

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 215

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“A rare moment captured last night was the coming together of 5 of our CWOs from the past several years with our staff team and [@2WWAirCadets](#) Sector Commanders. With many years of experience between them, they are a fantastic example to our cadets [#whatwedo](#)” Images and text taken from facebook.

## 1251 Air Cadets -Ruabon



“Fantastic passing-off parade for our latest batch of recruits! Our new cadets will continue to grow & develop through the wonderful [@aircadets](#) experience that we provide [#whatwedo](#)” Ruabon Cadets meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-9pm



# Ysgol Rhiwabon



## History Department

The History department of Ysgol Rhiwabon has been focusing on developing the skills of historians through different methods.



Year 7, students have brought history to life by using the skills of historians to solve a murder. This involves looking at a wide range of evidence to piece together when the crime was committed, who was responsible and the possible motives.

Year 9 students are using high level analytical skills to gather information to create their own 'Diary of the Slave Trade', which is one of the most popular topics at KS3.

Key Stage Four students visited Berlin recently to enhance subject knowledge for the Summer examinations on Germany from 1919 to 1945. It was extremely valuable to see the level of questioning students used with each other, when examining the exhibits at the former HQ of the SS, SD and Gestapo, which is now the 'Topography of Terror Museum', and also at the site of the Wannsee Conference. Students visited Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and here they saw some of the awful conditions that the prisoners had to suffer at the Nazi work camp. Everyone enjoyed a tour of the Berlin Olympic Stadium, old and new and were able to see some examples of post-war de-Nazification. The trip finished with a guided tour of the Bundestag formally known as the Reichstag where they learnt about German

politics and the modernisation of the German Parliament Building.



## St. David's Day at St.Mary's Church in Wales Primary School Ruabon

The whole school celebrated St David's Day with a wonderful Eisteddfod. Each class had had a theme to focus on; to make items either in school or at home during half term. Then, in turn, the classes each performed a dance, sang, recited a poem or a story in front of the whole school. At the end of the Eisteddfod, Head Teacher Mrs Nicola Booth presented the prize winners with certificates and medals.



Nursery and Reception class:  
Make or paint a Welsh Dragon  
(some prize winners away ill)  
Year 1 - St David's Day  
Year 2 - Castles  
Year 3 - Welsh Costumes  
Year 4 - Aqueducts  
Year 5 - Love Spoons  
Year 6 - Make a welsh hat/headgear





# SPRING FAYRE

## SATURDAY



## 24TH MARCH

**Craft Stalls**

**St Mary's Church**

**Wales Air Ambulance**

**Bunny Hunt Tickets**

**Games and Prizes**

**Refreshments**

**Fun For All**

**The Family**



## RUABON

## VILLAGE HALL



## 1PM



## FREE ENTRY

# Charity Quiz Night

The Bridge End Inn, Ruabon



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm  
with  
Quiz Master: Graham Wiblin

Join us for a night of  
'Marathon' Fundraising Quiz!

Entry £2 per person

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/DerekandNic](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/DerekandNic)



**From:** Shane Hughes [mailto:shane.hughes@keepwalestidy.cymru]

**Sent:** 01 March 2018 14:04

**Subject:** Long Forest - Tree Planting, Holt - March 7th

Just to let you know that on 7th March we'll be back planting an ancient hedgerow at Commonwood, Holt, near Wrexham

We'll be re-planting an 1848 field pattern which is set in a wider medieval landscape. This is a brilliant opportunity to meet other volunteers, receive training in hedge/tree planting whilst helping to re-establish a hedgerow system which will be of great benefit for local wildlife and local community. All tools, equipment and training provided (including tea and coffee!)

