **Thunderbugs**, followed by **Billy Thompson** on July 6th and **Dinosaur** on July 27th.

For further details please contact Bellevue Park on 01978 264150.



Free sport and games sessions in the Park

Wrexham Councils Sports development team are running special sports and games sessions through the summer holidays on each **Wednesday afternoon (1pm to 3pm) at Bellevue**. The events are aimed at **8-14 year olds**, and are a wonderful opportunity for children to have a go at playing different sports such as rugby, football, cricket and rounders. The first session is on **Wednesday 26th July**, meet at the bandstand. **Tel 01978 298997 for details.**

Free play sessions

During the Summer holidays every Thursday and Friday afternoon, Wrexham Play Development Team will be organising special **play sessions in Park**. Look out for the big tipi! Contact 01978 298361 for more information.

Other summer events in the park:

Free Tennis Coaching, Thursday 31 May, Bellevue Park - 1pm - 3pm Meet at the Courts. Ages 6-14. Free.

Offa Carnival, Saturday 21 July, Bellevue Park - 11am - 3pm. Community Carnival with a range of attractions. Free.

Tennis Coaching, Thursday 2 August, Bellevue Park - 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Meet at the courts. Learn with a qualified coach. Ages 6-14. Free.

For further details please contact Bellevue Park on 01978 264150.



Now that summer is here at last, why not visit the **Cemetery** and see it at its best after the improvements made thanks to Heritage Lottery funding.

Christina would love to know who her Welsh relatives are and make contact with any living in Wrexham.

If you are interested in tracing family buried here we can help using our new computers in the research area next to reception.

Can anyone help Christina?

Christina lives in Delaware, USA and last year visited the Cemetery in search of her great, great, grandmother Margaret Catherine Williams. Her great grandfather **Robert Owen Williams** served in WW1 and later moved to America. She was overjoyed to find the grave as but at the same time intrigued to see that flowers had been place there recently. Christina would love to know who her Welsh relatives are and make contact with any living in Wrexham.



Events at the Cemetery

The Friends of Wrexham Cemetery group are pleased to present the following walks. All events are free but donations can be made to help support the activities of the group. Ring John Whittaker, the Cemetery Development Officer on **07753771645** or for more information or to book a place email John.Whittaker@wrexham.gov.uk.

Tuesday 15th May History Walk

Find out about some of the Victorians who shaped Wrexham's history. Meet by the Information board at 2pm.

Tuesday 12th June Tree walk

The Cemetery has kept its original "**Gardenesque**" layout and many of its splendid specimen trees. Meet by the Information board at 2pm to find out more.

We also hold "**Meet and Greet**" days for anyone who would like an introduction to the Cemetery. Please ring John Whittaker for the next date.



OFFA PLAYWORK PROJECT

FREE, OPEN ACCESS PLAYWORK PROVISION FOR AGES 5 +

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

(excluding February and the Christmas holidays)

2pm to 4pm

Tuesday at Luke O'Connor House

Wednesday at Bryncabanau Playground

Thursday & Friday at Bellevue Park



HIGHTOWN PLAY PROJECT

(Term time)

Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm
at Bryncabanau Playground



For further information please contact Wrexham Family Information Service on **01978 292094** or visit www.wrexham.gov.uk/play

Open access playschemes should not be considered as childcare.



www.wrexham.gov.uk | www.wrexham.gov.uk

Soccer Training Ymarfer pel droed



**Free Soccer Coaching
Every Week!**

**Bellevue Park (Muga)
6-7pm Wednesday**

**Luke O'Connor House (Muga)
7-8pm Wednesday**

For further info please contact Paul Hooson
Brickfield Rangers FC on: 07718 049098

Defibrillators and Free Training Cwrs ymarfer difibrilwyr am ddim

When someone has a cardiac arrest their chances of survival diminish with every minute that passes and after seven minutes without medical attention their chances of survival are minimal.

This means that in areas where an ambulance or paramedic take longer than this to arrive an outdoor defibrillator should be installed.

