

Operation Cinnamon

Last week saw partner agencies from across Wrexham attend the Operation Cinnamon event in Plas Madoc. Organised by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, the event was designed to bring a wealth of valuable information relating to older people in the community. Agencies present included NW Police, NW Fire & Rescue Service, AVOW's Over 50 Forum, Older People's Strategy for Wrexham, WCBC Housing, WCBC Trading Standards, Age Concern, Social Services, Carers Information and Support. 30 members of the community attended, which was an excellent turn out for this inaugural event. The guests were able to visit a number of stalls and were provided with 3 presentations followed by lunch, bingo and live music from James Beard singing hits from the 50s and 60s. A big thank you to the Arson Reduction Team for providing the funding to hold the event and also to Somerfield, Rhosymedre Chippy and the Community Cafe in Cefn for providing prizes for the raffle. Thanks also to PCSOs Hannah Harris and Tom Dewberry who organised the event and for the positive response from the older members of the community who attended.

Old Magazines Wanted

The Venue Youth Club is looking for old magazines for one of their projects. If you have any old magazines that you no longer want, please drop them off in either the Opportunity Centre, Venue Youth Club or the Drop In.

Harvest Festival

Little Sunflowers is holding a Harvest Festival on Tuesday the October 20th and we would be very grateful for any donations of Fresh fruit and Vegetables which will then be donated to Park View Nursing home.

Cooking Sessions at The Venue

The Venue cooking sessions are proving to be very popular, especially as young people are having the opportunity to cook various healthy recipes. This has proven to be very successful in promoting healthy eating to the young people who access The Venue. Last week the junior members enjoyed making homemade leek and potato soup with fresh bread and the seniors members loved the chilli con carne they cooked. Youth workers hope that the young people who participate in healthy eating sessions will then promote the recipes to their parents and siblings. For more information about these sessions contact The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813910 or pop into The Venue.

Half Term Play

'Get Out and Play' will be returning to the streets during the October half term, the scheme will run Monday – Friday between 10-12 then 12.30 – 2.30pm.

If you have any ideas for the Halloween playscheme or any comments regarding areas we visit please contact Claire Griffiths on 813918 alternatively pop into the centre.

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 7th 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.

Garden of Senses up date

The repair work has now been completed on the sensory garden With Autumn officially upon us Plas Madoc Sensory Garden has benefitted from another growing season under its belt. The garden has had time to mature since its creation over two half years ago. And the plants, trees and shrubs have had time to fill what was previously a narrow strip of waste land. The Autumn has brought a mini harvest of locally grown produce which has included apples, berries and grapes from the vines which were used to cover part of the fencing. The maintenance of the garden has been down to local volunteers and we would like to thank them for their dedicated hard work over the past year. The Garden was funded by The National Lottery's Peoples Millions and designed and installed by local residents working with Plas Madoc Communities first.

Homework Club Returns

Next week sees the return of the Homework Club at The Venue Youth Club. To celebrate National Children's Book Week, during the session this week the young people will be asked to pick a book to read and discuss as well as designing a cover. This will help to improve their social and literacy skills. To find out more about the homework club, please contact Sian Hughes on 813918.

Children's Book Week

This week is Children's Book Week and to celebrate Plas Madoc Communities First will be holding a variety of events to mark it. Different activities will be taking place in The Venue, Little Sunflowers and also Reflections. To find out more call into the Opportunity Centre or call 813910 for further information.