

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 297

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## Report of a journey to Tanzania by the Rev'd Kate Tiltman

*Ensuite toilet, with bucket of hot water and jug for an "African shower")*



Trish and I were in Tanzania in August/September this year, to visit our partner diocese of South West Tanganyika, and to establish a link with Amani, the remote village that our parish is twinned with and has pledged to support. Getting there took three days: one in the air, and two by road. We spent a few days in Njombe, the cathedral town and regional administrative centre of South West Tanganyika, generally getting our bearings, and being introduced gently to life in Tanzania.

This was essential, because it became apparent, when we finally got to Amani, that life in Tanzania is a bit different from ours.

Because it's close to the equator, sunrise is at about 6am, but the day has already started. There is a lot of activity before it gets properly light: water to fetch; wood or charcoal to light so that you can boil the water - it's not safe to drink; and animals to take care of. The preparation

of food takes up a great deal of the day, so although you may have a cup of chai when you get up, breakfast isn't until about 10.30, and then it's likely to be a freshly made chapati and a boiled egg, or perhaps some *ugali*, cornmeal porridge, the staple food of rural Tanzania.

In Njombe, our accommodation was in the diocesan hostel in the cathedral grounds; basic, but with all the essentials; even an ensuite toilet.



Bishop Matthew invited us to preach in the cathedral. This was a new experience both for the congregation, for whom women priests were a novelty, and for us, because Tanzanians feel short-changed by a sermon of less than 45 minutes! Having to have every sentence translated into Swahili helped to pad things out a bit.

At each service we experienced the liveliness and spontaneity of Tanzanian worship, and afterwards we were presented with a live chicken each, the first of several! On arriving in Amani, our first sight of Father Dismas, the local priest, was as he was laying bricks for the new church they are building. The current one isn't big enough! A rota of people from the congregation helps with the building, but while we were there, work had to stop, because they ran out of cement, and have to save up for the next batch.

Our first official visit had to be to the village chief. We met the members of the village council, and heard about their plans for development, and some of the problems they face. The most pressing of these, was the provision of an adequate water supply. There is a river nearby, and water is piped to stand-pipes dotted throughout the village.

Pipework to increase the supply is estimated to cost 1 million

Tanzanian shillings; an astronomical amount for the village to find, but in pounds sterling, only a little over £400. We have made the water project one of our priorities. Their electricity supply was installed about 3 months ago, so few homes have electricity.

In Amani they have two established, government-funded primary schools, each with about 400 - 600 pupils in seven classes - approximately 80 children in each class! Lessons are in Swahili, but English is taught, and is the medium of education at secondary schools. Kate and I were invited to teach a lesson: we told the children a little about the UK. The church has also set up the reception class of a proposed church school, named "St Asaph School", where children will be taught in English.

We met the first pupils of this new school, five year olds who proudly demonstrated their ability to count in English.



Our church school in Ruabon is undertaking to support St Asaph School.



The local secondary school is about 3 miles from Amani. Its catchment area is much wider, so pupils board. The electricity supply hasn't reached it yet. The pupils had written a song, which they performed for us,

detailing all the things they would like their school to have: textbooks, a photocopier, television, computers, science equipment, - and a car!

We were taken to visit the church field, where the community grows maize, sunflowers and other subsistence crops. Ploughing is done with oxen, and everyone works the land. It is too far to bring produce from the market in Njombe, and maize is their only cash crop. The farming cooperative has plans to invest in a seed press, to allow them to press sunflower seeds locally.

There is a small dispensary, where a health worker provides basic medical services. The small building consists of an office and storeroom, a consulting room, a delivery room, and a room for the administration of the USAID HIV programme. They need more space, and lack basic equipment, but we were able to arrange for two delivery kits to be sent, to help them cope with the average of four new babies a day.

We met members of the Mothers' Union, whose work in supporting women in rural Africa is so important. They were

interested in our suggestion of a micro-loan scheme to enable women to set up in business for themselves, and they said they wanted sewing machines, to open a sewing and repair business.