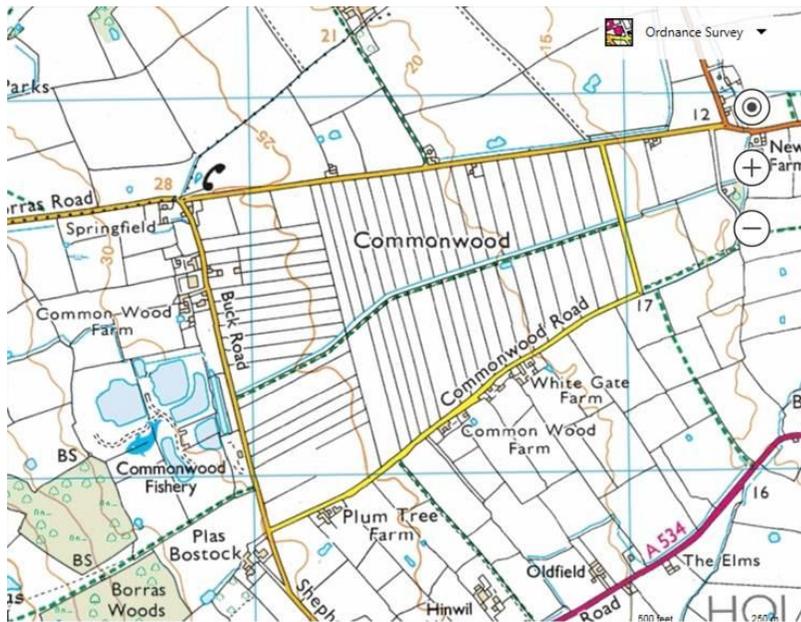
Please find below a map of the site just outside Holt. We have permission to park at the Commonwood Fisheries on Buck Road (on map below) and the post code for this is **LL13 9TF** and **Grid ref. SJ 37967 53186** - The planting is a short 5 minute walk from here

My phone number is **07766 007635** should you have any difficulty finding the place

I'll be on site with Gwyl Roche, (Long Forest Project officer for North East Wales) from 9:30 onwards –

We will be starting around 10:00 and will be finishing no later than 2:30 - 3:00pm. Hopefully see you there on the 7th! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. All the best

Shane Hughes Long Forest Project Co-Ordinator, North Wales 07766 007635



**Shane Hughes**

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Cymru North Wales Senior Project  
Officer

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Tidy Towns Project Officer  
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🐦 Twitter: [https://twitter.com/wrexham\\_kwt](https://twitter.com/wrexham_kwt)

**Cadwch Gymru'n Daclus** – Yr elusen sydd yn gweithio ar draws Cymru i ddiogelu ein hamgylchedd nawr ac i'r dyfodol

**Keep Wales Tidy** - The charity working across Wales to protect our environment for now and for the future



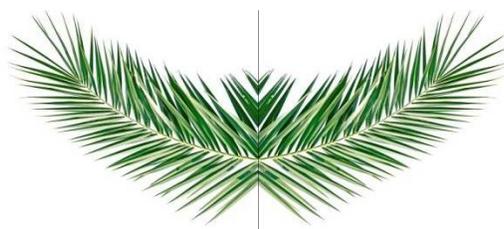
**Croeso i chi siarad â fi yn Gymraeg.**



Both the Anglican and Catholic churches in Ruabon and district joined together in last year's procession through the village on Palm Sunday which proved to be hugely successful and enjoyable, not only for the spectators, but also for those taking part.

Again this year, the Palm Sunday procession will take place (including a donkey), on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, starting at the Village Hall at 9.30am and finishing at St Mary's Church when there will be a service with the dramatised Passion story at about 10am.

**Everyone is welcome to join in!!**



# Rachel Holian

## Ceramics Exhibition at Ruabon Library



### **'Exploring meaning'**

The purpose of this exhibition is to explore meaning. To see if installations of vessels can have resonance with an audience. The display will describe making processes and concepts behind the work, and will hopefully engage the understanding of fine art ceramics. The work will be priced and available for sale.

### **Artists Statement:**

Installations, collections of porcelain vessels and stamps which have a spirit and a sense of unity. Each grouping of vessels has a meaning and a feeling specific to that particular collection, and personal to the maker. For example, groups that describe relationships within families. My piece 'Descendants' was made in direct response to a funeral service, and the familial ties that are strong and present in bleak situations.

