

## Village entrepreneur helps tiny babies



Gwernymynydd mum Chloe Jones is using her greeting cards business to raise funds for premature babies.

Chloe lives with her husband James and their little boy Jude. Some may know James Jones as a former Wrexham AFC player, but the family's biggest journey together wasn't on the pitch, it was in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Wrexham Maelor.

Their son Jude was born very early, at just 25 weeks, and spent 122 days in the NICU.

Both Chloe and Jude fought for their lives in intensive care. Those months were the most challenging the couple have ever faced, and along the way Chloe discovered how much a thoughtful word or kind gesture can mean to a family living in the NICU world.

Inspired by her experience, Chloe created Warmth in Every Print, a small greeting card business with a big heart. Her range includes cards designed especially for NICU families and baby loss support, as well as a full collection of everyday cards for birthdays, thank-yous and all of life's moments.

A key part of her mission is giving back, so 10% of profits from the NICU card range go to neonatal charities. Thanks to incredible support, including from Wrexham AFC owners Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds who generously donated £10,000 to their fundraiser, Chloe has already helped raise over £20,000 for NICU causes.

Every card sold helps Chloe continue her work to support families still in the thick of NICU life while spreading warmth and kindness in the community. To see the collection or support the cause, visit [warmthineveryprint.com](http://warmthineveryprint.com)

*Gwernymynydd cloud inversion. Photo by Gavin Elsley.*

**WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?**

**Find out at [gwernymynydd.org.uk](http://gwernymynydd.org.uk)**

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## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



Join us on the last Friday of each month in the Village Centre, 10.00-11.30, for tea or coffee & homemade cake (gluten-free & dairy-free options available).



Images by Gavin J Priest Photography

Our Community Coffee Mornings sometimes double as fundraisers for charities. A recent coffee morning and raffle in aid of Nightingale House raised £354. Many thanks to all who attended and donated; Charlotte from Nightingale House was 'incredibly grateful'.

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The Village Centre is also the venue for other gatherings, with the ladies of the Mold Committee of North West Cancer Research recently hosting an Afternoon Tea at which 75 guests enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, lots of cake and a glass or two of Prosecco.

A lovely afternoon was had and over £1500 was raised for North West Cancer Research, a local charity raising money to fund invaluable research at Liverpool, Lancaster, Bangor and Wrexham Universities.

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We're sad to announce the passing of Brenda Wright on 20 August. Brenda had lived in the village for many years, in both Godre'r Coed and Heol y Wern.

Brenda, who suffered from Parkinson's, passed away at Plas Gwyn Nursing Home. Her funeral on 9 September was attended by family and friends.

A well-known character with a dry sense of humour, Brenda was active in the local community and left a legacy in her will to pay for a lunch for members of the Village Lunch Club, which they enjoyed at Old Padeswood Golf Club, raising a toast to her memory.





## NEWS FROM GWERNYMYNYDD CP SCHOOL

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### Year 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Llangrannog

What a start to the term! After just three days back in school, our Year 5 and 6 pupils embarked on a two-night residential adventure to Llangrannog. As always, they made us incredibly proud. Their behaviour, manners, teamwork, and courage were truly outstanding and were highly commended by the staff at the centre. It was wonderful to see them challenge themselves, support one another, and embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm. Here are a few quotes from the children themselves:



*'I liked the zip line because I faced my fears of heights so I closed my eyes and I had to jump, but it was fun.'*



*'Archery was so good we did a competition boys Vs girls the girls won with 52 points.'*



*'I have made memories for life.'*

*'It was good it was fun, I would go again, I highly recommend it. My favourite activity was quad biking it was so much fun, but that is not all they had, there was skiing, walking, swimming, camp fires, climbing, archery, and so much more. It was my type of residential.'*

### Welcome to our Nursery pupils

This term, we're delighted to welcome eight new children into our nursery. They've already settled in beautifully and even joined us in assembly last week — a fantastic start to their journey with us. Some of our nursery children go to Sunbeams at 11:30am for wrap-around care, where they're joined by more nursery friends from Gwernafield. It's lovely to see them



### Harvest

This year we are asking our families for donations of non-perishable foods to make up small hampers. We would like our children to deliver the hampers to local residents in our community. If you know anyone who would appreciate a little gift later in the season please let us know their name, address and a contact number so we can arrange delivery.