The church in Amani is central to their lives. As well as exuberant worship at three services every Sunday, they also hold a fellowship evening twice a week, and a lively choir practice.

We accompanied Fr Dismas on visits to pray with the housebound, who were given a small gift of food, and we were welcomed into people's homes.

Despite the fact that they have very little in the way of material possessions, the people of Amani were incredibly generous. When we left we were showered with gifts: hand-woven baskets, brushes made from reeds, bags of beans, maize and peanuts - the inevitable chicken, and a goat. We couldn't imagine that Customs & Excise would look favourably on the goat, but when we returned to Njombe with our gifts, our interpreter was delighted to take it home. *The chicken escaped.*

*If you would like to make a contribution to the people of Amani, it will be gratefully received by the people there.*

Kate Tiltman (katherinetiltman@gmail.com)

**The Following report and photos were sent in by  
Helen Probin (Teaching Assistant) on behalf of  
St Mary's School.**

Reverend Kate Tiltman and Reverend Trish Owens gave a very interesting talk to all the pupils at St. Mary's Church in Wales Primary School Ruabon on their visit to Tanzania over the Summer. They had visited the small village of Amani

which is four hours from the nearest market town. They described life in Tanzania and the schools there.



The children were able to ask lots of questions and try on

the Tanzanian costume/dress called 'Kanga'.

They had also been on a Safari and the children really enjoyed seeing photos of all the animals.

Reverend Kate and Reverend Trish are now raising money for the Church school in Amani and for new water supplies there.

The photographs show different groups of children trying on the Tanzanian dress 'Kanga' and balancing baskets on their heads.

# YSGOL RHIWABON

## Helping to Save Lives

Friday, 25th October 2019

In partnership with the Welsh Government's "[Save a life Cymru](#)" campaign, Ysgol Rhiwabon have secured an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Together with an external cabinet, this will form part of the PADS strategy to improve out of hospital cardiac arrest in Wales.

The school will support the wider community by placing the cabinet in an area that is accessible to the wider community 24 hours a day all year round.

To this end we have located the cabinet and AED to the rear of the school by the left hand side of the main sports centre entrance doors.

It is available 24 hours a day / 365 days a year to all the community.

We have registered the AED on the Welsh Ambulance Command and Control database and it is live.



Follow signs to the Sports Complex Hall



The Sports Complex main entrance.

The defibrillator is in the far corner



Defibrillator cabinet on the left of door



Turn handle to open

# All is NOT Lost (yet)!

## A Visit to Ken Skates at his Surgery

on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

On behalf of Friends of Ruabon - I did manage to meet Ken Skates and his manager, mainly to ask exactly how the £194m, he had managed to obtain for 'Trains for Wales' would be spent and if we could only to expect a 'prettying up' of the station or the real deal of:

### Step Free Access to Both Platforms:

Answer: "It will be decided next year", however, he did also point out that Ruabon is "his station too" and the fact that he also lives in Ruabon.

So meanwhile, although nothing is set in stone, I do feel that we can relax a little, to see if Ken Skates is able to bring 'step free' access to his and our train station.

Meanwhile, Friends of Ruabon will continue do what is required at the station and to liaise with Martin Evans, the Ruabon Station Adopter, who monitors the station so efficiently.

Sybil Bremner



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT**  
**'THE PALS SERVICE'**  
**LAUNCHED LAST WEEK IN THE WREXHAM MAELOR.**



Launch of 'The Pals Service'



Carolyn Owen, Head of Patient Experience, cont. left: Hannah Davies, Lisa Rowland, Jacki Desanders, and Deborah Carter. ('The Pals Team' in the hub by the main entrance).

