

RUABON NEWS LETTER 293

PART TWO

30.09.2019

Part of the (as yet unfinished) History of Friends of Ruabon and Ruabon Station

Friends of Ruabon were first approached by Susan Elan Jones MP, in 2017 to campaign for easy access to both platforms of Ruabon Station.

It started with the idea of making a track up from the lower bridge over the Afon Eitha, to platform two; but this was deemed to be too steep. Then of course there was the petition, which everyone signed and promoted, sheets of 1,000's of signatures were collected from Ruabon Library, The Medical Centre, Renées Hair Salon, Tracey's Nails, many shops and all the Pubs; members even went so far as to put a petition into one of the shops in Llangollen, for those who use Ruabon Station, to join in the campaign.

Susan Elan Jones then put the group in contact with Sheila Dee who is both one of the 'team' making up the Chester/Shrewsbury Partnership and a transport officer for WCBC. Sheila in turn, introduced the group to the Station Adopters' Manager, Geraint Morgan.

Friends of Ruabon now care for the planters on the platform and were delighted to receive more comfortable benches for both platforms which were enjoyed by waiting passengers during the Summer months.



To celebrate the fact that everyone in Ruabon was now working together on this campaign and that we also had the backing of those who could make a difference, Friends of

Ruabon arranged an event on the station, to welcome and thank everybody who was able to come. (The text below is from The

Ruabon News Letter 196 with some of the detail of the platform celebration on 29th September 2017; This is to show what Susan Elan Jones and Ken Skates said 2 years ago and with which I agree, as does everyone else, that the lack of ease of access to both platforms is "intolerable"):

"Susan Elan Jones, MP, who has led this campaign from the start, with her usual vigour, and who will present the petition to Parliament. Susan assured everyone that she will continue with this quest until it is achieved.

Ken Skates, AM, also agreed that the lack of access to the further platform for the vulnerable and burdened was **intolerable** and that the campaign had his backing."

Jo Smith, Chair of Friends of Ruabon, has sent in the following quote from Ken's facebook page which was posted after the celebration in 2017:

"I'm delighted that Ruabon Station will soon have improved disabled access as part of a £15m Welsh Labour Government programme, which will mean step-free access to both platforms for the first time.

There will also be further improvements to come at Ruabon, starting with a deep clean this winter.

Thank you to Susan Elan Jones MP and the fantastic Friends of Ruabon volunteers for their tireless campaigning on this important issue.

Susan Elan Jones kept her promise and presented our petition to Parliament, this was later pursued by Friends of Ruabon by asking the Welsh Government to re-approach Parliament to recognise the petition once again.



Susan Elan Jones, MP,
presenting our Petition to Parliament

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS

From: Karen Czora <karenczora59@gmail.com>

Sent: 31 October 2018 22:17

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Re: FW: Urgent Request

Dear Sybil....



Regarding your request....

Due to health problems I use a mobility power chair and am therefore unable to travel from the train station at Ruabon. This weekend I went to meet family for a few days at Barmouth. Travelling by bus the journey took nearly three hours without a toilet stop. Our destination was just a few yards from the train station their service providing toilets during travel. I would have appreciated this very much.

Many times I have wanted to use the train service but been unable to cope with having to find transport to Wrexham or Gobowen as there is no way to manage the station bridge over the track.

I would like to strongly support the views expressed in the newsletter.

From: ally_owen <ally_owen@btinternet.com>

Sent: 31 October 2018 21:59

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Re: Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Page

Hi Sybil,

I personally think it's a brilliant idea as I have a toddler with a pushchair and it makes it almost impossible for us to use the train unless there is someone else around to assist us over the bridge due to all the steps.

I'd also add that in the freezing weather, I've slipped a fair few times on both getting and coming down the steps (even when they've had some grit on them)

Many thanks, Ali

From: Mabon ap Gwynfor <mabonapgwynfor@gmail.com>

Sent: 31 October 2018 21:34

To: Sybil Bremner <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Subject: Re: FW: Urgent Request

Hi Sybil

I absolutely agree with the campaign! As you might recall, I've been pushing for this myself for a few years. It's essential.

What would you like me to do?

