

RUABON NEWS LETTER 274

20.05.2019



JUST ONE OF THE EARLIER LITTER PICKS ARRANGED BY FRIENDS OF RUABON

Friends of Ruabon will run a Litter Pick starting at 11.30am on Saturday, 1st June from the Village Hall. Everyone will be concentrating on the recreation ground to make sure it is more or less ready for the Fete the following week. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

It would be so lovely to see as many residents and friends (or more!) gathering for this: "June 2019 Litter Pick".

We have child-sized litter-picks so that children can join in and feel proud of being part of the global effort to eradicate rubbish!

We are being supported wholeheartedly by Shane Hughes of 'Keep Wales Tidy' who will supply all the kit we need.

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I have been asked to thank all those who complained about the recent incident with regard to **OUR** new Bus Shelter at the Station. This has now been sorted by Jo Smith who has been promised by several people using the bus and trains, that they 'will keep an eye open' for any such incidents in the future. Jo has put the telephone number of the transport police into the notice board by the bus stop.

-We are all so lucky to be part of this caring Ruabon Community-

We have NOT been forgotten and can still look forward to step free Access at Ruabon Station!

A VERY WELCOME RESPONSE FROM

KEN SKATES AC/AM

(Minister for Economy and Transport)

Some excerpts below from the correspondence to Friends of Ruabon.

Ken Skates AC/AM é SE Gweinidog yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth Nf
Minister for Economy and Transport“ May 2019

Thank you for your email of 10 April, on behalf of the Friends of Ruabon Station, regarding **the U.K.** Government's decision not to award funding to the station under the Access for All Programme of accessibility improvements for Control Period 6.

Ruabon, alongside Shotton, was among 15 priority nominations to the U.K. Government drawn up by the Wales and Borders rail industry Local Delivery Group which I was pleased to endorse in their submission of 16 November. At that point, I was pleased to have identified £10 million match funding within the station investment programme committed by Transport for Wales Rail Services as match funding, seeking to maximise U.K. Government Access for All investment for Wales and Borders.

i was disappointed that 8 of our priorities, including Ruabon, were not committed by the U.K. Government for funding. I believe that the case that was put forward in the priority nominations was inarguably strong, and enclose for your information a paper by the Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership which was included in the submission to strengthen the case for Ruabon, and with which | am sure you will agree.

I also enclose a copy of my letter of 15 April to all AM's and Welsh MP's about the U.K. Government's investment decisions. This includes the views I set out above, including my disappointment about the 8 unfunded stations. You will note that I also say that I commit to continue to make the case for these priorities, have asked Transport for Wales for advice on whether some of the identified £10 million match funding can support their inclusion as priorities in the forthcoming round of nominations to the U.K. Government for mid-tier

'Access for All' funding, and say that I am prepared to consider making further support available.

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The Local Delivery Group has already commenced work on this next round of prioritisation for submission to the U.K. Government. | have asked my officials who attend the Group to ensure that full consideration is given to the case for Ruabon - which | believe to be very strong, recognising the points set out in the Partnership's paper - and will keep you informed of the outcome.

Ken Skates AC/AM Gweinidog yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth Minister for Economy and Transport Note by Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership on Ruabon Station included in 16 November 2018 submission to U.K. Government on Access for All priority nominations by rail industry Local Delivery Group

The station not only serves the immediate communities of Ruabon, Rhosymedre and Acrefair but is recognised as the gateway to the World Heritage site, aqueduct and canal at Pontcysyllite and the town of Llangollen and the Dee Valley.

The north bound Chester platform at this station is only accessed by a footbridge with long flights of stairs on both platforms.

In 2005 a project led by Wrexham CBC with funding from TAITH saw a bus rail interchange and car park introduced at this station at a cost of £454k.

Between 2009 and 2012 a series of improvements were carried out through TAITH funding amounting to £184k which included a new entrance to the platform from the car park, CCTV, CIS, poster cases and shelters.

Bus services serving the station are run on a commercial basis with the exception of the T3 which is the TrawsCymru service from Wrexham to Barmouth.