**We're here to listen if you:**

- Have an enquiry but don't know who to ask
- Want to talk to someone not directly involved in your care
- Want to compliment services or individual members of staff
- Have a suggestion on how we can make improvements

**What we can do:**

- Listen to your comments, suggestions, compliments and queries and make every effort to resolve issues as quickly as possible
- Offer impartial advice and support to patients, families, carers and friends
- Contact our staff and if appropriate other organisations to assist you
- Signpost to organisations that can provide information or advice
- Assist service improvement by reporting on themes and trends raised by our service users
- Keep your information confidential unless there is an exceptional reason - for example to protect children, yourself or another person

**Contact details:** Email: [BCU.PALS@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:BCU.PALS@wales.nhs.uk)  
[BCU.PatientExperience@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:BCU.PatientExperience@wales.nhs.uk)



Hawliau Plant

Children's Rights

# UNCRC 30<sup>th</sup> Children's Rights Anniversary celebration

Wrexham Memorial Hall

Bodhyfryd, Wrexham LL12 7AG

20<sup>th</sup> November

5:30 P.M - 8:30 P.M

Games  
Information

Fun to be had across the event

Free popcorn

Free photo booth

For young people aged 11-25 years old

Free entry

For more information contact:

Wrexham Participation Team on

[youngvoices@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:youngvoices@wrexham.gov.uk) 01978 317961



Message from WCBC:

## **LOTS GOING ON LOCALLY AND ALL AROUND WREXHAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR HALF TERM**

**Cllr Andrew Atkinson, Lead Member for Youth Services and Anti-Poverty, said: "We really want children to get out doors this half term and enjoy just playing and having fun.**

There are several organised playwork sessions but we also have lots of green spaces where children can just kick a ball, collect conkers, play tag or just generally have fun with their friends. Getting outside is also a lot healthier than staying on the couch with devices so let's encourage our young people to get out and have fun this half term.

Our Play Team has lots of Playwork projects lined up for young people to keep them occupied during the half term break.

They're all free to attend and there's no need to book in advance.

They last 2 or 3 hours and are aimed mainly at children aged 5 to 15, however under 5's can attend with an appropriate parent or carer.

Play is important for children. It helps their development both physically and emotionally, it keeps them fit, they learn problem solving skills and explore how things work.

They develop social skills, learn to share and come to terms with different experiences, but most importantly it's what children tell us they enjoy."

## "Where are they taking place?"

Abenbury 11am to 1 pm Tuesday and Thursday at Pentre Maelor (play area).

Borras 11am to 1pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, On the green between Huntsman's Corner and Lake View.

Cefn and Acrefair 11am to 1pm Monday and Wednesday at Plas Kynaston Park (next to the library) and Friday on the Acrefair School field.

Coedpoeth 2pm to 4pm Tuesday and Thursday at The Adwy Field.

Gwersyllt 2pm - 4pm Monday and Tuesday at Pending Park, Wednesday and Thursday at Bradley Fields. Friday at New Road, Summerhill.

Offa 2pm - 4pm Tuesday at Luke O'Connor House, Wednesday at Bryncabanau Playground, Thursday and Friday at Bellevue Park.

Rhos and Johnstown 2pm to 4pm Monday and Tuesday at Morton Circle, Wednesday at Bryn y Brain, Thursday and Friday in Ponciau Park.

Brymbo 11am to 1pm Monday and Tuesday at Cheshire View, Wednesday at Miller Road, Thursday and Friday at Cae Merfyn, Tanyfron.

Rhosddu 11am to 1pm Monday at Garden Road, outside the Salvation Army, Tuesday at Ashfield Park, behind the Tennis Centre, Wednesday at the Village Green, Garden Village, in front of Wat's Dyke School, Thursday and Friday at Prices Lane Skate Park.

The projects do not offer formal childcare and children may come and go as they choose. Playworkers also

don't have a responsibility to keep children on site and it is left up to parents/carers and their children to agree the arrangements between themselves.

### "What if the weather's bad?"

The projects aim to take advantage of all weather and make sure that there's different opportunities to play regardless of the weather. But as it could get messy please make sure your child is in comfortable clothes that they're allowed to get dirty.

### "How do I register my child?"

It's easy to register your child. Just fill in a registration form on your child's first visit and give it to the playworker. You will be asked for information about your child such as emergency contact numbers.

