

March 2025 Community Council Draft Minutes

Details of some items discussed at the Meeting held on 18th March 2025 at the Is-y-coed Village Hall. The Chair welcomed Cllr Angela Rhodes onto the Community Council.

Matters Arising: A reply had been received from WCBC in regard to the complaint of noise issues from James Jones & Sons Ltd. Further investigations are taking place.

National Eisteddfod—The meeting was attended by Betsan Moses and her colleague Gwenllian from the National Eisteddfod Committee. Both were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. The National Eisteddfod will take place in Isycoed on 35 acres of land opposite the old Nags Head Public House from 2nd to the 9th of August this year. Members were concerned how the traffic management would be arranged for such a major event, which could attract up to 50,000 visitors per day during the week. It was explained that with the help of Transport of Wales and WCBC, a co-ordinated traffic plan was being drawn up. It was proposed to make the event as 'green' as possible by operating shuttle services between the train stations and taxi ranks to cut down on car travel and ease traffic in the area. A communications plan prior to the event will ensure all Isycoed residents are fully informed of final traffic arrangements.

On the Eisteddfod site there will be parking for up to 5,000 vehicles and a 1,000 pitch caravan park. A schedule of time slots will be drawn up allocating caravans' arrival and exit times to cause as little congestion as possible to the area. Access and Exit sites are still to be finalised but any hedges requiring removal for access splays will be fully re-instated after the event by the National Eisteddfod. There will be various pavilions on the site as well as a youth village for camping. Sound checks will be ongoing during the event to cause as few noise issues as possible. The BBC will be present for the entire event with approx. 75 hours of live broadcasting planned. Cllr Mike Morris questioned whether the ecology of the 35-acre site would be protected and assurance was given that this was the case. The Chairman questioned whether the overgrown grass verges on roads in the village can be cut back prior to the event for site traffic to pass any local traffic as easily as possible.

Isycoed Community Agent The meeting was attended by the new Isycoed Community Agent Tom Martin. Tom explained his role to members and how he is able to help the over 50s in the community in applying for bus passes and blue badges, and also signposting them for relevant financial help with benefit or debt support. Tom is going to be calling at the Community Hub on Thursday mornings at the Village Hall to offer support. He left flyers to be distributed with the next copy of the Issue with his contact details on.

Finance

It was resolved to use the £100 remaining in the Community Fund budget for the Community Hub.

Village Hall

Bookings: The Clerk updated members on bookings and enquiries received. It was agreed to contact the National Eisteddfod Committee with regard to using the field behind the village hall for caravan parking during the Eisteddfod week.

Correspondence One Voice Wales membership renewal invite – it was agreed to renew at a cost of £100 per annum WCBC – Street lighting SLA – noted this had been renewed for the next financial year.

VE Day Celebrations An update was given by the Chairman on preparations for VE Day celebrations on the 8th May. Flags and bunting have been ordered, Wine and soft drinks still to be purchased. The Clerk will contact the chip van to request he stays later on that evening, Cllr Brereton Thomas has contacted the school. The beacon for lighting at 7.30 is being prepared.

Members reports The Clerk was asked to contact both FI and Wockhardt to request they alter the angle of their lights which are dazzling motorists causing a hazard.

Date of the next Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm at the Village Hall.

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Is-y-coed Issue

Sponsorship for this month's Issue comes from existing funds.

EDITORIAL

Wrexham Mobile Library Service will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April from 11am to midday. Correction re the **Rural Taxi Bus Service** which operates on Monday's and Thursday's, and leaves **Stand 5** (not 12) in King Street for the return journey. We apologise for any confusion caused.

A reminder that Wrexham Council want to know your views about their long-term plans for **public toilet facilities** across the county borough. You can read their draft strategy and complete the consultation at <https://yourvoice.gov.uk/projects>. The closing date is 14th April 2025.

Don't forget to stock up before **Royal Mail increases prices on Postage Stamps** from Monday 7th April. The cost of a 1st class stamp will rise by 5p to £1.70 and a 2nd class stamp goes up by 2p to 87p. There is a massive increase for a large 1st class stamp from £2.60 to £3.15 with no change for the large 2nd class stamp which remains at £1.55.

The **Fish Fry van** will be back in the Village Hall car park between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 10th April.

The **Community Hub** continues to be very popular for all ages and the April dates are 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th with the usual open time from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome to call in for coffee, refreshments and a chat.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th April 11am Morning Worship

Palm Sunday 13th April 3pm Holy Communion

Friday 18th April 12 noon Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday 20th April 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th April 11am Morning Worship



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

2nd April – Easter bingo in school to start at 5.30pm.

8th April – Bronington and Borderbrook schools will be joining us for an Easter Journey Day.

9th to 11th April – Years 5 and 6 will be going on a residential to Cardiff.

11th April – School closes for Easter

28th April – School closed for a teacher training day.

29th April – School reopens.

Our school disco, which was held on 14th March raised £200 for school funds.



Wrexham Grove Park Theatre

The next production is 'Lovesong' which is a powerful and moving exploration of love's resilience. The play runs from 20th to 24th May, with evening performances starting at 7.30pm and the Saturday matinee at 2pm. Book online at www.grovetheatre.co.uk or telephone 01978 351091.

Film Night at Kenyon Hall in Holt

The next film night is on Friday 25th April with the showing of 'Dream Horse' a sports comedy-drama of a village in the Welsh valleys where a community is inspired to breed and raise a racehorse. All films are shown with subtitles. Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start and the entrance charge is £5 per person (cash only), pay at the door. Tea/coffee, soft and alcoholic drinks are available to purchase before the film or during the interval.



Spring Craft Fair at Kenyon Hall, Holt

The Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 12th April from 11am until 4pm with free entry. Refreshments will be available to purchase from the Hall café. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds go to the Kenyon Hall which is a registered charity and help to cover maintenance costs and other bills.

Wrexham Artisan Market-The Big Easter Special

This event takes place in Queens Square on Saturday 19th April from 10am to 4pm. A fun day out for the whole family where you will find stalls selling cakes & bakes, coffee, sweet treats, gifts and homewares, artisan breads and tasty food, local and national produce, great entertainment and Easter fun.

Wrexham Monthly Street Market

On Saturday 5th April from 10am to 4pm Queens Square will be packed with traders offering home made goods from crafts and hand made gifts to scrumptious street food, baked delights and local produce.

Sutton Green

(This article is from a local resident.)

Please remember when walking with dogs at Sutton Green, that all dogs should be on leads. A Barn Owl is currently being disturbed and Ground Nesting birds are nesting now, so should **not** be disturbed. Sutton Green is not public land, as many people assume. It is a very unique area of wild life conservation. The only grazing rights are for farmers with land adjoining the Green. Please also take your bagged dog 'poo' home.

Deadline for the May Issue is Wednesday 23 April. Please notify Rachel Bellis (660275) or Marian Hughes (01829 272325) or e-mail marianhug13@outlook.com with all your news, birthdays, fundraising and other social events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday wishes to:

Owen Route: 13th April

Freya Hinkley: 13 on 17th April

Congratulations and best wishes to Peggy Mapp who celebrates her 90th birthday on 7th April



And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

Village Welcome

To Philip and Alicia Peacock and their son Reggie who move into Hillview on 31st March.

Village Farewell

Best wishes to Ben Morris, Bryn Villa on his recent move to his new home in Bangor-on-Dee.



Afternoon Tea at Is-y-coed Village Hall

This popular fund-raising event for St Paul's Church will be held from 3pm at the Village Hall on Sunday 4th May.

Tickets cost £12.50 and are available from Rachel Bellis (660275).



St Paul's Church The 100 Club Winners

for March are:

1st No 94,

2nd No 48

3rd No 62.

Is-y-coed Community Hub

In January 2023 the Is-y-coed Community Hub was born with an idea of having a coffee morning to bring the community together after the dark days of covid and its effects on our village.

Dennis and Angela welcomed the first visitors and as a lot of you will know it has grown to become part of village life to lots of people. We organised Race Nights, a Bingo Night and Christmas Celebrations which enabled us to continue our Thursday Coffee Mornings through the winter months.

Since its inception, through our fund-raising events, a grant from Wrexham Council and The U.K. Shared Prosperity Fund, help from our very own Community Council and donations from local well-wishers we were able to supply our Village Hall with a new cooker, a new fridge, two new kettles and a toaster. We were able to purchase our own Bingo Machine and to supply lights for the Annual Christmas Tree. We were also able to re-introduce The Wrexham Library back into the Village.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Dennis and Angela have had to relinquish their part in the Hubs future. Thankfully, Susan Jones and Sharon Worsnop have risen to the challenge and have committed to running the Hub for the future and we have been able to hand the sum of £1033 over to them to help them on their way forward.

We would like to say, a big thank you to all the Local Businesses, WCBC, Isycoed Community Council, Uk Shared Prosperity Fund and all the volunteers. Most of all we thank the community who attended the functions and the coffee morning because YOU MADE IT HAPPEN.

Both Angela and I look forward to meeting up with friends old and new at future events in the village.

(This article is from Dennis and Angela.)