### School Admissions

Will your child be turning three before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2026? If so, you are able to apply for a place in our nursery on the Flintshire website from 22<sup>nd</sup> September, with a closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. If you are considering our school we do encourage you to come and look around; this can be done at any time to suit you. We offer breakfast club, wrap around, flying start, 30 hours free childcare, after school club and a friendly face at the door each day. We also offer Early Entitlement if your child turns three between Christmas and Easter. Contact us on 01352 756756 for more information. The link to link to the Flintshire County Council admissions web page is: [flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions](http://flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions)

## MOUNTAIN HARMONY CHORUS

You may not have heard of Mountain Harmony but we are no strangers to Gwernymynydd, having had weekly rehearsals in the Village Centre for the past twenty five years. Founded in 1989, we are a ladies singing group who enjoy the pleasure, friendship and health benefits of singing together regularly. But we are a group with a difference in that we believe we are the only ladies barbershop group in Wales.



Barbershop singing originated in the southern U.S.A. after the abolition of slavery when male harmony singing became popular in barber-shops which were the local social centres of the time. It needs no musical accompaniment and is made up of four parts, one melody line and three harmony parts which are sung only slightly higher or lower than the melody line.

There are many types of music which can be arranged for barbershop singers. Although we sing some traditional barbershop classics, we also have modern chart toppers and songs from film and musical theatre in our repertoire.

Unsurprisingly we have yet to find an arrangement of any Welsh language song but there may be one out there somewhere!

We sing regularly at local events and for charity and have competed both at Llangollen and at music festivals, particularly Chester Music Festival, where we have been cup winners on a number of occasions. We love what we do and if anyone is interested in joining our happy band of singers please come along on any Monday evening at 7..30 pm. We would be delighted to see you and you can be sure of a warm and friendly Mountain Harmony welcome.

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## IMPROVED PUMP TRACK

Gwernymynydd Community Council was delighted that the pump track near the Village Centre was repaired and re-tarmaced in time for the summer holidays. The cost was shared between the Community Council and Flintshire Count Council.

Councillor Phil Roberts visited the site on a warm sunny Sunday in August and spoke with youngsters who were enjoying the track.

The Community Council is aware that more benches would be a welcome addition to the park and are looking to add more seating when funds are available.







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### GWERNYMYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL BINGO

Saturday 22 November

7-10pm at the Village Centre

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Bring your snacks | Raffle £1.00 per strip

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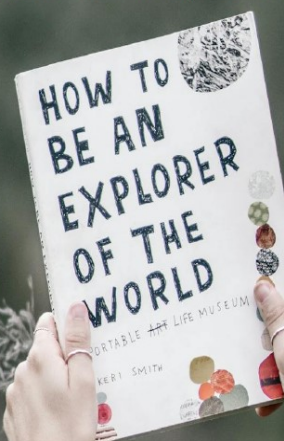
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## WANT TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS?

Reading is a great way to learn about the world  
and those we share it with.

Gwernymynydd Book Club meets in the Swan Inn  
at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

We chat about books we've read and how much  
we've enjoyed them - or not! Just turn up or, for  
more details, phone Sue Elsley on 01352 750489.







## "How can you build financial confidence?"

As my clients move through their lives, many of them start thinking more seriously about whether their money will last. Here are a few small, practical steps that I advise that can help make a big difference:

- Firstly, review your household budget. Rising costs mean that checking in with your monthly outgoings and not making any unnecessary spends can help you stay within budget. Even small savings can add up over time.
- Secondly, make sure your savings and investments are working hard for you. Interest rates change frequently, so it might be worth moving funds into more competitive accounts.
- Thirdly, consider your future needs. This may include later life planning, updating your will, putting a Power of Attorney in place, or ensuring your pension aligns with your retirement vision.
- Lastly, keep your paperwork organised. Having clear records and knowing where everything is can help reduce stress for both you and your family.

With regular reviews and small adjustments, you can build confidence and security in your finances for the years ahead. If you would like to discuss your financial plan in more depth, please feel free to contact me on [adam.tilston@sjpg.co.uk](mailto:adam.tilston@sjpg.co.uk) or say hello if you spot me!"

*-Adam*

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