The forms are simple, unadorned apart from their stamp. The stamp is used to give a feeling of life. The making process is kept simple, throwing, stamping and turning, feeling at one with the clay. The work is sometimes glazed with a simple matt or shiny glaze, or sometimes left unglazed and highly fired to become vitrified, but all processes are kept to a minimum, as the spirit and feeling of the work is captured whilst the vessel is in motion on the wheel.

The group is produced together, each pot to compliment and work harmoniously with the next. The grouping together of objects, the tensions between the pieces, the relationships of vessel to vessel, of stamp to vessel, have importance.

### **Education:**

MA Art Practice. Glyndwr University 2016 – 2018

PGCE. Coleg Cambria 2010 -2011

BA (Hons) 3D Design, 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Manchester Metropolitan University 2001 - 2005

### **Exhibitions:**

Solo showcase at Ruabon library March – April 2018

Ceramic Wales, Glyndwr, September 2017

Wrexham Open, Undegun Wrexham, April 2017

The best of British craft, at The New York International Gift Fair, Javitz Centre New York August 2010.

2005 – 2010 Exhibiting and selling work in a variety of galleries and craft shops such as Bluecoat display centre, St Ives Ceramics, RSBA gallery. Origin Craft fair.

### **Awards:**

£250 New makers award at Wrexham Open 2017

One year on at New Designers 2006

### **Employment:**

2006 – Present Lecturer in art and Design at Coleg Cambria

Teaching ceramics to students from level 1 to Level 4 (Art foundation) Course coordinator for level 1 BTEC in Art and Design.

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Jonathan Hibbard is to bring a brand new Musical:

## "Crooners"

to the

Stiwt Theatre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The show features ex-Wrexham Footballer **Jim Whitley** in a very different role as one of the all singing (and tap dancing) Crooners!

The show is a rip roaring new comedy musical with a splendiferous injection of Big Band Swing, and sees Jim adopting the role of one of the very last **Crooners**. He features in a tap routine, sings some crooners' classics and gets his kit off at points!!



And you can see some great photos of Jim in action here: <https://www.facebook.com/croonerstheshow/>

And here is the Ticket Buying Links with more Video: <http://www.stiwt.com/cy/whats-on/crooners--->

Here are the **YouTube** links to our videos: Here's a **30 sec** snippet: <https://youtu.be/Ky4EcBzykXA>

Here's the **full trailer**: <https://youtu.be/J8qiNOxz6YM>

Getting great reviews, **testimonial Video**: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4G1a8\\_12eg&t=10s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4G1a8_12eg&t=10s)

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**SAT 10TH MARCH**  
10.00am - 4.00pm

Would you like to learn to sew?

Do you want to  
improve your sewing skills?

Join us for a fun friendly day  
with like minded people  
who love to sew



Contact Mary  
07979185005  
Find us on Facebook @  
sew friendly  
workshops

# ruabon Library



## Books AND Far, Far More

Throughout February, members of Wrexham Art group are displaying their work in the exhibition area.

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The exhibition area during March has been taken up by Rachel Holian - a ceramicist currently

**THIS FACILITY IS FREE.** Please contact a member of staff during opening times to find out which months are still available during 2018, (see below).

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**Ongoing book and DVD sales** of discontinued material at RUABON library: - BIG PRICE REDUCTIONS.

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For information on all sessions, please telephone to speak to a member of staff, when the library is open, on 01978 822002, or email:

[ruabonlibrary@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:ruabonlibrary@wrexham.gov.uk).

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Members usually meet once a fortnight at Ruabon library; from 2.15-2.45pm (approx). However, the meeting day now varies from a Thursday to Friday it is better to check with a member of library staff to make sure.

Refreshments are provided. New members are always welcome.

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**FREE:** Welsh Conversation Group/Grwp Sgwrsio Cymraeg am ddim.

Suitable for all ages – Yn addas i ddysgwyr.

At Ruabon Library – Yn Llyfrgell Rhiwabon. On Mondays – 2-3pm/Pob Dydd Llun – 2-3 o’r gloch.

