

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 258

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**BULLDOZER AT WORK LAST WEEK,  
TO RAZE THE EYESORE OF THE  
THREE HOUSES IN THE CENTRE OF  
OUR VILLAGE TO THE GROUND!**



What will Ruabon see within the next months to replace these monstrosities which were built over ten years ago; never finished and have never been occupied officially?? Of course, there will be more houses! - There is (or was) never any question that residents would have a choice as to what they think would be best for the village centre. Many people could visualise a beautifully designed, large car park to ease the chronic lack of parking; others would have liked a community building to replace the original Community Centre, which is now part of St Mary's Primary School; since WCBC was unable to fund these facilities throughout Wrexham.

Alas, Wrexham County Borough Council has no history of considering the opinions of Ruabon residents - HOWEVER - who knows? - any 'pay-back deal' agreed with the builder might, at least, be used to update, level and resurface the adjacent car park and banish the puddles!

# Create bespoke Valentine's Day crafts for your loved one this year!



## Come along and have a go

at

## RUABON LIBRARY

**1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**10am – 12pm**

Booking is essential, contact Maxine/Juliet @  
Communities for Work, Plas Madoc: 01978 820520 to  
book your place!



## Emotional Resilience Training

at Ruabon Library, High Street, Ruabon LL14 6NH

Friday 15th February 10.30am—1pm

- ◇ Increase your ability to deal with difficult feelings
- ◇ Increase your ability to cope with stressful life events
- ◇ Find out how to access further support if you need it in the future

This is a *FREE* 2½ hour session, with a break and refreshments.

Places are limited—Booking is essential. Please call

Maxine/Juliet on 01978 820520 or email

Maxne.bithell@wrexham.gov.uk to book a place.

Emotional Resilience Training is a course designed by Connecting with People and run in North Wales by the BCUHB Self Care Office.

## Hyfforddiant Gwytnwch Emosiynol

yn Llyfrgell Rhiwabon, Stryd Fawr, Rhiwabon LL14 6NH

Dydd Gwener, 15 Chwefror 10.30am - 1 pm

- ◇ yn Gwella eich gallu i ddelio â theimladau anodd
- ◇ Gwella eich gallu i ymdopi â digwyddiadau anodd bywyd
- ◇ Rhoi gwybod i chi sut i gael gafael ar ragor o gefnogaeth os bydd ei angen arnoch yn y dyfodol

Mae'r cwrs RHAD AC AM DDIM hwn yn sesiwn ddwy awr a

hanner o hyd, gydag egwyl a lluniaeth. Mae llefydd yn brin -

Mae'n rhaid archebu eich lle. Ffoniwch Maxine/Juliet ar 01978

820520 neu e-bostiwch [Maxine.bithell@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:Maxine.bithell@wrexham.gov.uk) i

archebu lle.

Mae Hyfforddiant Gwytnwch Emosiynol yn gwrw a ddyluniwyd gan

'Connecting with People' a chaiff ei gynnal yng ngogledd Cymru

gan Swyddfa Hunanofal Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr.

## Wrexham Churches and Community Cold Weather Shelter

This project runs for 10 weeks during January and February. It provides an



overnight stay for 10 homeless people each night in church halls in the Wrexham area.

St John's Church in Rhosymedre hosts it on a Wednesday night.

The homeless who have booked in, are picked up from Wrexham library and taken to the venue. They have a cooked evening meal and are given a bed for the night. In the morning they have cooked breakfast and are given a packed lunch and taken back into Wrexham.

Volunteers cook, set up the beds and then clear away the next morning. The aim is to give a group of people a chance to eat and sleep safely, and to offer the support they need to turn their lives around.

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## FRIENDS OF RUABON

Will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 10am-12noon at The Bridge End Inn courtesy of Gillian, Peter and Matthew McGivern.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

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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

**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>.

## RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Members will meet on Wednesday, January 30th 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Maes y Llan Lane, Ruabon

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

### AGENDA

1. To accept apologies for absence –
2. To make Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.
3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting and discuss matters arising.
4. To allow public participation – Lisa Nicholson on behalf of children of Ruabon; James Baker regarding path behind Ysgol Rhiwabon and lack of maintenance regarding growth.
5. Policing Matters.
6. Speakers - To discuss the Play Provision in Ruabon and to hear from Jay Davies, WCBC Play Provision.
7. Planning Matters.
8. Cemetery Group - To discuss the next stage of the cemetery paths.
9. Village Hall Management Group – see Clerk's report.
10. Finance Group – see Clerk's report.
11. Other Items - To discuss the Heritage Trail following a message to the Clerk.
12. To discuss Ty Hafan.
13. General Correspondence.
14. To receive items for the next meeting.
15. Date and time of next meeting.

Items for inclusion on the next Full Council Agenda should be submitted to the clerk by February 20th 2019.