In 2017 a survey conducted by the Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership reported that: 20% of respondents listed Ruabon as their closest station but unlike other stations only 14% actually travelled from there. Respondents indicated the reasons including 8% quoting access issues,

Ruabon is the only station on the Chester Shrewsbury Line without step free access. The stairs cause major problems for the disabled with passengers wishing to alight here being advised to go to Wrexham and return on the next train south, Access for those with prams and push chairs is very difficult if not impossible and a struggle for those with luggage or those less mobile.

In 2017 the Partnership were approached by the Friends of Ruabon to explore step free access at this station. A visit by Gareth Woodruff of Network Rail to the station indicated that there was no easy way to solve the access issue to the Chester platform. Ideas of accessing it via a public footpath would have been impractical due to the gradient and costs against the cost of a recognised DDA solution.

Friends of Ruabon have petitioned for access both through their AM and MP.

The Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership working with Arriva Trains Wales have explored the possibility of improving the signage, bus waiting arrangements in a Rhyl station type project - new bus shelter, branding, digital displays, tourism information, world heritage site map etc. - and have been in discussion with both the Dee Valley Transport group (including Llangollen Railway) and TrawsCymru to further promote the area and travel by train through Ruabon station including integrated and event ticketing. A promotional brochure is planned, highlighting the rail and T3 potential for accessing the Dee Valley.

In developing such a project in order to address the tourism potential of the area and its economic benefits and to assist improving the local transport offering it further highlights the poor access at this station and the problems that will be suffered by passengers.

Recorded passenger growth at this station has always remained higher than its neighbouring station at Chirk. However footfall figures show that since 2014/2015 footfall at Ruabon has fallen by 9% where we believe that the poor access provision is deterring potential users. Ken Skates AC/AM Gweiniddeg yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth Minister for Economy and Transport

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government
National Assembly Members

15 April 2019

Dear Assembly Member

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I believe that the programme is more extensive than it would have been without our commitment of match-funding. Seven new upgrade schemes across our regions represents a very good proportion of the total UK Government funding - some 15 per cent of the total programme. However, eight of our priority nominations were not successful. These are

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The Core Valley Lines are a very intensively used part of our railway in Wales. Whilst in size it accounts for just over 15 per cent of track miles, the Core Valley Lines carry around 56 per cent of all Wales and Borders passenger services every day.

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When we are able to properly take control of the railway in Wales we will deliver an accelerated programme aimed at meeting the rail connectivity needs of all areas and of communities. Much of Wales has been very poorly served and, without our intervention, will continue to suffer a relative deterioration in their economic and social positions as a consequence of UK government investment priorities such as Crossrail and HS2 taking up the majority of available enhancements funding. With full devolution we will be able to develop and deliver our own priorities for investment, taking full account of our responsibilities under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Economic Action Plan.

Yours sincerely

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AT ST MARY'S CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

The whole school and a large audience of family and friends enjoyed Mrs Phoenix's Reception class assembly on 'Springtime', at St.Mary's Church in Wales Primary School Ruabon. The children all spoke about the different aspects of springtime such as flowers growing, lambs, frogspawn, tadpoles, blossom on the trees and Eastertime.

They sang lots of songs with actions: "I love the Springtime", a Tadpole song, a Springtime song and "If I were a butterfly," accompanied by Teacher Mrs Paxton on guitar.

The children all recited the story - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with actions and showed the audience the real caterpillars that they are studying in class. They are hoping to see them turn into butterflies!

The children wore antennae head dresses that they'd designed with symmetrical butterfly wings.



RECEPTION CLASS

There was a slide show of the children's work on Springtime. The Assembly finished with a prayer and parents and friends were invited to stay for refreshments.

Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Hodkinson thanked Reception Class, and everyone for attending.



TALKING ABOUT SUNSHINE



We are just relaxing after all our hard work!

THANK YOU TO HELEN PROBIN FOR SENDING IN THIS INFORMATION AND PHOTOS ON BEHALF OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL.





Parade starts
12.30 pm
from the
Village Hall



FRIENDS OF RUABON VILLAGE FETE

Location: Recreational Ground

(Field behind both St Marys School & Maes-y-Llan School)

Saturday 8th June from 1.00pm

FUN FAIR RIDES & lots more

Dog Show- Tea Tent- Bouncy Castle- Ice Cream -Tombola-Raffle
-Burger Van-Local History-Community Stalls-Local Traders

CENTRE BECAUSE OF THE HALF-TERM/WHIT WEEKEND HOLIDAY

Between Tuesday 28th May and Friday 31st May 2019, Ruabon Medical Centre can only accommodate appointments for **strict emergencies only**. This is due to limited appointments/locum GP availability.