Thanks

Mabon

From: gillian kearsley <gilliankearsley9@gmail.com>

Sent: 31 October 2018 21:44

To: Sybil Bremner <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Subject: Railway station

This 100% needs completing for everyone!!! To use our station.

The ease it would bring to many people's lives will be amazing. This is long over-due.

If I can help in anyway let me know.



Christina Povah

31 October 22:56

This needs to been done 👍 many times iv had to take apart or carry a pram up and down the stairs 😞 it's off putting and so dangerous Iv also seen elderly people struggle up and down the stairs, as used to use the station quite regularly.

From: Margaret Williams <margaretwilliams57@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 31 October 2018 22:54

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject:

I use the train frequently to travel from Ruabon to Chester and sometimes beyond. I have, of course, to climb the steps to get to the platform and while at the moment I feel fit enough to do that, the time will surely come when age will put a stop to that. How shall I travel to Chester then? If a lift could be provided it would seem to be an ideal solution to the problem. I hope you will look upon this request favourably.

Margaret Williams - a regular user of Ruabon railway This lady is President of Ruabon WI

From: Dawn Hughes-Lloyd (Ruabon - The Medical Centre (Ruabon)

<Dawn.HughesLloyd@wales.nhs.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2018 11:06

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: RE: Urgent Request

Thank you so much for this which I have printed off and shall display in our staff room and also down in our waiting room for you. This lady is a support worker at Ruabon Medical Centre



Christine Holmes shared a post.

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Action needed urgently on this please send in your concerns re Access for all at Ruabon Station to Friends of Ruabon or direct to [Sybil Bremner](#). THANKS IN

ADVANCE !!!

Hi Sybil

Thank you for taking the time to put output thoughts forward regarding accessibility at Ruabon station. I write as a resident with an elderly mother, luckily in good health with no disabilities but who finds using the stairs to get over to the Chester platform hard work and terrifyingly slippy in the winter, especially in the dark. I use the station regularly and often see elderly people, mothers with prams and other less mobile people struggling.

Making the station more accessible and safer for all, not just those with disabilities would make it a more used and safer station which can only be good for the village. It would allow residents a sense of freedom and maybe attract others to visit our lovely church, pubs and village which can only be a good thing.

Thanks

Julie Maclean

153 Pont Adam

From: Yvonne Evans <yveevans@btinternet.com>

Sent: 01 November 2018 14:30

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Ruabon station access

I travel several times a year to stay with my daughter in North Yorkshire, always taking a suitcase, and as I am now 75 years old I find it extremely difficult to get the case up and down the stairs of the bridge. It would make my journey so much better if I didn't have to face those stairs at the beginning of my journey. Yve Evans (mrs)

Jean Griffiths (Treasurer) and Joan Jones (Secretary) are the two ladies who run The Ruabon and District Club for the Physically Handicapped. They have sent in the following message by telephone:

"Members of the Ruabon and District Club for the Physically Handicapped" have, for many years, been disadvantaged by lack of access to trains at Ruabon Station, having to depend instead on cars and buses. It would be a real benefit for them and others in a similar predicament, to be able to make use of the train services without having the need to travel by road to Wrexham or Chirk."

From: Ann Wilkinson <annwilkinson44@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2018 14:12

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Re: Urgent Request

Dear Sybil,

Thank you for your message. I have had two knee replacements and one hip replacement and find the stairs at the station difficult. I therefore fully support the campaign to make both platforms of the station easy access.

Best regards,

Ann Wilkinson

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RUABON STATION - ACCESS FOR ALL

We use Ruabon Station several times a year, however, the access to Platform 2 has always given us great problems owing to the access, in our case owing to Ian Holmes' disabilities. We have struggled greatly with up and down of the steps to and from the bridge, and as such now, have to use Wrexham Station to enable us to use the lift owing to the need of a wheelchair/mobility scooter. When we travel it is usually with luggage as well, which now proves impossible with the need of disability aids. While this is our personal view, I have had to rely on other members of the public for help, so we are able to reach the other side to platform 2, and of course, depending on which way we travel from platform 2 to 1.

We have also seen many able people having to struggle too with luggage and families with children with the use of pushchairs and luggage.

There is great need for urgent attention to be given to Ruabon Station to give access for all who use it.