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## Ruabon Medical Centre

Will be closed between 1-5pm

on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

for Staff Training.

An Emergency Doctor

will be available during these times

when you can phone: 0300 123 5566



## Friends of Ruabon

the next monthly meeting will be held on

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

between 10am and 12noon at

The Bridge End Inn

(courtesy of Gillian and Peter McGivern)

Lots on the Agenda

**EVERYONE**

very welcome to attend

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## “SHREWSBURY-CHESTER RAIL USERS ASSOCIATION

If you are affected by the proposed removal of the 09.55 (Mondays to Fridays) train from Ruabon towards Chester, please will you sign the petition at:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions-reverse-tfw-decision-for-2-hourly-services>

and/or email: [Ken.Skates@assembly.wales](mailto:Ken.Skates@assembly.wales)

Thank you very much for supporting fellow rail travellers” Message from John Mattocks (SCRUA)

# Remembrance Sunday

10<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church,  
The Parade will be led by 1251 Berwyn Squadron  
of the ATC, Ruabon, followed by  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Ruabon Guides and Brownies.  
This year, the parade will start from the Village  
Hall at 10.15am and be at the church for the  
dedications at 10.45am

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## WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LIBRARIES REVIEW INFORMATION-2019



WCBC will need to look ahead at the types of changes to be made to Wrexham libraries: **not all changes will be down to cuts alone**; some will be to modernise, to make the service more relevant and sustainable.

### Links with Contact Wrexham

By the end of 2020, Contact Wrexham will vacate the offices on Lord Street. This may be a good opportunity to use libraries to accommodate 'Contact Wrexham' staff across the borough, providing them with more flexible locations. But that's also something which needs the public's views,

**so it is vital that you take part in these consultations.**

**Roadshows** There will be public roadshow library consultations on the following dates:

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October-Ruabon: 3pm-5pm**

October 29 - Cefn: 3pm to 5pm.

November 6 - Canolfan Glyn Ceiriog: 10am to 12noon

November 7 - Tŷ Pawb: 10am to 3pm

# Operation Christmas Child

Ysgol Rhiwabon would very much appreciate any empty shoe boxes for students to pack; any items that could be donated to pack the shoe boxes or if students would prefer to pack their own and drop it off at school with the £5 PP fee, we are happy take it to the local drop-off site mid-November.

Deadlines: Shoe box and donations to shoe box drop off: Friday 11th

October. Completed shoe boxes with £5 PP fee: Monday 4th November.\*\*\*\*

Below is the overview of what can and cannot be put into a Christmas shoe box. There are lots more suggestions for each age group on the web link below:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Who to pack for: **Boy 2-4; Girl 2-4; Boy 5-9; Girl 5-9; Boy 10-14; Girl 10-14**

## Gift Suggestions

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace, such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel. *Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.*

## OTHER ITEMS

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, slinky spring, matchbox cars.

## DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; clothing other than as listed above; war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate, **sweets** or other food items; seeds; aerosols; toothpaste, lotions or liquids of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers or fragile items; books with mainly words.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

[Read more about this process.](#)

Helen Savva (Assistant Headteacher)

**Ysgol Rhiwabon, Pont Adam, Ruabon, Wrexham, LL14 6BT.Tel: 01978 822392, [SavvaH@hwbmail.net](mailto:SavvaH@hwbmail.net).**



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LIVE MUSIC  
SHOWCASE

*Piccolos Music & The Story Teller  
Piccolos Crafts at Tŷ Pawb*

**!! Free Children's Half-term Activities !!**

**Musical Instrument-making craft workshop**

with Piccolos Crafts on

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon to 1pm

**Make Some Noise**

**Music and Story Workshop**

with The Story Teller and The Highland Bagpiper

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 12 noon to 12.45pm

*Come, join in and use your instruments  
and 'Make Some Noise'*

followed by a

**'Celebration of our Young People in Music'**

*The Weekly Live Music Showcase Recital Concert*

*1pm to 2pm in the Performance Space, Tŷ Pawb*



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[www.piccolosmusic.org](http://www.piccolosmusic.org)

[info.piccolosmusic@gmail.com](mailto:info.piccolosmusic@gmail.com)

Come and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Wrexham Symphony Orchestra on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.30pm in the William Aston Hall. Music from the 2019 Classic FM Hall of Fame including Lord of the Rings; Star Wars; Swan Lake; Lark Ascending; Oboe Concerto and more. Treats for Children and a Large Cake!!!!

