

Open day at care home

MUSICAL memories and tasty cakes greeted visitors and guests at the open day held at Chirk Court Care Home.

The event formed part of the nationwide National Care Homes Open Day initiative so that members of the wider community could meet with residents, family members and staff to enjoy the facilities.

"We always welcome people who would like to call in to see the friendly and professional service here, and it was lovely to welcome so many friends from our local community," said Lisa Johnson, care home manager.

Among those who joined in the open day were local councillors including Cllr Frank Hemmings, a Dementia Awareness champion who works with a number of

agencies promoting the area as a Dementia Friendly community, and the Reverend Mathew Wilkinson from St Mary's Church, who works with all the churches in Chirk supporting dementia-friendly values.

"There were cakes, scones, tea and coffee and musical entertainment from Andy Snowden in the Orangery for residents, their families and visitors," continued Lisa.

"It was wonderful to get such great feedback from visitors whose comments included 'great home, friendly staff' and 'couldn't be more welcoming. I've booked a place already'."

Anyone unable to visit the open day but who would like to find out can see www.chirkcourt.co.uk or ring 01691 774286.



Pictured at the Chirk Court Care Home open day are, from left, Rev Mathew Wilkinson, Cllr Frank Hemmings, Cllr Mark Roberts, Shaun Jones, Chirk Town Council clerk, Cllr Barbara Humphreys and Lisa Johnson, Chirk Court manager

Town Talk

Choir Concert

PLEASE note that the concert featuring Llangollen Eisteddfod competitors The Highcliffe School Choir from Dorset will be taking place at 3.30pm on Thursday, at Chirk Methodist Church and not at 3pm as previously stated.

Pet service

THERE is to be a special pet church service taking place at Chirk Methodist Church, on Sunday, July 9, at 12.30pm, led by Rev Stella Long.

This is an open invitation to all who usually attend the monthly Messy Church services to come along and bring their pet or toy pet. Crafts and a buffet lunch will follow the service.

Women's Institute

CHIRK WI will be meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 11, at Craig Close Community Lounge, Chapel Lane, when they will be exploring the art of hand spinning. Visitors and new members always welcome, please contact Letitia on 07443 420275 for more information.

Black Park Chapel

THERE is an opportunity to come and listen to the superb musicians Faith Brackenbury and John Neilson in concert at Black Park Chapel on Saturday. Doors open at 7.30pm and the concert begins at 8pm. Tickets are £8.

For further information email blackparkchapel@gmail.com or call 01691 778800.

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Castle visit inspires budding young poets

STUDENTS from Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen, enjoyed a two-day residency at Chirk Castle to put their poetry skills to the test.

Organised by Literature Wales, 12 students from Year Nine had the opportunity to meet Sophie McKeand, Welsh Young People's Laureate.

Following a tour of the castle buildings, roof, dungeon and grounds, the students were treated to readings of some of Sophie's poetry. This helped them to understand that poetry could be about absolutely anything from the smallest, most insignificant object, to all embracing emotional themes.

Some children said that they never really 'got' poetry, but found it amazing.

Sophie explained that there is no reason at all for poetry to rhyme or have a regular rhythm or conform to any rules or form.

Once the students started to write their own poems it became clear that the lessons had been well learned.

Tasked with writing a poem about a single object they had seen on their tour of the castle, the students set to work and produced some original pieces which can be read on the school website.

Thanks to Mrs A. Edwards for arranging this event and to Mrs D. McSorley for accompanying the students.

Council is to lodge complaint over traveller site approval

Appeal was 'handled diabolically' say councillors

COUNCILLORS plan to lodge a complaint against the recent approval of a travellers' site, claiming that the appeal was 'handled diabolically'.

Residents and councillors voiced their concerns after the approval of seven travellers pitches on Old Black Park Road following a hearing at Wrexham Memorial Hall.

The planning inspector, Melissa Hall, granted the application despite being presented with evidence from Chirk Town Council, Wrexham Council and residents objecting against the site. However, the evidence was rejected because it had not been submitted by the deadline and therefore was not in the public domain and could not be used.

At the monthly meeting of the town council, councillors heard that the inspector was welcoming feedback and complaints after the

appeal.

Cllr Jackie Allen said: "I do not believe that site is fit for habitation. We appreciate that everyone needs somewhere to live but that site is not safe."

Cllr Hemmings added: "The appeal was handled diabolically, there were over 50 objections disregarded and the harassment of some residents and councillors was not noted."

Councillors said that the decision could not be overturned, but were hoping actions could be taken to 'heal' the matter.

■ There were new faces at the recent Chirk Town Council meeting as four councillors were co-opted.

The council welcomed Cllr Gareth Baines, Cllr Eleanor Burnham, Cllr Dorothy Griffiths and Cllr Lynne Painter to the meeting.

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Russ is bearing up to zipwire challenge

A BRAVE teddy is being sponsored for a zipwire challenge.

Teddy bears of all shapes and sizes will be climbing the dizzy heights of St Mary's Church tower in Chirk to take part in a charity zipwire challenge taking place on Saturday at 2pm and includes a special appearance from the Chirk Library mascot Russ The Bear (pictured).

Russ has been a resident at the library for 18 months and is looking for sponsors to raise money for the church. Photos will be taken and can be viewed at the library after the event.

All bears are welcome to take part in the zipwire challenge.



Kronospan

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Kronospan is seeking planning permission for a number of projects on its' existing site at Chirk.

A public exhibition will be held on:

Thursday 6th July 2017
between 1pm and 8pm at
Chirk Parish Hall, LL14 5NA

The consultation has been organised so that interested members of the public can take a closer look at the project proposals, discuss them with Company representatives, and make comment. Once the public consultation has taken place Kronospan will examine all the views expressed by local residents and other interested parties.

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