Ian and Christine Holmes - 1st November 2018



Maggie Jones We don't use Ruabon station as much as we could, because we struggle with our luggage and bags to get to the other side, we have to hope someone comes to give us a hand. It's no good for the elderly, or in fact young people who struggle with prams we need a ramp

From: V CRANE <v.crane@btinternet.com>

Sent: 01 November 2018 17:08

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Easy access Ruabon

I give my support to have easy access to Ruabon station

Vincent Crane

Lyndsey Holman I would use the train station a lot more if was able to but with a pushchair it's difficult when on my own to be able to get pushchair over to the other side which stops me from going some places with my child this is also same issue for disabled, elderly anyone unable to walk up over the steps to the other side xxx

Rhianon Clew We are so fortunate to have a train station on our doorstep, it's a tragedy that it's not accessible to everyone. It is impossible for people with limited mobility and people with prams etc to

use the station. With better access to the Northbound trains heading for Chester and beyond would greatly increase the number of people able to use the service.

From: Joseph Jones <nepynal@gmail.com>

Sent: 01 November 2018 18:11

To: Sybil <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Subject: Easy Access for All at Ruabon Station

We wish to support the urgent action request for this facility to be supplied for allow all disabled persons to join any trains stopping at Ruabon Station. This facility is urgently required

Glenys and Tom Jones

From: Janet Price <jburtonprice@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2018 17:46

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Re: Urgent Request

Sending my support and agreement, absolutely access for all. Regards Janet x

From: Sue Roberts <sue.roberts31@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2018 17:48

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Ruabon station access

Hello,

My husband is on 24hr oxygen and has to use a wheelchair, there is no way we can access the far platform as he cannot climb steps. Sue Roberts

-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Fowles <fowles274@btinternet.com>

Sent: 01 November 2018 21:25

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Access for all at Ruabon Station

Easy Access for All at Ruabon Station

I have seen, and helped, several Mums try to negotiate the stairs at Ruabon station. It is difficult especially if the Mum has another child.

It is also difficult trying to get up and down the stairs with bulky or heavy luggage.

Disabled people using a wheelchair have to use Wrexham or Chirk Stations depending on which way they are traveling. This is a disgrace!

Patricia Fowles

-----Original Message-----

From: Sybil Williams <sybilwilliams15@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2018 21:33

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Urgent Request

Access at Ruabon Station. Personally my husband and myself (both well in our 80's)would have difficulty using the steps to access the platform for the Wrexham/Chester trains. But it seems incredible that wheelchair bound people do not have the means of access to that platform. Hope that something can be done urgently. Regards. Sybil and Gerald Williams Church View

Sue Williams Access to the northbound line at Ruabon station is virtually impossible for disabled, elderly, those with prams, etc. and not easy if you are carrying luggage. I'm sure more people would use the station if this were improved. (From Facebook Page)

It is essential in this day and age for everyone, whether disabled, aged or infirm to have easy access to BOTH PLATFORMS at Ruabon Station in order to make full use of travel options. The steep stairways make it difficult even for able bodied persons, if they have heavy luggage, to access the far platform. This station serves a wide area and deserves priority upgrading.

Mr J. Roland Fenner and Mrs Gaynor Fenner. From: jamesfenner65@tiscali.co.uk; 01.11.2018

Carolyn Wilks The elderly, people who may have difficulty walking, people in wheelchairs and people with prams etc either have a huge struggle or are unable to use Ruabon station at all, it is difficult enough for the able bodied with luggage, surely this is not right in this day and age to be restricting some people from using this public transport! Access for all is definitely not happening here and a ramp is needed and should be a high priority. **Sent in by Facebook**

Rhiannon Clee We are so fortunate to have a train station on our doorstep, it's a tragedy that it's not accessible to everyone. It is impossible for people with limited mobility and people with prams etc to use the station. With better access to the Northbound trains heading for Chester and beyond would greatly increase the number of people able to use the service.

From: Patricia Fowles <fowles274@btinternet.com>

Sent: 02 November 2018 20:17

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Access at Ruabon Station

[From my neighbour's email address \(above\)](#)

I use Ruabon Station frequently, travelling towards Chester.

