

Did You Know?

You can now recycle cartons (known as Tetra Pak) in your green recycling box or middle wheelie box (with your plastics and cans) as part of the weekly recycling service. Please make sure they are clean and free from any food or drink residue first.



Football Museum of Wales & Wrexham Museum

The museum of two halves is now open and is a state-of-the-art destination venue. It brings our nations footballing heritage to life whilst also celebrating the rich history and communities of Wrexham. There is interactive and immersive content within the new layout with much more to see and explore. Free tickets are required for entry and can be booked online at www.wrexhammuseum.wales prior to visiting to secure your slot time. Opening hours are 10am-5pm Wednesday to Monday, (closed Tuesdays).

The Longest Yarn 2 – Britain at War Exhibition at St Giles Church

An incredible 80-metre-long knitted display that tells the story of the Second World War is currently touring the UK and will be on display to the public at St Giles Church in Wrexham from Monday 5th until Thursday 29th October. Two of the panels of this unique piece of work have been lovingly crafted by our own skilled Wrexham knitters and crocheters, adding a special local connection to the exhibition. Made up of 80 knitted art panels it follows on from the Longest Yarn 1, which also visited Wrexham last year and depicts knitted scenes of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Entry to the exhibition is free but a donation of £5 per person, which supports The Longest Yarn and Veteran's charities is very much welcome. Viewing times are Monday -Saturday from 10am to 4pm with last entry at 3.30pm. Please also note that the exhibition is closed on Thursday's between 11am and midday for a Eucharist service.



Wrexham Farmers Ladies Section

The next meeting will be held in Is-y-coed Village Hall on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm and our speaker, Alison Utting, is a writer, actor, public speaker and director and lives in Ellesmere. Alison will bring 'Aggie' – The Life and adventures of Dame Agnes Hunt story to life. Membership is £15 and there is a £3 charge for visitors, which includes tea and biscuits. You don't have to be a farmer to come along and join us. We look forward to welcoming you.



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Editorial



Wrexham Mobile Library Service will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 8th October from 11.30am to 12.15pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual **Cheese and Wine with Quiz** evening which will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 6th November at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £14, which includes a glass of wine or soft drink, and are available to purchase from Rachel (07970 519037).

Following a successful taster session at The Hub Coffee Morning In September, **Isycoed Rollers Bowling Club** welcome anyone who wishes to attend practice sessions from 5th October, 1pm-4pm at the Village Hall. £3 per session.

Don't forget to **alter your clocks back one hour on Saturday night 24th October** when we move to GMT for the winter months.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND NEWS

Sunday 4th October 3pm Harvest Service Sunday 11th October 3pm Holy Communion
Sunday 18th October 11am Morning Worship Sunday 25th October 11am Morning Worship

Buriel of Ashes at St Paul's

On 30th June, Wendy Compston née Hinds.

On 27th August, Stephen Jones.

May they Rest in Peace.

100 Club Winners for September are

1ST No 40, 2nd No 56, 3rd No93.

Is-y-coed Community Hub News

The Community Hub would like to say a big thank you to all who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning when we raised £170. We have Robin visiting the Hub on the 8th and 15th October to help us with chair exercises so why not come along for a chat, cuppa and join in the fun.



Deadline for the November Issue is Saturday 24th October. 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.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday 8th October – We will be going to Borderbrook School for a Harvest Journey Day.

Monday 12th October – We will be holding a Harvest Festival in church at 2pm (weather permitting) or it will take place in school instead.

Thursday 22nd October – The PTA are organising a spooky disco in school from 3.15 to 5pm.

School breaks up on Friday 23rd October and reopens for everyone on Tuesday 3rd November.

A Staff training day is on Monday 2nd November.

Wrexham Grove Park Theatre

The next play 'Strangers on a Train' is a gripping psychological thriller. A chance encounter. A deadly proposition! The play starts at 7.30pm and runs from 27th October to 31st October and includes a Saturday matinee at 2pm. Buy your tickets online at www.grovetheatre.co.uk or telephone the Box Office on 01978 351091.

Film Night at Kenyon Hall in Holt

The next film night is on Friday 30th October with the showing of 'The Duke' which is a comedy-drama based on the true story of the 1961 theft of the Portrait of the Duke of Wellington. The film stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start with a £5 per person entrance charge (cash only) pay at the door. Tea/coffee, soft and alcoholic drinks and snacks are available to purchase before the film or during the interval. All films are shown with subtitles.