Signed: H Belton Clerk to Ruabon Community Council  
Friday, January 25th, 2019

(email address: [clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk).)

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

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## Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Has shut down the site managed by Clwyd Breakers Ltd on the Gardden Industrial Estate (off Tatham Road) in Ruabon, in order to stop its further pollution of the local environment by ignoring and breaking the terms of its environmental permit.

This scrapyards has been named as: "one of the worst performing waste sites in Wales" and as a result, has had its permit revoked, which means the site can no longer store or dismantle unusable cars.

The area has now been cleared and no longer poses a threat to the local environment.



Some of the issues raised by NRW officers were:

1. "Visible oil pollution on all parts of the site.
2. Polluting oils and fluids not stored properly.
3. Cars not being de-polluted correctly.
4. No fire prevention plan for the site
5. Waste being stored in the wrong places and without the right infrastructure".

## HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT RETURNS TO WREXHAM LIBRARY!



Get ready to share the magic! Harry Potter Book Night, the most magical night of the year, returns on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February. An evening to celebrate everyone's favourite wizard: "Harry Potter", will be held at Wrexham Library from 3pm to 6pm!

Come along and visit Harry's bedroom under the stairs, play snitch pong and you can even win your own magic wand and take part in Harry Potter activities and quizzes!

Waterstones will be at the library selling Harry Potter goodies, and there will be readings from the series throughout the afternoon. You can also meet the sorting hat; find out your wizarding name and which Hogwarts house you belong in.

And if that isn't enough, you can go on a journey to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, take part in a fancy dress competition and taste the delights of a Harry Potter themed cake stall!

Cllr Hugh Jones, Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety said: "Wrexham Library's fourth Harry Potter book night is set to be the best yet! Come along and celebrate the fantastic world of Harry Potter. Last year over 300 people attended, you really don't want to miss it."

This is a free event, all are welcome and under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Dressing up is not essential but encouraged.

For more information please contact Wrexham Library

# **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

## NEC Birmingham - Just a short walk from Birmingham International Station

### 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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## **RUABON LIBRARY**

**3 High St, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6NH**



### **Books AND Far, Far More**

**A NEW EXHIBITION WILL BE SET UP THIS WEEK FOR FEBRUARY VIEWING.**

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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



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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 Reading Group (Ruabon Readers) meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

The book for next month's reading in February is: "A Place of Meadows and Tall Trees" by Clare Dudman.

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 new members are always welcome.

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

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## RUBON 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 29th January at 10.30am Toddlers

At 12.30pm, the Funeral of Colin Gibbs.

On Sunday 3rd February at 8am: Holy Communion at 9.30am: Family 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 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

between 10am-12noon: **OPEN CHURCH - ALL WELCOME**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.30am, Mrs Karen Turley-Rose will lead the Service.

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**At Ruabon Congregational Church (The Chapel on the Hill)** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am-**no information**

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am: A Family Service

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**At St John's Church, Rhosymedre** on Wednesday 30th January at 10am, a service of Morning Prayer. 11am Plas Telford

On Sunday 3rd February at 11am Family Service; 12noon Church Committee

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### NOTES FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

- THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT' IS ON FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 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 11TH FEBRUARY AT 2.30PM.
- 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 **FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON 12TH FEBRUARY.
- THE NEXT **CELTIC SERVICE** IS ON 5TH FEBRUARY , 7PM IN PENYCAE
- THE NEXT **PIZZA CHURCH** IN ST MARY'S WILL BE ON SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 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.
- THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD WISHES ON MY APPOINTMENT AS AN HONORARY CANON OF ST ASAPH. I WILL BE INSTALLED ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 3.30PM, AT THE CATHEDRAL, AND IT WOULD BE LOVELY IF YOU COULD COME AND SUPPORT ME. KATE
- THE WREXHAM HOMELESS PROJECT IS USING ST JOHN'S CHURCH ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP COOKING IN THE EVENING OR MAKING BREAKFAST AND CLEARING UP ON THURSDAY MORNING PLEASE SEE TRISH FOR DETAILS. DONATIONS OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCKS, UNDERWEAR AND SMALL BOTTLES OF TOILETRIES (TRAVEL SIZE) ARE 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.

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### **The Closing date for 2019 Nursery School Applications is February 22**

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#### **Learning at Lunchtime: My Medium Life (06/02/2019)**

Join award-winning author PJ Roscoe to hear a few of her many experiences as a medium. She works with angels and spirit guides to help both the living and the dead as is called into haunted locations, to help the spirit move on. Followed by a Q&A about the supernatural. FREE [www.pjroscoe.co.uk](http://www.pjroscoe.co.uk)

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

On Friday, 19 Apr 2019 at 7:00 PM

#### **Supporting Mental Well Being For Front Line Workers (29/01/2019)**

For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-mental-well-being-for-front-line-workers-tickets-53961636708?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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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.