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CRONFA GYMUNEDOL COMMUNITY FUND



DISCOVER THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES INSIDE!

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PART OF NPTC GROUP OF COLLEGES

NPTC Group of Colleges, Newtown College, offers a specialized Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sustainable Fashion and Design. This program emphasizes eco-friendly design, upcycling, and technical skills, with courses based in the Pryce Jones Building. It focuses on reducing fashion's environmental impact, featuring partnerships with local initiatives.

Visit www.nptcgroup.ac.uk for more details.

SHARING OUR EVENTS AS A COMMUNITY





Welcome to the March edition of the Open Events Newsletter. Spring is in the air and there are some lovely outdoor activities included in the back page calendar for you to enjoy this month.

Below are some words on spring from our CEO, Stuart Owen.

"For many people, spring is an invitation to spend more time outdoors and reconnect with nature. A simple walk through green spaces offers chances to notice birdsong, flowering plants and the steady movement of insects at work. These moments are more than pleasant distractions; time in nature is closely linked to improved mood, reduced stress and a stronger sense of wellbeing. By appreciating and caring for the habitats around us, we help protect the richness of spring wildlife and ensure these shared natural benefits continue for future generations.

If you are feeling stressed, spend an hour in nature. If you are feeling very stressed, spend two."



Joanna Houseman

Climate Action Officer, Open Energy

If you're interested in including your event in the next or forthcoming issues please contact us by email

openenergy@opennewtown.org.uk





Repair Cafes 2026

Fourth Saturday, every month

at the waste not TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY **Shop**

REPAIR CAFE WALES

3-4, Broad St. Newtown, SY16 2LU

January 24th

February 28th

March 28th

Our volunteer Fixperts can repair a range of goods including tools, ceramics, glassware, textiles, furniture, mechanical, and electrical goods etc...

Goods for repair can be booked in from the Monday before until 12.00 on the day.

This is a FREE SERVICE, we just ask customers to pay for any parts needed.

RAINY DAYS STAY&PLAY

Refreshments and light snacks provided

@ Hafan, Yr Afon, Newtown

Stay&Play

Every Friday from 6th March

11.00 – 1.30

✨ Welcoming, Accessible, Fun ✨

A safe play space for children 4 & under, filled with toys and activities to explore!





£5 per child

Booking advised due to limited space

rainydayssp@gmail.com Rainy Days Stay and Play

Children to be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times!

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Platfform 1, Gorsaf y Drenewydd, SY16 1BP



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PLATFORM 1

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PLATFORM 1 Takeover

REPAIR CAFÉ, BOOK SWAP, SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS

7th March 2026, 10am – 2pm

Platform 1, Newtown Station, SY16 1BP



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TIR COED HEDGE CARE PROJECT



This spring Open Newtown is working with local volunteers, community groups, mental health services and young people, to support their wellbeing and our local parks and woodlands.

During February, along the woodland boundary by the Trehafren housing estate Newtown residents had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in hedge planting, learning how biodiversity benefits wildlife and people, and to discover how to identify native trees. The final session is on **Monday 2nd March** and anyone is welcome to go along and lend a hand, meet on Trehafren Hill, behind the Football Club, 10am -3pm.



Thanks to Neil at Forge Ways for creating the new Willow Arch on Dolerw Park, working alongside young people from Bwrdd Iechyd Addysgu Powys / Powys Teaching Health Board CAMHS team.

ENERGY AUDITS

What to expect during your home energy audit?

In partnership with Lightfoot enterprises, and thanks to the support of the National Lottery Community Fund, Open Energy is offering free home energy audits to residents in Newtown, Llanidloes, Welshpool, and surrounding areas. A home energy audit is an essential first step in identifying areas of improvement in your home. It can help to reduce your carbon footprint, save money, and keep your space warm and comfortable. The process is quick and easy and can be broken down into 4 simple steps:

1. After signing up for audit, Open Energy will be in contact to ask for your gas and electricity consumption figures for the previous 12 months. This allows us to compare your energy use with the national average.

2. We will arrange a convenient time and date to visit your property to complete the audit. The visit takes no longer than one hour and consists of a simple questionnaire. Example questions include whether you have and use extractor fans in your kitchen and bathroom, and whether you use radiator reflector panels….

3. With your permission, we will take photos of the outside of your property and your boiler. We will not require access to any other area of your home apart from a place to sit while completing the audit.