Tickets from Wrexham Tourist Information Centre or online at

[www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets.html](http://www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets.html)

# Wrexham Symphony Orchestra

(Orchestra in Residence at William Aston Hall)

## 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Concert



And featuring Richard Strauss's Oboe Concerto performed by  
Former WSO Young Musician of the Year, Tom Blomfield  
Principal Oboist - Philharmonia – Classic FM's Orchestra on Tour

**Sunday November 3rd, 2019 at 3.30pm**

**William Aston Hall, Wrexham Glyndŵr University,  
Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AW**

**Conductor: Russell Gray**

**Soloists: Tom Blomfield - Oboe**

**Sophie Rosa - Violin**

**Tickets available from:**

[www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets.html](http://www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets.html)

[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (search for wrexham-symphony-orchestra)

Wrexham Tourist Information Centre (01978 292015)

Llangollen Tourist Information Centre (01978 860828)

Rowanthorn Gift Shop, Oswestry (01691 238227)

**Family Ticket £25 (2 adults and up to 4 children); Balcony £15; Stalls £12  
(Concessions £10); Students, school pupils and young children £2.**

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Charity





## Please help Friends of Ruabon design 5 village Christmas cards

Email in your landscape or Christmas themed photographs of Ruabon.  
Competition is open to all ages.

The winning 5 entries will be used for the Ruabon village Christmas  
card collection.

The Christmas card collection <sup>\*</sup> will be available to buy in December.



**All photographs must be in a JPEG format  
using landscapes or Christmas themed items  
only.**

**Please email your JPEG photo to  
info@friendsofruabon.co.uk.**

**A panel of independent judges will choose  
the winning entries**

**Deadline for entries is midnight  
November 1st 2019.**

**For further details please email  
jo@friendsofruabon.co.uk**

**GOOD LUCK**

JOIN US FOR

# An International Christmas

Featuring...

Rhys Meirion  
Elan Catrin Parry  
Julian Gonzales  
International Folk Dancers  
Band Pres  
Ysgol Dinas Brân  
Festive Carols  
Reverse Grotto  
*(in aid of Llangollen Foodbank)*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.45pm**  
Royal International Pavilion, Llangollen

Tickets: £13 Adults - £5 Children (under 5s free)  
*(price includes mulled wine and mince pie)*

Book online at [www.llangollen.net](http://www.llangollen.net) (no booking fee)  
Phone: 01978 862 000

Llangollen 2020

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod @llangollen\_eist llangollen.eisteddfod

We are pleased to announce our forthcoming concert: **'An International Christmas'**, which will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Please share with your friends and family to help us promote this fundraising event.

<https://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/events/christmas-2019/>

# CHESTER SHREWSBURY RAIL



## PARTNERSHIP NEWS

FOR RUABON NEWSLETTER

### PARTNERSHIP NEWS

The first Partnership meeting of 2019 took place at the Guildhall in Wrexham on 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk): Tel: 03457 484950

**Days Out by Rail: Suggestions:**

## **Birmingham NEC:**

BRICKLIVE	31 <sup>st</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
The Crafty Christmas Show	31 <sup>st</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
The Creative Craft Show	31 <sup>st</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Cake International	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
National Pet Show	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Festive Gift Fair	14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November
Motorcycle Live	16 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> November
BBC Good Food Show	28 <sup>th</sup> November - 1 <sup>st</sup> December.

