



# Ty Mawr Newsletter

## Spring 2010



## Spring is here at last!

The long, cold winter is finally over and spring is finally here! It is a lovely time of year to visit the park, perfect for wildlife spotting as well as a great time to see the parks animals including our leaping lambs. This year we borrowed a badger face ram (a Welsh breed) to breed with our 4 badger face ewes. The lambs were born in March and are really cute! Please make sure if you are visiting the park during March and April that you keep your dog on a lead near the sheep and lambs.



Our black Welsh Mountain ram Ibod Fred is currently for sale to a good home as we are no longer breeding black Welsh Mountains.

## New arrivals

Having sadly lost our old cats Olive and Barney through old age we decided it was time to get some new cats. In October we rescued two lovely cats through Wrexham cat's protection league. They are a male tabby called Mog, and a female black and white cat called Meg, and are about 4 years old. They are settling in well and are busy keeping mice out of the barn!



## New lower price for animal sponsorship

The new cats and all of the animals here are available to sponsor. Due to the current recession we have put the price of sponsorship down to £5 for a small animals (including cats) and £10 for large animals. The money goes toward the upkeep of the animals and sponsors get a pack including certificate, badge and information on the animal and are invited to get meet their animal on a sponsor day. For more information pop into the visitor centre, phone us on 01978 822 780 or email [sue.mills@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:sue.mills@wrexham.gov.uk) or visit

## A BIG pat on the back

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who have been coming to help over the winter, in some very cold and icy conditions! We really appreciate all of your efforts.

Our Wednesday volunteer group has gone from strength to strength and has been working hard on some park maintenance projects. Recently they finished replacing a very wobbly old section of fencing which is now as good as new.



If you are interested in getting involved in this kind of work then we have re-launched our Sunday afternoon group. The group will be carrying out practical work once a month in the park and after a well earned cuppa feeding the animals.

If you are over 16 and are interested in joining us then please come to the visitor centre, call 01978 822 780 or email [bill.slater@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:bill.slater@wrexham.gov.uk)

Youngsters between 8 and 16 who want to get involved can join the junior rangers club, application forms available from the visitor centre.

## Wrexham in Bloom comes to Cefn Mawr!

This year Wrexham will be taking part in the RHS Wales in Bloom competition for the fourth year running. As many of you will know this competition is run nationally by the Royal Horticultural Society and encourages towns and villages to be proud of their environment and their gardens.



This year the judges will start their route in the lovely rural village of Fron and will move through Trevor visiting the fantastic world heritage site of Froncysllte and then into Cefn Mawr where the judges will get a taste of the history of the area and then once again into the town centre. Along the way the judges will visit **Ty Mawr Country Park**.



**If any of you would like to help out with Ty Mawr's gardens, if you have any flower or vegetable seedlings spare or maybe could donate a hanging basket we would be delighted to hear from**

## Donkeys more to pastures new

After three years of ongoing health problems it was thought that our two big donkeys, brother and sister Cocoa and Fudge, have weak immune systems making them prone to infections and illness. This is most likely as a result of their rare breed status.

Having taken advice from our vet and donkey experts we have made the difficult decision that they will be better cared for at the donkey sanctuary who are the world leaders in donkey health.

We are very sad to see them go, but content knowing that they will have the best possible life a donkey can have in donkey luxury! They will be kept together for life and we are receiving regular updates on how they are getting on.

Recently we were told that they have joined a herd of big Poitou donkeys like themselves and are doing well. We still have our two old donkeys Winston and Walter and pony Flicker.



## Junior ranger's news



On the 12<sup>th</sup> November the mayor of Wrexham came to present awards to the junior rangers and volunteers for their achievements over the past year.

In total 63 awards were given both from Ty Mawr and from the children's university. This included 23 Junior rangers achieving their Hazel award, 11 their silver birch, 6 their oak and 1 the highest award, sequoia. Young people and adults were also given special prizes for all of the hard work they put in here.

# Friends news

The friends of Ty Mawr have been busy fund raising by running a café, stalls at events, applying for grants and holding a duck race. They have done a great job and raised enough money to buy many items for the park such as a wormery and water butt for the new garden area, new wellies and coats for the junior rangers and self filling water troughs for the donkeys.

In addition to regular meetings the group also has social activities like getting together for lunch and some members have been on training courses such as food hygiene, first aid and 'how to be a great group'.

The group is currently looking for new members especially to make cakes and help in the café, anyone interested should phone the park on 01978 822780 or pop in for a chat. The friends have a facebook page and a website [www.tymawrfriends.btik.com](http://www.tymawrfriends.btik.com)



# Spring Events

## Thursday 1 April – Egg Decorating

Bring a hard boiled egg or two to decorate for Easter and a box to take them home in.

1.30 – 3.30pm

All ages with an adult  
£1.75



## Easter Sunday 4

### April – Easter 'Eye Spy'

Follow the clues to see what you can see. Then claim your 'eggy' reward.

From 10.30am – 3.30pm.

All ages with an adult £1.75

## Thursday 8 April - Meet the Animals.

Easy access, ½ hour guided walks with the ranger. The walk is wheel chair and buggy friendly. 1.30 – 3.30pm

Walk tickets at the visitor centre £1.50 Tractor rides £1.50 Combined ticket £2.50

All ages with an adult

## Saturday 8 May— Compost giveaway

Bring a bag to claim your free 'recycled' compost.

10.00am—4.00pm

seed planting to 'grow your own'. 1.30—3.30pm

Donations welcome

## Thursday 3 June- Sheep Shearing and Woolly Wonders.

See our resident sheep being sheared, watch the ancient craft of spinning, and try your hand at knitting. Donations welcome.

1.30 – 3.30pm

All ages with an adult



## Monday 7 June- After School Wildflower Wander.

Join the junior rangers looking for wild flowers around the park.

4.00 - 5.00pm Free

All ages with an adult

## Saturday 19 June - Dog show

Has your dog got the waggiest tail? Enter this fun dog show.

Supported by the friends of Ty Mawr. Entries from 11.00am Judging starts at

1.00pm

£1.50 per class - £5 for 4 classes

