

RUABON NEWS LETTER 252

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An event at Ruabon Station



Hosted by Friends of Ruabon

To celebrate the news that
Ruabon Station has been granted step
free access to both platforms.

<to be attended by>:

Susan Elan Jones MP and Ken Skates AM

Friday 14th December
10am to 11am

The appearance of the ****Santa Sleigh**** will
add to the festive atmosphere.

Everyone invited

Chairs and a few umbrellas will be available if required



'The way we were' in 2017 when the Big Push began in earnest - now after less than 15 months -
it's a DONE DEAL!

Santa's Sleigh 2018



Friends of Ruabon

Working with

The Vale of Llangollen Lions



SANTA'S NEW SLEIGH IS COMING

Santa and his helpers will be taking his new sleigh on a tour of the following

Ruabon - Sunday 2nd December 2018 – Start 17:00

Peny-cae - Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Start 18:30

Black Park - Friday 7th December 2018 – Start 18:00

Plas Madoc - Friday 7th December 2018 – Start 19:00

Rhostyllen - Sunday 9th December 2018 – Start 17.00

Johnstown - Thursday 13th December 2018 – Start 18:00

Cefn Mawr- Friday 14th December 2018 – Start 18:15

You are invited to decorate a tree and to
take part in a
Christmas Tree Festival
at
St Mary's Church Ruabon
 on
Saturday 8th December
10am until 4pm

Your tree needs to be less than 5 feet tall. It can be decorated in any way you wish to reflect the nature of your group or business. If you plan to have lights they will need to be battery powered.

The trees will need to be placed in church on
Thursday 6th or Friday 7th December.

The church will be open all day on Saturday 8th December for people to view the trees and leave them in place throughout the Christmas period.

We would like to take part and provide a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival on 8th December

Signed _____ Date _____

Group/Business _____

Please return this form to: katherinetiltman@gmail.com by **04.12.2018**



TOM KEAY is not only a keen Everton supporter; but it seems he is also determined to prove himself in other pursuits.

Last month Tom insisted on joining with the adults to take part in learning about the importance of the two defibrillators, recently purchased, through funds raised by different sections of the community, organised by Friends of Ruabon.

The training was undertaken by Welsh Ambulance members and part of the exercise was hands on with special dummies. Tom passed the ordeal with flying colours.

If Tom's enthusiasm for volunteering, with a view to helping other people is typical, then we have little to worry about with this generation.



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH, RUABON

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| Saturday 8th December, 10am-4pm | ... | Christmas Tree Festival |
| Saturday 15th December, 10-12noon | ... | Mothers' Union mulled wine and mince pies in the Church hall. |
| Sunday 16th December, 3pm | | Christingle Service |
| Saturday 23rd December, 2.30pm | | Meet at the Village Hall for a nativity play that travels through the village to St Mary's Church |
| Monday December 24th, 4pm | | Crib Service, come dressed as a character in the story |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass |
| Tuesday December 25th, 9am | | Holy Communion |

CHESTER SHREWSBURY RAIL

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

RUABON

November 2018

THE NEW WALES & BORDERS RAIL FRANCHISE & TRANSPORT FOR WALES

On October 14th 2018 Transport for Wales commenced operating the Wales & Borders franchise. New logos replaced the Arriva Trains Wales signs at stations and station will undergo deep cleaning and repainting in the new livery colours in the future.

Some of the improvements announced for this line include:

- The introduction of new trains from 2022 which will increase seating capacity and bicycle spaces.
- The weekday service between Shrewsbury and Chester will double in frequency from December 2022
- Sunday service frequency will double from December 2025
- Free wifi will be introduced at stations by December 2020
- Covered cycle storage at all stations
- Installation of ticket vending machines
- Investment at Chester Station to upgrade the concourse, interchange and car park
- Retail enhancement at Chester and Shrewsbury Stations
- Investment in Wrexham General station to improve the multimodal interchange
- Investment in Community Rail Partnerships expanding the current 5 to 12

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RAILWAY SANTA SPECIALS LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY -

Santa Specials run from 1st December to the 24th December.

Adult £19.00 Child (over the age of 1) £19.00

Four trains per day are scheduled More details at: www.llangollen-railway.co.uk or 01978 860979.