Offa Community Council is to purchase three defibrillators for various locations within the community. Proposed locations include

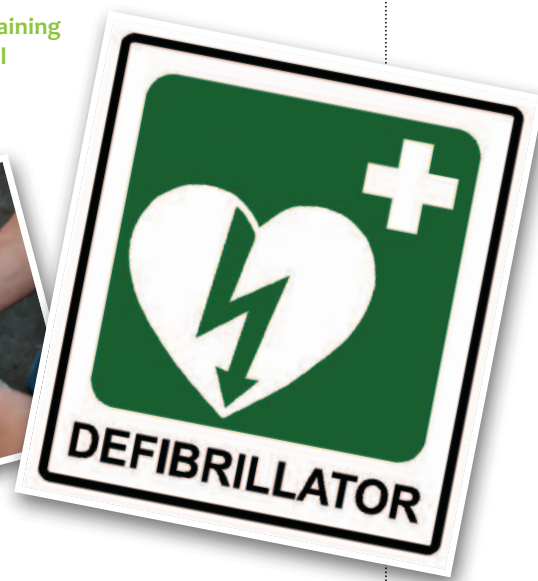
- The **Co-op Store on Poplar Road**
- The new **Resource/Health Centre on Brynycabanau Road**
- The **Maesgwyn Hall on Mold Road.**

The defibrillators will be located in locked cabinets attached to the wall outside each location. Access to the defibrillator is gained by phoning the emergency telephone number on the outside of each cabinet – a code is then quickly given to open the cabinet accessing the defibrillator.

Offa Community Council is arranging free training in the use of these defibrillators to anyone living in the Offa Community.

If you would like to take part in this training please contact The Clerk to the Council Mrs Karen Benfield on 01978 291562.

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Offa Community Halls for Hire Neuaddau cymuned Offa i'w llogi



Parciau Community Centre (Bellevue Park)

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

Maesgwyn Community Centre (Mold Road)

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

Community Centre (Hightown).

This centre is for hire for meetings and social gatherings. There is also a fully equipped Computer Suite with nine Computers. Updated and secure. Fully Equipped kitchen. Tables and chairs available. Perfect setting.

Please contact Helen McCarthy on 01978 367665 or 07825637813 for details, available dates, and prices. Or email mccarthy284@btinternet.com

All Saints Church Poyser Street Eglwys Pob Saint Stryd Poyser

Welcome to **All Saints Church Poyser Street**. We are a friendly church worshipping in the modern catholic tradition.



Services on Sundays at 11am, with **Sunday School** in the Church Hall at 10.30 am. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Craft and Art Group meet in the hall on Mondays from 2-4pm. All welcome.

Contact for All Saints Church:

Father Sam Erlandson
Telephone: 01978 513716
email: s.erlandson@hotmail.co.uk
The Vicarage, Vicarage Hill, Rhostyllen, LL14 4AR

To book the Church hall for parties, events etc:

Please ring Hayley 01978 264384.

Forthcoming events in the Church Hall to which everyone is invited:

Friday 5th October

Barn Dance

£8 including refreshments.

For tickets please contact Barbara: 01978 262035

The Church also hold **Coffee Mornings** on the first Saturday every month at 10.30am.

FREE Advice Service Gwasanaeth Cyngor am Ddim



FREE advice service available to all residents in Offa.
Drop in sessions, no appointment required.

We can help with a variety of issues including benefits, housing and council tax benefit, rent arrears, debt, housing and consumer problems.

Every Monday Luke O'Connor House Resource Centre, Barter Court, Hightown
10am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday Parciau Community Centre, Bellevue Park
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Supported by Offa Community Council and Caia Park Advice Service

Victoria Park Residents Association Cymdeithas preswylwyr Victoria

Hello to everyone in our area: **Alexandra Road : Bersham Road :
Bron Y Dre : Court Road : Edward Street : Empress Road :
Hampden Road : Meredith Street : Poyser Street : Princess Street :
Ruabon Road : Ruthin road : Victoria Road.**

Our Residents' Association is open to all who would like to come along.
We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in every month at 6pm (except August and December). Meetings are held in All Saints Church Hall Poyser Street.

We are a very active group, in the area for over 20 years, and our aims are to help residents' of all nationalities with problems they may have, also to promote Community Spirit. We have trips out and hold fundraising events.

Please come along to our meetings to air your views on what is happening in the area and we along with our local Councillor, will try to help.

For further information please ring the Chair Barbara Jones Tel: 262035.

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Youth Clubs in Your Area Welsh

Offa Citizen of the Year Award Dinesydd y flwyddyn Offa



Luke O'Connor Youth Club

Every Tuesday Evening from 6:30 - 8:30pm

Ages 10-15 year olds

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

Hightown Youth Club

Every Thursday Evening from 6:45 - 8:45pm

Ages 11-19 year olds

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

Maesgwyn Youth Club

Every Friday Evening from 6:45 - 8:45pm

Ages 8-16 years olds

Maesgwyn Community Center, Lilac Way, Wrexham, LL112BB

If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Team
on: 01978 318868



Do you know someone living locally who has gone that extra mile to help the local community?



