

Strict judge stars in fairytale show

BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing* judge, Craig Revel Horwood, is hot-footing it to Llandudno's *Venue Cymru* this Christmas to appear in the theatre's pantomime, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

With his reputation of being the harshest of the judges on the primetime television programme, Llandudno audiences will have their opportunity to boo Craig as he takes to the stage in the role of one of pantomime's ultimate villains, the Wicked Queen! Known to millions of television viewers for his appearance on six series of *Strictly Come Dancing*, Craig has also appeared on *Comic Relief Does Fame Academy*, *Strictly Ice Dancing*, as well as countless other programmes including *Celebrity Masterchef*, *Ready Steady Cook*, *Blue Peter* and *Wider in the House*.

■ *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* runs at Llandudno's *Venue Cymru* from Monday, December 14, 2009 to Sunday, January 3, 2010. Tickets can be booked on (01492) 872000 or online at www.venuecymru.co.uk.

Dangers of using tumble dryers

FIRE officers urge residents to ensure they are taking the necessary precautions while using a tumble dryer after a number of fires were started in January.

This month firefighters have been called to a number of incidents where the cause of the fire has been identified as faulty tumble dryers being left unattended or used incorrectly. Dave Evans, community safety manager, said: "We are asking occupants to take a few steps to ensure that they use their tumble dryers in a safe way."

"These include: never overload the tumble dryer; never leave it on while you are in bed or go out; do not set the programme too long; clean the filters regularly."

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service offer free home fire safety checks - totally free of charge.

■ To register, call 0800 1691234 or visit www.nwales-fireservice.org.uk.



OPEN: Alun Ffred Jones AM cuts the ribbon at Felin Sgwrsio. Inset, he enjoys a cuppa and a chat with Cllr Sian Gwenllian, Pat Jones, Dilyc Myfanwy and Ken Brown.

Pop-in club is officially open for projects in community

'Call in for panad and a chat'

A CLUB with a grand plan of becoming the hub of a community has been officially opened this week.

Y Felin Sgwrsio opened up in September last year on the site of the former Tebot Poeth cafe on Bongor Street, Felinheli.

On Friday heritage and culture minister Alun Ffred Jones AM, cut the red ribbon at the club, whose success so far has exceeded the expectations of its founders. One of them, Y Felin Sgwrsio chairman Aled Job, a translator and Welsh language tutor, said the original motivation for setting up the venture, was to fill the gap left by the cafe and provide a place where adults could learn Welsh informally.

He said: "I was a regular user of Tebot Poeth, so when it closed a group of us wanted to set up a place where you could pop in for a panad and a chat."

The club has since flourished and is used as a site for five community projects.

These include: a Welsh learners' session, where people can drop in and learn the language with local mentors based at the club; a computer clinic; an after-school children's book club and an information session with councillor Sian Gwenllian.

"We have also set up an oral history project called Y Felin Ers Talwm where we encourage older people from the village to come in and talk about their memories of Felinheli which we record on camera. We have already produced three DVDs from this project," he added.

Another DVD called *Dynia'y Felin* has also been compiled, with the help of pupils from Ysgol Gynradd Y Felinheli, whose purpose was to promote the village as a place for learners.

The venture was set up in part thanks to a £6,500 grant from Gwynedd County Council's community chest programme, and received donations from the community council and local sponsors. Members also raised their own money to help pay for running costs.

It also relied heavily on local volunteers, and while Mr Job was grateful for all the support the club received, his long-term aim was to make it "self-sufficient".

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