

# Mold & Cittaslow

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## Mold Pancake Races for a flipping great time

**E**veryone is welcome to join in the fun on Shrove Tuesday, at the Mold Pancake Races, in Daniel Owen Square. You can join in, by either racing or cheering the teams on, at the event on Tuesday 5 March, starting at 2pm.

The Pancake Races, which are a firm favourite in the Mold events calendar, are organised by Mold Town Council and Cittaslow Mold. Entry to race and watch is free, with pans, pancakes and aprons provided for the runners.

The rules are very simple – people can enter the event on the day, just before the race at 2pm. Teams of four run in a relay for the pancake races – each person, wearing an apron, runs one length of Daniel Owen Square, tossing and catching their pancake three times. They then hand over their pan, pancake and apron to the next person in their team. Aprons have to be tied on!

Teams will be timed and the fastest adult team and children's team, which has tossed their pancakes the correct number of times, will win a prize.

The pancakes are being made by

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Pancake Races, Shrove Tuesday 5 March, 2pm  
Daniel Owen Square, Mold

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Spaven's Sweet Shop, King Street, Mold, who are also kindly donating the prizes for both the fastest children's and adult's teams.

As with so many community activities the Pancake Races rely on volunteers to help on the day – thanks go to the stewards who will include town councillors and residents.

The Pancake Races are great fun, whether you race or watch. For details phone Mold Town Council 01352 758532 or email supportofficer@moldtowncouncil.org.uk



*Tanwen Spaven, partner at Spavens, who has perfected a batter mix for robust pancakes, which can survive intact after being dropped and scooped up off the granite sets of Daniel Owen Square.*

### Local business support

Alan Spaven of Spavens, King Street, Mold, said, "We're happy to be sponsoring the Pancake Races again by making the pancakes and also donating the prizes for the winning teams.

"As a local business we do all we can to help support events and activities in Mold. I think that they give visitors and residents another good reason to come into Town to enjoy themselves."

## What's on in Mold

### Tree planting in Mold, WAM project 12, 19 and 21 February, 10am to 2pm

Volunteers needed to help plant trees at sites in Mold (see story page 3). Please contact Amy Green on 0796 1698 437 Amy.Green@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

### Mold Potato Day Saturday 16 February

Huge selection of seed potatoes and other produce in Daniel Owen Centre from 9am to 2pm, free admission, delicious home made refreshments (see story page 3).

### Mayor's charity dinner, dance and auction Friday 22 February

Mayor of Mold's charity dinner, dance and auction at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton CH7 6RQ from 6.45pm. Three course meal, drinks reception, live entertainment, auction and raffle with excellent prizes, tickets are £25 each and the proceeds are in aid of the Mayor's Fundraising Appeal 'Save a Life, Make a Difference'. Tickets from Mold Town Council.



### Fairtrade Fortnight

25 February to 11 March

Events supporting Fairtrade campaigns across Flintshire.

### Mold Pancake Races Tuesday 5 March

Annual pancake races in Daniel Owen Square from 2pm, see story page 1. Details from Mold Town Council.



### Mold Spring Clean 5 to 8 April

Annual town-wide clean up gives residents and businesses a chance to spruce up their area. Call Mold Town Council on 01352 758532.

## What is Cittaslow?

Cittaslow is a worldwide network of over 236 towns in 30 countries which fosters economic, social and environmental sustainability to enhance and improve the quality of life in Cittaslow towns.

Mold was the first town in Wales to be awarded Cittaslow status. It's an accreditation for the whole town and reflects the excellence here.

Latest tree planting sites announced in Mold

## More trees WAM scheme

**T**he Wild About Mold (WAM) project is well underway with activities throughout the Mold and Upper Alyn and Chwiler areas.