Did you know that most Pharmacies are able to treat a number of common ailments? Please see the attached 'Choose Pharmacy' Reference Guide & 'Choose Well' document which we hope will assist patients. Also, many local chemists including Rowlands Pharmacy in Ruabon provide a sore throat swab service for over 6 year olds, and in some instances they will be able to prescribe and issue the necessary medication or be provided with the relevant medical advice.



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Taking care of yourself.

- Coughs
- Grazed knees
- Sore throats
- Other minor issues

Choosing the right NHS Wales service if you become ill or are injured

Choose Well will help you decide if you need medical attention if you get sick. It explains what each NHS service does, and when it should be used.

Choosing Well means that you and your family will get the best treatment. It also allows busy NHS services to help the people who need them most.

If you don't know which option to choose, please contact NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47



Local NHS Services

Including:

- GPs
- Pharmacies
- Opticians (Optometrists)
- Dentists
- Health visitors
- Midwives
- Minor Injury Unit

GPs or Out of Hours Services

- Vomiting
- Ear pain/Hearing loss
- Painful cough
- Symptoms that won't go away

Pharmacies

- Diarrhoea
- Runny nose
- Upset stomach
- Headache

Minor Injury Unit

- Cuts
- Bites
- Sprains
- Minor illness or injury

Symptom Checker



Check your symptoms with the NHS Direct Wales Symptom Checker

My A&E Live



Indicating the typical time you are likely to spend in Accident and Emergency departments

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Please #ChooseWell when seeking medical help. Picking the right place in the first place will avoid congested A&E d...
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Mon, 01 Apr 2019 at 08:49

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A&E

For serious illness or injury. Call **999** for life-threatening conditions that need immediate medical attention.

- Choking
- Chest pain
- Blacking out
- Blood loss
- Serious injury
- Suspected stroke

Choose Pharmacy: Conditions & Treatment Episodes

	Condition	Age Restriction	Number of Episodes (in 12 months)
A	Acne	Eligible if > 12 years	1 - can be > 1 presentation per episode
	Athlete's Foot		2
B	Backache (Acute)	Eligible if < 50 years	2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
C	Chicken Pox	Eligible if Aged 4 weeks - 14 years	1
	Conjunctivitis (Bacterial)	Eligible if > 2 years	2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
	Constipation	Eligible if > 18 years	2
D	Dermatitis (Acute Exacerbation)		2 - can be > 1 presentation per episode
	Dry Eyes		1 - Refer all to optician
H	Haemorrhoids	Eligible if > 18 years	2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
	Hay Fever	Eligible if > 2 years	6
	Head Lice		2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
I	Indigestion And Reflux	Eligible if > 18 years	2
	Intertrigo		2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
M	Mouth Ulcers	Eligible if > 12 years	1
N	Nappy Rash		1
O	Oral Thrush	Eligible if >4 weeks of age	1
R	Ringworm		2 - 2 nd at least 6 months after the 1 st
S	Scabies	Eligible if > 2 years	1
	Sore Throat And Tonsillitis		2
T	Teething		2
	Threadworms	Eligible if > 6 months	1
V	Vaginal Thrush	Eligible if Aged 16 – 60 years	2
	Verruca & Warts	Eligible if >2 years	1

If treatment is considered appropriate this **MUST** be provided within the product license of GSL and P medicines OR PGD's for POM medicines.
Patients who cannot be treated due to clinical exclusion OR if treatment outside of OTC licence/PGD authority, should be referred appropriately

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THE RUABON WI ANNUAL QUIZ

Will Take place at Ysgol Rhiwabon (LL14 6BT)
on Friday 24th May.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Teams of 4 are invited. £3 per team member,
which includes refreshments.

Ruabon WI looks forward to welcoming you again this year.

