



OLDFORD VOICE

December/January 07/08

Launch of 'Oldford's Community Action Plan'

You are invited to the launch of 'Oldford's Community Action Plan' at the Oldford Communities First AGM.

Date: 19th December, 2007

Time: 11am

Venue: Welshpool Town Hall

By now every house on the Oldford Estate will have had a caller from Oldford Communities First. The purpose of this being to get your views on the draft community action plan. It's been great meeting so many of you and listening to the positive things that you have to say about what's going on, on the estate.

A great opportunity to hear more about some of the exciting projects that are happening is to come along to the Oldford Communities First AGM.

Successes from this year will be highlighted in exciting presentations and this will be followed by a free lunch to thank everyone for their involvement.



Come and find out more about events like these!!

We are also looking for new members to join the Partnership. This is a great opportunity to have your say and be involved with the work of Oldford Communities First. Becoming a Partnership member would involve you attending Partnership meetings which take place once every 6 weeks and contributing in any other ways possible to help the Partnership achieve the goals marked out in the Community Action Plan. If you would like to become a Partnership member or know anyone else who would then please fill in the Nomination form which arrived with this newsletter and get it back to us as soon as possible.

Please RSVP to the Oldford Communities First Office by 12th December if you would like to attend the AGM. Tel: 556648 email: claire.allen@powys.gov.uk

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Events

Welshpool Coral Society

Will have its traditional concerts on December 2nd and 9th at the Methodist Church Rooms.



St Mary's Church will begin their Carol service at 11am on Sunday 23rd December. The Christingle service will be at 2:30 pm on Christmas Eve and the midnight Eucharist will be at 11:30 pm



Alpha Course

The Alpha course is an 11 week introduction to the Christian Faith.

Alpha starts at **7.30pm** with a meal. At **8.30pm** there will be a presentation of one of the key claims of Christianity and from **9pm** this is discussed in a smaller group.

Alpha starts on **Wednesday 16th January** at **Barnabas Centre, Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury**
Call **01743 364101** to reserve a place!

GET GOING GANG

Visit the Get Going Gang at the Welshpool Winter Festival for **Free Christmas activities** for all ages and have a go at the Tom Bola! Activities till 1pm Saturday 1st December
For more information call: 555269



Welshpool Christmas Festival and Market - Saturday 1st December. This promises to be the best yet with stalls and entertainment out in the street and in the Town Hall. There will be **classic cars** in the Nat West Car Park and a **food fayre** offering a festive display of food and tasting opportunities! The Festivals **Big Nite Out** will include the Dreamers, The Cuff Links, Paula May, Shel Macrae and many more!

Powis Castle will open its **Grotto** between 1 pm an 3 pm on December 1st, 2nd, 8th , 9th, 15th and 16th.

The Welshpool and Llanfair Railway will run Santa Specials for Christmas on Saturday 15th and 22nd, and Sunday 16th and 23rd December. Each child receives a present and there will be plenty of mulled wine and mince pies at Llanfair station.



Oldford Community Show

2008

Free Coffee Afternoon

Oldford Infants School
Thursday 6th December
2.30 - 3.30pm



Come along for free refreshments and a chat about how you can be involved with the Oldford Community Show 2008. Call : 556648



Potty Potato

Food Co-op

Introduces...

$\frac{1}{2}$ Size Bags of fruit, vegetables and salad as well as 5kg/10lb Potatoes for only **£1.50** each

Every Thursday

3.15pm~3.45pm Oldford School
4pm~6pm Clwyd Alyn Office

Can be delivered if needed. Call 556648.

Examples of the $\frac{1}{2}$ size bags





Communities First Conference

The Powys wide Communities First Conference was held on 8th November at Builth Wells Royal Welsh Show Ground. The Conference was aimed at making outside organisations aware of what the three Communities First areas in Powys do and how they can get involved. The conference was opened by Mark Kerr, Chief Executive of Powys County Council, there were presentations made by many key organisations who are already involved with Communities First and the day ended with the three areas; Oldford, Ystradgynlais and Bro Dyfi holding interactive workshops. If you would like more information call 556648.

Credit Union News

Is heating your house costing you a fortune?



You could be paying too much for the energy you use. Spending half an hour with our qualified **Energy Efficiency Advisor** could save you a lot of money this coming winter.

