

RUABON NEWS LETTER 229 11.06.2019

THE RECENT ROYAL WEDDING WAS CELEBRATED IN STYLE AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

The whole school at St. Mary's Church in Wales Primary School Ruabon dressed up in red white and blue for a day of celebrations! The school cook Mrs Clare Conlan prepared a special picnic lunch which the children enjoyed eating outside!

There were lots of Royal Wedding activities such as: making crowns, dressing up in wedding clothes, writing about the Royal Wedding, colouring Royal Wedding pictures and Royal Wedding maths. The children listened to classical wedding music

Nursery class had a lovely party in the morning and the rest of the school enjoyed an afternoon tea outside with juice and cakes.

Some of the classes made Royal Wedding cards to send to Prince Harry and Meghan.



Reception and Nursery classes wearing red, white and blue





Having cake and eating it!



Lunchtime Picnic and Chat.





The Royal Wedding card sent from Nursery and Reception.

The Royal Wedding cake – outside.

The afternoon tea party.



Year Three sitting on the grass

Year Two at Picnic tables waving flags

cutting the Royal Wedding Cake.

THANK YOU TO HELEN PROBIN (TEACHING ASSISTANT), FOR SENDING IN THESE LOVELY PHOTOS AND TEXT ON BEHALF OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL.

£5BN RAIL REVOLUTION

This week saw an historic day for Wales as the Welsh Labour Government announced details of how our £5bn investment will transform rail services for passengers.

The plans include accelerating the introduction of the North East Wales Metro system, which will see investment in stations including Wrexham General and Shotton and a second, limited stop express service every hour on the Wrexham-Bidston line.

Transforming services

The Welsh Government has contracted KeolisAmey to operate and develop the Wales and Borders rail service for the next 15 years, taking over from Arriva Train Wales in October. KeolisAmey will work with Transport for Wales, the not-for-profit Company set up to drive forward the Welsh Government's vision of a world-class, safe, integrated and affordable transport network.

In the coming months and years, we will deliver a ground-breaking transformation of transport across Wales.

Under the new contract:

£1.9bn will be invested in improving passengers' travel experience, including £800m in trains boosting overall service capacity by 65%. All trains will be replaced. By 2023, 95% of journeys will be on brand new trains - half of which will be assembled in Wales. Stations will be powered by renewable energy, at least 50% of which will be sourced in Wales - reflecting our commitment to the environment.

Smart ticketing will ensure fares are more flexible and cheaper off-peak fares will be introduced - including reductions in North Wales.

Half-price concessionary fares will be extended to 16-18 year-olds. Passengers will be refunded for delays over 15 minutes and the company will be penalised if passengers have to stand for longer than 20 minutes. Over 95% of seats will have power supplies by 2020, with 100% roll-out by 2022, and mobile connectivity will be greatly improved.

What about up North?

The Welsh Government's £5bn rail deal will bring huge positives for North Wales and the border areas, including the very first fleet of new trains in the country. Other benefits will include:

Investment of £4m at Shotton and £2.4m at Wrexham General to enable the acceleration of the North East Wales Metro.

Significant upgrades of Chirk and Ruabon stations as part of a £194m

improvement and modernisation programme increasing the frequency on the Wrexham-Bidston line to two trains per hour from Dec 2021 - with fully refurbished metro trains.

Introducing an hourly Liverpool to Llandudno/Shrewsbury service; a new Liverpool-Cardiff train stopping at Wrexham and new direct services between Manchester Airport and Bangor; walk-up and season fares to, from and within North Wales will be reduced by 10% to tackle disparities, vending machines will be installed at more stations across North Wales and two new community rail partnerships established on the North Wales Line and the Crewe-Hereford line.

THE ABOVE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM KEN SKATES' LATEST NEWS LETTER. KEN, AM (CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT) SEEMS TO BE BUCKING THE TREND BY SHOWING LESS DISPARITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF CASH BETWEEN THE NORTH EAST AND THE REST OF WALES. PERHAPS HE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKING OVER NHS WALES SO THAT THE PROBLEMS WE ARE HAVING AT THE RUABON SURGERY COULD BE SOLVED!! (SB).

THE BREAK-IN AT THE NEWS AGENTS ON THE HIGH STREET ON SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018

I have been asked a few times about this incident and have tried to find out as much as I can from 'reliable sources'.

Evidently an angle grinder was used to gain access and to take the back off the cash machine. This was an unsuccessful break-in, in as much as there was no cash in the machine. The perpetrators have (so far) not been caught, which obviously raised the question of the validity of the camera on the High Street.

The camera was purchased by Ruabon Community Council - on behalf of Ruabon Community - some years ago with much debate on where it should be sited. The cost of the camera's annual maintenance is also borne (ultimately) by the community as was its more recent update.

A spokesperson for Ruabon Community Council reported: "The camera has continued to record at all times but I understand there was an issue with the telemetry which has been repaired, the camera is fully operational."

