

Community Council News for November 2022

Details of some of the items discussed at the Meeting held on 15th November 2022 at Is-y-coed Village Hall.

Community Agent Service-Hayley Scott, Community Agent, attended and gave an overview of the Community Agent service and what it can offer. She is currently helping 2 or 3 clients in the Isycoed area. The Chairman suggested a push to publicise the service, which is free to clients, through 'The Issue'. A discussion took place about funding for an afternoon tea on the 19th December. Hayley was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting.

Matters Arising from Minutes

The Clerk had circulated some further documents received concerning the footpath, which were noted, otherwise there were no matters arising.

Crime Report-The Clerk provided a report on crime figures for the local area and another report prepared by the PCSO, who will be resuming this duty from now on. No concerns were raised.

Finance-The Financial Payments submitted by the Clerk were approved.

i.-The Clerk suggested that she be approved to move an amount from the Current account to the Savings account in order to generate some interest as far as possible and this was approved.

ii-The Clerk also advised of the salary increase for Clerks, to be backdated to April 2022, which had been forwarded by NALC and One Voice Wales. Approval for the salary increase was sought and was granted.

Village Hall- The Clerk advised on the Caretaker's role, with Mr H Adams now in post. A discussion took place about forthcoming bookings. The Chairman noted that the kitchen refurbishment was now completed and advised that particular thanks were due to Councillors Dennis Edwards and Steve Ellis, Mrs Angela Edwards, Mr John Smith and Mr and Mrs Rob Parnell who had all given their time towards the refurbishment and made it possible. The Clerk is to contact roofers for quotations for the roof, due to concerns about a possible leak. The Clerk advised that the Asbestos survey had now been completed and the risks were identified as extremely low, and about the forthcoming works to the gents toilet. Councillor Edwards raised a discussion about keys for the hall and suggested the use of a keysafe within the hall, which was approved.

Reports from Members

Councillor S Ellis raised a query about the Nags Head pub and site as a fencing issue had been reported.

Councillor Morris queried whether the spotlights from Wockhardt were potentially dazzling for some traffic. It was agreed the Clerk shall contact Planning Enforcement team. Councillor Jones raised a discussion point about Christmas decorations and putting on an afternoon tea at the hall. It was agreed that this shall be progressed by Councillor Jones and any expense approved, since this needs to be organised within a short period of time.

Dryburn Logs for Sale in Is-y-coed

Dryburn Logs based in Is-y-coed. Loose and bagged mixed hardwood logs and sticks with free delivery. Telephone 07885 642116 or email Dryburnlogs@icloud.com

Deadline for the February 2023 Issue is Wednesday 25th January 2023. 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.



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EDITORIAL

The Is-y-coed Issue team wish all our readers a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Network Sports MD Alex Lovén has issued an invitation to everyone in the community to attend a personal tour of his new HQ and have a chat, starting promptly from the main car park at 10am on Saturday 21st January. There are job vacancies still available so if anyone is job hunting this presents an ideal opportunity to have a look around and talk to the Boss himself! Don't forget to have your say on the provision of Public Toilets in Wrexham as reported in the December Issue. The consultation period ends on 9th January 2023.

We have a new Community Hub venture starting at the Village Hall on 12th January and full details are available on the Flyer in this issue.

Included in this issue is a copy of St Paul's School Autumn Term Newsletter with articles written by the children from the school.

