

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 221

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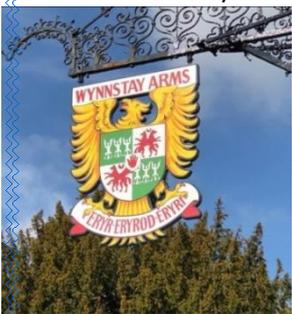
RAISED THE SUM OF **£1,109.70** AT THE RACE NIGHT HELD IN MARCH.

This amount will go towards the cost of two defibrillators, but is enough to place an order for the first of these which will cost £1,500 and be deployed at the Duke; the second site in Ruabon has yet to be confirmed. Marston's Brewery was fully behind this initiative.

Many residents have made requests to be trained as users of the equipment which will be monitored by the NHS.

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This photo of Ruabon is  
Courtesy of TripAdvisor



## The refurbishment of the Wynnstay Arms Hotel

has been an outstanding success and was open to bookings last Wednesday.

The changes are dramatic; but have been made sensitively, ensuring that the most beautiful of the original features of this historic building have been kept and enhanced.

Residents are now hoping that WCBC will insist that buildings in this conservation area of Ruabon will be brought into line, to back this initiative shown by Robinson's Brewery to improve our High Street.

When WCBC was last called upon by residents to insist that the owners of the dilapidated buildings on the High Street be made to smarten them up, the reply, (reported to come from the inspector), was that 'they are not bad enough yet!'

Do we dare to hope that the faith shown by Robinsons Brewery will finally 'rub off' on WCBC's Conservation Department?

## **news from the Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership April 2018**

### **Days out by Train:**

#### **1. Liverpool**

Easy to get to; change at Chester to the Merseyrail service from platform 7. Trains leave every 15 minutes from there.

Fare Adult: £12.20 return from Ruabon

Child: £ 6.10 return from Ruabon

#### **February 9<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Terracotta Army**

Figures from China's famous Terracotta Army are on show in a UK museum outside London for the first time in more than 30 years. The must-see exhibition at Liverpool's World Museum will reveal almost 1,000 years of China's history and coincides with the China Dream season of cultural commissions. Ticket booking required.

**25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May** -Three Festivals Tall Ships Regatta

**28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> July** - Clipper Round the World Yacht Race

#### **2. Birmingham NEC**

Visiting the NEC by train couldn't be easier. The 07.55 from Ruabon Monday to Friday and the 07.44 on Saturdays are all direct into the NEC arriving just as the exhibitions open.

**Fare Anytime return from Ruabon:** Adult;£25.30; Child £12.65

**April -29<sup>th</sup>** Toy Collectors Fair

**May- 18<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup>** The Baby Show

**June-14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** BBC Gardeners Works

14<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> BBC Good Food Show

29<sup>th</sup> –1<sup>st</sup> July: Creative Craft Show

**July 28<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup>** Craft Drink Festival

### **The Rail Franchise;**

Bidders for the next Wales & Borders Franchise submitted their bids just before Christmas to Transport for Wales.

The bidders were: Abellio Rail Cymru, MTR Corporation (Cymru) Limited & KeolisAmey. However on 23<sup>rd</sup> February Abellio withdrew from the contract letting process indicating the collapse of Carillion, their infrastructure partner as the reason.

Transport for Wales has indicated that the successful bidder will be announced in May this year and the new train operator will commence in October 2018.

**THANK YOU TO SHEILA DEE (Community Rail Officer, Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership)  
FOR ALL THIS INFORMATION**



At the April meeting of Ruabon WI, visitors from other WI's in the area were made welcome.

Unfortunately the speaker booked for this meeting (Peter Read) was unwell, but members were lucky that his wife came in his stead. She was an opera singer some years ago and as such, has travelled to many countries; she also writes poetry and read one of her poems to members, for which she had won £5,000 in Sotheby's Poetry Competition, some time ago.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

**Note:** Peter Read gives readings of Dylan Thomas's works and won the 'John Trip prize for the 'Best Performance Poet in Wales in 2007'. As a playwright, he has had nineteen of his plays performed and in 2008 his play "Shearer or Me!" won the NODA award for the best stage production of that year.

(Thank you to Margaret Williams for this information).