'Telemetry' is 'the process of recording and transmitting the reading of an instrument' so my understanding of the report logically, is that if it had to be 'repaired' then it was not working as intended in the first place and as this was discovered after the incident then it was of no use to the police nor the businesses nor of any help to other incidents that would have occurred on the High Street.

I have not been given any details of how the community can be assured that the camera will work correctly in the future, how its failure can be monitored by the lay person nor who 'we' pay for the facility and whether a refund has been given for the time when the High Street was not 'covered' by the camera.

Perhaps someone who knows the answers to these questions would be good enough to contact me so I can pass on the answers to readers.

Ruabon Bowling Club Results:

2018

Oswestry and District Bowling League/Results

Division 1 – (Tuesday):

**05.06.18: Ruabon A v Johnstown A (home) Result:
Ruabon 6/Johnstown 4.**

Division 3 (Wednesday):

**06.06.18: Li/mynech Foxes v Ruabon B (away). Result:
Li/mynech Foxes 9/Ruabon 1**

Division 6 (Thursday):

**07.06.18: Llanfillen B v Ruabon C (away).
Result: Llanfillen 3/Ruabon 7.**

Wrexham Bowling League (Saturday) Division 1:

**09.06.18: Ruabon B v Esclusham (home).
Result: Ruabon 10/Esclusham 4**

Wrexham Pairs Bowling League (Monday) Division 3

**04.06.2018: Ruabon v Coedpoeth B (home).
Result: Ruabon 8/Coedpoeth 0**

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

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Ram Leisure is now open on Saturdays for the ease of collecting orders and shopping for school uniform for Ysgol Rhiwabon.

RAM Leisure&Workwear @ramleisurewxm
<http://www.ramleisure.com> #madeatRAM
<http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk>





Ymddiriedolaeth GIG
Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru
Welsh Ambulance Services
NHS Trust



STAY HEALTHY & CONNECTED EVENT

We are looking at all the ways we can support Carers to stay Healthy and Connected, building communities which support carers to look after their loved ones well, while recognising that they are individuals with health and wellbeing needs of their own.

Come and join us for:

- Advice on Carer issues
- Information about local support and services
- Various demonstrations & info sessions
- Relaxation therapies



Drop in anytime to our FREE event on
Tuesday 12th June, 10.00am – 3.00pm
Wrexham Memorial Hall, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham LL12 7AG
Everyone Welcome!

For more information please contact
Wrexham Carers Service on
0800 276 1070 or carers@avow.org



NEWS FROM THE CHESTER SHREWSBURY RAIL PARTNERSHIP APRIL TO JULY 2018

****THE RAIL FRANCHISE****

KEOLIS AMEY HAS WON THE FRANCHISE AND WILL TAKE OVER FROM ARRIVA TRAINS WALES ON OCTOBER 13.10.2018

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 9th – October 28th 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.

28th -29th 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

June-14th – 17th BBC Gardeners Works

14th –17th BBC Good Food Show

29th –1st July: Creative Craft Show

July 28th –29th Craft Drink Festival

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

Halfway to Christmas party !!

A night for all the family
with music
fun and Christmas spirit

**In aid of Nightingale House
Turkey Baps and festive
treats included
Hafod club Rhos
Saturday 23rd June 7pm - 11 pm**

Tickets available from Sharon : 07757 496093
Or Gavin: 07505 677050

10's and under £3 Adults £7

Nightingale House Hospice
Hospice Ty'r Eos

In October this year, as part of an organised group of 27, Sharon Jones will be trekking part of The Great Wall of China to raise funds for Nightingale House. She has self-funded the trip so every penny she raises will go to the hospice. Sharon is also to hold a charity: "Halfway to Christmas Party" in the Hafod Club in Rhos on 23rd June and she will be selling tickets for this event at Ruabon Fete. Tickets are £7 per adult and only £3 per child 10 and under. Ticket price includes food.

RUABON LIBRARY



Books AND Far, Far More

The Exhibition throughout June will feature water colours by local artist Mr George Gill.

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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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The Ruabon Readers (Reading Group) starts at 2.15 on 4th July, when they will be discussing “Those Faraday Girls” by Monica Mc. Inerney.

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The Knit and Natter group now meets once a week on a Friday from 2pm. 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 3rd Wednesday of each month and will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 20th June 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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'Paws to Read' with Elliot the Tiger from 3.30-3.45 for 3-6 years; from 3.45-4.00 for those who are 7-9 years. Join us for our interactive story sessions each Wednesday afternoon.

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Messy Table, every Friday, 3.30-4.30 for children up to 8 years.

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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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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

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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 1st Sunday in the month is a Family Communion Service at 9.30am.

On the 2nd and 4th 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 1st 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 phone: 07970 140004.

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To hire the Church Hall please contact: Janet Roberts 01978 810039/email 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 / 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

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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.