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CAMBRIAN HERITAGE RAILWAY-OSWESTRY

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December.

TAKE A TRAIN RIDE WITH SANTA!

Adult & Children £8.00 each Presents distributed on the train.

10 trains per day scheduled

LLYNCLYS

9th, 16th & 23rd December.

Adult & Children £8.00 each - Visit Santa in his Grotto and take a ride on the train. 8 trains per day scheduled

More details visit www.cambrianrailways.co

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Liverpool Christmas Market has relocated to outside St Georges Hall which faces Liverpool Lime Street Station. The festive attraction will act as the shop window to the city's Christmas offer and will feature more than 40 stalls selling food, arts and crafts from across four continents. The market, which will be animated throughout its run with specially designed creative interventions, will also feature traditional Christmas fare including gingerbread, roasted chestnuts and hot mulled wine. The new look market will run until Thursday, 22 December operating from 11am-9pm and 11am-5pm on Sundays.

Manchester Christmas Markets return with more than 300 beautifully festooned stalls and chalets spread across the city centre, the Christmas Markets are free and accessible to all. European and local producers offer everything from fine amber jewellery, handcrafted leather bags and top-quality bonsai trees, to handmade Belgian kitchenware, framed photo prints and French soaps. When planning a visit, don't miss the amazing array of food and drink! Open until Saturday 22nd December, with the market in Albert Square opening for an extra day on Sunday 23rd December.

Birmingham - It's the largest outdoor Christmas market in the UK, and the biggest German market outside Germany and Austria. Stalls run along New Street from the Bullring all the way up to Victoria Square. Offering a range of traditional goods and gifts, such as handcrafted decorations, toys and jewellery, there's also a selection of food and drink. Plus you can raise a glass of glühwein or weissbeer, or hot chocolate, at the range of outdoor stalls. The market is open from 10am to 9pm daily and closes on

NEC Birmingham - Just a short walk from Birmingham International Station

December

27th Toy Collectors Fair

January

12th - 13th Autosport International Public days

19th - 20th National Running Show

February

19th - 24th Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show

March

1st - 3rd The National Wedding Show

Sheila Dee; Community Rail Officer, Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership, has sent in this information which relates particularly to those using Ruabon Station.



Ysgol Rhiwabon

is an historic secondary school founded in 1575 situated in the village of Ruabon, near Wrexham.



The school is fund-raising for a new mini bus to ensure that students from the school can easily access additional courses in local colleges and schools and for all sports activities. The mini bus is also used by our local Primary schools for their pupils.

If you join “easyfundraising” you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online

It will not cost you a penny extra, so please help us to raise funds for a new Mini Bus.



£18.17
raised so far by
23
Supporters



Please support Ysgol Rhiwabon



A WARNING FROM THE POLICE

Several drink and drugs arrests were made during last weekend (23th, 24th, 25th Nov 2018)

North Wales Police' Roads Policing Unit are once again issuing a warning to the motoring public that they will crack down on those caught driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs following several arrests over the weekend.

Between Friday afternoon and Sunday evening officers carried out nine arrests and one man has already been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disqualified from driving.

Arrests were carried out in Broughton, Deeside, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Prestatyn, **Ruabon** and Brynteg on Anglesey.

One of the arrests involved a 41-year-old man who was arrested in **Ruabon** shortly before 11pm on Saturday. A concerned member of the public had contacted North Wales Police after he had been witnessed driving all over the road. Officers later found him where he was arrested after failing the roadside breath test. He was subsequently charged and remanded to appear before Mold Magistrates Court yesterday (Monday 26th) where he was disqualified from driving for 14 months, fined £240 with £85 costs and an £85 victim surcharge.

Sergeant Meurig Jones from the Force's Roads Policing Unit said: "Despite our repeated warnings regarding the dangers of drink and drug driving, people are still choosing to risk their own lives and the lives of other road users by taking to the roads whilst under the influence.

"Our Christmas Anti Drink and Drug Drive Campaign is about to get underway where we will continue in our efforts to change driver behaviour in order to make our roads safer.

He added: "Some of those arrested on suspicion of drug driving now have an anxious wait for the test results. If convicted of drug driving they could face being disqualified from driving, a fine, a prison sentence and a criminal record. A drug drive conviction also means greater insurance costs and the possibility of being unable to travel to countries such as the USA.