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## Ruabon Bowling Club Results-2018

### Oswestry and District Bowling League

#### Division 1 – (Tuesday):

10.04.18: Ruabon A v. Llanymenech (home): Ruabon 8; Llanymenech 2

#### Division 3 (Wednesday) :

11.04.18: Llangollen B v Ruabon B (away): Llangollen 7; Ruabon 3

#### Division 6 (Thursday):

12.04.18: Ruabon C v Whittington D (home): Ruabon 10; Whittington 0

### Wrexham Bowling League (Saturday)

#### Premiere Division:

14.04.18: Aston v Ruabon A (No result)

#### Division 1:

14.04.18 Ruabon B v Llay B (home) Result: Ruabon 5: Llay 9.

For more information about Ruabon Bowling Club please contact:  
Paul Tincello, Chair: [paul.tincello@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.tincello@btinternet.com); m:07841688820  
or Secretary: David Rogers: [david.rogers@live.com](mailto:david.rogers@live.com)



## A coach Trip to Bury Market and shops

Has been arranged for

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

The coach will leave Maes-y-Llan Lane at 9am,  
with the return journey from Bury starting at  
4.30pm.

The ticket price is £10.

Please contact Renée's Hairstylist: phone 01978  
821505

For more details or to purchase a ticket

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## **RUABON SUMMER FETE ON** **SATURDAY 9TH JUNE**

If you would like to book a stall for this  
event - to show or sell products or to advertise:  
booking forms are now available from:

Jo Smith: [jo@friendsofruabon.co.uk](mailto:jo@friendsofruabon.co.uk) or

Sarah Giles: [sarah@friendsofruabon.co.uk](mailto:sarah@friendsofruabon.co.uk)



## **Ruabon derelict buildings redevelopment on hold as bats found in buildings**

Published: Tuesday, Feb 27th, 2018 on WCBC website

Plans to transform derelict buildings in Ruabon into affordable homes have been put on hold until summer to protect bats found living on the site.

A group of bats have been seen at the vacant, half-finished homes which stand on the former Victoria Garage site in Ruabon, which was acquired by Wales & West Housing in 2017.

The housing association has now instructed ecologists to conduct surveys to ensure the bats are unharmed and their habitat not damaged by any development on site.

It had hoped to demolish the buildings early this year to start work on a row of two-bed homes, providing much-needed social housing for the area.

Three separate surveys of the bats are needed and these are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Anne Hinchey, Chief Executive of Wales & West Housing, said: “We are pleased to be in a position to bring more affordable homes to Wrexham but protecting the bats is a priority.

“We hope to gain planning permission and start working on site as soon as possible after the surveys have been completed and we have taken advice and recommendations from ecologists.”

In 2004, a developer started work on three homes on the site of the former Victoria Garage in Ruabon, near the corner of High Street and Maes y Llan Lane. But work on the buildings was never completed, and the half-finished houses have sat empty ever since.

Wrexham Council secured the site and made it safe following this, but due to the complications around ownership and development, the buildings could not be knocked down or outright redeveloped.

Work by the council, the Crown, Ruabon Community Council and Wales & West Housing has made the redevelopment possible.

A spokesman for Wrexham County Borough Council said: “A survey commissioned by Wales and West Housing Association identified the presence of bats in the buildings.

“Further surveys will be carried out, and proposals will be re-submitted once the additional surveys have taken place.”

# **RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Vacancy for**

### **PART-TIME CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Average 18.5 hours per week.

Must have excellent administrative and accounting skills.

For more information including the job description and person specification please contact:

Mr. Mike Blackshaw, Clerk to the Council,

Email: [mike@ruabon-community.org.uk](mailto:mike@ruabon-community.org.uk)

Or Tel. **07805670157**

**Closing date for applications: 5.00pm 4 May 2018**

**Interviews will take place on 16/17 May 2018**

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## **RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116**

### **Notice of Co-Option**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ruabon Community Council intends to Co-opt one member to fill the vacancy that exists in the office of Councillor for the Ruabon South Community (Ward)

Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council. You must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or a European Union citizen and be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- registered as a local government elector for the area named above; or
- during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above; or
- your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above; or

- you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Community or within 4.8 kilometres of it.<sup>1</sup>

If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seats(s) or want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact the Proper Officer, Clerk to the Council Community on/at The Village Hall, Maes y Llan Lane, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6AD or Mobile 07805670157 by (deadline) Friday 20 April 2018 .....