RUABON AND DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICES

At St Mary's shared Church, on Tuesday 12th June at 10.30am: Toddler Group
On Sunday 17th June at 8am: Holy Communion and at 9.30am: a service of Morning Prayer

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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 17th June at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mr Ian Valentine.

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At The Congregational Church (the Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 17th June, at 11am, there will be a service of favourite hymns and readings.

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 17th June at 11am: a service of Morning Prayer

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Wednesday 13th June at 10am, a service of Morning Prayer

On Sunday 17th June at 11am: Holy Communion

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- THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ST JOHN'S CHURCH COMMITTEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 1ST JULY AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE.

- **A NEW SERVICE OF CELTIC WORSHIP FOR THE MA WILL BE STARTING AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE IN PENYCAE. ALL ARE WELCOME, PLEASE DO COME AND EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT WAY OF WORSHIPPING GOD.**
- **THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT' WILL START ON FRIDAY 15TH JUNE. COFFEE AND CHAT FROM 11AM, A COOKED LUNCH AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS. IF YOU WISH TO COME IN JUNE PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A FORM, IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN PLEASE DO INVITE THEM. THE PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 11TH JUNE AT 2PM IN THE CHURCH HALL.**
- **THE NEXT FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH IS ON TUESDAY 12TH JUNE AT 12.30PM. PLEASE LET BEULAH OR THE VICAR KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, ALL ARE WELCOME.**
- **THE NEXT JCC COFFEE MORNING IS ON SATURDAY 7TH JULY, 10-12NOON. ALL ARE WELCOME AND THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH.**

TWO NEW GROUPS ARE STARTING.....

- **LIVING CHURCH IS A NEW GROUP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH LOOKING AT WAYS THE CHURCH CAN SERVE ITS COMMUNITY AND GROW SPIRITUALLY AND IN NUMBERS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAYS, 6PM AT ST JOHN'S. PLEASE SEE MARCUS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**
- **A FELLOWSHIP GROUP IS TAKING PLACE ON MONDAYS, 7PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL. THIS WILL INCLUDE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY IN AN INFORMAL SETTING AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND TAKE PART. PLEASE SEE JEAN-AUDREY SPEARE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**
- **THERE WILL BE A MA DAY OF PRAYER ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY. IT WILL START IN ST MARY'S CHIRK WITH BREAKFAST AT 8AM, MOVING TO FRON AT 9.30AM, FOLLOWED BY RHOSYMEDRE AT 11AM AND LUNCH AT ST MARY'S RUABON AT 12.30PM; THEN PENYLAN AT 2PM; JOHNSTOWN AT 3.30PM; RHOS AT 5.00PM; FINISHING WITH A SERVICE AT ST THOMAS' PENYCAE AT 6.30PM. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN AT ANY POINT FOR AS LONG AS YOU WISH.**
- **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE RUABON SUMMER FETE IN ANY WAY.**

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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 29200:

[ERLAS VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN SUMMER FAYRE \(16/06/2018\)](#)

Tombola, Crafts, Refreshments, Raffle, Llangollen Male Voice Choir and much more.

[Alyn Waters Llay Side – Orchid Walk \(20/06/2018\)](#)

Come and see these rare and splendid plants

[Brymbo Heritage, Open Day! \(16/06/2018\)](#)

We open our gates to the public, so come and visit Brymbo Iron/steel Works and the 300 Million Year Fossil Forest.

Book onto our walking and 4x4 tours to find out about the past, present and future of Brymbo Heritage Project. All welcome, family friendly. The site being an old works has uneven ground. We manage this as best possible but it's something to be aware of. Please contact Leon if you require any additional information.

Website DIY (20/06/2018)

Are you finding that building and maintaining your website is costly? Is it difficult that you don't fully control it? Fed up of low quality free sites? Building your own quality website with your own domain name, personalised email addresses, content and design is comparatively straightforward - and cost effective – no programming is required. It does take some training and practice; our programme explains both the positives and negatives of this approach. We will show you the key steps - and a wealth of hints and tips – we have done this as a small business. Our programme is NOT for developers or programmers – our objective is to walk you through a step by step classroom programme that shows how the tools work - and the steps you need to follow. It's not a "hands on" programme either – so you just need to be there when you book a place. Our approach also demonstrates software tools that deliver a responsive website for mobiles, tablets and PCs. At the end of the programme we will issue a step by step guide. This one day course is designed to make you aware of the capability that is available, how you can access it - and the costs involved. The cost of the programme is £75.00 for the day. Our business objective is not to build websites for you, it's much better if you learn to do it for yourself. Our contact email for more information is admin@data-trainingworx.co.uk See our website <https://data-trainingworx.co.uk> for the details, terms/conditions and the booking process. Venue and start time will be confirmed.

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bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com.

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This News Letter is only as good as the items received for publication. Please keep sending in your news/sharing your concerns and hopes - Thank you!

Sybil Bremner