Why not call in and see Gill Williams, our qualified Energy Efficiency Advisor at the Clwyd Alyn Office on the First Thursday of every month from 1pm till 3pm. The next visit is December 6th.

Energy Efficiency Advice is the latest service we at the credit union offer our members. Come and see us at Clwyd Alyn — we're there every Thursday from 4 pm till 6pm. Phone **01686 632741** if you need a confidential appointment outside these hours.



CHILD BENEFIT HELPLINE

0845 302 1444

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Bingo night

2nd November

£98.50 was raised on the night which will all go towards helping the community.

CONGRATULATIONS

To everyone who took the Level 2 Food Hygiene Course on 31st October.

Everyone passed!!!

Thanks to The Cambrian Training Company

Thinking money

Tips on how to keep out of debt at Christmas

BE REALISTIC ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO SPEND.

- Think about saving for Christmas throughout the year – for options call Powys CAB on 0845 6018421
- Work out how much you are going to spend on each person - and stick to it. Try shopping just with cash and not using your credit cards.
- Don't just run up an overdraft without talking to your bank - this will cost much more than if you arrange it beforehand.
- If you do need to use credit, shop around for the lowest rate.
- Make sure you can keep up with all your priority bills over this period such as mortgage /rent, gas, electricity and Council Tax. Check your budget is ready for bigger bills coming in the New Year.

If you do get into difficulties, get advice as soon as you can from your local CAB.

CALL US IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Free, independent, confidential and impartial advice

Powys CAB 0845 6018421

Tues – Fri 10am – 2.30pm

Online information at:

www.adviceguide.org.uk



Christmas Recipe.....

Christmas Pudding Truffles....

This recipe is so easy, get all the ingredients out in front of you and let the kids have a go at mixing and rolling the truffles, they make a great present too!

Ingredients:

- ◆ 175g/6oz digestive biscuit crumbs
- ◆ 50g/2oz chopped raisins
- ◆ 50g/2oz roasted hazelnuts chopped
- ◆ 50g/2oz ground almonds
- ◆ 75g/3oz blackcurrant jam
- ◆ 1 orange, zest only chopped very finely
- ◆ Dark rum or Brandy (optional)
- ◆ 150g/5oz plain chocolate

Method

1. Mix the biscuit crumbs, raisins, nuts, jam and orange zest together in a bowl.
2. Add enough rum or brandy (use water if you want) until the mixture is fairly stiff.
3. Form the mixture into small balls, the size of a walnut.
4. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of boiling water, coat each truffle with chocolate and rest on a foil covered board until set.
1. If you want to use marzipan or glace cherries to decorate.

Oldford Tenants Association

**Table top sale
and Coffee Morning**
Monday 3rd December
9.30am ~ 12pm



The cost to have a table is £5 each.
Call Sian on 554181 or Liz on 555269

Christmas Bingo Evening

Sunday 16th December
Doors open at 6.30pm
eyes down for 7pm



Raffle and refreshments

Oldford Force Team Metal Detecting Club

Meet the first Sunday of every
month outside Clwyd Alyn.
For more information call
Hazel Hicks on 07871985452



Tanat Valley Coaches

Clothes Show Live at the NEC
Saturday 8th December
Christmas Lunch at Blists Hill
Victorian Town
Saturday 22nd December
Pantomime ~ Aladdin
Saturday 26th January 2008

See our selection of holiday tours in
our new Brochure due out, February 2008.

**Call us now for bookings, fares
and timetables on 01691 780212**

My Favourite Songs



A 10 track CD produced by Richard Zimbler
features many jazz, pop and rock songs sung by
himself.

**Only £6.00 for each CD and all of this money
goes to the LMBBS Society.**

The Laurence-Moon-Bardet-Biedl Society is the
only registered charity supporting people with
Laurence-Moon-Bardet-Biedl Syndrome, their fami-
lies and carers.

For more information or to purchase your CD,
call Richard on 07791428302

Merry Christmas!

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candle	bauble	santa	cracker	bells
elf	Jesus	turkey	angel	holly
donkey	star	xmas	mistletoe	tree

Can you find all of the festive words in our word search!