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### **Work Clubs provide Free Support for anyone looking for work.**

- Meet our friendly and supportive staff
- Use a computer and get help if you need it
- Complete successful job searches
- Manage your 'Find a Job Account'
- Get extra help with CVs and training needs
- Get help and assistance with your Universal Credit claims
- Communities for Work Plus work clubs are open to all and it does not matter if you are already on the work programme or are getting support from other projects. Just come along and have a cuppa and a chat with a cup of tea.

<b><u>When</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Every Monday	Caia Park Partnership	1pm – 3pm
Every Tuesday	Acton Community Resource Centre	10am – 12pm
Every Tuesday	Rhos Library	1pm – 3pm
Every Thursday	Caia Park Partnership	10am – 12pm
Every Friday	Cefn Mawr Library	1pm – 3pm
Every Thursday	Gwersyllt Resource Centre	1pm – 3pm
Every Friday	Wrexham Library	10am – 12pm
Daily	Caia Park Partnership (Blue Building)	10am – 12pm

**Appointments only in Brymbo Enterprise Centre, Chirk Library, Llay Resource Centre and Ruabon Library**

# 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](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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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



CHRISTINE AND KATIE



has passed on this love of art on to her Granddaughter.

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 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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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





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 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

**11-12PM**

**AT RUABON LIBRARY**

**STARTING 16<sup>TH</sup> 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
- Cwbilau ffurfienni
- Materion Cartref
- Ymholiadau Gofal Iechyd
- Teimlo'n unig ac ar ben eich hunan

Please contact me on/ Cysylltwch â mi:

Mobile/Ffôn – 07751 776868

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# Amser i Gofio Time to Remember

Dechrau ar  
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Starting on  
Wednesday  
11th September

2-3pm

Bydd lluniaeth  
ar gael

Refreshments will  
be available

Croesawn  
unigolion, teuluoedd  
a gofalwyr

We welcome  
individuals, families  
and carers

Ymunwch â ni yn **Llyfrgell Rhiwabon** er mwyn:

Rhannu eich atgofion • Cofio am amser a fu gyda llyfrau  
a cherddoriaeth • Cymeryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau  
newydd • Cyfarfod a sgwrsio efo pobl eraill

Join us at **Ruabon Library** to:

Share your memories • Reminisce with books and music  
Try out our new activities • Meet and chat with others

Byddwn yn cyfarfod ar yr 2il a 4ydd Ddydd  
Mercher bob mis, 2pm  
Ffoniwch **01978 822002** am fwy o fanylion

We will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
of the month, 2pm  
Call **01978 822002** for more details

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# 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 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: Please contact: Rev'd Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP email:

[chykenam@gmail.com](mailto:chykenam@gmail.com)

## RUABON AND DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICES

**At St Mary's Church, Ruabon** on Sunday 3rd November 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, which usually takes place on Sunday at 11am.

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**At Ruabon Methodist Church** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am the Rev'd Marian J. Jones will lead the service



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**At Ruabon Congregational Church** (The Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am there will be no service

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### NOTES FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

- **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PENYLAN** ON SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER AT 1 PM: A WEDDING  
ON SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER AT 11 AM: A THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A TANZANIAN MEAL AND TALK
- **AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RHOSYMEDRE** ON WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER AT 10AM: A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER  
ON SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER AT 11 AM, A FAMILY SERVICE
- **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT ST MARY'S:

THE PARADE WILL START AT 10.15AM FROM THE VILLAGE HALL FOR A 10.45AM START IN CHURCH.

**AT ST JOHN'S**, THE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL STARTING AT 10.40AM, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH** WILL HAVE A SERVICE STARTING AT 10.45AM IN CHURCH.