RSVP by 17th May to: Ennys Hughes on 01978 820592

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RUABON BOWLING CLUB

Maes-y Llan Lane, Ruabon

Match Results 2019

Oswestry and District Bowling League:

Division Three - Wednesday 15th May:

No Game recorded for Ruabon A team

Division Five – Thursday 16th May:

Llanraeadr(3) v. Ruabon B: (7) (away)

Wrexham and District Bowling League

Division One – Saturday 18th May

Ruabon (10) (home) v. Esclusham (4)

Children's Swimming lessons @ Chirk Leisure Centre



At Freedom Leisure we offer an extensive inclusive swimming program at our venues. We deliver the Swim Wales aquatic framework and all our team are trained ASA swimming teachers. Our classes ensure improved water confidence and swimming technique by allowing the individual to progress at their own pace.

We now have spaces available on our Wave 1 sessions.

Wave 1 aims to develop confidence and safety in the water, and when getting in and getting out of the pool. Learn basic floating, sculling and breathing techniques. Start to learn front crawl, backstroke and ether breaststroke or butterfly, with aid if needed.

Please contact Chirk Leisure and Activity Centre for further details;

Phone: 01691 778666

Email: chirk@freedom-leisure.co.uk



The importance of children learning to swim

A recent report by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) shockingly revealed that more than half of children aged seven to eleven years old are unable to swim a minimum of 25 metres unaided, meaning that just over one million children in the UK are potentially unsafe in and around water and therefore at risk of drowning!

We are passionate about helping children to learn to swim and work in partnership with the ASA in England and Swim Wales to deliver nationally recognised Learn to Swim Pathways, supporting children from their first splash to being happy competent



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and

Holiday Club



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AND

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Qualified Play work Staff

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Term Time

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3.00pm to 6.00pm

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Full Day 8.00 am — 6.00pm

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Half Day 1.00pm — 6.00pm

Closed Christmas Holidays

Age 4 years to 14 years

Special Needs Children up
to 18yrs

Contact

Gill for more information

Mobile 07543455965



HELLO, My name is Ffion Morus and I am the Community Agent* in **Ruabon** and **Pen-Y-Cae**.

HELO, Ffion Morus yw fy enw I ac rwy'n Asiant Cymunedol* yn **Rhiwabon** a **Pen-Y-Cae**.

Are you over 50 and looking for a FREE and confidential service?

I can support you with:

- Information on groups and activities
- Completing forms
- Housing issues
- Healthcare queries
- Loneliness and isolation

Ydych chi dros 50 ac yn edrych am wasanaeth gyfrinachol sydd am DDIM?

Rwyf yn helpu gyda:

- Gwybodaeth gweithgareddau a grwpiau
- Cwblhau ffurflenni
- Materion Cartref
- Ymholiadau Gofal Iechyd
- Teimlo'n unig ac ar ben eich hunan

Please contact me on/ Cysylltwch â mi:

Mobile/Ffon – 07751 778868

Email/Ebost– communityagentpr@yahoo.com

*Working with your community council

*Gweithio gyda eich cyngor cymunedol

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- **Llithren ddŵr**
- **Pêl-droed (dewis o fwyd ar gael)**
- **Llogi er defnydd preifat**
- **Swim**
- **Aqua Run**
- **Football (indoor and outdoor)**
- **Food options available**
- **Private hire**



Cano fan Hamdden a Gwel tigareddau Y Waun: 01691 778666
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Cano fan Hamdden a Gwel tigareddau Gwyn Evans: 01978 269540
Cano fan Hamdden a Gwel tigareddau Morgan Llywd: 01978 314693
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PARTNERSHIP NEWS



FOR RUABON NEWSLETTER

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The first Partnership meeting of 2019 took place at the Guildhall in Wrexham on 19th February when funding partners and stakeholders came together.

We are currently working on updating our Terms of Reference and Constitution to reflect the new working partnership with Transport for Wales Rail Services and Network Rail both joining the Partnership Steering Group.

We are guided by the new Community Rail Strategy from the Department for Transport which was revised in late 2018 and the Partnerships 2019/2021 Line Activity Plan reflects the outputs we aim to work as a Partnership to achieve.

Some of the activities planned include:

- Tourism -Stations as Gateways to the wider area or corridor. Capitalising on tourism assets to encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more
- Working with diverse groups; supporting diversity and inclusion through social spaces at stations and promoting healthy and accessible travel
- Refurbishment and renovation of station buildings to promote local employment and economic development
- Cross border collaborative work on joint promotional material

FARES NEWS

The myriad of fares available on different routes to one destination can be overwhelming.