"People need to realise the consequences of their actions. Only recently we were contacted by a convicted drug driver who asked us to remove a press release from our Facebook page as they said prospective employers were carrying out checks and refusing to employ them. This is reality and a drink or drug driving conviction can be devastating, with significant criminal, personal, social and employment consequences.

“Driving with excess alcohol or under the influence of drugs is not just a criminal offence but also completely unacceptable which puts lives at risk. We will continue to target those breaking the law as part of daily policing. Please heed the warning.”

If you have information relating to someone you think is driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs, please contact North Wales Police on 101 or via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. In an emergency always dial 999.

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RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SMALL GRANTS FOR LOCAL GROUPS



Ruabon Community Councillors will consider the annual donations of small grants to local groups, which work for and support the community, in December.

Applications should be submitted either in writing to:
Helen Belton, Clerk to Ruabon Community Council, The Village Hall, Maes-y-Llan Lane, Ruabon, LL14 6AD, or email: clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk, **by Friday 14th December**, for consideration at the next RCC meeting.

RUABON LIBRARY

3 High St, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6NH



Books AND Far, Far More

Lynda Waggett has set up an exhibition at Ruabon Library which will remain throughout December.



Lynda is pictured with Mayor Wynn Mullen James at a large exhibition of her work at Rhyl Library a few years ago.

This artist produces paintings, ceramics and photography and she is also an author. As well as paintings, also on show are a few samples of her ceramics and a copy of the photo purchased by Rhyl Town Council for council chambers, commemorating 100yrs of the miniature railway.

PUBLIC ART: Lynda created 22 flag designs for 'Pride in our Town' and Denbighshire County Council, for the railway station; Rhyl town centre and promenade.

Lynda also designed and made 30 ceramic tiles for the town centre and railway station. Following this, Lynda did two paintings for Chris Ruane MP, several other paintings and ceramics including sculpture for local people.

Aren't we lucky that Lynda has chosen Ruabon for her exhibition?

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THE EXHIBITION AREA AT RUABON LIBRARY IS FREE TO BOOK. IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST OR WISH TO PROMOTE A GROUP; AN INTEREST; OR JUST AN IDEA, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF STAFF FOR MORE DETAILS DURING OPENING TIMES TO FIND OUT WHICH MONTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE DURING 2019.

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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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Ongoing book and DVD sales of discontinued material at RUABON library: - BIG PRICE REDUCTIONS: Hardbacks £1; Paperbacks 50p and DVDs 50p

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RUABON LIBRARY IS TO START A POETRY WALL.
CUSTOMERS/VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADD THEIR FAVOURITE POET OR POEM, WHETHER IT BE THE WHOLE THING OR JUST THE TITLE; OR A POEM OF THEIR OWN CREATION. **WE HOPE THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING PROJECT.**

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Do you enjoy playing Scrabble? The Scrabble Club takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month



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!

The Reading Group (Ruabon Readers) meet on the first Wednesday of the month. The book for next month's reading is:

"Essex Serpent" by Sarah Parry

New members are always welcome but need to contact a member of staff to ensure that copies of the appropriate book are available.

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Stori a Chan This fun filled session is free of charge and is suitable for children under the age of 2.

On Mondays: The Welsh Group meets between 2-3pm.

Family board games between 3-4pm



On Tuesdays: Story Time at 2.15pm for 0-3yrs



Meets on a Thursday from 3-4pm. This activity is for 4-10yrs. 50p charge.

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The Knit and Natter Group meets regularly once a week on Fridays between 2.15-3.15pm and they always welcome new members.



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A computer 'Drop-in Service' is also available on a Friday between 4 and 5pm.

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 Church on Tuesday 4th December at 10.30am Toddler Group

On Saturday 8th December from 10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival

On Sunday 9th December 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 9th December at 10.30am, Mrs Naomi Squire will lead the congregation

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At Ruabon Congregational Church (The Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 9th December at 11am, Mr Alyn Thomas will lead the service

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 9th December at 11am Holy Communion

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Wednesday 5th December at 10am, a service of Morning Prayer

On Sunday 9th December at 11am: Holy Communion; at 12.30pm a Baptism at 1pm a Baptism.