Last summer there was an excellent public response about where to plant more **trees in Mold**, with over 193 sites identified. From these, FCC Tree and Biodiversity officers and North Wales Wildlife Trust WAM project officer, have identified 38 'quick win' key sites. This month over 60 trees will be planted at the following sites: Avon Court; the corner of Elm Drive/Park Avenue; Gas Lane playing field;

Kendrick's Field; Leadmills playing field car park; the junction of Wrexham Road and Nercwys Road; New Street car park; and Park Avenue play area.

### Community planting

If you would like to improve our environment by helping plant trees at Gas Lane, Kendrick's Field, or Park Avenue on any of these dates, Tuesday 12, Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 February between 10am and 2pm, please get in touch with Amy Green, North Wales Wildlife Trust, WAM officer. Amy will give you details of where to meet call her on 0796 1698 437 or email



AmyGreen@wildlifetrustswales.org

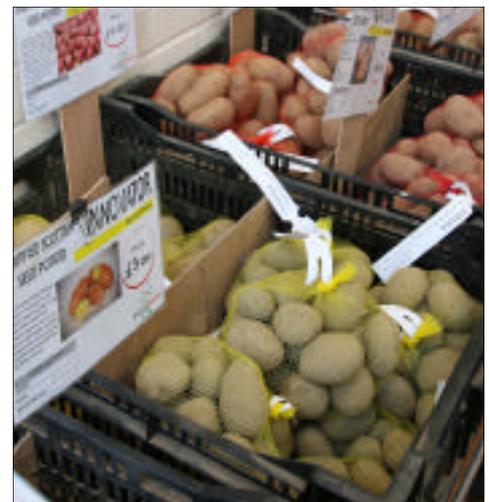
Trees for the sites to be planted by volunteers include these species, Alder, Giant Redwood, Purple Beech, Scots Pine, and Sweet Gum. Further sites will follow as land owner permissions and funds become available.

## Potato Day

**Y**ear-on-year the Mold Potato Day attracts gardeners from across the region, keen to grow their own potatoes.

The 2019 event will be on Saturday 16 February from 9am to 2pm in the Daniel Owen Centre, Earl Road, Mold CH7 1AP. The produce is from Brighter Blooms and the event is organised by FlintShare community growers, for the best choice of seed potatoes locally. Over 80 different varieties, each with a photograph and key facts label, will be on display, with experts on hand to talk to customers about their individual needs. Fruit trees will also be on sale. Admission is free, home-made refreshments will be available. Contact Adrian Doward on 01352 751306.

Saturday 16 February for a huge choice of seed potatoes and veg in Mold



## Taking part in some great community activities



1. Members of Trinity Fammau scouts with the pyramid shaped lanterns they made for the parade.

2. Saul and Poppy Mearns with a large angel lantern.

3. Julia with Orson and Dorothy Leese and the plastic bottle lanterns they made at the Festival of Light.

4. Members of Cambria Band leading the parade and Dawnsyr Delyn with the traditional Mari Llwyd horse's head.

## Bailey Hill lead consultants



Local historian, David Rowe, (left) with Paul Harrison of Harrison Design Development, during a public consultation at Bailey Hill.

# Lighting up MOLD



**A** dark and wet Sunday afternoon in January was lit up by the third magical Festival of Light in Mold. Over 200 people paraded with their lanterns up the High Street to St Mary's Church led by the resounding Cambria Band. Entertainment included excellent traditional dancing by Dawnsyr Delyn and Tegeingl Tanglers, storytelling from Chris Baglin and lively folk music from the Kearney brothers.

The bi-lingual event was organised by Cittaslow Mold, Menter Iaith Fflint Wrecsam and Mold Town Council with help from many volunteers and St Mary's Church. This year two willow lantern making workshops were held prior to the event for Flintshire scout leaders and members of the public, with artist Gwenno Jones of Theatr Clwyd.



Last July Flintshire County Council, in partnership with Mold Town Council and the Friends of Bailey Hill, successfully secured a fantastic National Lottery grant of £963,700 for a transformational redevelopment project at historic Bailey Hill in Mold.