Children's Art Competition launches soon at Wrexham Libraries

The 1876 Year of Wonder celebrations have been ongoing throughout the year but there are still a few more to join in with! Did you know that in 1876 Melville Dewey created the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system? The DDC is a numerical method used by libraries to organize books by their specific subjects and it's used in thousands of libraries around the world. To celebrate the 150th year of the DDC Wrexham libraries will be launching an art competition for children to design a mascot to represent the DDC. Your character could be an animal, a robot, a superhero, a magical creature or anything you want it to be. Your design will need to be hand drawn on an official entry form which will be available from the 1st October from your local library. The competition will be judged independently and the winning design will be used in our libraries. Get ready for the date!

Welsh Railway Hosts Historic Railcar Weekend

Sister charity to the Llangollen Railway, Llangollen Railcars, is again hosting its popular Railcar weekend on 17th and 18th October, offering passengers the chance to ride vintage diesel trains through the picturesque Dee Valley. The event features restored carriages from the 1950's, a driving simulator and an evening cruise. Over the weekend, Classes 108, 109 and 127 railcars will be running the intensive services in 2 and 4 car formations, with some trains starting and terminating at Glyndyfrdwy. On Saturday 17th October the popular 'Landcruise' service will return, offering views of the Dee Valley at Sunset and Twilight, as the mountain scenery and hints of autumn flow past the windows. Tickets for the Railcar weekend are on sale from the Llangollen Railway website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday wishes to:

Phil Brereton: 6th October Lynda Ellis-Brereton: 14th October Sarah Brereton: 21st October

Mark Brereton: 27th October Tom Lunt: 31st October

and to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

Wedding Congratulations

To Victoria and Ceejay Ellis Hughes who were married at Peckforton Castle on Wednesday 2nd September.

To Eva and Felix who were married at St Dunawd's Church in Bangor-on-Dee on Saturday 5th September, followed by a reception at Sutton Green.

Baby Congratulations

To Ariella and Tom, 3 Marsh Lea on the birth of their daughter Bonnie.

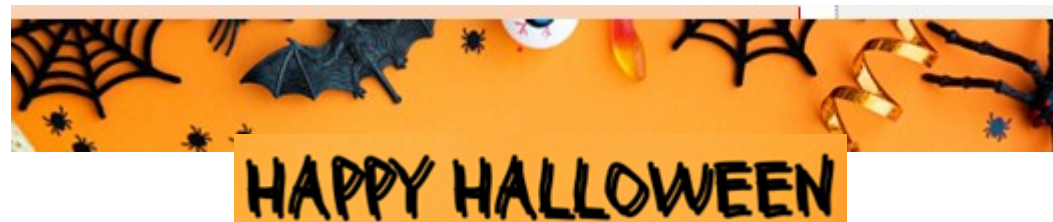
Bellis's Country Market Events

Pick your own Pumpkins and Spooky Maize Maze

Head into the pumpkin patch and pick your very own pumpkin straight from the field. Then venture into our Spooky Maize Maze and see if you can find your way through the twists, turns and hidden surprises. Pay on the day for pumpkins (cash and card payments) and Spooky Maize Maze entry is £2.50 each (cash only) and under 3's go in free. Last entry is 4pm. Opening times are 10am to 5pm on Saturday's and Sunday's from 3rd to 25th October then daily from 26th to 30th October. Please note that advance booking is essential for all visitors. Free tickets-one per vehicle, not per person, sorry no dogs allowed.

Autumn Table Arrangement Workshop

Come along and enjoy a fun, creative morning making your very own beautiful Autumn themed table arrangement with Nigel Whyles-NAFAS Area Demonstrator. The workshop is from 9.30 to 11.30am on Thursday 22nd October in the Strawberry Fields Restaurant. The cost is £37.50 per person and includes all materials, tea or coffee and a cake. (Please bring your own secateurs). Please see a member of the restaurant staff to book your place and make full payment or call 01829 272031. NB, we need a minimum of 8 for this event to go ahead.



Draft Minutes of the Is-y-coed Council Meeting (September 2026).

Details of some of the items discussed at the full Council Meeting held on 15th September 2026

Public Participation

1. The meeting was attended by Mr Roger Lunt and his son Tom Lunt to speak to members regarding a recently submitted, amended planning application. The additional information from Mr Lunt's representative had now been received by WCBC and passed on to the Community Council for consideration. Mr Lunt explained to members the need for the farm to diversify for its future viability. The proposals were to now convert 5 farm buildings into storage units, instead of the 3 in the previous application. The gateway into the farm had already been widened. The Chairman thanked them both for attending and said the Community Council would consider the proposals in more detail later in the meeting.