Every year the Community Council presents its **Citizen of the Year Award** to a person living in the Offa Community who has made a special contribution to the lives of local residents through volunteering with local community groups.

If you would like to nominate someone living in the Offa Community for the **Offa Citizen of the Year Award 2018** please put your nomination in writing to:

**The Clerk of the Council, Offa Community Council, Parciau Community Centre,
Bellevue Road, Wrexham LL13 7NH**

Nominations can be made in writing to the above address or by email to:
clerk@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk

All nominations will need to be received by **31st August 2018**.

Throughout the Summer, **St Giles' Parish Church** is open every weekday from 10am until 4pm, and welcomes visitors from all over the world.

If you are feeling really vigorous, there is the opportunity on the last Saturday of each month to climb the stone spiral to the top of the Tower!

The Wednesday **"Babes in the Pew"** group continues through the holidays between 10:00 - 11:30am, and older children can of course come too. On Tuesdays we have **"Memory Lane"** for those who suffer from dementia along with their carers on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1pm; and on the first and third Tuesdays, the **"Activities Group"** provides some lively recreation for those with special needs, again with their carers. There are refreshments and a warm welcome at all these groups.

There is the opportunity on the last Saturday of each month to **climb the stone spiral to the top of the Tower!** This offers an unique viewing point of Wrexham and the wide surrounding area, as well as a feeling of satisfaction at having entered one of the Seven Wonders of Wales.

In June, we have a number of musical events, including the **Organ Recitals** on Mondays at 12:30pm, preceded by light lunches which are available from 12 noon. There is a full list of the recitalists on our website (www.stgilesparishchurchwrexham.org.uk). A range of Saturday night concerts begins with the **Vale of Clwyd Singers** on the 2nd June at 7pm, the **Sirenian Singers** on 9th June at 7pm, the **Glyndwr Choir** on the 23rd at 7pm. On the 6th July the **Hallmark of Harmony Barbershop Choir**, which is about 50-strong from Sheffield will give a concert at 7pm.

A more unusual musical event is scheduled for Thursday 21st June, when the **Welsh Elvis** will appear for a night of Gospel Songs! This promises to be a full-on experience, and for this, as all other concerts, tickets will be available at the door. **Again, our website provides full details, or you can ring the Parish Office on 01978 355808 or email office@wrexham.parish.org.uk.**

Throughout the Summer, our services will continue on Sundays with Said **Holy Eucharist at 8am**, **All Age Worship at 9.30am** and **Sung Holy Eucharist at 11am**. There is also a **Holy Eucharist** with hymns at 11am every Thursday.

All are welcome at all times to every occasion in St Giles'.



Pictured below are the six winners of the **Bellevue Playgroup Easter Bonnet Competition** which was held on Friday 23rd March. The Bonnets were judged by the Bellevue Park Keeper Rob Jones.

It was a very good turn out this year, which followed a party for the last day of term to celebrate the Easter half term holidays. It is a shame all of the children could not win, but they all had a little surprise if they participated. Thank-you to all the parents and the children for making some fantastic bonnets.

Bellevue Playgroup is a registered charity number 1143945.



BELLE VUE PLAYGROUP LIMITED

The Huntroyde (& Districts) Residents & Tenants Association's objective is to make our area the best in Wrexham, but we need as much help as possible from the residents and tenants

If you have any problems or simply would like to suggest something that you think would benefit the community, then please come and see us and we will try our very best to help.

The Huntroyde (& Districts) Residents & Tenants Association covers from Barnfield on Madeira Hill down to the Coed Y Glyn and also The Ithens estates, together with the area between Brynycabanau Road across to Ruabon Road/Bron Y Dre locations.

Anyone living within these areas are always welcome to attend our bi-monthly meetings which are held in the Salisbury Park United Reform Church Hall (which is at the town end of Percy Road) on Wednesday evenings at 18.30 – 19.15 (approximately) – there is no charge involved.

If you have any problems or simply would like to suggest something that you think would benefit the community, then please come and see us and we will try our very best to help - a wide range of topics can be covered, depending on the response submitted by current members or anyone else living in the community.

Councillor Paul Roberts (WCBC member for Erddig Ward) and Councillor David Jones (Offa Community Council) are regular attendees at our meetings along with local PCSO officers, provided their circumstances allow. Our next 2 meetings will be held on Wednesday 23rd May and Wednesday 18th July respectively.