Listed below are some of the most popular fares available from Ruabon.

Adult Return Fares to:

Liverpool: £12.50 Anytime Day Return

Chester: £7.30 Anytime Day Return

Shrewsbury: £10.80 Anytime Day Return

Or perhaps a short break in London travelling into London Marylebone Station? :

Adult Super Off Peak return (via High Wycombe) £41.80.

Example: Monday to Friday Ruabon depart 07.58. Arrive London Marylebone 11.40.

(Not valid on trains timed to arrive at London Marylebone before 11:30am and return not valid on trains timed to depart London Marylebone after 16:00 and before 19:00.)

REMEMBER RAILCARDS CAN GIVE UP TO A THIRD OFF THESE FARES.

Your local booking office can give you more details of all these fares and more.

GREAT DAYS OUT

NEC Birmingham easily accessed from Birmingham International Station:

May 31st - 2nd June: UK Games Exp

June 1st - 2 nd	Collector mania 26 Film & Comic Con
7 th - 8 th	The Genealogy Show
13 th - 16 th	BBC Gardeners' World Live
13 th - 16 th	BBC Good Food Show
Aug 1-4 th	The Festival of Quilts
24 th - 25 th	UCAS Higher Education Exhibition
28 th - 30 th	The Creative Craft Show

CLOSER TO HOME:

Cosford Air show: June 9th

Shrewsbury Flower Show: August 9th & 10th

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

-ADDITIONAL FARE SAVINGS-

INFORMATION PROVIDED

by Sheila Dee:

FARES NEWS

Small Group Day Returns from Ruabon Station

SAVINGS CAN BE MADE if 3 or more adults, without any railcards, are travelling from Ruabon to either Chester or Liverpool.

Available only after 09.30 Monday to Friday and with no return travel between 16.00 and 18.29.

On Saturday and Sunday there are no time restrictions.

3 ADULTS ALL TRAVELLING TOGETHER RUABON TO

CHESTER £16.20 Saving £5.70

3 ADULTS ALL TRAVELLING TOGETHER RUABON TO

LIVERPOOL £27.90 Saving £9.60

THESE TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON EVENTS DAYS WHEN THE NETWORK IS BUSY.

BUY IN ADVANCE OR ASK THE CONDUCTOR ON THE TRAIN FOR A SMALL GROUP DAY RETURN.

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Foster Care Fortnight 2019 is taking place from 13 to 26 May



Over 8,000 new foster families are needed in the next 12 months alone to care for a range of children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups and disabled children.

Foster Care Fortnight is the Fostering Network's annual campaign to raise the profile of fostering and to show how foster care transforms lives. It is also the UK's biggest foster carer recruitment campaign.

In Wrexham, we will be holding an information and drama event at Tŷ Pawb on Tuesday 14th May, 3.30-7pm. Anyone can pop along to this free event to find out more about foster carers and how you can become a foster carer yourself.

Ruabon Field Club

Members will make their
Summer Excursion
to the
Severn Valley Railway
this year on
Tuesday 18th June,
by coach to Kidderminster Station where
they will enjoy a light lunch before
boarding the steam train to Bridgenorth.
They will then be picked up by coach,
back to Ruabon.

Ruabon Field club was founded in 1918.

- Membership is £10 per annum.
- Non-members can attend talks for a fee of £2.
- New members are always welcome.
- Winter Lectures start again on 15.10.2019 at St Mary's Church Hall at 2pm when a talk will be given by Jill Burton on Charles Darwin's "La Belle Fanny".
- Ruabon Field Club members sponsored the book "Remembering Ruabon" by the Rev'd Bill Pritchard, to mark the millennium. This remarkable book is still for sale at Cefn Museum at the cost of £15.