Ruabon is used by all ages and draws from a wide area. I have seen far too many people struggling with pushchairs and heavy luggage in all types of weather to reach the platform across the bridge.

As well as a lift to aid the disabled, in the interim period a handrail should be installed on the bridge itself to aid balance in icy or damp weather. Ruabon station is very popular and money should be invested before there is a serious accident.

Ina Williams

I use Ruabon station when I visit my family, all of whom live away. This means I always have luggage to carry. At present I can cope with getting my case over the bridge but can see that this will become more difficult (I will be 70 next year). When my mother got older she ended up having to get off the train at Gobowen and pay for a taxi back to Ruabon. I am hoping I won't have to do this in the future.

Frances Jones

From: Joanna Lynn Smith <bridgeendjo@gmail.com>

Sent: 03 November 2018 16:35

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Access for all Ruabon Station

Although at the moment I am fully able bodied and can manage the steps when unencumbered I would now struggle with luggage. I have in the past had to assist people with their pram or luggage. Ruabon station is close to a world heritage site, it has historic station buildings, the footfall to this station would I'm sure increase if there was access for all.

Regards

Joanna Smith (Jo Smith is Chair of Friends of Ruabon)

From: Kate Tiltman <katherinetiltman@gmail.com>

Sent: 03 November 2018 16:15

To: Sybil Bremner <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Subject: Ruabon station

We use Ruabon station as the starting point for the journey to London. Getting to the Chester platform is difficult with suitcases, especially when the steps are wet and/or icy. We are both senior citizen railcard holders, and use the train regularly.

Kate and Alan Tiltman (**Rev'd Kate Tiltman and Rev'd Alan Tiltman are both Vicars of the parish**)

Sent from my iPad **Rev'd Kate Tiltman is also a member of Friends of Ruabon**

From: Supriya Kapas <skapas@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: 04 November 2018 18:20

To: bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com

Subject: Railway access

Dear Sybil

I wanted to add my support, as someone who lives in Ruabon, to the campaign to provide access to all users of Ruabon railway station.

Much of the railway was built in the last century and of course wasn't designed to be as accessible as we expect today. Having an accessible station in Ruabon, and throughout the country, makes it easier for people to visit friends, get to the shops or to work. Accessibility benefits everyone such as those with health conditions or impairments, people with children, some older people, heavy luggage or shopping. It's also good for the economy and means fewer car journeys, less congestion on the roads and carbon emissions.

With best wishes

Supriya (Supriya Kapas was Chair of Ruabon Community Council for two years preceding Dana Davies and is still a member of the RCC.)

From: Bill Smith <bodgerbill3@gmail.com>

Sent: 04 November 2018 22:13

To: <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Subject: Ruabon Station

Dear Sybil

I am writing in support of the campaign to make Ruabon Train Station fully accessible for all rail users. As a community councillor, conversations with Ruabon residents often centre round their restricted use of trains from Ruabon station. The ancient bridge across to the north line is difficult when able bodied and often impossible if mobility is impaired or when accompanied with young children and luggage - every return journey requires use of the bridge!

It is such a shame that this wonderful local public transport asset, built for a different time is so difficult to use. With modern appropriate access arrangements I am sure its use would increase, helping to reduce congestion on the roads, carbon emissions from road journeys and improve revenue for train operators.

It surely makes common sense that Ruabon Train Station receives the investment it needs to make the station fully accessible and I support all the work of those involved in achieving this goal.

Kind regards

Bill Smith Bill is a member of the Ruabon Community Council and Friends of Ruabon
Bridge End Cottage, Pont Adam, Ruabon, Wrexham, LL14 6DY. Phone 07730 433660.

From: Dana Davies <Dana.Davies@wrexham.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 November 2018 19:20

To: 'Sybil Bremner' <bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com>

Cc: Helen Belton <clerk@ruabon-community.org.uk>

Subject: Campaign to make Ruabon Train Station accessible for all

Dear Sybil

I am writing in support of the campaign, which Susan Elan Jones, MP, Friends of Ruabon and others in the area have been working on to make Ruabon Train Station fully accessible for all rail users. As a frequent user of the station, travelling across North Wales, Cardiff, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, I see the Station is well used. I have, many times, helped passengers with carrying luggage, pushchairs and shopping across the bridge. I have also stopped and chatted to those who needed a 'breather' after ascending the stairs onto the bridge and in some instances supported them with continuing down the stairs.

