

PCSO Cheshire

Last week saw PCSO Chris Cheshire's last operational day in Plas Madoc before he moves to a new ward in Chirk. Members of the community approached Plas Madoc Communities First to arrange a small "party" to say thanks to Chris for his efforts over the last 2 years or so. An estimated 90 members of the community attended to acknowledge PCSO Cheshire, with many forced to spill out into the main hall, such was the attendance. Several community members made small speeches and presented PCSO Cheshire with a number of small gifts. A buffet had been prepared by volunteers. The community of Plas Madoc wishes PCSO Cheshire all the very best in his new area, and we look forward to working with PCSO Harris who is already doing very well on the estate since completing training. We are of course saddened to lose such a first class PCSO as Chris, who has made a huge impression on local people and through his dedicated work has made a large, and I am sure, lasting impact on the community of Plas Madoc – all for the better.

PCSO Hannah Harris can be contacted on 07854997046.

Food Safety Training

If you would like to have access to Food Safety training then you may be interested in putting your name down for this training which is to take place on September the 15th and 16th at 9.15 – 12.15 at Plas Madoc Opportunity Centre. This training is free of charge if you are a resident of Plas Madoc. If you are interested then please don't hesitate to contact Nicola Milburn on 01978 812786 as places are being taken up very quickly.

Friday Night Youth Club

The Venue Youth Club is now open on Friday nights for ages 16 to 25 only. This service will be run by the Plas Madoc Communities First Detached Team. For more information contact Sandra Ashfield on 01978813916 or call in at The Venue and speak to the Detached Team.

Homework Club

Do you need a computer to do your homework on? If so come along to The Venue where we run our Homework Club five nights a week. For more information contact Sandra Ashfield on 01978 813912.

Venue Council

The Venue Youth Club are looking for new members to join The Venue Council. Any young person aged 8 and over are welcome to join. This is a great way to have your say about The Venue. Call into The Venue and speak to one of the Youth Workers

Health Awareness

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Meningitis Awareness talk at Rhosymedre Community Primary School on the 3rd June 2009. Christine Hughes from the Trust gave an excellent presentation to parents, staff and volunteers. There was plenty of time for questions and everyone was given information to pass on to friends and families about the dangers and signs of Meningitis. If you were unable to attend the talk and are interested in hearing it please contact Sharon on 01978 813916 or 01978 812786.

Holiday Play Scheme

Half term holidays were a great success. The young people enjoyed a number of activities including a walk and picnic around Ty Mawr Country Park, The Venue style 'Come Dine with Me' where the young people alongside Sian Hughes PMCF Health development officer made a vegetable ruby curry followed by fruit salad, they invited their parents along to taste this. This event was enjoyed by both parents and young people. Youth workers are now working together on ideas for the 6 week summer programme if anyone has any ideas for activities call Fran at The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813910.

Parent Group

Calling all parents! Are you at a loose end? Would you like to meet other parents while your child / children play? If yes, come along to The Opportunity Centre every Monday between 1.30 – 3.00pm alternatively contact Claire at The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813918.

Hip Hop and Freestyle Dance Classes

Are you aged 7 – 16 and would like to take part in Hip Hop and Freestyle Dance classes? Then come along to some free taster classes at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre on Thursday 18th and Thursday 25th June between 4:45 and 5:30p.m. For further information call into The Leisure Centre or call 01978 821600

Community Safety

At recent meetings of the Community Safety Group we have been told that people are not reporting some types of crime to the Police because it involved “low value” items. It is vital that NW Police and the Safety Group have an accurate picture of what is going on in Plas Madoc. All crimes will be acted upon, regardless of monetary value so it is very important that any such incidents do get reported.

Vehicle Security

NW Police and Plas Madoc Communities First again joined forces to reduce the number of people becoming victims of car crime in the County Borough. The exercise is known as VCRAT, and involves taking a quick look through the window of every car parked on the estate over a 2 hour period. A total of 23 cars were found to have items of value visibly on display, ranging from brief cases and hand bags to DVD players and tool kits. Each of these 23 cars will now receive a letter warning them of the risks of car crime. The hope is that by educating drivers we can reduce the potential for crime and therefore reduce the number of victims.

Coracles Test-Drive

Last Wednesday Plas Madoc coracle club members took two Dee coracles to Mile End Mill located just outside Llangollen, for members of the local kayaking/canoeing club to carry out river trials. The aim of this was to have our water craft tested in rough water by experienced paddlers. The small water craft surpassed everyone’s expectations on the white water course. The consensus was how good they coped with the rough water conditions and they were blown away by how strong these little boats are. The craft were all made by young people on Plas Madoc as part of this Heritage Lottery funded project to reintroduce the Dee coracle to the river which bears its name.