For further details or queries, please email the Chairman/Secretary – John472309@yahoo.co.uk and your response will be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

Spring & Summer Activities 2018

Organised by
Friends of Hightown
Community
Resource Centre

Gardening Club

Selected Tuesdays throughout spring/ summer 2018:
22nd May, 26th June, 31st July
1-2.30pm. Free to attend.
Great for adults but children are welcome too!

Holiday Crafternoon

Tuesday 29th May, 1-3pm
£1.50 per child
There will be a wildlife theme to this session to tie in with our community wildlife garden sessions. Great for kids aged 12 and under!

Summer Fun

Tuesday 24th July, 1-3pm
£1 per child
A beach themed afternoon of crafts and games. This will take place outdoors but if the weather is not good the activities will move into the main hall.
Great for families!

Hightown Community Resource Centre, Fusilier Way, Wrexham LL13 7YF. Contact Libby for more information: 07969814442 / elizabeth.price@wwha.co.uk

 Canolfan Adnoddau Cymunedol
HIGHTOWN
Community Resource Centre

Mr Peter Davies wrth symud i Wrecsam o Caerdydd. Mae'n anodd credu bod bron i ddeng mlynedd ers i ni symud o Gaerdydd i Wrecsam. Ddigwyddodd dros bedwar mis gwyllt.

Do you want to pull out a sentence for this intro ?????

Gadael Caerdydd heb werthu y ty – gorfod rentio fan hyn ond erbyn rwan wedi ymgysfurfio yn Hermitage Park a Chaerdydd yn atgof pell. Pan symudo ni y cwestiwn mawr oedd ble i fyw. Rhuthun? Na rhy fach. Wyddgrug? Na rhy fach er bod theatr gwyh yno .Felly Wrecsam oedd hi i fod .Digon agos i bob man ond gyda popeth yma . A digon agos i'n teulu yng Nghaernarfon a'r Rhyl.

Sut fath o le oedd o? Sut fyddai y croeso? Wel 'doedd dim rhaid poeni. Fe gafo ni ein taflu fewn i drefniadau yr eisteddfod yn syth. Daethom i nabol lot o bobl ac roedd pawb yn gyfeillgar. Diolch byth! A dyma ddechrau darganfod Wrecsam. **Pwy fyddai yn meddwl bod gymaint o hanes?** Wel wedi arfer a gweithio yng nghymoedd y de roedd yr un hanes a'r un problemau yn amlygu eu hunain. Hen ddiwydiannau yn mynd a'r newidau yn araf yn dod. Ond mae pob tref ddiwydiannol yn mynd trwy gyfnod o newid a datblygu. Fe ddarganfyddon ni gymaint am hanes lleol yr ardal. Roeddwn yn gwybod dim am hanes Glyndwr yn yr ardal na hanes diddorol Castell y Waun. Roedd Erddig yn fendith wrth fynd a'r bois am dro ar ddydd Sul! Mae gan Wrecsam rinweddau lawer. Pobl cyfeillgar Pobl sy'n ymwybodol o'u Cymreictod mor agos i'r ffin. Pobl sydd yn gweithio yn galed i wella eu tref. Pobl sydd yn fodlon helpu.

'Rwyf wedi bod yn lwcus cael cyfle yn Morgan Llwyd i greu cynhyrciadau amrywiol ac arwain y corau gwahanol. Un o'm atgofion pennaf yw ennill y gystadleuaeth cor SATB yn eisteddfod yr Urdd Caerffili yn 2015. Roedd y criw wedi bod gyda ni am 7 mlynedd. Ann Woodward a finne wedi meithrin, gweiddi a datblygu y cor. Roedd gweld eu gwynebau pan ennillon ni werth bob eiliad o ddysgu caled! Roeddwn i yn gwybod o flaen llaw ond heb ddweud wrth neb. Anghofia fyth y dathlu tu ol i'r llwyfan. Y gamp o guro corau mawr y de ac rhoi y gogledd ddwyrain ar y map corawl! Fel ddywedais i mae'n ddeng mlynedd ers i ni symud yma. Dechrau cyfnod newydd. Wel mae'r ddau ohonom yn dechrau ar gyfnod newydd arall .Ymddeoliad. Cyfle i wneud pethau a mynd i lefydd wedi 36 mlynedd o ddysgu ddi-stop. Mae'n antur newydd ac yn un mae'r ddau ohonom yn edrych ymlaen ato. Cyfle i fynd i Sioe Flodau Chelses, i fynd am ginio yn ystod yr wythnos. Cyfle i anwybyddu pob cloch.