All conversations start the same, 'what a lovely train station, right on the doorstep' and end with 'next time I'll get on here but get off at Wrexham but then I'll have to get a bus'!

I have also received numerous letters from residents within my ward, who due to medical reasons, cannot use the train station in its current form but want to get out and about, with some wanting to visit family who live further afield.

It is crucial that Ruabon Train Station receives the investment it needs to make the station fully accessible for all and I very much support the work of all the partners involved in achieving this goal.

If I can be of further help and support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Dana Davies

Elected Member for Ruabon

Chair of Ruabon Community Council

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The following piece is taken from Ruabon News Letter 198 dated 16.10.2017

RUABON TRAIN STATION

AND THE IMPOSSIBLE CROSSING FOR THE DISABLED AND THOSE NEEDING EASE OF ACCESS TO PLATFORM ONE OR TWO



From Facebook (last week)

"Delwyn Corbett to Friends of Ruabon"

I was in Ruabon station today and there was a young lady doing an interview on disabled access I never thought about how disabled people got to the other platform. It would be very difficult and painful for me to try on crutches and for wheelchair users, totally impossible. It wouldn't be easy to pull a pram up the flight of steps with a child in. Time for British Rail and Arriva Train Company to put their hands in their pockets and put a new ramp bridge over the railway line. Shame on you, 21st century and no consideration for the disabled, prams users blind and elderly with walkers. Thank you to the Friends of Ruabon for your consideration for the disabled. I guess we are ignorant to the facts how far a disabled person would have to travel to get access to the other side personally I don't know, 6 miles, 10 miles or more if I was in a wheelchair and got OFF the train in Ruabon not knowing how would I get to the other side that is a very good question do Arriva trains give an announcement saying 'sorry no disabled access'? I guess not."

All the communications above, were sent in to Network Rail together with the rest data required, to apply for ease of access at Ruabon Train Station.

It was also stressed that with the future development of the Aldi Site and planning for 350 new homes as well as another hotel - there would be a dramatic increase in the footfall at Ruabon Station.

As we all know - this first massive push - backed by so many, was not granted - blaming the British Government for a default in payment, inspite of the fact that other stations in Wales did benefit and achieved ease of access where we had failed.

Obviously, EVERYONE was shattered that we had not achieved our goal - but not one person (to my knowledge) has pointed the finger of blame to the Friends of Ruabon - so the determination is still there!