- **THE YOUTH GROUP** WILL BE HOLDING THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING ON SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER FROM 5PM-6PM. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 OR OVER ARE VERY WELCOME TO EAT PIZZA AND HAVE FUN.
- **THANK YOU** TO ALL WHO HAVE OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECTS WE ARE SUPPORTING IN AMANI. IF YOU WISH TO GIVE US A CHEQUE THE PAYEE IS ST ASAPH DBT-SWT. WE WILL PASS CHEQUES ON TO THE DIOCESE WHO WILL TRANSFER THE MONEY TO THE DIOCESE OF SW TANGANYIKA. IF YOU ARE A UK TAXPAYER I HAVE GIFT AID FORMS.
- **THE NEXT MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT'** IS ON FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 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 AT 2.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL.
- **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 12TH NOVEMBER AT 12.30PM. PLEASE LET BEULAH KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME.
- **JCC COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST MARY'S:** 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 30TH NOVEMBER AT 6PM.
- **ST MARY'S FISH AND CHIP SUPPER AND BEETLE DRIVE** IS ON FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 6.45PM IN THE CHURCH HALL. PLEASE PAY £5.50 BEFORE THE DAY, LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.
- **ST JOHN'S CHURCH COMMITTEE** WILL MEET ON SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE.
- **THE RUABON FROST FAIR** IS ON SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 1-6PM IN THE WYNNSTAY. ST JOHN'S AND ST MARY'S WILL HAVE A JOINT CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA WITH A PRIZE EVERY TIME. CHOCOLATE DONATIONS OF ALL SIZES WELCOME. THANKYOU.

## '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.

[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](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk).

The closing date for **Secondary is: 8 November 2019** and for **Reception is: 22 November 2019**. Please use link below -

[https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions-and-open-evenings/Football Forever! \(21/10/2019\)](https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions-and-open-evenings/Football-Forever!-(21/10/2019))

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

[Spooky Crafts \(28/10/2019\)](#)

Suitable for ages 4 and over, booking essential as spaces are limited. to book please ring Chirk Library on 01691 772344

[Messy Museum \(28/10/2019\)](#)

28.10.2019 Messy Museum Monday Paint! We advise you to bring a towel and spare clothing as this session is designed to be messy and we have limited cleaning facilities. Session 1: 10.30am - 11.15am. Session 2: 11.30am – 12.15pm. Drop in. £2 per baby / toddler. Accompanying adult free.

[Witches & Wizard trail & Pumpkin Carving \(29/10/2019\)](#)

Witches & Wizard trail & Pumpkin Carving

Tuesday Oct 29th 2019, 1.30pm—3.30pm, £3.00 per child

Prize for the scariest costume!!

[Make & Take Spooky Craft \(29/10/2019\)](#)

29.10.2019 Make & Take Craft Make a spooky Halloween eyeball!

Perfect for hunting down Where's Wally! 10.30am – 12.30pm £1.50 per eyeball Drop in

[Terrifyingly Spooky Torch Trail \(30/10/2019\)](#)

Terrifyingly Spooky Torch Trail@ Minera Lead Mines Country Park.

Wednesday October 30th 5.00pm; £3 per person

Don't forget to come in your scariest Halloween costume Let the 'ghost of an old miner' take you on a torch lit tour of the pitch black woods surrounding the mine that he died in!

Maybe some of his petrifying pals will join you along the way.

**\*Please note this event may be unsuitable for younger children!!**

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For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-skills-training-innovation-and-web-presence-tickets-73548604857>

[Digital Skills Training: Social Media Marketing & Artificial Intelligence \(24/10/2019\)](#)

For further information and to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-skills-training-social-media-marketing-artificial-intelligence-tickets-73549519593>

**[Storytime with Local Author Chris Wallis Brown \(01/11/2019\)](#)**

Learn all about his characters "The Navidids" who live on the Llangollen Canal. All welcome though stories are aimed at ages 8 and over. Chris will be selling his books and crafts and donating to Wales Air Ambulance.

**[Wrexham Well-being Day - November 7 \(07/11/2019\)](#)**

You are invited to attend our next "Well-being Day" which will be held in Tŷ Pawb on Thursday, November 7 between 11am and 2pm. Well-being is not only about our general health but also our mental health and this event brings lots of organisations together under one roof to offer you information about what they do and how you can access any support, help or information you may need to help you make the right choices for you. Read More:

<https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/wrexham-well-being-day-november-7/>

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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)**

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**Please keep sending in your news. Sybil Bremner.**