Once you have found all of the words, try colouring in the decorations in

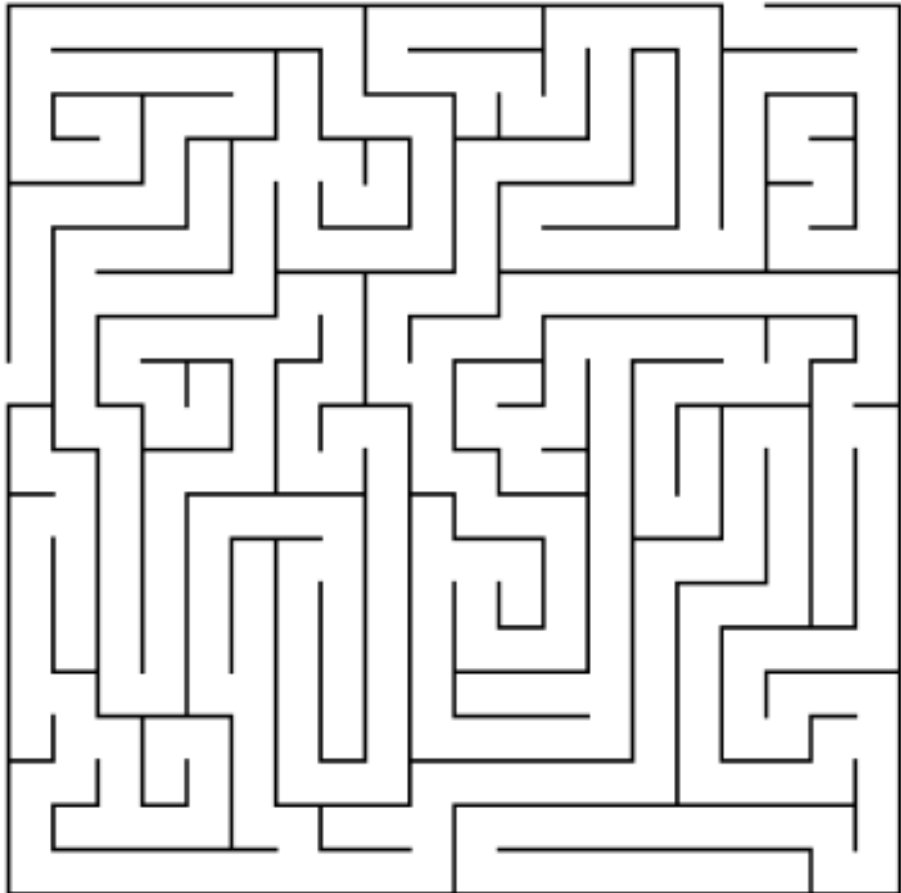
Doodle box.....



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Santa is lost! Can you help him find his way back to the North Pole?

Finish here

Remember when the Christmas Holidays are.....

School Holidays from 21st December to 8th January

Website re-launches...



The Powys Communities First website was re-launched at the Communities First Powys wide conference in Builth on the 8th November.

Why not go and check out the new site and **see how you can contribute**, there are many different sections where people of all ages can share views and stories. There is a section for **'Young ppl'** aged 11 to 25 years old and the **'Boing Zone'** for the younger kids! Or go online and find out what's happening on Oldford, read the Oldford Voice, look at photos of past events, read our news and much more!

We really do want your help to make this website a success so email, phone or post your suggestions and anything you want to appear on there!

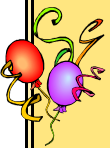
www.commfirstpowys.org.uk



Announcements....

**Happy Birthday
Sheila**

for 27th
January



**Happy Birthday
Jake**

15th December
Love from
Uncle Benji
and Claire
xxx



**Happy 50th
Birthday Liz!
On 14th
January
Love from
Dave, Carl,
Jayne, Sarah,
Sharon, Laura
&
Grandchildren
xxx**



This little Noddy is 18
on 4th January
Happy Birthday Carl
Love from
Mum, Dad, Jayne,
Sharon, Sarah,
Laura & all
your nieces and
nephews
xxx

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the Oldford Communities First Team

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Potty Potato Food Co-op

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from The Oldford Tenants Association

Merry Christmas and Best wishes for The New Year! From The Get Going Gang