

Ruabon Gateway

Last week the Planning Committee at Wrexham County Borough Council decided to throw out plans for a supermarket and business park development at Ruabon Gateway. Plas Madoc Communities First contacted all members of the Planning Committee in the run up to this meeting and enclosed 45 signed letters of support from residents of Plas Madoc as well as 60 signed petition slips all in favour of the development going ahead. Clearly new supermarkets are not everyone's "cup of tea" but this development could well have been vital in terms of providing new jobs and opportunities in the South of Wrexham at a time when the area has suffered badly from the economic downturn. The decision taken last week is very disappointing but Plas Madoc Communities First will continue to support the efforts to bring investment and opportunities such as this to the area.

Neighbourhood Recycling Site

Due to developments in and around the Leisure Centre, it has become necessary for WCBC to look to move the Neighbourhood Recycling Site from its current location in the rear car park, to The Opportunity Centre car park. Following consultation with local residents PMCF has taken on board their concerns and has informed WCBC that it cannot support the proposed move. What this means is that a new location urgently needs to be found for the facility to avoid it being removed from Plas Madoc altogether. If you would like to suggest a new location, please contact Andrew Harradine on 01978 813910.

Summer timetable

We are now working on the summer timetable it is only round the corner some of the young people have come up with some great ideas for the six weeks holidays. If anybody has got any ideas for activities or trips call in at the venue youth club or contact Sandra Ashfield on 01978 813912

Little Sunflowers

Little Sunflowers Holiday Club was accessed by many children during the Whit Holidays. The group of children enjoyed a week of craft, knitting, cooking, and many physical activities. We are currently looking at organizing the Summer programme which includes den making, face painting, daily visits to Get Out And Play and hopefully a Summer Trip. To book your child/children in to holiday club this Summer please contact Sharon on 01978 813916/01978 812786

Little Sunflowers Flying Start based at Rhosymedre Community Primary School are involved in Language and Play and are trying to get parents to recognise the importance of talking and playing with their children, this can be done through songs and rhymes and reading books, the children have now been given a Book Bag to take home each week and the children can choose from a selection of books which one they want to take home. We are hopefully going to hold a coffee afternoon in July and hope the parents will come and join in with song time and craft activities and have fun with the children.

'Get out and Play'

The open access playscheme had a successful week during the half term. Activities included dressing up, den building, woodwork, bouncy castle and lots more. The children and young people enjoyed a visit off the fire service, who filled up a paddling pool that a generous resident had borrowed us for the day. Community involvement was immense and the staff at Plas Madoc Communities First would like to thank all the residents for their involvement and help in making the scheme a success.

Carers Week - 8 to 14 June 2009

To celebrate National Carers Week, Wrexham Carers Service, in conjunction with Plas Madoc Communities First, has planned a whole week of activities to celebrate the service that Carers provide. A list of activities (which include pamper sessions and a canal boat trip) is available on our website – www.plasmadoc.org or is on display in the hall in The Opportunity Centre. Information stands will also be located at various locations across Wrexham including Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Contact Wrexham and Tesco Supermarket. For further information about the week contact Wrexham Carers Service on 01978 318812.

Food Co-op

Do you find supermarket prices expensive when it comes to buying fresh fruit, veg and salad? Then come along to the weekly Food Co-op, which is held every Monday between 1:30 – 3:30p.m at The Opportunity Centre on Hampden Way. A team of friendly volunteers will be at hand to take your order, which will be available to collect the following Monday. The bags are priced at either £3 for a full bag or £1.50 for half a bag and represent excellent value for money. The produce is sourced locally and includes produce such as strawberries, new potatoes, beetroot and grapefruit and eggs. Healthy Start vouchers can also be used to pay for the produce. For further information call 01978 813910 or drop into The Opportunity Centre.

Wild Hogs Project

Have you got an old bike wasting away in your garden or know of any around your area? If so and would like to help us out give us a call, we will even come and collect it from you. Also, if you have a bike that needs a bit of work and would like to do it up, YOU CAN AT WILD HOGS, come up to The Venue where we can help you pimp your ride for ages 8 to 16. For more information call Darren Williams on 01978-813910 or call in at The Venue youth club