Dated this **19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018**

**Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers of the community council, anyone subject to bankruptcy restriction orders and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment**

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED RHIWABON**

### **Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011, Adran 116**

### **Hysbysiad o Gyfethol**

**RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD TRWY HYN** fod Cyngor Cymuned Rhiwabon yn bwriadu Cyfethol un aelod I lenwi'r lle gwag sydd ar gael ar gyfer Cynghorydd/Cynghorwyr yng Nghymuned.dros Ward De Rhiwabon.

Ceisir datganiadau o ddiddordeb gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd sy'n cyflawni'r meini prawf canlynol ac sydd â diddordeb mewn cynrychioli eu cymuned ar y Cyngor Cymuned dywededig. Rhaid bod yn ddinesydd Prydain, y Gymanwlad, Iwerddon neu'r Undeb Ewropeaidd ac yn 18 oed neu'n hŷn, ac yn cyflawni o leiaf un o'r meini prawf canlynol:

- wedi'ch cofrestru fel etholwr llywodraeth leol ar gyfer yr ardal a enwir uchod; neu
- yn ystod y cyfan o'r 12 mis diwethaf, wedi bod yn berchennog neu'n denant tir neu safle arall yn y gymuned a enwir uchod; neu
- wedi bod â'ch prif neu'ch unig weithle yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf yn y gymuned a enwir uchod; neu
- rydych wedi byw yn y Gymuned, neu o fewn 4.8 cilometr ohoni yn ystod y cyfan o'r 12 mis diwethaf.<sup>2</sup>

Os ydych yn dymuno cael eich ystyried I gael eich cyfethol ar gyfer y sedd(au) gwag, neu'n dymuno cael rhagor o wybodaeth ynghylch rôl Cynghorwyr Cymuned, cysylltwch â'r Swyddog Priodol, Clerc y Cyngor Cymuned ar/yn The Village Hall, Maes y Llan Lane,Rhiwabon, Wreccsam LL14 6AD neu ar ffon 07805670157 Gan (dyddiad cau) dydd Gwener 20 Ebrill 2018.....

**Dyddiedig y.19fed.diwrnod hwn o Mawrth 2018 Mae rhai pobl penodol wedi'u hanghymhwyso rhag ymgeisio, yn eu plith swyddogion cyflogedig y Cyngor, unrhyw un y'ndestun gorchmynion cyfyngu methdalwyr a'r rheiny sy'n destun dedfrydau o garchar yn ddiweddar.**

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# Ruabon Library



## Books AND Far, Far More

During April, the exhibition area at Ruabon Library will be occupied by the work of artist **Ian Lee** whose work includes Landscapes, Portraits and Sculpture To display work in the Exhibition area at Ruabon Library **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).

\*\* The Knit and Natter group now meets once a week on a Friday from 2pm. Refreshments are provided. New members are always welcome.



**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 18<sup>th</sup> April 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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**Please contact staff at Ruabon Library for the next meeting of  
The 4.O'clock Club**

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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**Ruabon Library Chess and Draughts Club**

Second Wednesday of each month, next meeting will be  
9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm

**Llyfrgell Rhiwabon Clwb Gwyddbwyll a Drafftiau**

Ail Ddydd Mercher o bob mis  
Yn dechrau Ddydd Mercher, 09.05.2018: 2.15 yp



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

**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 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am: Toddler Praise  
On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8am. there will be a service of Holy Communion  
At 9.30am: a Choral Eucharist and at 5pm a Confirmation Class.

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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 22nd April at 10.30am, there will be a service of Praise and Worship

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At The Congregational Church (the Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 22nd April at 11am, there will be NO SERVICE.