2. The meeting was attended by Mr Eccleston, a resident of the village, to raise concerns over speeding vehicles on the B5130. Although unable to attend the meeting, the Highways dept at WCBC had considered the complaints from the previous meeting and replied to the Clerk as follows:

The requests outlined by residents have been noted and will be considered where appropriate. However, it is important that any highway intervention is proportionate to the level of demonstrated risk and supported by objective evidence. The B5130 is a semi-rural B-road that previously had a 60mph speed limit, which was reduced to 40mph to improve safety. The road traffic accident data for the last 3 years (2023-2025) shows only 1 recorded minor accident along this section. Given the very low accident rate there is little evidence to support the need for any traffic calming features, however, we will assess whether any changes are required to the signage or road markings in order to improve compliance with the speed limit. Whilst I understand residents' concerns, any assessment of highway safety must be based on objective evidence rather than hearsay or speculative "what if" scenarios. Speeding or dangerous driving by individual drivers is extremely difficult to legislate against, therefore as these are moving offences enforcement will need to come from the police/Go-Safe.

The Chairman thanked Mr Eccleston for attending and the following course of action was agreed:

- To contact the Go Safe 'arrive alive' team for spot speed checks near the school and also on Oak Rd.
- To locate the second digital flashing speed sign on the B5130 just before the 30mph signs at Marsh Lea. (the first sign is to be located by the school to replace the one currently there which has been out of action for a while)
- To source funding for an additional digital flashing speed sign for the other end of the village on the B5130.

Matters Arising

- 1) The Clerk had received a reply from WCBC in relation to the request for 'passing place' signage for Fishers Lane which is still to be put in place.
- 2) The Clerk had contacted WCBC regarding the complaint received at the last meeting concerning the latest cycle race through the village on Sunday 12th July. WCBC Highways were unaware of the race and had not given permission for the race to take place. The Clerk had also contacted Graham Weigh Cycles to complain about the speed of cyclists, lack of signage and dangerous use of both sides of the Highways at junctions.

Planning Applications

P/2025/0919 – Former Ridley Wood Industrial complex, Bryn Lane, change of use of land to form open and containerised self-storage and associated works (amended plans). Resolved-To defer to the next meeting.

P/2023/0598 – Ridleywood Farm, change of use of buildings from agriculture to a mixed B1 business, B2 General Industrial and B8 storage and distribution use and all associated works.

Resolved – The amendment to the application is noted however previous objections to this application still remain. If WCBC Planning Committee are mindful to grant this application then it should be restricted to B8 and B1 uses only, as there is a reduced risk of noise issues from these classes. To allow B2 (general industrial) would be a potential noise nuisance to the residents directly opposite at Laurel Grove and the Barn Conversions.

P/2026/0036 – Park Farm, Bowling Bank, change of use of land to allow parking for 3 no HGV commercial vehicles and parking for vehicles connected to lawful use of the land. Resolved-To object, as this property is currently subject to an enforcement notice. Members are surprised at the submission of a new application during the current enforcement period.

P/2026/0511 – Land East of Bryn Lane, outline application for erection of building (class B2 and/or B8) (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved) RESOLVED – No comment

Correspondence The following correspondence were noted:

A resident of Marsh lea – concerns over speeding on the B5130

Pride in Place Impact Fund

The Clerk reported that confirmation had been received of the full grant being awarded to Isycoed Community Council of £44,118. Work over the summer had included the completion of the patio area and work to the field entrance at the village hall– both being completed to a very high standard by RDJ & Co Wrexham. Work had also started on the bar area in the village hall. This is to involve a complete new re-fit and will enhance the hall when completed in the next few weeks. The next part of the project will involve installation of a solar light in the car park at the hall, a new defibrillator in the hall, additional blinds at the hall, fencing around the patio, new noticeboards and benches, 2 x digital flashing speed signs, a new directional finger post sign. All to be completed before the March 2027 deadline.

Summer Country Fayre

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Sandra Hinds and Jack Brereton Thomas for organising the Summer Country Fayre which had been a great success. He also thanked all the various volunteers involved both in the planning and on the day itself. The event had brought a great deal of benefit to the village as well as much welcome financial support for the Community Hub and St Paul's Church. Cllr Jack Brereton Thomas reported that plans are already underway for next year's event which is to include additional attractions

Members reports

A request was made for the speed enforcement van for Oak Rd.

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday the 20th October 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall.