

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 256

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**RUABON WI** held its January meeting as usual, with a celebratory lunch after the Christmas break.

This year members were made welcome at The Moreton Inn, Johnstown, where they occupied the whole conservatory.

The choice of meals was extensive; those who opted for the vegetarian menu were delighted with the variation and the service was faultless.

The atmosphere was naturally lively and convivial, with everyone pleased to see friends and catch-up after the holiday period.

Members of Ruabon WI meet at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Ruabon Village Hall. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the speaker will be Peter Read on the subject of 'Squire Yorke'. The competition will be a bicycle: (any medium). Visitors are always welcome.




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## The Moreton Inn, Johnstown, caters for a range of gatherings and events



Phone: 01978 841248

Opening times: Monday to Sunday 12noon-11.30pm

Features & Facilities:  Real ale available  Sports TV  Traditional pub games

## RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Members will meet at Ruabon Village Hall, Maes-y-Llan Lane on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

All members of the public are welcome to attend these open meetings to listen to how members deal with matters concerning the village.

If any member of the public wishes to speak at one of these meetings, then he or she should apply to:

The Clerk to Ruabon Community Council, Helen Belton, email address: [clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk).

Helen Belton also deals with all bookings for hire of the Village Hall.

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## Grove Park Theatre productions up to and including July 2019

Entertaining Angels: 14th - 23rd February

The God of Carnage: 28th March - 6th April

The War of The Wands (Youth Theatre Show): 25th - 27th April

Sex Cells: 30th May - 8th June

Calamity Jane: 11th - 20th July

## Invitation to Parents and Carers

**WREXHAM  
YOUTH  
& PLAY  
SERVICE** **FREE  
PARENT DROP-IN**

Do you have children in primary school and would you like to meet other parents and chat about their play?

If so, join the playworkers for a brew in this new informal fun drop-in: if you have children below school age, feel free to bring them along too. We will be playing so come in your playing out clothes and be prepared for all weathers (we do have inside space if it gets too bad).



We aim to explore the value of play by looking at our own play experiences and that of our children.

Fun sessions aimed at encouraging parents and carers to be a bit more playful themselves!

**Mums, dads and carers ALL WELCOME**

**DROP IN SESSIONS  
RUNNING FOR 6 WEEKS**

**Ruabon  
Youth Club**

**12:30-2:30  
Every Thursday  
17<sup>th</sup> January**

Phone 01978 292000 or e-mail [mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk) for further details, or just come along.



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**WREXHAM  
YOUTH  
& PLAY  
SERVICE** **RHIANT GALW HEIBIO  
AM DDIM**

Oes gennych blant yn yr ysgol gynradd a hoffech chi gyfarfod rhieni eraill i siarad am eu chwarae?

Oa felly dewch am banel gyda'ch gweithwyr chwarae yn y sesiwn gwlw hoibio arddurfol ddilyr newydd hon. Oa oes gennych chi blant nad ydynt yn yr ysgol eto, mae croeso i chi ddoe a rhyw hetyd. Byddwn yn mynd allan i chwarae, felly dewch yn eich dillad chwarae-ellan a bod yn barod am bob tywydd (mae bennym i'w tu mewn os i'w h'ny anaf).



Rydyn ni'n bwriadu ymchwilio i werth chwarae drwy ystyried ein profiadau ein hunain a'n plant.

Bydd y sesiynau hwylog yn annog rhieni a gofawyr i fod ychydig yn fwy chwaraus eu hunain!

**MAE CROESO I  
famau, tadau a gofawyr.**

**CYNHELIR Y SESIYNAU  
GALW HEIBIO AM 6 WYTHNOS**

**Rhiwabon  
Clwb  
Ieuencid**

**12:30-2:30  
17.1.19.**

Ffônwch 01978 292000 neu e-bostiwch [mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk) am fwy o fanylion, neu galwch heibio i weld beth sy'n digwydd.



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This information from the Ruabon Play Development Team has been sent in by Tricia Jones.

For more information on these sessions, please contact Mel Kearsley on 01978 or by email: [mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:mel.kearsley@wrexham.gov.uk)



Ty Mawr, Nant Mill and Alyn Waters Country Park have all seen a sharp decrease in visitor numbers since the introduction of car parking fees, introduced by WCBC in April 2018. At a recent meeting Councillor Gwenfair



Jones deplored the move and the fact that health and well-being of the community was not being protected. Councillor A Bithell justified the move as it supported the budget for 'Difficult Decisions'.

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### 'Bryn Estyn'

The former children's home at the centre of an abuse scandal in the 1970s/80s is to be knocked down. Councillor Pritchard announced that it would be demolished by 2020.

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Bradley Road Fire Station was closed in 2016. Plans were unveiled by 'Cats Protection' and approved by WCBC to build a £1.7million Cat Adoption Centre. The site was cleared in 2018 and the Cat Adoption Centre should be open later this year.



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**LIVE MUSIC SHOWCASE**  
 Thursdays 1-2pm  
 Tŷ Pawb  
 Free Entry - Donations Welcome



Live Music Showcase in Ty Pawb is designed to promote local music talent from across the genres. Held every Thursday, these free to attend lunch time concerts offer a broad range of music ranging from the stage and screen and popular classics through to folk music and music from the jazz and blues arena.

