

RUABON NEWS LETTER 302

02.12.2019



Children from Reception and Year One classes with their donations

Pupils from St.Mary's Church in Wales Primary School , Ruabon have been filling Christmas shoe boxes again with gifts for children. 'Teams 4U' will take these abroad.



THANK YOU HELEN PROBIN, TEACHING ASSISTANT, FOR SENDING IN THE TEXT AND PHOTOS ON BEHALF OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL.



Santa's Coming!!



Ruabon - Saturday 7th December 2019 - 18.30 start



Start: East Avenue.

Santa will then turn left onto New Hall Road and stop at the bus stop before the round about before heading into Blackbrook Drive where he will stop on both Blackbrook drive and Shellbrook Drive. The sleigh will then head back down New Hall road, turning left into Albert Grove where it will stop twice (at either side of Stanley Grove), before heading to the village hall stop.

Santa will then make the trip up to Pont Adam where he will stop 3 final times on Pont Adam Crescent before finishing back at the Pont Adam Road.



To keep up to date log onto
www.friendsofruabon.co.uk



THIS COMING SUNDAY !!



FROST FAYRE

**THE WYNNSTAY ARMS
RUABON**

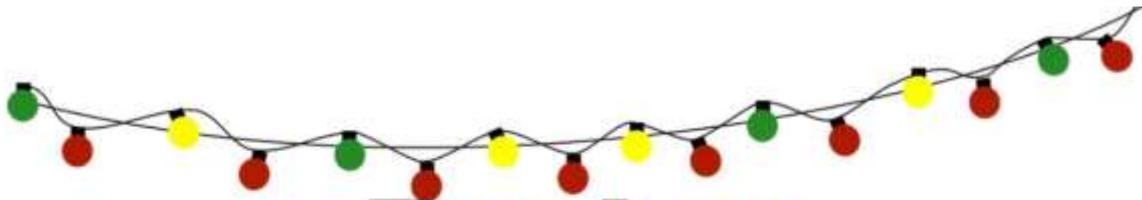
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 1-6PM

FREE SANTA'S GROTTTO

**OVER
25
STALLS**

**FESTIVE
FAMILY
FUN**





**Ruabon
Christmas Lights
Switch On**

**Ruabon Village Hall
Friday 6th December
Doors open 6.30pm**

Free Entry

Visit from Father Christmas

Ceramic Painting

Parental Support Required Refreshments

**Carol Singing
With The Salvation Army**

**Christmas
Lights
at 7pm**



Sponsored by Ruabon Community Council



Christmas Events

St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 30th November 10am - 4pm

Ruabon Community Council Christmas Lights Event

Friday December 6th doors open 6.30pm Lights at 7pm. Craft activities for children, carols around the tree, refreshments and visit from Father Christmas.

Friends of Ruabon Santa Sleigh Tour Dates

Ruabon Saturday December 7th 6.30pm

Johnstown Tuesday December 10th 6.30pm

Pen Y Cae Wednesday December 11th 6.30pm

Plas Madoc & Acrefair Friday December 13th 6.30pm

Cefn Mawr Saturday December 14th 6.30pm

Friends of Ruabon Frost Fayre

Friends of Ruabon Frost Fayre Sunday December 8th 1pm - 6pm at The Wynnstay Arms Ruabon. Over 30 stalls, free Santa's grotto and lots of festive fun.

St Mary's Church Ruabon

Christingle Sunday December 15th 3pm

Live Action Nativity Saturday December 21st 2.30pm outside Ruabon Village Hall

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day Family Service 9am



Just some of the trees on show this year at St Mary's Church, Ruabon.

Each tree has been beautifully decorated to represent a group; a school; a business or just an idea.

The blue Christmas Tree is available for those wishing to add a star in remembrance.

A large tree is expected to be in place by next week.

THANK YOU TO KATE TILTMAN FOR TAKING THESE PHOTOS FOR THE NEWS LETTER





S4C Cyw

Sioe Nadolig
Cyw
Christmas Show



Ysgol Rhiwabon,
Rhiwabon Ruabon
Dydd Iau 12 Rhagfyr
Thursday 12 December
10.45 1.45 5.45



I brynu tocynnau ffoniwch Galeri ar 01286 685222 neu ewch i'r wefan galericarnarfon.com
Mae ffi o £1 ar bob archeb a wneir dros y ffôn neu ar-lein. Cymraeg yw iaith y sioeau.
To book tickets phone Galeri on 01286 685222 or go to galericarnarfon.com
A £1 booking fee will be charged on all telephone and online bookings. Shows are in Welsh.



THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

ST MARYS CHURCH CHOIR

All welcome to come and join in the festive
singing to get us all into the Christmas spirit

There will be mince pie's & mulled wine available.

Donations welcome
All donations will be going to St Mary's Church

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
7PM
SINGING STARTS AT 7:30 PM

The Duke of Wellington, Ruabon, LL14 6DE

Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership

The Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership is pleased to announce that it has been awarded accreditation status by the Welsh Government.

