

Early January Bin Collection Services - All Households

Friday 2nd Recycling and food waste collections.

Thursday 8th Recycling, food waste and non-recyclable waste (black/blue bin).

Thursday 15th Recycling and food waste collections.

If your recycling bins get full you can leave any extra recycling in solid containers next to your other recycling, but make sure the materials are separated in different containers as normal.



The containers will be left for you to re-use again. Clean, flattened cardboard can be left by recycling containers if it is no larger in height or width than a standard issue blue sack.

If you are not signed up to receive the weekly bin reminder emails then you can check your bin collection dates and categories, plus those of family, friends and neighbours by simply typing in their postcode or street. This information is usually posted on the Wrexham Council website two weeks in advance www.wrexham.gov.uk/bin-collections. Don't forget that Garden Waste collections only take place monthly in January and February. If you have a real Christmas Tree this can be cut up and placed in your green bin for recycling.

Nightingale House Christmas Tree Collection

Our team of volunteers will collect and recycle your real Christmas tree in return for a donation towards patient care at the hospice. We will be collecting Christmas trees between Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th January and bookings will close on 5th January at 11.59pm.



- 1) Visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree or call 01978 314292 to book your collection.
- 2) Remove ALL decorations from your tree.
- 3) Leave your tree outside your house in a visible location before 7am on Friday 9th January

Is-y-coed Community Hub Christmas Party

The Community Hub held its Christmas Party on 18th December at the Village Hall, which looked very festive adorned with Christmas trees and decorations. Again, this event was very well supported and made special when the children from St Paul's school came along and entertained everyone with songs from their Christmas concert. A big thank you to the children, who also handed out the tree decorations they had made for everyone, and to their teachers.



This put everyone in the Christmas spirit and made the day very enjoyable for all. Thank you to Sue, Sharon, Sarah and Jane for all their hard work in arranging such a special day for so many.

Deadline for the February Issue is Saturday 24th January. 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.

We strive to give as much up to date information as we can, but sometimes events are cancelled or amended after our publication, which is out of our control.

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Thank you to Gwyneth Taylor and Family for sponsoring this month's Issue in loving memory of Ron.

EDITORIAL

We wish all our readers a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Thank You also to all our Sponsors and Support team.

Marian and Rachel would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Sponsors who have generously supported publication of the village newsletter throughout 2025. We also thank our Support Team who ensure the local community receive a monthly copy of the Is-y-coed Issue. The team members are:- Design and Production - Angela and Dennis Edwards, School Correspondent – Sarah Ellis, Distribution Team - Rachel Bellis, Liz and Jim Cross, Sarah Ellis, Sue and Cliff Higgins, Marian Hughes, Pauline Jones, Ruth Morris, Linda and Rob Parnell, Mandy Reanney, Sue and Phil Taylor.

The Fish Fry Van will not be able to visit the Village Hall in January as Keith is having an operation on his hand and will not be able to use it for 3 weeks.

The Wrexham Mobile Library Service next visit to the Village Hall will be in February.

Our Community Agent, Annette Thomas next visit to the Community Hub will be on Thursday 29th January.

Nightingale House will be collecting and recycling your real Christmas Trees in January, but you need to book by 11.59pm on Monday 5th January. Further details can be found in the relevant article in this issue.

There are no Community Council minutes this month as the Council did not meet in December. The date of their next meeting is Tuesday 20th January 2026 commencing at 7pm in the Village Hall.

ST PAUL's SCHOOL NEWS

5th January – Teacher training day. The staff will be working with teachers from all Wrexham schools to develop reading.

6th January – School reopens for everyone.

We raised £600 at our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Is-y-coed Community Hub News

Thanks to the Welsh Government for their recent grant, Is-Y-Coed Community Hub is now a designated Warm Space over the winter months, opening each Thursday 10am-3pm in Is-Y-Coed Village Hall. Come along, for company and a cuppa.

We will be back, after the Christmas break on Thursday 15th January 2026

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

Film Night at Kenyon Hall, The Cross, Holt

The first film of the New Year is on Friday 30th January with the showing of 'Downton Abbey: The Grande Finale', released on 12 September 2025, which is the sequel to Downton Abbey: A New Era (2022) and the third and final film in the Downton Abbey franchise. It explores the Crawley family's journey as they navigate the challenges of the 1930's. 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, alcoholic drinks and snacks are available to purchase before the film or during the interval.

The Spinning Wheel Craft Group

Bring along your woolly craft project and join this friendly and supportive group at The Catholic Church Hall in Overton on Dee LL13 0DY. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 1pm to 4pm. Subs are £3 per month/meeting and some equipment is available to use. Contact junemclaughlin@btinternet.com for more information.

Wrexham Library

Theory Test Pro (inc. HGVs)

Theory Test Pro is an online site which contains the entire official test question bank, hazard perception video clips and an online version of the Highway Code – all you need to help you pass your theory driving test. It has access to test banks for car, motorcycle, passenger carry vehicle and heavy goods vehicle categories. This amazing site can be accessed free of charge on your home computer, all you need is a valid library card.

For more information visit www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and select Online Services.

Recycle your unwanted cables

Do you have a 'cable drawer'? Do you use all the cables in it? In the UK, we are throwing away, or holding on to, enough cables to reach the moon and back!

Recycle Your Electricals is bringing back their annual The Great Cable Challenge campaign. A nationwide call to action to tackle the millions of cables and other electricals sitting idle across UK households.

Wrexham Council is partnering with them to help Wrexham households recycle their unwanted electricals and give old cables and other electricals a second life.

If all the residents in Wrexham recycled one cable each, we could save at least 675kg of copper from being disposed of and can save valuable copper being lost forever. By recycling these cables and other old electricals instead of holding onto them, the valuable materials inside these electricals can be reused and recycled into new items including mobile phones, laptops, smart watches, clean energy and even medical equipment.

Residents can take all old cables and electrical items to any of [three household Recycling Centres based across the County Borough](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday wishes to:

Netta Williams: 3rd January Michael Morris: 12th January Paul Williams: 28th January

And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

Congratulations to Roy Morris who celebrates his 70th birthday on 8th January



Best Wishes

To Tony Lloyd who was home for Christmas after a stay in hospital. We wish him well for his ongoing recovery.

Village Farewell

To Ben and Lindsay Kidd and the boys, from The Ridings who have recently moved to Malpas.

Village Welcome

To Cara and Luc who have moved into The Ridings. We wish you well in your new home.



ST PAUL's CHURCH SERVICES & NEWS

Sunday 4th January 11am Morning Worship Sunday 11th January 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday 18th January 11am Morning Worship Sunday 25th January 11am Morning Worship

Congratulations

To Lesley Morris and Lee Garrett of Harebell Cottage who were married at St Paul's on Saturday 20th December.

100 Club December Winners 1st No. 72, 2nd No. 8 and 3rd No. 70

Wrexham Farmers Ladies Section

The next meeting will be held in Is-y-coed Village Hall on Tuesday January 20th when Melanie Latham will be talking about 'Chutney and Cheer'. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is a £3 charge for visitors, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. We look forward to welcoming you.

Lighting up of the Village Christmas Tree on 7th December

A special thank you everyone who came along to support the lighting of the Christmas Tree and a big thank you to Ottilie, (a pupil of St Paul's School) for switching on the lights. Everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies, which resulted in a successful and very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all those who helped make this an eventful evening.