Felly ymlaen i bennod nesaf ein bywydau yma yn Wrecsam!



The clean up day for Hermitage is on
Wednesday 27th June
between the hours of 10am to 2.15pm
at St Christophers School, Stockwell Grove

Two skips will be located on the school car park for residents of Hermitage to bring their unwanted items to dispose of.

For further information please contact
Councillor Graham Rogers on: 01978 351107

What's on at Erddig this Summer

Be sydd yn digwydd yn Erddig dros yr Haf



17th June- 11am – 5pm

Fathers Day – Beer and BBQ

Spend Fathers Day enjoying life's simple pleasures- a cold beer and some freshly grilled food on our BBQ in Big Wood. Families can enjoy the obstacles, climbing equipment and den building in the natural play area too. Normal Admission price.

26th July- 9.30am – 4.30pm

BBC Antiques Roadshow

Bring your items along for free advice and valuations. Share your stories about the special items you are bringing along using Share Your Story on the Antiques Roadshow website.

11th August- 6pm – 9pm

Sense and Sensibility- outdoor theatre

Join Chapterhouse Theatre Company this summer in Erddig's secluded Rose Garden as Elinor and Marianne Dashwood make their first forays into the exciting world of the Regency society. Bring a picnic and enjoy a night of magical theatre under the stars. Check website for ticket prices. Booking Essential (**0344 2491895 or book online**).

Sports at Erddig

Erddig Nordic Walking

Wednesday at 1pm (1:15pm start)
and **Saturday** at 10am (10:15am start)
Meet at the main car park at Erddig.
Poles and tuition provided.

Erddig Muddy Trainers

Beginner Running Group

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Starting from the Felin Puleston Countryside Centre.

Saturday at 10am

Starting from the Ticket Office at Erddig.

For more information please contact Laurel Smith on **01978 315179**
or email: laurel.smith@nationaltrust.org.uk



Ysgol BODHYFRYD - Llongyfarchiadau mawr - Big Congratulations.

Dyma'r plant fydd yn ein cynrychioli yn Eisteddfod Llanelwedd ym mis Mai.

Pob lwc iddynt!

Good luck!



Ysgol BODHYFRYD - Llongyfarchiadau mawr. Big Congratulations.

Cawsom gystadleuaeth cog
urdd bendigedig.

Y tri daeth ir brig oedd Ethan,
Ffion a Zoe.

Da iawn chi.

Pob lwc ir rownd nesa!

Good luck!

James Fisher Edisbury was born 13th October 1837, at Holywell, Flintshire, to James & Sarah (nee Ratcliffe) Edisbury and was baptized on 23rd October 1837.

James Fisher Edisbury, Esq., J.P., was formerly a member of Wrexham Town Council, he was well known in local commercial circles as proprietor of the North Wales Pharmacy and North Wales Mineral Water Company.

Perhaps, however, it is in a masonic capacity he is most distinguished. He was Past Master of the Square and Compass Lodge, Wrexham and the Mark Lodge, Chester; Past Principal Royal Arch, Chester; Past Provincial Grand Warden, Province of North Wales and Principal Knight of Malta and Knight Templar, Chester. James Edisbury was also well known in musical circles and a proficient performer on almost every instrument.

For over twenty years he had officiated as honorary organist of the Wrexham masonic lodges. Needless to say, he was very popular, not only among the members of the craft, but also his fellow townsmen generally.

James passed away 20th October 1920, age 83 at Holin Villa, Kings Mills Road, Wrexham and was buried at Wrexham Cemetery on 23rd October 1920.

The transcription
on his memorial reads:

**'A merry heart doeth
good like a medicine.'**

Needless to say, he was very popular, not only among the members of the craft, but also his fellow townsmen generally.



Offa Community Council
Parciau Community Centre, Bellevue Rd, Wrexham LL13 7NH
Tel 01978 291562



CARNIVAL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !

OFFA CARNIVAL 21ST JULY 2018
Bellevue Park - Wrexham

PDSA DOG SHOW, DONKEY RIDES, FALCONRY DISPLAY, PUNCH AND JUDY, BEE DISPLAY

FREE ENTRY

Supported and funded by OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELSH AXEMEN. LAND TRAIN

CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & DELICIOUS FOOD
COMMUNITY STALLS, FACE PAINTING, HOOLA NATION.

11:00 - 4:00

Indoor refreshments & seating area