4. After completing an energy survey of your property, we will send you a bespoke, detailed report highlighting where improvements can be made. How you use this information is entirely up to you, there is no obligation to make any changes!



Sign up using the QR code or contact us via phone or e-mail.

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"Rwy'n Gallu!"

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GAME CHANGE PROJECT

❑Rhaglen 12 wythnos ar gyfer pobl ifanc 13 i 16 oed. Sesiynau un diwrnod yr wythnos yn ystod y tymor 9.30-2.30 (Wedi ariannu gan y loteri, dim tal i cyfranogwyr)

❑Wedi ei anelu at gefnogi pobl ifanc yn eu harddegau sy'n cael anawsterau i fynychu addysg yn llawn amser.

❑Defnyddio dysgu awyr agored sy'n seiliedig ar sgiliau i feithrin hyder a gwydnwch.

❑ PECYN CYMORTH O SGILIAU TROSGLWYDDADWY - gan adael pobl ifanc mewn gwell sefyllfa i ffynnu yn ystod eu blynyddoedd ysgol uwchradd a thu hwnt.

❑MENTORIAETH GYMHEIRIAID – modelu sut y gall partneriaethau cefnogol weithio.

❑GWEITHGAREDDAU - o gwmpas GOFAL ANIFEILIAID, MECANEG A DYSGU AR Y TIR. Bydd pobl ifanc yn gweithio fel tîm, gan roi gwaith ymarferol, pwrpasol iddynt yn ymwneud â chanlyniadau diriaethol. Byddant yn cael cyfleoedd lluosog i lwyddo, a chael eu cydnabod am hynny, gan adeiladu eu hunan-barch a hyder.

❑CYNNWYS Y GYMUNED - creu llwybrau i bobl ifanc ffynnu, cysylltu, ac archwilio opsiynau gyrfa a chyfleoedd gwirfoddoli.



0776 6606276 www.thegamechangeproject.org.

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"I CAN!"

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING.



GAME CHANGE PROJECT

❑A 12 -week programme for young people aged 13 to 16. Sessions are one day per week during term time 9.30-2.30 (funded by TNL, no charge to participants)

❑Aimed at supporting young teens who are experiencing difficulties accessing education on a full-time basis.

❑ Using outdoor, skills-based learning to foster confidence and resilience.

❑ A TOOLKIT OF SKILLS - leaving young people better equipped to thrive during their secondary school years and beyond.

❑PEER MENTORSHIP – modelling how supportive partnerships can work.

❑THEMED ACTIVITIES - ANIMAL CARE, MECHANICS, LEARNING ON THE LAND. Young people will work as a team, giving them practical, purposeful work to do with tangible outcomes. They will have multiple opportunities to succeed, and be recognised for it, building their self-esteem and confidence.

❑COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - creating pathways for young people to thrive, connect, and explore career options and volunteering opportunities.



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March at Platform 1 Cafe

Newtown Railway Station

A community project
Set up by volunteers & run by volunteers.

Mondays: Warm Spaces: 10:30~13:00

Tuesdays: Men Shed Social Chat: 10:30~14:00
Craft & Chat with Maggie: 10:00~11:30
Hen Shed: 18:00~20:00 £5pp bookable

Wednesdays: Well~being Craft Session: 12:30~14:30

Thursdays: Senior Socials: 10:30~12:30 £6pp inc lunch
Warm Spaces: 17:00~20:00
Men Shed Woodwork: 18:00~20:00
ALN Parent support: 18:30~19:30-19th ~ 16:30

Fridays: Crafternoon ~ bring your own crafts 14:00-16:00
Family Cooking: 3:30-17:00

Saturdays: "Pay as you feel" Art: All day in the cafe

Tues 3rd: Veterans Meet: 11:30~14:00 with Age Cymru & Blind Veterans UK

Sat 7th: Repair cafe with Open Energy: 10:00 ~ 14:00

Sat 14th: Mother & Child Craft Afternoon tea: 12:00-14:00
£15 for mother & child, £5 additional children - please book

Weds 4th & 25th: Arthritis Peer Support Group: 10:30~12:00

Sat 28th: Family Crafts: 10:30~12:30 £5 per family
Space Theme - please message to book.

