

### Operation Cinnamon

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to invite the over 50's to an awareness event at The Opportunity Centre in Plas Madoc. You will be able to meet your local policing team, partner agencies but also interact with other members of the community. Some of the agencies we will invite include: Fire Service, Community Safety Unit, Age Concern, Trading Standards, Housing and information about the digital switch over. The entire event is free and will include buffet lunch, LIVE MUSIC, bingo and raffle. To find out more contact either PCSO Hannah Harris on 07854 997046 or PCSO Tom Dewberry on 07854 336368

### Bear found in sensory garden

Small fluffy well loved brown bear measuring 32cm in height found hiding in the undergrowth in the Plas Madoc Communities First Sensory Garden. Main distinguishing feature: - faded pink ribbon around neck. If your toddler is missing their beloved bear please pop into The Opportunity Centre, Hampden way.

### Sexual Health Week

This week is Sexual Health Week and the Venue will be looking at how alcohol can affect decisions regarding sexual relationships. The session will be held for seniors on Tuesday evening 7-8pm. If you would like know further details or discuss the content of this session please ring Clare on 01978 821210 or 01978 813910

### Africa Trip

Application forms are now available for the next Gunjur trip in Jan 2010. Forms are available from staff at the Venue, Opportunity Centre and Drop in.

### Gwynant Playground

As we move into this week the re-furbished playground in Gwynant should now be fully open. The security fencing was taken down as soon as possible but was required to ensure safety of the public until the installation work was complete and signed off by the contractor. Plas Madoc Communities First would like to thank the residents of Tegid and Gwynant for their co-operation during the construction work. The contractors have worked all over the country and stated that Plas Madoc was one of the best areas they have ever worked in. The official opening of the park will take place during October half term, when we will be hosting an event at the park which will link in with 'Get Out and Play' the open access play scheme. The funder, WREN will be attending this opening and you will all receive invitations nearer the date.

### Toddler Group

Calling all parents! The parent and toddler group is held at the ICC next to the Opportunity Centre every Monday between 1.30pm and 3.00pm, if you care for a child aged crawling to toddlers come along and make new friends.

For more information pop into the Opportunity Centre

### Little Sunflowers

The new term has begun and it's nice to see fresh happy faces running around. Little Sunflowers is a Flying Start Provision and now has 19 children within the group and they have access to a rich play environment and the opportunity to play alongside other children. We aim to provide a stimulating environment where children play,

have fun and thrive holistically. Little Sunflowers as part of Flying Start also run a Language and Play Programme which is a programme for parents and carer's who have children aged 0-3years. The LAP programme aims to share ideas and activities and helps you realise how important you are to your child's education.

### Childcare Conference

"Foundation Phase-the first three years" - Is a day conference for childcare workers presented by SRL training and the Wrexham Family Information Service. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009 9.30-4.00pm at Rhosymedre Community Primary School, Park Road, Rhosymedre, LL14 3EG. £20.00 per person including tea/coffee and lunch. Workshops include Heuristic Play with Toddlers, Story and Rhyme time with Signs, working with babies and Risky Play-why is it important to let children experience risk from an early age. For further details of tutors and workshop contents please contact Mary Hughes on 01978 298345.

### Activities for Young People

The Venue Youth Workers are looking for ideas on different activities that young people would like to participate in. Any young person who would like to have their input in re-designing the venue activity programme should pop into The Venue during 3:45 – 5:45 for juniors (ages 8-11) or 6:15 – 8:45 for seniors (11-25). Sessions are FREE to attend!

### The Brook

There has recently been a discharge of sewage into the lower reaches of The Brook at the bottom of Hampden Way. Wrexham County Borough Council have investigated and have found no issues with their system and so the problem has been referred to Welsh Water, who have sent contractors out to investigate the problem. They have now undertaken a clean-up and will be using camera equipment to track down the cause of this unpleasant situation.

### Community Safety Group

The next meeting of the Safety Group is at 3pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at The Opportunity Centre. If you have any concerns about anti-social behaviour, crime or safety on the estate then please do come along.

### Footpath Repairs

Wrexham County Borough Council is in the process of repairing surfacing on a number of footpaths around the estate, which have been identified through regular inspections and the monthly Environmental Audit Process involving NW Police, WCBC and PMCF.