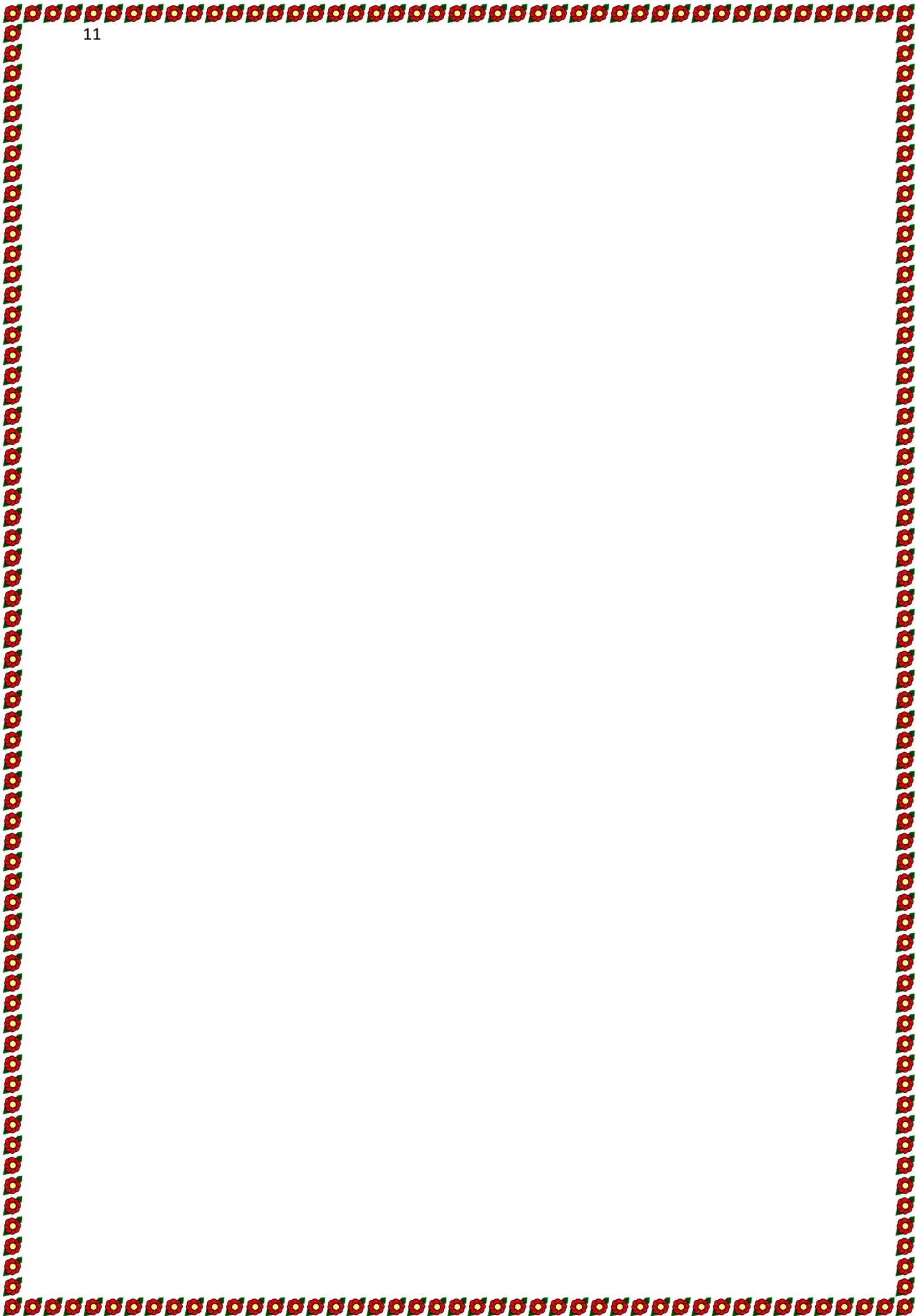
Friends of Ruabon were not completely aware of this second amount of money being allocated as there was no announcement, although when delving and the words 'mid-tier' came into view; a letter was sent to Ken Skates immediately, a month ago, to ensure that he was aware of the fact that Ruabon is due to have the honour of becoming one of the gateways to the World Heritage Site and to point out that everything was not yet in place at Ruabon Station to justify this position (as yet, there has been no reply).

The words 'safer places' In the piece below do give me a thread of hope that Ruabon will not be by-passed this time.

Ken Skates AM. e-newsletter 20/09/19

"£194m Station Upgrades"

"Transport for Wales this week announced details of a £194m investment plan to improve every railway station in Wales. As well as a major revamp of Wrexham General, all stations - including Chirk and Ruabon - will see significant investment to make them brighter, better and safer places. This will include CCTV, new and enhanced secure cycle storage facilities and improved waiting areas. Work will start in phases next year."



CHESTER SHREWSBURY RAIL



PARTNERSHIP NEWS

FOR RUABON NEWSLETTER

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

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.

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:

In response to a query from a Ruabon Resident

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.

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Train times: www.nationalrail.co.uk Tel 03457 48 49 50

New Rail Service to Liverpool Lime Street and Liverpool South Parkway for Liverpool Airport

In May this year Transport for Wales Rail Services introduced a new rail service following the reopening of the Halton Curve. It's over 40 years since a direct service ran from Wrexham to Liverpool but over the past 15 years Liverpool has been consistently in the top two destinations passengers visit from this area. This new service also stops at Liverpool South Parkway - the airport station.