For more info & newsletter sign up

01686 639913
Facebook: Platform1
www.menshednewtown.com
Instagram: platform1_newtown



Maldwyn Harriers Ladies

Helping to Fight Breast Cancer



How many bras does it take to stretch over a mile?
No idea?
Neither do we, but we want to find out!!

Donate your old bras to Maldwyn Harriers (alongside a minimum donation of 50p per item) who will ensure that they are re-used! All the bras will be displayed at Hafan yr Afon, Saturday 25th of April at 10.00am.

In doing so, we are hoping to raise a considerable amount of money for the Against Breast Cancer charity.

Bras and donations can be given to members of Maldwyn Harriers, Sunday Striders, Hafan yr Afon, or Maldwyn Leisure Centre. Final collection= Friday 24th of April 2026.

Contact: ladies@maldwynharriers.org.uk









Stay in the loop!

...with local groups

GET HELP AND ADVICE ON SUSTAINABLE LIVING FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cultivate

TrydaNi

Climate Action Newtown

Waste not – Towards a Circular Economy

AGOR DRENEWYDD – Open Newtown

MEN'S SHEDS CYMRU

Bike to the Future

Newtown Food Surplus – Feeding Bellies Not Bins

Scan here to join our mailing list

form.jotform.com/260204934973056

Sponsored by the anti-poverty locality fund.

Bike to the Future – Bike repairs with a difference! The workshop offers communal equipment and advice to help you with maintenance. Also a library of bikes to buy or borrow. Located at Pen Dinas, near NPTC college.

Climate Action Newtown – Formed to bring together everyone in Newtown with a concern about the climate and nature emergencies. CAN raises awareness and improves understanding by discussing and implementing local solutions.

MEN'S SHEDS CYMRU – Part of Platform 1 cafe and art space at the railway station. Tues 1030-1400 and Thurs 1800-2000. Do crafts with others in the community. All ages welcome, small charge for overheads.

AGOR DRENEWYDD – Open Newtown – The local land trust who manage green spaces in town. Weekly events and activities. Located at Hafan Yr Afon, near Dolerw park.

TrydaNi – A community owned car club, which operates across Wales. Car clubs offer access to an EV, without the hassle of owning one. Why not setup our Newtown branch!

Cultivate – Join the Cultivate family! Neighbours welcome to cook, grow, nurture soil and share family workshops. Sessions run Mon - Thur. Drop in/call/email for more. www.cultivate.uk.com

Waste not – Towards a Circular Economy – Hate waste and having to buy new stuff? Waste-not extend the life of household items through repair and resale. Located on Broad St and Dyffryn industrial estate.

Newtown Food Surplus – Feeding Bellies Not Bins – Putting supermarket surplus to good use by collecting and re-distributing food to locals. Most weeks, at the scout hut (but check facebook).

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For more information and to book your place, visit: orieldavies.org

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Lates / Hwyrnos

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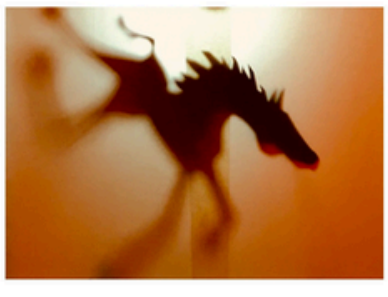
We have TWO fantastic events lined up for you for our next Late.

Live music from
Williams | Thorne | Holmes,
a new, exciting trumpet led trio.



AND

"Are we innocent when we dream?" a captivating blend of storytelling, puppetry, specially created soundscape, and a rich tapestry of myth and legend



FREE, but booking essential, donations welcome.
Doors 5.30pm

caffi DAVIES cafe

We love coffee!

The Cafe at Oriel Davies is open 10 - 4 Tuesday to Saturday

The cafe supports the work of the gallery. It is set up to generate income for our work as a charity.