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Maxine Bithell

**Swyddog Cyfranogi ac Ymgysylltu – Cymunedau am Waith a Mwy
Participation & Engagement Officer – Communities for Work Plus.**

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**Please contact Karen Long for a copy of the
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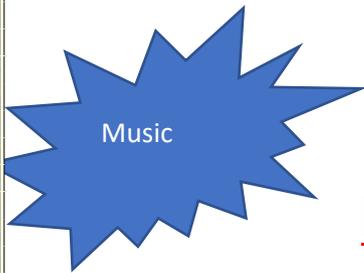
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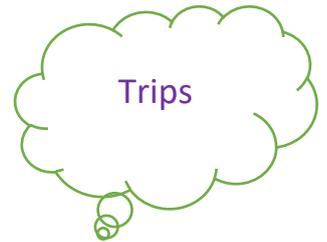
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Mondays 5.30 TILL 7.30



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We are delighted to share with you the news that **Caudwell International Children's Centre (CICC)**, Britain's first independent centre dedicated to autism has officially launched today, including new service for autism assessment, support and research created to transform the way millions in the UK affected by the condition can be helped.

We are proud to share with you with our 3D, interactive walk-through video so you can explore every room and the facilities including the assessment suites, sensory garden and family activity suites that were created in consultation with people with autism, parents, carers, clinicians and experts.

Caudwell International Children's Centre has been built to provide diagnosis for autism in as little as 6 weeks. As well as speeding up waiting times for assessment and diagnosis, the CICC will also offer long term and on-going support for families following an autism diagnosis, through educational workshops and programmes, teaching sustainable interventions that can be implemented at home.



We're here for you. If you would like to speak to a member of our team to see how we can help you, please email us at:

applications@caudwellchildren.com

or call 0345 300 1348.

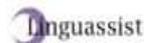
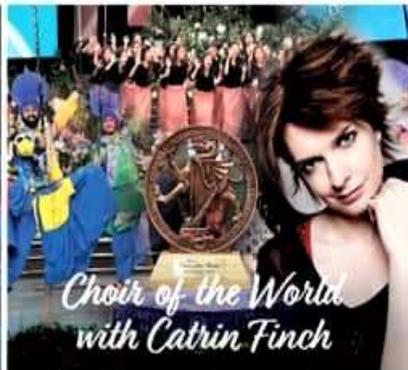


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Books AND Far, Far More

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 now has 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.

****Ruabon Community Council** has now resumed the publishing of the ratified Minutes of their meetings in Ruabon Library so that residents who are unable to use computers are now permitted (once again) to keep up with how the RCC manages matters in our village. Current ratified Minutes on display are dated Wednesday 27th February 2019.



(The RCC meets on the last Wednesday of each month).



**Ydych chi yn mwynhau darllen?
Fydddech chi yn hoffi rhannu a chymharu eich
profiad o ddarllen?**

Byddem yn hoffi eich gwahodd i gyfarfod ar
Ddydd Llun, Mehefin 3ydd am 3yp i drafod dechrau
Grwp Darllen

yn

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

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gyda'n Grwp Darllen presennol.

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**Do you enjoy reading?
Would you like to share and compare your reading
experience?**

We would like to invite you to a meeting on

Monday 3rd June at 3pm

to discuss starting a **Grwp Darllen** in **Ruabon Library**.

This group would focus on Welsh literature, to run in
conjunction with our existing Reading Group

For more information call 01978 822002



Natter & Chatter
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Come and join us at our Natter & Chatter table
between **4 and 5 pm** on **Mondays starting 3rd June**
**Creating a space for people to talk and browse books while
enjoying a cuppa!**

For more information call: 01978 822002



Clwb 3 o'r Gloch
3 o'clock Club
Yn Llyfrgell Rhiwabon
in Ruabon Library

Dydd Mercher 29 Mai/Wednesday 29 May

**Dewch draw am hwy1, gemau, Lego,
lliwio a llawer mwy!**

**Come along for fun, games, Lego,
colouring and much more!**

5-10 oed/yrs

(Dim angen archebu/rhaid i bob plentyn fod gydag oedolyn) (No booking needed/all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Do you enjoy playing Scrabble? The Scrabble Club takes place on the 3rd 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 this month is **"Into the Water"** by Paula Hawkins.

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 Tuesdays: Story Time at 2.15pm

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On Mondays: The Welsh Group meets between 2-3pm.
Family board games between 3-4pm

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Change of Times

The Knit and Natter Group meets regularly once a week on Fridays between 2 - 4pm. 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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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.

