

## Community Council News for January 2023

Details of some of the items discussed at the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Is-y-coed Village Hall.

### Matters Arising from Minutes

The Clerk clarified the item on the setting of the precept and budget. The issue with the lighting at Wockhardt is still outstanding. The noise in the evenings from Alan's skip hire is still as bad. The Clerk will follow up on these matters. Councillor Edwards reported on the hub meeting held at the village hall. The feedback had been good and the Community Agents attended. An application for a grant towards the holding of these meetings was successful. After checking with the grant providers and Wrexham Council, advice given was that it would be appropriate to put this money into the Community Council's bank account, to be identified separately and for the specific purpose of the Community hub meetings. This was approved.

**Crime Report**-The Clerk advised that the PCSO had reported no crimes of concern for the area throughout December. No concerns were raised.

### Village Hall-

A discussion took place about the need to revise the charges for the hire of the Village Hall, in the light of rising prices for oil and electricity. It was resolved to set booking periods, as four hour blocks, and to raise the charges. Each four- hour block will incur a charge of £40 a session for residents of Isycoed, and £50 for non- residents. This will commence from the 1st of April. A percentage discount will be levied for those groups booking in advance, such as the Ladies NFU and bowls club. The Caravan club will be set at £125 per night. The Clerk will notify any persons booking of the new charges. The Clerk gave an update on the repairs to the gents toilets and it was agreed to obtain another quotation. It was further reported that the grid has been unblocked and the septic tank will be inspected in due course. A quotation is awaited from Quantum for the resurfacing and draining to outside. It is likely that a Grant will be needed. The tank above the stage that is linked to the heating has a leak. Suitable training courses are to be explored for the caretaker. The key safe is in place and the lock for the gate has also been reinstated.

### Training Plan

The Clerk advised of the Statutory duty to now produce a training plan and circulated a training plan questionnaire for each Councillor to complete and bring to the next meeting, in regard to helping the Clerk to compile the training plan. This was agreed.

### Reports from Members

Councillor Worsnop highlighted an issue with potholes and flooding on Church Lane. The Clerk will forward the photos to WCBC and request action. Councillor Edwards raised the issue of an update on the Cappers Lane footpath enquiry. Councillor Morris will forward documents. Councillor Edwards also suggested that a community day could be useful around the hall to clear leaves and vegetation. It was agreed that this could take place when the weather is more favourable. Councillor Jones reiterated the issue about the septic tank, which is in hand.

### ST PAUL's SCHOOL NEWS

.Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March-Eisteddfod-The children can come to school dressed in national costume or in the colours of the Welsh flag.

World Book Day is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Children may come to school in their own clothes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in exchange for an Easter Egg for our Easter Bingo.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will be holding an Easter Bingo in the village hall starting at 6pm. All are welcome.

Children from Borderbrook school will be joining us on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March on an Easter Journey Day.

**School closes for Easter on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and re-opens on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> is a Training Day).

## IS -Y-COED ISSUE

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### EDITORIAL

This month don't forget to wear your daffodil to celebrate St David's Day on 1st, Mothering Sunday is on 19<sup>th</sup> and the official first day of spring is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Also, a reminder to move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night 25<sup>th</sup> March when British Summer Time begins!

**The Community Hub** will continue this month at the Village Hall on the following dates 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 10am to 2pm, with a warm welcome to you all.

Don't forget to support Erlas Victorian Walled Garden open day and plant sale on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March as detailed in last month's Issue.

Information about the recent break-in at St Paul's Church and an invitation from Wrexham Council to complete their online survey on future planning (deadline 14 March) can be found in this issue.

The enclosed leaflet provides information on **hiring our Village Hall** and also details of the **Wrexham U3A Organisation** for people who are retired or work part-time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Happy birthday wishes to:

Quin Salisbury: 3 on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Edward Morris: 13<sup>th</sup> March. Owen Salisbury: 15 on 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
Shelagh Morris: 21<sup>st</sup> March. Linda Lunt: 24<sup>th</sup> March. Jenny O'Neil: 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Rory Hinkley: 14 On 30<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations to Freddie Lohman who celebrates his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Belated birthday wishes to Aubrey Salisbury who was 1 on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month.**

#### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Teodor Gardecki and Margaret Bayley who were married at St Paul's Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Get Well Wishes

To Karen Bailey and Glenyce Fyffe who we hope will soon be feeling better.

