

Digital Switchover

The Digital Switchover is now underway. The analogue signal for BBC 2 Wales was turned off on Wednesday 28th November. This is designed to act as a trigger to remind people to ensure that they have converted to digital equipment before the entire analogue signal is switched off on 25th November. If you can no longer receive BBC 2 Wales (a complete blank screen) then you have 4 weeks to convert your tv. This can be done by purchasing a set top box (available for less than £20) for each tv in your house, or moving to Freesat (one off purchase), or taking a satellite subscription. In the majority of cases it is not necessary to buy a new ariel.

If you have any queries over the Digital Switchover please contact the helpline on 08456 50 50 50 or locally Andrew Harradine at The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813910.

Community Safety Group

The Community Safety Group will be forming a new committee at the next meeting on Wednesday 25th November. If you are interested in joining the group and / or the committee please contact Andrew Harradine at The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813910. Look out for a new Community Safety Newsletter designed by the Group, which will be delivered in the next few weeks.

Thanks to community members

A special message of thanks goes to Steph Roberts, Gemma Doyle and Katie Pemberton who helped to prepare and serve a delicious leek and potato soup at the official opening of Gwynant Park last week. The soup was enjoyed by over 50 people who came together to celebrate the opening.

Plas Madoc Communities First would like to say a big Thank You to Mr and Mrs Hopwood, Sainsbury's Wrexham, Mark and Spencer's Wrexham, Plas Madoc Post Office, Somerfield Rhosymedre, for their kind donations for the Plas Madoc Halloween Party.

Exciting Times at The Venue

This week sees the new opening times at The Venue Youth Club. The Venue is now open for 7-11 year olds between 3:30-5:00pm, 5:15-6:45pm for 11-13 year olds and 7:00-8:55pm for 14-18 year olds. An exciting range of activities is on offer to all that attend including a new Eco- club, cooking programme and card making. Plus the children and young people will be taking part in the 'Plas Madoc-The Time Travel' project. To find out more call into The Venue or contact Sian Hughes on 01978 813918.

Staff changes at The Venue

Plas Madoc Communities First would like to wish Darren Williams and Ben Roberts good luck in their new careers. Some of you may be aware that Darren has left the

Venue Youth Club to work in London and Ben left his post to explore pastures new. Both members will be missed and we hope the training they received while at Plas Madoc Communities First will help them in their new employment.

Also staff provided through Wrexham Youth Service have sadly moved on due to changes in the Youth Service. Good luck to Chopper and Charlie who will also be sadly missed. However the Venue is welcoming Claire Griffiths and Sharon Evans to the team who will be overseeing the younger age group. It's good to have them both on board! Watch this space for more new staff vacancies!

Harvest Hamper

Sharon would like to thank all Little Sunflowers staff and parents who donated fresh fruit and vegetables for their Harvest Hamper. The hamper will be donated to Park View Nursing Home in Rhosymedre. Mrs Harrison would also like to thank parents who donated items to Rhosymedre Community Primary School Harvest Festival, all donations were given to local needy families.

Playscheme

'Get Out and Play ' ran successfully over the October half term, the children and young people took part in lots of fun activities including face painting, Halloween arts and crafts, den building and lots more. The main aim of the playscheme is to provide children and young people with opportunities to play freely and to take risks in a secure context, the children are free to make their own choices.

Inclusion Project

The inclusion project is a scheme provided by the staff at 'Get Out and Play' and provides support for children who may find it difficult to attend the scheme, all the staff are trained in Playwork, inclusive play and other relevant qualifications which will enhance the work done with children and young people. It's hoped this project will continue to run throughout next year' s play schemes so if you would like your child to have any extra support or you would like to learn more about the scheme please contact Claire Griffiths on 813918.

Blackpool Trip

Sharon Evans and Nicola Milburn from Plas Madoc Communities First organised a Free Trip to Blackpool on Saturday 24th October and were glad to hear that the residents who went on the trip had lots of fun and enjoyed seeing the illuminations. The feedback we have received was greatly appreciated and will be taken on board when we organise another trip.

Donate your old games

Have you got toys that your children have grown out of ? if yes please let us know, we are looking for board games(without parts missing) lego, jigsaws etc. We can collect! If you can help please contact Sharon on 01978 813916/812786

Credit Union

Are you worried about Christmas and how you are going to pay for it all? Well, help may be at hand with low interest loans from the Credit Union. If you would like to find out more then just call in to the Drop-in every Monday 10 -12am.

The Drop-in

Are you under 18 and worried about your drug or alcohol use? Have you got any questions about drugs and alcohol if so call into the Drop-in every Monday 1-3pm and speak to Sarah confidentially and without being judged.

Plas Madoc's Got Talent

The date has now been confirmed for the return of Plas Madoc's Got Talen, which again is held in Memory of Danny Davies.

Friday 27th November between 7pm and 10pm.

At the Aqua Lounge situated upstairs in the Leisure Centre. No age restriction for competitors!

Application Forms are now available from either the, The Opportunity Centre, The Venue Youth Club or the Detached Team. Any further queries please contact Nicola Birchall or Scotte Griffiths on 01978 813910.

Competition Time!!!!

Would you like to be a judge on the Plas Madoc's Got Talent evening?

The detached team are running a competition to select a judge on the Plas madoc has talent evening.

We will ask a series of scenario questions with regards to performances and would like you to give constructive criticism. The Detached team will have the questions with them whilst out and about, if you would like the chance to win the prize, simply stop us when out (Mon, Wed, Fri 6-9) and ask for the questions, we will check and compare your answer's and will let you know in due course whether or not you were successful.. Any queries Contact Nicola Birchall or Scotte Griffiths on 01978-822786 or 07706284740

(Age restriction for competition applicant's. 11+ this is due to the event taking place in the evening. Parental consent will also be needed).