Harrison Design Development (HDD) has been appointed as the lead consultants and will carry out the detailed design work, environmental studies, and oversee the construction work during the next eighteen months.

The team at Harrison's has an unrivalled understanding of the scheme, having been involved in Bailey Hill since 2011 with the development of the initial Masterplan, and as the lead consultants during the Heritage Lottery Fund development stage.

Claire Halestrap, project manager and principal designer at HDD said, "We're delighted to have been awarded the Bailey Hill contract; the park is close to our office at the top of the High Street in Mold and is a special place which we enjoy spending time at."

If you'd like to find out more about Bailey Hill, or to get involved as a volunteer come and talk to us at one of the monthly Cittaslow Mold / Mold Town Council market stalls in Daniel Owen Square. If you'd like to register to receive information call 01352 758532 or email Jane Evans, supportofficer@moldtowncouncil.org.uk

You can check out the **Friends of Bailey Hill** on facebook, and also register for their membership scheme, or contact the Friends by email on fobhmold@gmail.com

Difficult financial times bring a threat of closure

# Review of Mold public toilet

**O**ver the last few years the future of the two public toilets in Mold has been uncertain as austerity measures continue to have an impact on the finances of Flintshire County Council (FCC). Some local authorities have closed public toilets as they're not a statutory service.

In Mold, FCC operate the public toilets at New Street and the bus station. The Daniel Owen Centre Association is responsible for the toilets in the Centre, with £5,000 financial support from Mold Town Council. A footfall count



at these three toilets during the Autumn showed how well used they all are. For instance over 3,200 people used New Street during the first two weeks of October, and just under 3,000 the bus station, with over 5,300 people visiting the Daniel Owen Centre toilets over a 17 day period.

FCC's intention is to withdraw funding for the public toilets at New Street but Mold Town Council is keen to protect the service. Sam Roberts, Mold Town Clerk and Finance Officer explained, "At the Town Council meeting in January, councillors recognised the importance of New Street toilets and agreed to work with consultants to carry out research into the feasibility of protecting the service.

"We're keen to look at a number of cost effective options taken by other towns facing a similar situation to Mold. In order to reduce the costs while improving the service to the users." New Street is the largest car park in Mold and the Town Council considers that maintaining the public toilets there is essential for the hospitality and welcome that Mold provides to residents and visitors alike.



## Mold, town of culture



the fantastic, award winning Theatr Clwyd plays in the cultural and economic life of the town and region should not be taken for granted.

Theatr Clwyd is the biggest producing theatre in Wales, with 94 core employees, 115 relief workers and over 300 creative freelancers employed over the last 12 months. These staff have a whole raft of expertise and diverse skills needed in a producing theatre with its own making department. There are also opportunities to join the theatre as an apprentice.

In 2017/18, 196,000 people attended performances at Theatr Clwyd and another 220,000 people saw a Theatr Clwyd production across the UK. The theatre worked with over 40,000 young people, and 200 young people came to weekly drama classes held in both Welsh and English. The current 2018/19 budget of £6.4m shows an increase on previous years.

An innovative site specific production to commemorate 150 years since the Mold Riots will be produced this year in town, with professional and community actors. Mold, town of culture!

**T**he Labour Towns Group, which includes David Hanson MP, recently suggested in a Westminster Hall Debate that, as well as a UK City of Culture, there should be UK Town of Culture award.

The economic benefit to Hull of being a City of Culture were massive, with 5 million visitors, £220m investment and the creation of 800 new jobs. The UK is a global leader in the creative

industries, bringing more than £100bn a year to the UK economy. Arts and culture are an important part of the sector, and investment in the arts in towns such as Margate and Hay-on-Wye have aided their regeneration. One of the aims of the proposed Town of Culture award is to highlight the amazing cultural offers in towns across the UK.

Here in Mold the important role that