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Toddlers' story, rhyme and song time every Tuesday during term time at Ruabon library 2-3pm. Suitable for children up to the age of three.

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**Do you enjoy playing Scrabble? The Scrabble Club takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month and will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. Lots more room for others to join in.**



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For those who enjoy doing Jig-Saw Puzzles, there is usually one 'on the go' for you to either put in a couple of pieces or finish it off altogether!

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The next 4 O'clock Club at Ruabon Library will be between: 4-5pm. Come along for fun, games, crafts and much more! Age 5-10 (No booking needed/all children must be accompanied by an adult)

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Normal opening times are: Monday-10am-6pm; Tuesday- 2-5pm; Wednesday-2-5pm; Thursday-2-5pm; Friday-10am –6pm.

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## **Llyfrgell Rhiwabon Clwb Gwyddbwyll a Drafftiau**

Ail Ddydd Mercher o bob mis

Yn dechrau Ddydd Mercher, 14 Mawrth 2.15 yp

## **Ruabon Library Chess and Draughts Club**

Second Wednesday of the month, starting

14<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm

## Peter Rabbit

With the new Peter Rabbit film coming out in March, Brynteg Library is promoting some of Beatrix Potter's favourite stories and DVDs. Come and join in the 'mischief and mayhem' of Peter Rabbit and his friends as you search the library for the hidden characters or try your hand at one of their activity sheets. At the end of your visit 'Hop to it!' and choose your favourite story or DVD to borrow with your library card.



## Cookery Book Sale

Do you fancy making something tasty by Nigella Lawson, James Martin or Jamie Oliver? If you head on over to Wrexham Library they currently have a sale of withdrawn from stock cookery books. All books will cost just £1 and you never know that recipe you've been looking for might just be there!

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The next Ruabon WI meeting will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Ruabon Village Hall.

There is a very special entertainment planned for this meeting: Mellt, the Storyteller, will be telling tales about Wales. As it will be Welsh Night and it is being supported by The Welsh Arts Council. Any and everyone is invited to this special night where bara brith and welsh cakes will be there for all.

## Ruabon Churches' News



### St Mary's Shared Church - General Information:

#### For Children:

\_Toddler Praise for pre-school children on Tuesday mornings in the church hall from 10.30am to 12 noon

Messy Church and Holiday Club please check website for details.

Youth Group is on Sunday evenings 5pm-6.30pm.

All Age Worship: The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month is a Family Communion Service at 9.30am.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month there is the JIGSAW service: informal worship for all ages.

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The Church Hall is open to all on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month for coffee from 10am to 12noon.

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The Choir practices on Tuesday evenings in the Church Hall at 7.15pm and sings at the 9.30am service every Sunday.

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The Bell Ringers practice weekly and ring for weddings when requested. Details from Gordon Richardson: [g.j.richardson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g.j.richardson@hotmail.co.uk) phone: 07970 140004.

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To hire the Church Hall please contact: Janet Roberts 01978 810039/email [neilandjanet1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neilandjanet1@hotmail.co.uk)

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For wedding or baptism enquiries please contact: The Rev'd Kate Tiltman, The Vicarage, Church Street, Rhosymedre, LL14 3EA. Phone: 01978 824087, [katherinetiltman@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetiltman@gmail.com) / [www.stmarysruabon.org.uk](http://www.stmarysruabon.org.uk).

St Mary's Church; St John's Church and St Mary's Youth Group also have a facebook page.

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St John's has a website [www.stjohnsrhosymedre.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrhosymedre.org.uk)

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For Catholic weddings, baptisms and confessions in Ruabon, Chirk and Llangollen: Rev'd Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP email: [chykenam@gmail.com](mailto:chykenam@gmail.com).

## Ruabon and district Church Services

At St Mary's Church, Ruabon on Tuesday 6th March at 10.30am: Toddler Praise  
On Sunday 11th March at 8am Holy Communion, at 9.30am Holy Communion

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The Catholic Church's celebration of the Eucharist at St Mary's shared Church in Ruabon, will take place on Sunday at 11am.