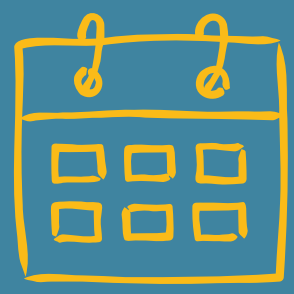
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Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru Arts Council of Wales

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEWTOWN



Monday

- Newtown Food Surplus, Food Share, Jubilee Scout Hall, 10:30am – 11:15am
- 2nd Mon, Dementia Singing, Newtown Library, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- 1st Mon, Book Club, Newtown Library, 2pm – 3:30pm
- 1st Mon, Visual Impairment Group, Plas Dolerw, 2pm
- 3rd Mon, Poetry Group, Newtown Library, 2:30pm – 4:30pm
- Hafan Yr Afon, Warm Space, Cwtch a Chawl, 4pm – 6pm
- Show Choir 4-5pm, Hafren Theatre, Up to 18, all abilities Contact nypacademy@outlook.com
- Dance & Creative 5pm-6.30pm (Hafren) Contact nypacademy@outlook.com
- Newtown Youth Club, Integrated Family Centre, 6:30pm – 8:30pm (£1)
- 1st Monday, Bereavement Cafe, All Saints Church, 6:30pm, 01597 824411
- Hafren Community Choir 6.45pm – 8.45pm All ages, all abilities. Free to join.
- Amateur Dramatics Society, Powys Theatre, 7:30pm, 01686 623463

Tuesday

- Cultivate, Clwb Gardio, Gardening Club, 10am – 12:30pm
- Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10am - 12pm
- N-able Adult Multisports (ages 16+), Maldwyn Leisure Centre, 10.30am - 11.30am (term time only), 07927 220410
- Soup Lunch, All Saints Church, 12pm-1pm, donations welcome
- Well-Fed meals collection and ordering, All Saints Church, 12 - 2pm
- Cultivate Lunch at 12:30pm
- Digital Support Sessions, Newtown Library, call to book 01686 626934
- Children Sing Classes, Hafren Theatre, 4.30pm & 5.15pm
- Board Games night, Monty Club, 6:30pm, text 07506 999826 (16+)
- Newtown Male Voice Choir, Crescent Chapel, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday

- 1st Weds, Newtown U3A, 10am – 12pm, 01686 688043
- 4th Wed of the month, coffee morning, Mochdre Old School, 10am – 12pm
- Ponthafren, Newtown Walk, opposite cinema, 11am – 12pm
- Newtown Community Café, Bowling Club, 3 course lunch from 11:30am
- Hope Church - Homemade Soup and hot pudding, 12 - 2pm
- Ponthafren, Gardening Group, 1pm – 3pm
- N-able Wheelchair Basketball (ages 9+), Maldwyn Leisure Centre, 4.30pm - 6pm (term time only), 07927 220410
- Musical Theatre group, Hafren Theatre, 4pm-5.30pm Juniors, 4-7pm all ages, Contact nypacademy@outlook.com

Thursday

- N-able Stroke and Neuro Club, Hafan yr Afon, 10.30am - 12.20pm
- Newtown Community Café, Bowling Club, souper lunch from 11:30am
- Rekindle Weekly Hub, 2-3 Ladywell Centre, 1pm – 4pm
- Newtown Youth Club, Integrated Family Centre, 6:30pm – 8:30pm (£1)
- 1st Thurs, Newtown WI, Methodist Church, 7pm
- 2nd Thurs, Newtown Garden Club, Methodist Church, 7:30pm
- Amateur Dramatics Society, Powys Theatre, 7:30pm, 01686 623463

Friday

- Sing With Your Little One (Hafren) 9.30am – 11.15am £5 adult £2 child
- Coffee Morning, Crescent Christian Centre, Milford Road, 10am – 12pm
- Coffee Morning, Mill Close Community Hall, 10am – 12pm
- 1st Fri of the month, coffee morning, Evangelical Church, 10am - 12pm
- Community Art Class, Hafren Theatre, 10.30-12.30, £5 per person, includes all materials and refreshments
- Newtown Food Surplus, Food Share, Jubilee Scout Hall, 10:30am – 11:15am
- Ponthafren, Bacon Sandwich and Boardgames, 11am – 1pm (£1.50)
- Singing and Laughter for Health (Hafren) 12pm-1.30pm £5 per person
- Ponthafren, Craft and Chat, 12pm – 2pm
- Newtown Knit and Natter, Methodist Church, 1:30pm – 3:30pm (£2)
- Newtown Otter Swimming Club, Maldwyn Sports Centre, 8pm-9pm

Saturday

- Newtown Park Run, Dolerw Park Bridge, 9am

Sunday

- Junior Park Run, Hafan, Yr, Afon, 9am
- Breakfast with Salvation Army, Hafan Yr Afon, 9:30am – 10:30am, Free
- 1st Sunday, Open Mic, Hafan Yr Afon, 2pm - 6pm

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