Whilst initially only two direct services operate from Wrexham General **more will follow.**

From Chester there is an hourly service with the Transport for Wales trains stopping at Liverpool South Parkway, the railway station for Liverpool John Lennon Airport before continuing on to Liverpool Lime Street. Passengers wishing to go on to the airport can find bus services running every few minutes from the station

forecourt. The bus journey into the airport takes around 10-15 minutes. Train times: www.nationalrail.co.uk: Tel: 03457 484950

Days Out by Rail: Suggestions:

Birmingham NEC:

Horse of the Year Show	2 nd - 6 th October
Grand Designs Live	9 th -13 th October
Motorhome & Caravan Show	15 th - 20 th October
GCCF Supreme Cat Show	26 th October
BRICKLIVE	31 st October to 3 rd November
The Crafty Christmas Show	31 st October to 3 rd November
The Creative Craft Show	31 st October to 3 rd November
Cake International	1 st - 3 rd November
National Pet Show	2 nd - 3 rd November
Festive Gift Fair	14 th -17 th November
Motorcycle Live	16 th - 24 th November
BBC Good Food Show	28 th November - 1 st December.

RUABON LIBRARY

3 High St, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6NH



Books AND Far, Far More

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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The Exhibition area in Ruabon Library is free to exhibit each month. Please contact a member of staff for availability, phone number above.

During October

Local resident Mrs Christine Davies will be holding a showcase of her artwork at Ruabon Library.

There will also be a few pieces included from her granddaughter: Katie Maclean, who attends St Joseph's High School. Christine has always been a keen artist and has passed on this love of art on to her Granddaughter



CHRISTINE AND KATIE



Since retiring in 2010 she became a member of an Art Group which meets on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Christine's art is diverse, ranging from traditional landscape, water colour, pen art and many other styles.

There is also a Dementia Friendly Art Group on a Wednesday afternoon where materials are provided. Please call Margaret Roberts on 01978 351013 for further details.

Christine has made many new friends at the group and is looking forward to the opportunity to share her work with you.

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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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Mondays:

Natter & Chatter - come and join us at our natter and chatter table between 4-5pm.

Welsh Learners Conversation Group meet between 2 and 3pm.

The Welsh Reading Group meets on the **FIRST** Monday of the month at 3pm.

Family Board games - 3-4pm

Wednesdays:

Paws to Read with Elliot the Tiger - 3.30pm. Children are welcome to come along and share a story, poem or rhyme with Elliot, either with parents, carers or staff.

Thursdays: Chess Club - 2.15pm. New members welcome. Please contact staff for more details, as we currently only have one chess set.

Fridays:

Knit & Natter - 2-4pm. New members always welcome.



Stori â Chân/Dydd Gwener:

Story and Rhyme at 2.15pm

Amser i Gofio
Time to Remember

Dechrau ar Ddydd Mercher, 11eg o Fedi
Starting on Wednesday 11th September

Bydd llunioeth ar gael
Refreshments will be available

Croesawn unigolion, teuluoedd a gofalwyr
We welcome individuals, families and carers

2-3pm

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Byddwn yn cyfarfod ar yr 2il a 4ydd Ddydd Mercher bob mis, 2pm
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We will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 2pm
Call 01978 822002 for more details

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HELLO, My name is Ffion Morus and I am the Community Agent in Pen-Y-Cae and Ruabon. Are you over 50 and looking for a FREE and confidential service?

HELO, Ffion Morus yw fy enw I ac rwy'n Asiant Cymunedol yn Rhiwabon a Pen-Y-Cae. Ydych chi dros 50 ac yn edrych am wasanaeth gyfrinachol sydd am DDIM?

MONTHLY DROP IN SESSIONS –

EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

11-12PM

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STARTING 16TH SEPTEMBER

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I can support you with:

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

Rwyf yn helpu gyda:

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

Please contact me on/ Cywlltech â mi:

Mobile/Yfon – 07751 778888

Email/Ffôn – communityagent@ruabon.wm

RUABON CHURCHES' NEWS

St Mary's Shared Church - General Information:



For children and young adults:

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

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RUABON AND DISTRICT CHURCH

SERVICES

At St Mary's Church, Ruabon:

On Friday 4th October at 11am the Funeral of Martin Roberts.

On Saturday 5th October at 12 noon, a Wedding

Sunday 6th October at 8am: Holy Communion

At 9.30am a Harvest Service

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At 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 6th October at 10.30am Mrs Sheila Rudden will lead the congregation.

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At Ruabon Congregational Church (The Chapel on the Hill) on

Sunday 6th October at 11am there will be no service.