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11am - there will be a service of Holy Communion

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11am, a Service of Holy Communion.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

- **THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT' WILL START ON FRIDAY 20TH APRIL. COFFEE AND CHAT FROM 11AM, A COOKED LUNCH AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS. IF YOU WISH TO COME IN APRIL 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 FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH IS ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL AT 12.30PM. PLEASE LET BEULAH OR THE VICAR KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, ALL ARE WELCOME.**
- **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.**
- **SOUTH WEST TANGANYIKA, OUR TWIN DIOCESE, IS ASKING WHETHER CHURCHES COULD SPONSOR THE PURCHASE OF A THEOLOGICAL TEXT BOOK TO HELP TRAIN NEW CLERGY. THEY ARE HOPING FOR A SUM OF £20 FROM EACH CHURCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE PLEASE LET THE CLERGY HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. THANK YOU.**
- **CHURCH AGM DATES ARE ST MARY'S MONDAY APRIL 16TH 7.15PM, ST JOHN'S SUNDAY APRIL 22ND 12NOON, ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 12NOON. THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE AGM IS ON THURSDAY 26TH APRIL, 7PM AT ST JOHN'S.**
- **THE 29TH APRIL IS A FIFTH SUNDAY AND THE SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE MISSION AREA WILL BE AT ALL SAINTS' PENYLAN AT 11AM, THE PREACHER WILL BE DR HUW LLOYD.**
- **WE WILL BE STARTING CONFIRMATION LESSONS ON 25TH MARCH AT 5PM FOR THOSE WISHING TO BE CONFIRMED ON 3RD MAY, 7PM IN MARCHWEIL. PLEASE LET THE CLERGY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

**'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.

**Wrexham's Carnival of Words: Green Fingers and Great Reads (23/04/2018)**

A panel of celebrated local gardeners talk about their favourite garden-related books, and about Wrexham's great gardening heritage and projects, as well as answering some or all of your gardening questions – with a mulch of fine poetry applied for good measure by panel chairperson, Peter Read!

**Wrexham's Carnival of Words: Shakespeare Hot Under the Collar - World Book Night (23/04/2018)**

Company of Voices present four favourite excerpts from Much Ado About Nothing, Romeo and Juliet, The Merchant of Venice and A Midsummer Night's Dream. From high drama to hilarious comedy through Shakespeare's perceptive take on relationships of all kinds. Company of Voices is a group specialising in early theatre and early song. Catch "Hot Under The Collar" on tour in Wrexham. Plus a fantastic books giveaway to celebrate World Book Night.

**Looking forward to Wales Comic Con? Love graphic novels?**

Well, if you are a member of your local library you can access graphic novels online, for free. [Comics Plus: Library Edition](#) brings unlimited access to thousands of graphic novels and



comics to library members on any web-connected device.

### **[1 Day Emergency First Aid at Work Open Course \(16/04/2018\)](#)**

Call: 01352 756114 or email: [info@delynsafety.co.uk](mailto:info@delynsafety.co.uk), for further details

### **[ERLAS VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN PLANT SALE \(23/04/2018\)](#)**

We have a range of bedding plants, annuals, perennials, herbs and veg plants all on sale at reasonable prices. Why not come down and have a look around our beautiful garden?

### **[Wrexham's Carnival of Words: Vaseem Khan \(24/04/2018\)](#)**

Best-selling Young Adult crime novelist Vas Khan chats about the background to his Baby Ganesh Detective Agency series of light-hearted novels, featuring Inspector Chopra and his sidekick, an adopted baby elephant! And Vas may also share some of his secrets about crime writing in general.

### **[Wrexham's Carnival of Words: Aled Lewis Evans \(24/04/2018\)](#)**

Following the success of last year's "Retrospective", here is a brand new selection of readings from Aled Lewis Evans' books. Cameos of people on the crossroads of life, people who have influenced the poet and author. People you can identify with; people just like us. A new selection of video extracts will also feature. Presented in English and Welsh.

### **[\\*Wrexham's Carnival of Words: Murder Mystery \(25/04/2018\)](#)**

The Wenlock Mummy by Elly Griffiths (a Dr Ruth Galloway investigation). Welcome to Wenlock Hall which has one of the most important privately owned collections of Egyptian artefacts in the country. Unfortunately, Lord Arthur Wenlock has been found lying beside the 'Mummy's Tomb' with a knife in his chest. In true Golden Age tradition, there are only four people who could have committed the murder. Can you guess who?

### **[Learning at Lunchtime](#)**

Older People's Commissioner for Wales is an independent voice and champion for older people across Wales, standing up and speaking out on your behalf. Come along and tell us what matters most to you and find out what we can do for you today. This free session will take place on Wednesday 2nd May, 1-2pm. There is no need to book.

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.

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Sybil Bremner.