<b>Date (2019)</b>	<b>Artists</b>	<b>Instrument(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
January 10th	Glyndŵr European Ensemble (Trio)	Piano, Guitar & Violin	NEW and will include the official launch of the Wrexham Music Festival (Easter 2019)
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Owen Chamberlain Singer Songwriter	Guitar	NEW: Contemporary
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Chidell	Violin	Classical and Contemporary, including music from the West End and the Silver Screen
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Stan Dickenson	Piano	NEW
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coleg Cambria Students		NEW: Tim Jones
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rachael Marsh with Daniel Bradford	Vocal & Piano	NEW: A Special programme for Valentine's Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Belle Journée	Vocal & Guitar	NEW: Music with a distinctive Latin and French persuasion
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Soper	Piano	NEW
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Leslie	Guitar	NEW
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Parry (TBC)	Piano & Vocal	
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bruce Davies	Piano	
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	KC Valentine	Vocal & Piano	NEW
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wandering Minds	Flute & Bassoon	NEW
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Stopes & David Hopkins	Guitar & Woodwind	NEW: 'The Garden Suite'
April 15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wrexham Music Festival	6 Classes of Musicianship	Up to 6 Classes Monday to Wednesday (2 per day). Final Thursday. Special contribution by a leading musician(s) on the Thursday.

Come along and enjoy the Live Music Showcase at Tŷ Pawb throughout the Winter months

'Live Music Showcase' at Tŷ Pawb is supported by Wrexham Symphony Orchestra, Calon FM, The Music Place, the Tŷ Pawb Markets, Food Court and Shops  
 Tŷ Pawb (Everybody's House) is a Markets, Arts and Culture hub at the heart of Wrexham.

Offering brilliant Market Stalls, fabulous food and great galleries there is something here for all the family. For information about Tŷ Pawb and the growing, exciting range of events and activities, visit [www.typawb.wales](http://www.typawb.wales) or the Tŷ Pawb Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TyPawb>.

# **CHESTER SHREWSBURY RAIL**

## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS**

### **RUABON**

**January to February 2019**

## **THE NEW WALES & BORDERS RAIL FRANCHISE & TRANSPORT FOR WALES**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> 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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**NEC Birmingham - Just a short walk from Birmingham  
International Station**

**January**

19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> National Running Show

**February**

19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show

**March**

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
CREATE A BESPOKE  
VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT FOR  
YOUR LOVED ONE THIS YEAR, PLEASE  
CONTACT MAXINE BITHELL OR JULIET  
DAVIES ON 01978 820520 TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE AT:**



**RUABON LIBRARY ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
FEBRUARY FROM 10AM TO 12NOON**

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# RUABON LIBRARY

3 High St, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6NH



## Books AND Far, Far More

AS THE EXHIBITION AREA WAS NOT BOOKED FOR A JANUARY SESSION LYNDA WAGGETT'S AMAZINGLY DIVERSE EXHIBITION CAN STILL BE VIEWED.

LYNDA'S POTTERY AND PAINTINGS IN A RANGE OF STYLES REVEALS HER WONDERFUL ABILITY

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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](mailto: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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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

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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 new members are always welcome.



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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 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 Monday 14th January at 2pm Funeral (Hilda Thomas)

On Tuesday 15th January at 10.30am Toddlers

On Thursday 17th January at 11am the Funeral of Roland Fenner.

On Sunday 20th January at 8am Holy Communion; at 9.30am Morning Prayer  
At 4pm Pizza Church.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am, The Rev'd Phil Poole will lead the Service.

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**At Ruabon Congregational Church (The Chapel on the Hill)** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 11am there will be **no service**

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**At All Saints' Church, Penylan** on Sunday 20th January at 11am: Morning Prayer

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**At St John's Church, Rhosymedre** on Wednesday 16th January at 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th January at 11am: Holy Communion

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#### NOTES FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

- THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT' IS ON FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY 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 14TH JANUARY AT 1PM.
- THE **FELLOWSHIP GROUP** MEETS IN ST MARY'S HALL ON WEDNESDAYS, 12.30-1.30PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO EXPLORE A DIFFERENT PASSAGE FROM THE BIBLE EACH WEEK. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 9TH JANUARY
- THE NEXT **FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON 12TH FEBRUARY (PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY).
- THE NEXT **CELTIC SERVICE** IS ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 7PM IN PENYCAE (PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT SERVICE IN JANUARY)
- THE NEXT **PIZZA CHURCH** IN ST MARY'S WILL BE ON JANUARY 20TH AT 4PM. 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.
- **THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** STARTS ON 18TH JANUARY. COME FOR A SOUP LUNCH FROM 12 O'CLOCK ON TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY OR JOIN US AT PIZZA CHURCH ON THE 20TH JANUARY TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTIAN UNITY.

- SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH WILL BE THE FIRST **FILM NIGHT** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH. DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

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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.

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### **Emergency First Aid at Work Level 3 Course (23/01/2019)**

For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emergency-first-aid-at-work-level-3-course-tickets-53131749493?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

### **Neil Owen: Google Analytics (23/01/2019)**

Ellison Marketing combines proven marketing strategies with a passion for creativity. Our dynamic team consists of marketing strategists, website developers, SEO experts, telesales executives, graphic designers, video and multimedia technicians, copywriters and photographers. Learn all you need to know about Google Analytics during this session with Neil Owen.

### **Things to do near to Ruabon:**

**Alexander O'Neal** Performing at William Aston Hall - 4.72 miles away.

On Friday, 19 Apr 2019 at 7:00 PM

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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.