

Extra Care Plans Unveiled

The community of Plas Madoc will be among the first to see plans for the new Extra Care Facility, which is to be built on the estate. The first public viewing of the plans will take place at The Opportunity Centre on Tuesday 17th March between 2pm and 6pm. A second event will then take place in the Plas Madoc Leisure & Activity Centre on Thursday 19th March at the same times. Local people will have the chance to comment on the plans, and suggest changes before they are submitted for planning permission. It is also a chance to learn more about Extra Care as an option for older people wishing to maintain their independence. Please come along to either of the events to meet representatives from Pennaf, the developer and Wrexham County Borough Council, which was successful in securing a £4million Social Housing Grant for the Project.

Community Safety

The Community Safety Group would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Estate Office and Caretakers during the recent snow and ice. In the last meeting of the Group, members felt that the concerted hand-gritting activity had helped many people go about their normal business in the terrible conditions. PCSO Chris Cheshire was also mentioned in the meeting and congratulated for his continued hard work, which was making a real difference on the estate.

Reflections Group

'Reflections' is a group for children who have difficulty accessing mainstream services; this could be due to lack of confidence emotional or physical difficulties. The group is run by qualified and experienced staff offering lots of fun activities that the children are free to choose from, a healthy snack is provided. For more information please contact Claire Griffiths on 01978 813918.

Gunjur Trip Presentation

The young people that attended the Gunjur project will be giving the community a presentation about how they spent the time out there and will talk about the way this trip had made a difference in their lives. There will be a chance to sample Gambian tea and a local dish called Gambian chicken yassa and jollof rice also known as Benachin cooked by the Cook & Eat Group.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday 12th March at 4.30 at the Opportunity Centre. All are welcome.

Open University

If you are interested in starting an Open University course and want to know more details then contact Clare Barnes on 01978 821210.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day Little Sunflowers had a bear hunt adventure. Every child was asked to bring in their favourite Teddy Bear and enjoyed songs and storytime with Nerys Woodall from Wrexham Libraries. The children also enjoyed a picnic of sandwiches and fruit to share with their bears. Some of the children dressed in fancy dress costumes to celebrate the occasion and enjoyed acting out the story of 'We are going on a bear hunt' which is the book of the month.

Congratulations to

Nia Evans, Nia Davies and Katie Leighton on passing their NVQ level 2 in Childcare. Nia Evans and Katie Leighton are enjoying working at Little Sunflowers and Nia Davies currently works at Kiddies World in Acrefair all are local residents of Plas Madoc and have accessed numerous courses over the last 12 months. Well done to you all and hope you carry on with further training.

The Venue Re-opens

The Venue youth club re-opened on Monday 9th March. The junior and senior sessions will be running as normal. The junior session will be open from 3.45pm to 5.45pm and senior session will be open from 6.15pm to 8.45pm. The Venue staff would like to take the chance to thank all the young people and their parents for their co-operation during the past few weeks.

St Patrick's Day

The Venue Youth Club members will be cooking a meal for St Patrick's day on the 17th March and also taking part in a number of activities. We are also looking for any ideas for Red Nose Day if you have any ideas contact Sandra Ashfield on 01978 813912 or call in at The Venue Youth Club.

Parent Carer's Group

Do you look after a son, daughter or grandchild, who, because of a disability, special needs and/or sensory impairment could not cope without your help? If yes, then you are a Carer. Working in partnership with Wrexham Carers Service, Plas Madoc Communities First holds a Parent Carers Support group every other Thursday between 10:30 – 12:30 at The Opportunity Centre on Plas Madoc, with the next session taking place on Thursday 12 March. If you would like to come along, please contact Sian Hughes on 01978 813918 or drop in. The support group is open to all areas and ages.

Bird Feeder Fun

Conservation management work on local lowland raised peat bog called Whixall Moss Natural Nature Reserve helps young Plas Madoc wildlife Explorers achieve one of their wishes to make some bird feeders. Through providing natural materials in form of silver birch hardwood logs for them to create Natural Bird log feeders. The whole task is one of allowing the youngsters the opportunity to have fun carrying out supervised hands on creative practical tasks out of school hours. Plas Madoc Communities First Environmental Officer who is funded through The Big Lottery Fund said the group were surprised at how easy it was to make the feeders, but shocked at how many wild birds they attracted in to their own gardens on Plas Madoc.