'Thank You' to our Sponsors and Support Group

In our first edition of 2023 we thank all our Sponsors who have kindly supported publication of your village newsletter. We also take this opportunity to thank our Support Group who are:- Treasurer Gwyneth Taylor, School Correspondent Sarah Ellis, Design and Production team Angela and Dennis Edwards and our Distribution team Rachel Bellis, Liz and Jim Cross, Sarah Ellis, Sue & Cliff Higgins, Marian Hughes, Pauline Jones, Linda & Rob Parnell, Gwyneth Taylor and Sue & Phil Taylor who ensure everyone receives their monthly copy of the Is-y-coed Issue.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES & NEWS

New Years' Day 11am Holy Communion Sunday 8th January 3pm Holy Communion
Sunday 15th January 11am Morning Worship Sunday 22nd January 11am Morning Worship
Sunday 29th January 11am Morning Worship

The 100 Club draw winners for December are 1st no 7, 2nd no 100 and 3rd no 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes to:

Netta Williams 3rd January Roy Morris 8th January Michael Morris 12th January
Ron Taylor 12th January Paul Williams 28th January
And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

School raised an amazing £834.10 at the Christmas Fayre. A parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated £250 which brings the total raised this Christmas to £1084.10.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

School re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday 9th January 2023

Seniors Christmas Afternoon Tea

All over 55 Is-y-coed residents were invited by St Paul's School to a Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. The hall was decorated with Christmas lights and all the tables were festively laden with Christmas gifts, crackers, china crockery and three tier cake stands, containing a delicious selection of food for afternoon tea. We were entertained by the children of St Paul's School with songs from their Christmas play. There was a free raffle with several prizes and the children presented everyone with hand painted calendars. We would like to thank all those who attended this festive occasion with a special thank you to Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher who organised the Afternoon Tea and all her team of helpers. The Community Agent, Hayley Scott was in attendance to meet local residents, offer help and advice and provide information on availability of various activities.



Wrexham Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

The Visitor Information Centre on Chester Street aims to showcase what is on offer across the county borough and provide help and information to visitors and locals alike. The Centre now retails a small selection of souvenirs, local crafts, books, food and drink and eventually aims to open for local food and drink taster events and workshops, as well as office space upstairs. The Centre is open Monday to Saturday between 10am and 4pm.

NEWS/EVENTS

Nightingale House Christmas Tree Collection

Nightingale House volunteers will be collecting and recycling real Christmas trees on Saturday 14th January in return for a donation towards patient care at the hospice. To book your collection call 01978 314292 or visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree. Trees must be free of decorations, left outside your house in visible location before 7am on the day. Bookings will close at 11.59pm on Monday 9th January

Royal Mail Extends Deadline for non-barcoded Stamps

Royal Mail has extended the deadline for using their non-barcoded stamps by six months to 31st July 2023, Alternatively you can swap them for barcoded versions for free through the Royal Mail scheme. In order to swap your 'old' stamps for the new barcoded version complete a Stamp Swap Out form (should be available from your Post Office) and send it back to Royal Mail along with your 'old' stamps. If you have a printer, you can swap out up to £200 of non-barcoded stamps by printing and completing Stamp Swap Out PDF. Send the form back with your stamps free of charge to Freepost SWAP OUT. No other address details or post code are needed. Self-adhesive stamps must be attached to their original backing paper or book and stamps that are not self-adhesive must be stuck to a sheet of paper attached to the Swap Out form.

Film Night at Kenyon Hall in Holt

The next Film Night is on Friday 27th January with the showing of 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' and doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Entrance is £5 per person and pay at the door. Tea/coffee, soft drinks and drinks from the licensed bar are available to purchase before the film starts.

Wrexham Farmers Ladies Section

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm when a representative from Wrexham Foodbank will talk to us about their role in the Wrexham area. Visitors are always welcome with a £3 admission which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

January Garden Waste Collections

Just to remind you that your garden waste will be collected on the following date - the Calendar 1 date is Thursday 19th and Calendar 2 is Thursday 26th January.

Lego Library Clubs

Lego teaches various soft skills that will shape the way children work and interact with others including, creative thinking, teamwork, communication, conflict resolution and problem-solving skills plus a whole heap of fun! We have Lego Clubs at Cefn Mawr, Brynteg and Wrexham Libraries which run every week. **The library service would be grateful for any unwanted Lego and would appreciate it if any donations could be dropped off at Wrexham Library.**