### ST PAUL's CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 11am Morning Worship  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3pm Holy Worship  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 11am Morning Worship  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 11am Morning Worship  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11am Palm Sunday Service



## VILLAGE BAKERY HALF MARATHON

Once again, the village of Is-y-coed played its part in hosting the VILLAGE BAKERY HALF MARATHON on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. After a lot of preparation by Michael Harrington from Run Cheshire and Gogledd Cymru. The road management team moved in to set up diversions and cones for a one-way system through the village. Marshalls took up their positions making it safe for residents and participants alike. Whilst this doesn't please everyone it must be said that it happens twice a year and it takes up only some three hours of village life. Runners who take part come from far and near staying in local hotels and spending money in our local shops and enjoying the benefits of the countryside which we are privileged to enjoy all year round. Marathon runners spend a lot of their time and effort training for various reasons, some for personal achievement whilst others in memory of loved ones who are no longer here or just for their own mental and physical health.

Sponsorship as always plays a big part in marathon running and the Village Bakery run has, in the past, seen vast amounts of money donated to local and national charities. Some of this year's benefactors and the amounts of money raised are: -

The Lullaby Trust (Raising awareness of sudden infant death and how to reduce the risk)

£3000. Mind (Mental Health Charity) £10,000 Alzheimer's Research UK £5,000.

Some of the runners have their own charities and some of the beneficiaries are Nightingale House, Hope House, British Heart Foundation and so many more.

If you feel the marathon is an inconvenience in your life please take the positive from it and remind yourself of all the lives that are being helped, who knows anyone of us may need their help at any time.

The next run through the village is The Helena Tipping 10k on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2030 a number of changes have been made to this event and the Community Council have invited Mr Harrington to attend a meeting to clarify a number of points.

## Wrexham Council Survey-Planning for the Future 2023-2028

Get involved in shaping Wrexham's future plan where people are supported to fulfil their potential, prosper and achieve a high standard of well-being. To do this six areas have been identified to be of most benefit to our communities and against which progress can be measured. The draft priorities are:

Developing and Decarbonising our Environment, Developing the Economy, Ensuring a Modern and Resilient Council, Ensuring Wrexham is a Fairer and Safer Place, Improving Education and Learning, Promoting Health and Wellbeing (with a focus on social services and good mental health). Please complete the online survey by 14 March 2023 by visiting [www.yourvoicewrexham.com](http://www.yourvoicewrexham.com)

**Deadline for the April Issue is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Please notify Rachel Bellis (660275) or Marian Hughes (01829 272325) or e-mail [marianhug13@outlook.com](mailto:marianhug13@outlook.com) with all your news, birthdays, fundraising and other social events.**

## NEWS/EVENTS

### Date for Your Diary

St Paul's Church is organising an Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and more information will be provided in next month's issue.

### Break-in at St Paul's Church

The police were called to St Paul's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February when it was discovered that there had been a break-in. The thieves had forced a window open and gained entry in and exited the same way. The items taken were all in the sanctuary and made of brass-a cross, a pair of candlesticks, a pair of vases and an offertory plate. The plate had a small inscription on the back stating that it was donated to the church at Easter 1947 by Sam & Martha Warburton of Puleston Cottage, in memory of their daughter. The police enquiries are ongoing.

### Film Night at Kenyon Hall in Holt

The next Film Night is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March with the showing of 'The Lost King'. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start and entrance is £5 per person with 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 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm with a presentation from The Mount Vineyard based in Bangor-on-Dee. There will be wine tasting with cheese and the opportunity to buy some good quality wines. Visitors are always welcome with a £3 admission which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

### Grove Park Theatre

The next production at this venue based in Hill Street, Wrexham will be 'The Anniversary' by Bill Macilwraith and runs from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, with a Saturday matinee at 2pm. Evening performances start at 7.30pm and bookings can be made via the Box Office, which is open every Saturday from 11am to midday by telephoning 01978 351091 or online at [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk). There is access for one wheelchair and an accessible toilet. Notification of any access requirements should be made when booking to check availability.

### Wrexham Salvation Army Concert

Royal Buckley Town Band, Salvation Army Band and Songsters' Concert will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Wrexham Salvation Army Hall on Garden Road, Wrexham LL11 2NU. Free entry but a collection will be taken for Hope House Hospice.

### Wrexham Careers Fair

Looking for a new career? This event is free and will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Ellice Way in Wrexham LL13 7YH on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 2pm.

### St David's Day Lantern Parade on 1<sup>st</sup> March

Following the lunch time parade (as detailed in the February Issue) there will be entertainment and a performance from Wrexham's Choir for Good from 5.30pm, followed by a lantern parade at 6pm.

### Bellis' Country Market Charity Event

Our team will be selling homemade cakes to customers on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March between 10am and midday, with all proceeds going to the Green Fingers Charity who provide the gift of a garden to life-limited children and their families.