**

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 Sunday 26th May at 8am and again at 9.30am there will be services of Holy Communion. At 1pm there will be a Baptism

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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 26th May at 10.30am, Mr Martin Woodhall will lead the Service.

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At Ruabon Congregational Church (The Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 26th May at 11am, there will be no Service

At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 26th May at 11am, a Service of Morning Prayer

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre, on Wednesday 22nd May at 10am, a Service of Morning Prayer

On Sunday 26th May at 11am, a Service of Holy Communion.

NOTICES FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES:

- **THE NEXT FILM NIGHT** AT ST JOHN'S WILL BE AT 6PM ON SATURDAY 25TH MAY. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WATCH A POPULAR FILM.
- **WE WILL BE MAKING SANDWICHES AGAIN FOR THE HOLIDAY HUNGER PROJECT** DURING HALF-TERM (28TH-31ST MAY). HELP OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRUIT, TINNED TUNA, OR HAM WELCOME.
- **THE NEXT ST MARY'S JCC COFFEE MORNING** WILL BE ON SATURDAY 1ST JUNE, 10AM-12NOON.
- THE NEXT **CELTIC SERVICE** WILL BE ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE AT 7PM IN PENYCAE.
- **THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT'** IS ON FRIDAY 21ST JUNE IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL. COFFEE AND CHAT FROM 11AM, A COOKED LUNCH AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS.
- **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. ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE THE GROUP ARE GOING ON A CANAL BOAT TRIP, STOPPING AT THE POACHER'S POCKET FOR LUNCH. THE COST OF THE BOAT IS £7 AND THERE ARE 4 PLACES LEFT. PLEASE CONTACT YVONNE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO (07789105396).
- **THE NEXT FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE. PLEASE LET BEULAH KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME.

- **THE NEXT PIZZA CHURCH** IN ST MARY'S WILL BE ON SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 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.
- **SUNDAY 26TH MAY WILL BE JAMES' LAST SUNDAY WITH US.** HE AND GARETH WILL BE ORDAINED DEACON ON SATURDAY 29TH JUNE, 10AM IN ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL. WE WILL HAVE A COACH TO THE CATHEDRAL (LEAVING ST MARY'S SCHOOL AT 8.15AM), AND THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON OUR RETURN. PLEASE SIGN THE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ON THE COACH OR IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ANY REFRESHMENTS.
- **ASCENSION DAY** IS ON THURSDAY MAY 30TH, WE WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR SERVICE AT THE PANORAMA AT 7AM. ALL WELCOME.
- **THE RUABON SUMMER FETE** IS ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE. I AM AWAY ON HOLIDAY SO YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED TO ORGANISE OUR TABLE. THANK YOU, KATE
- THERE ARE LEAFLETS AT THE BACK ADVERTISING **ST MARY'S HISTORY EXHIBITION** IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE ADVERTISE THIS AMONG THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT HAVE ITEMS TO EXHIBIT.
- IF YOU HAVE BEEN COLLECTING FOR CHRISTIAN AID THROUGHOUT LENT PLEASE LET MYSELF OR JEAN-AUDREY HAVE YOUR MONEY SO THAT WE CAN SEND IT OFF. THANK YOU, KATE
- **A PRAYER FOR A SHARED FUTURE IN THE LIGHT OF BREXIT**
GOD OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, BE WITH US AS WE TAKE OUR NEXT STEPS AS NATIONS TOGETHER. MAY WE STRIVE TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES, LISTENING AND SPEAKING WITH RESPECTFUL KINDNESS, EMBRACING DIFFERENCE, REMEMBERING HOW MUCH ALL HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN BY YOU. MAY WE OFFER FRIENDSHIP, GRANT MERCY, AND SEEK PEACE AND JUSTICE IN OUR SHARED FUTURE. AMEN

'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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Piano recital (25/05/2019)

A piano recital by Geoffrey Smales (aged 89, and because of serious illness, not expected to reach the age of 20), his wife, Mary Smales (just recovering from heart surgery) plus Ruth Howlett and Megan Martin (two former piano pupils). The programme includes solos, duets, one trio and one quartet.

Level 2 Award in Health and Safety (21/05/2019)

For further information and to book your place: 0300 30 30 006,
employers@cambria.ac.uk

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