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NOTES FROM ANGLICAN CHURCHES:

- THE NEXT **CELTIC SERVICE** WILL BE ON 4TH DECEMBER AT 7PM IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE IN PENYCAE. ALL ARE WELCOME

- HELP IS NEEDED AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 5-7PM TO MAKE TEA AND COFFEE FOR THE CEFN CHRISTMAS FAIR. DONATIONS OF CAKES AND MINCE PIES WELCOME.
- THERE WILL BE **MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES** IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 10AM-12NOON. ALL WELCOME
- THE CHRISTMAS MEETING OF '**TIME WELL SPENT**' IS ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL. COFFEE AND CHAT FROM 11AM, A COOKED LUNCH AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS. THE PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 2.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL.
- THE NEXT **FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH IS ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH AT 12.30PM. PLEASE LET BEULAH OR THE VICAR KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, ALL ARE WELCOME.
- THE **FELLOWSHIP GROUP** MEETS IN ST MARY'S HALL ON WEDNESDAYS, 12.30-1.30PM. ALL WELCOME TO EXPLORE A DIFFERENT PASSAGE FROM THE BIBLE EACH WEEK.
- THE NEXT **PIZZA CHURCH** IN ST MARY'S WILL BE ON JANUARY 20TH AS WE HAVE THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT 3PM ON DECEMBER 16TH. THIS IS AN INFORMAL SESSION OF WORSHIP AND DISCUSSION IN THE CHURCH HALL. ANY AND ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO COME AND EAT PIZZA AND TO EXPLORE THEIR FAITH.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS.** THIS YEAR THE CHURCH COMMITTEE AT ST MARY'S ARE ASKING THAT, INSTEAD OF BUYING LARGE NUMBERS OF CARDS FOR THE CONGREGATION, YOU SIGN THE LARGE CARD THAT WILL BE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. ANY MONEY SAVED WE ASK YOU TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.
- **THE ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** WILL BE ON SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 10AM AND 4PM. HELP WILL BE NEEDED WITH REFRESHMENTS AND DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES AND CAKES WELCOME. THE TREES WILL STAY IN CHURCH OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.
- THE WW1 COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET WITH DETAILS OF ALL THE NAMES ON THE CENOTAPH IN CEFN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE VICAR FOR A DONATION OF £5

'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.

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Emerging Tech Fest (13/12/2018)

For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emerging-tech-fest-tickets-51286142232?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Tŷ Mawr - Monthly spinning, knitting and weaving group (05/12/2018)

Contact June McLaughlin on 01978711941 or email junemclaughlin@btinternet.com for further details.

Emergency First Aid at Work (05/12/2018)

For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emergency-first-aid-at-work-tickets-45548793668?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Learning at Lunchtime: Christmas Craft (05/12/2018)

With Christmas fast approaching why not take time out of your busy day to unwind and learn a new skill? Join us to personalise your festive season by creating your own decorations. The session costs just £2 and booking is essential.

Wreath Making Workshop (12/12/2018)

Join floral artist Katie Hudson in this fabulous workshop at Tŷ Pawb. Using hollies, berries and foliage, learn how to make your very own beautiful Christmas wreath, perfect for the festive season. £30 to include all materials, tea, coffee and mince pies. To book - 01978 292144 or email typawb@wrexham.gov.uk

Victorian Christmas Market (06/12/2018)

Over 100 stalls selling a selection of festive treats and gifts; alongside Victorian street entertainers and a traditional carousel.

Energy Advice Guidance Officer: Contact details: ben.ladely@groundworknothwales.org.uk; 01978 757524.

**Roadworks****B5097, Church Street, Ruabon**

New Gas Supply, 2 way traffic lights for 4 days from Monday, 03 December '18 until Thursday, 06 December '18 Delays expected < 5 mins
Further information: Wales and West - 01978 782909

A539, Ruabon

Lay new cable, Lane Closure's for 10 days from Monday, 03 December '18 until Wednesday, 12 December '18 Delays expected < 5 mins
Further information: O' Connor Utilities

A539, Llangollen Road, Plas Madoc

New customer connection, 2 way traffic lights for 2 days from Wednesday, 05 December '18 until Thursday, 06 December '18 Delays expected < 5 mins
Further information: BT Openreach - 08450 047105

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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.

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

Sybil Bremner.