Things to do and Places to go over Easter

Easter Events at Chirk Castle

Hare Hapa Zome Craft Sessions

Join our rangers on Tuesday 8th April or Tuesday 22nd April for a fun, hands-on session where you can discover the art of hapa zome. This traditional Japanese technique uses plant pounding to create beautiful natural prints, allowing you to design your very own hare on cloth using flowers and leaves. During the session you will get to hammer natural materials onto fabric in the shape of a hare, creating a colourful, eco-friendly masterpiece to take home. Sessions will be held at 11am and 2pm, each lasting approximately 30 minutes and children are welcome. Prior booking is not required but you will need to reserve your spot at the ticket office before making your way to the Mindful Meadow for the session. Whilst sessions are free standard admission charges apply for entry to the venue and don't forget to dress according to the weather on the day.

Easter Egg Hunt

Embark on an exciting, family-friendly Easter adventure this half term. Inspired by a medieval Welsh legend, this interactive trail will take you through the beautiful gardens of Chirk Castle as you help a brave hare on its journey to safety. The hare has been dashing through the Welsh valleys, overcoming challenges and meeting friendly animal companions along the way. Can you help the hare overcome the obstacles and reach its destination by following the trail, completing ten fun activities to guide the hare safely to the Castle Courtyard? As a reward for your bravery the hare will thank you with a delicious chocolate egg.

The trail costs £3.50 per participant and runs daily between 10am and 5pm from 14th April until 27th April, or until stocks last. Normal admission charges apply for the venue so head to the ticket office to start your adventure. Additional information can be obtained by telephoning 01691 777701 or via chirkcastle@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Tŷ Pawb Lunchtime Concerts

Concerts are held on Wednesday's at 1pm and last approximately 45 to 55 minutes with free entry but donations are welcome.

2nd April -Nina Saviceric-Piano Recital.

16th April-Duo Melus-Piano and Flute Duo.

30th April-Chetham's School of Music-performances by students.

Stashbusters are now located in Tŷ Pawb and are an Art Supplies Charity Shop. You can donate old arts and crafts materials that still have life in them.

Out and about Throughout April

Easter Events at Bellis's Country Market

The Easter Chick Hunt takes place between Monday 7th April and Monday 21st April (closed Easter Sunday) with all proceeds going to Nightingale House Hospice. Entry is £1 per person payable to a member of till staff who will provide a clue sheet and pencil. Then follow the clues around the store and outside in the Garden Centre to find the Easter Chicks and spell a special Easter word. When you return your completed form and pencil to the till staff you can collect your Easter treat.

Easter Arrangement Workshop

This event will be held on Wednesday 9th April from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Strawberry Fields Restaurant with Nigel Whyles NAFAS Area Demonstrator. The cost is £35.95 per person to include all materials, tea or coffee and a piece of cake. **Please see a member of staff to book your place.**

(we will need to sell a minimum of 8 places for this event to take place).

April Events at Erddig Hall

Ranger-led Mindfulness Walk through Erddig Estate

Join us on 9th April from 10.30 to 11.30am for a peaceful, adults only, mindfulness walk through the beautiful estate. This gentle stroll will help you connect with nature and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring. This is a free event with no need to book but dogs are not allowed. Meet in the car park at Felin Puleston Countryside Centre (LL13 7RF) at 10.30am but don't forget to wear sensible walking shoes/boots and dress according to the weather. This walk is unsuitable for wheelchairs, prams/pushchairs and visitors with limited mobility. Refreshments and toilet facilities will be available at Felin Puleston afterwards. Contact erddig@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01978 355314 for further details.

Easter Egg Hunt

Families are invited to join our Easter trail which runs from Monday 14th April to Sunday 27th April (or until stocks last), which is inspired by the children's storybook Pot of Gold from our historic library. Solve the puzzles, tackle challenges and follow the trail to the legendary pot of gold. Normal admission charges apply and the trail, which costs £3.50 per participant is available between 10am and 5pm and booking is not required. Head to the ticket office to start your adventure.

Blossom Photography Walk

Capture the beauty of spring in bloom on a blossom-focused photography walk through Erddig's stunning gardens. Guided by our expert photography volunteers you'll learn new skills and techniques. Please bring a digital camera or phone, wear sturdy footwear and dress appropriately for the weather. There are 2 events which take place on Tuesday 22nd April between 11am to 12 noon then 1pm to 2pm. Booking is not required and it is a free event but normal admission charges apply. Head to the ticket office and you will be directed to the meeting point.

Best
Easter Wishes

*From all the team at the
Isycoed Issue*



*May the gifts of Easter
Cause you much delight,*

*And the sun of Easter
Make your pathway bright. R.F.*