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At Ruabon Methodist Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am the Rev'd Phil Poole will lead the Mothers' Day Service.



At Ruabon Congregational Church (the Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 11th March at 11am, Mr Alyn Thomas will lead the service.

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 11th March at 11am: Holy Communion.

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St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Wednesday 7th March at 10am: Lent Group  
On Sunday 11th March at 11am: Holy Communion.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

- IF YOU WISH TO ORDER FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS PLEASE LET JEAN-AUDREY OR ANNE WILKINSON KNOW. (ORIGINAL EASTER EGG 3.99, DARK CHOCOLATE EGG 5.50, SPECIAL EDITION 9.99, EGG HUNT 5.00). THANK YOU
- THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT' WILL START ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH. COFFEE AND CHAT FROM 11AM, A COOKED LUNCH AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS. IF YOU WISH TO COME IN JANUARY PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A FORM, IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN PLEASE DO INVITE THEM. THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH, 7PM IN THE CHURCH HALL. THANK YOU.
- LENT GROUPS: ONE WILL BE IN ST MARY'S HALL ON MONDAY EVENINGS AND WILL USE THE 'LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH' MATERIAL. THIS WILL BE A CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO REFLECT ON THEIR OWN FAITH AS WELL AS ON THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE. ANOTHER GROUP WILL RUN ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH STARTING AT 10AM AND WILL USE THE 'LIVE LENT' MATERIAL FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
- CHURCH AGM DATES ARE ST MARY'S MONDAY APRIL 16TH @ 7.15PM; ST JOHN'S SUNDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 12NOON; ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 5TH APRIL @ 12NOON.
- KEVIN'S LAST SUNDAY AS ORGANIST WILL BE ON EASTER SUNDAY. HE IS LEAVING US TO BE ORGANIST AT ELLESMERE CHURCH, WE WISH HIM WELL IN HIS NEW CHURCH.
- ON PALM SUNDAY (25TH MARCH) WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER DONKEY PROCESSION THROUGH RUABON STARTING AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 9.30AM FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE WITH THE DRAMATISED PASSION STORY AT ABOUT 10AM. THERE WILL BE AN 8AM SERVICE AT ST MARY'S, BUT WE HOPE THAT ALL SAINTS' AND ST JOHN'S WILL JOIN US IN RUABON.
- WE WOULD LIKE TO BUY CUSHIONS FOR THE PEWS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH TO MAKE THEM MORE COMFORTABLE. THE COST WILL BE ABOUT £100 FOR EACH PEW. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TOWARDS THE PEW CUSHIONS PLEASE LET BERWYN KNOW. THANK YOU.
- THE 'FRIENDS OF RUABON' SPRING FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY MARCH 24TH. WE COULD HAVE AN EASTER TOMBOLA WITH A PRIZE EVERY TIME AND SHARE THE PROCEEDS BETWEEN ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S. ANY EASTER RELATED PRIZES WELCOME. THANK YOU

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## **'What's On' in and around Wrexham:**

This information has recently been updated, and is now available. Where there are no contact details or for more information on the following items: please contact: 01978 292000.

### **Volunteer 'Meet & Greet'** *10-03-2018 12:00 PM GMT*

We are currently looking for friendly, approachable, and enthusiastic people to volunteer in public facing roles. Opportunities include getting messy with our littlest visitors at craft sessions, inspiring wonder and curiosity by getting hands on with our objects, and even helping visitors with our costumes. To find out more pop along to Wrexham Museum to meet some of our lovely volunteers and how you can join us. No need to book.

### **Bryn's Buddies** *10-03-2018 12:00 PM GMT*

Bryn's Buddies is Wrexham Museum's monthly history club for children aged 7-11 years. Each month we explore a different theme, and have lots of fun! Drink and biscuit included. Booking one month in advance only please.

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If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Ruabon News Letter each week by email (free of charge). Please contact: [bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com)

This News Letter is only as good as the items received for publication. Please keep sending in your news and thank you. Sybil Bremner.