At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 6th October at 6pm there will be a Harvest Service and Supper

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Wednesday 3rd October at 10am, a service of Morning prayer

On Sunday 6th at 11am: a Harvest Service

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NOTES FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

- WE ARE PLANNING AT **PET SERVICE** AT ST MARY'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 3PM. ALL PETS ARE WELCOME, AND THEY ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR OWNERS.
- THE **YOUTH GROUP** WILL BE MEETING MONTHLY STARTING ON SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 5PM-6PM. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 OR OVER ARE VERY WELCOME.
- THE NEXT MEETING OF '**TIME WELL SPENT**' IS ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 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.

- THE NEXT **FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER. PLEASE LET BEULAH KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME.
- **JCC COFFEE MORNINGS.** THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNING IN OCTOBER, BUT THEY WILL RESUME ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN NOVEMBER.
- THE NEXT FILM NIGHT AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM.
- A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE HISTORY EXHIBITION.
- THE HARVEST SERVICES THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 9.30AM AT ST MARY'S (WITH A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE SCHOOL), 11 AM AT ST JOHN'S AND 6PM AT ALL SAINTS (PREACHER: JAMES TOUT).
- ST MARY'S CHURCH JOHNSTOWN HAS A FLOWER FESTIVAL OVER THE HARVEST WEEKEND (4/5/6TH OCTOBER). YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND SEE THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS.
- THERE WILL BE A HARVEST HOTPOT SUPPER AT ST MARY'S ON SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT 6.30PM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHANCE TO HEAR ABOUT TANZANIA. PLEASE SEE JANET OKELL FOR DETAILS.

'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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[Football Forever! \(07/10/2019\)](#)

Football Forever! Introducing the story of football in Wales and Wales in football An exhibition at the home of the Welsh Football Collection in Wrexham — the spiritual home of Welsh football

[Cath Staincliffe \(07/10/2019\)](#)

Come and listen to best-selling crime writer Cath Staincliffe talk about the inspiration for her latest novels, stories of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/estore>

[Live Music Showcase at Tŷ Pawb](#)

Tŷ Pawb's Live Music Showcase returns for its Autumn recital series on Thursday 19th September at 1pm when we welcome Cellist Ursula Byzdra and pianist Tim Stuart who will present a recital of favourite pieces for Cello and Piano by Rachmaninoff, Bach, Vivaldi, Brahms, Saint-Saens and Fauré. These FREE to attend concerts are increasingly popular in Tŷ Pawb's weekly events programme, regularly attracting large audiences.

[David Ebsworth \(08/10/2019\)](#)

When truth is stranger than fiction: a series of anecdotes by author David Ebsworth about some of the amazing true stories that inspire Historical Fiction writers

[Tŷ Mawr - Monthly spinning, knitting and weaving group \(02/10/2019\)](#)

Ty Mawr - Monthly spinning, knitting and weaving group 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Beginners welcome. Contact June Mclaughlin on 01978711941 or email

junemclaughlin@btinternet.com for further details.

[Bryn's Buddies \(05/10/2019\)](#)

Bryn's Buddies is Wrexham Museum's monthly history club for children aged 7 – 11 years. Usually held the first Saturday in the month we focus on different historical events or periods which have

ranged from the Mesolithic to the Mexican Day of the Dead! Advanced booking required - museumeducation@wrexham.gov.uk

[Tŷ Mawr – Craft Class taster session. Autumn Needle felt- Magical Mushrooms and Toadstools. \(05/10/2019\)](#)

All materials are provided. To book a place, please contact junemclaughlin@btinternet.com or phone 01978 711941 for further details.

[Astronomy Club \(05/10/2019\)](#)

Astronomy Club returns for 2019/20 starting this October! Explore the secrets of the Universe through a range of different aspects of our existence Travel through space and uncover the depths of our world and beyond.

[The schools on-line admissions service for Secondary and Reception school places for entry in 2020 is Now Open.](#)

Please apply using the On-line Admissions Service @ www.wrexham.gov.uk

The closing date for **Secondary** is **8 November 2019** and **Reception** is:

22 November 2019 Please use link below -

<https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions-and-open-evenings/>

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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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Please keep sending in your news and thank you. Sybil Bremner.