Accreditation arises from the U.K. Government Community Rail Strategy and from 2019 applies across England and Wales. It is administered for Wales and Borders Community Rail Partnerships by Welsh Government; and approvals are based on recommendations from ACoRP, Transport for Wales and Transport for Wales Rail Services, Network Rail also being asked for a view.

Accreditation provides assurance to others, including potential funders and partners, that the Community Rail Partnership operates to high standards of governance and financial propriety; adopts a collaborative approach; is worthy of trust by others; and is a suitable entity for receiving public funds.



Sheila Dee commented that 'Partnership members were informed at our October meeting that we had worked through the submission and had been advised that we were being put forward for accreditation status. All are very pleased that we have achieved this within 6 months of the accreditation launch in Wales & Borders.' Pictured with accreditation status Cllr David Bithell: Chair Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership and Sheila Dee: Community Rail Officer. Press Release November 2019





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GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE



<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/advice-and-support/safer-homes/safer-homes-intro>

PCSO Steve Bellis is advising that everyone should log on to the website above for more practical advice and support on the items listed below.

This follows the recent spate of burglaries in the Wrexham area

Safer Homes

Van Security

Works vans are an increasingly popular target for thieves. But it's not usually the van itself that's stolen - it's the contents in the back, often expensive power tools.

Shed Security

Many of us store valuable items such as power tools or bicycles in our sheds, so it's important to make sure we keep them as secure as possible.

Home Security

Being burgled is a scary prospect, but there are a lot of things you can do to deter burglars from targeting your home.

Protect your property – Register with Immobilise

North Wales Police encourage residents to protect their property by registering valuables on a free national property register.

Car Security

Your vehicle is often your second greatest financial investment after your home. The loss of your vehicle or its contents can be devastating, however, some simple measures can be taken to help protect it.

Cold callers – if in doubt, keep them out!

North Wales Police would like to remind residents to be aware of 'cold callers'.

Are you an allotment owner?

Vandalism, theft, fly tipping and intimidating intruders can be problems on allotments. Here are some tips and advice to help tackle these problems and can help make your plot/site a safer place.

Oil Theft

Thieves have targeted both the residential and business premises.

Car Key Safety

As security systems in cars become increasingly sophisticated, thieves resort to a more obvious way to steal them - burgling a house for the keys and simply driving the car away.

Bicycle Security

The vast majority of bicycle thefts are opportunistic. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to take a bike which is not secured.

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If you need any further advice then please contact PCSO Steve Bellis. For any other enquiries that need a response then that should be 101/999 in an emergency.

SCCH / PCSO 3606 Steve Bellis:

Swyddog Cefnogi Cymuned Heddlu / Police Community Support officer

Gorsaf Heddlu Cefn Mawr/Cefn Mawr Police Station Symudol/Mobile: 07818

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Room Hire

Are you struggling to find a venue for your meeting? Wrexham Library has two rooms which can be hired out to members of the public at a reasonable rate. There is a small meeting room which holds a maximum of eight people and a larger meeting room which will hold up to 25 people. The large room also has a projector and screen for presentation use; plus access to eight networked computers. Charges are based on the number of sessions booked, for example: morning, afternoon or evening. If you would like to hire one of these rooms please call the library on 01978 292090.





A New Exhibition at Wrexham Museum **'Forgotten Wars: The Royal Welch Fusiliers Around the World'**

Wrexham is marking this year's Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day with a new exhibition at the Museum:

Forgotten Wars: The Royal Welch Fusiliers Around The World.

Over the past five years, the main focus of commemorations has been the First World War, but over the centuries the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who recruited heavily across north Wales and were based in Wrexham, were called on to fight in conflicts around the globe. Soldiers from north Wales served in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Many of these wars have become footnotes in history books, their monuments on our streets and in our churches often overlooked, even forgotten. However, these wars are well-remembered in other countries and this exhibition highlights this global history that is part of Wrexham's and Wales's history.

Highlights of the exhibition include:

- Campaign medals from the Crimean War, the Boer War and the 1900 International Expedition to Peking
- A letter about Florence Nightingale
- Traditional weapons from the North-West Frontier province of the Indian Empire
- An Other Ranks' British Army Uniform from the 19th century
- A Chinese communist guerrilla cap from the Malaya Emergency.
- A sketchbook from the deployment in Bosnia-Herzegovina

The exhibition opened on November 8th and will run for a year.

01978 297460 museum@wrexham.gov.uk www.wrexham.gov.uk/museum

Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership

Statement on the December 2019 Rail Timetable

The Chester Shrewsbury Rail Partnership have, over the past few months, tried to engage with Transport for Wales over their proposed new timetable for December 2019.

Despite numerous requests for sight of their proposals no consultation was undertaken.

It is with great disappointment that we find that our hourly service introduced in 2005 under the Arriva Trains Wales franchise is being compromised to the detriment of passengers using those services.

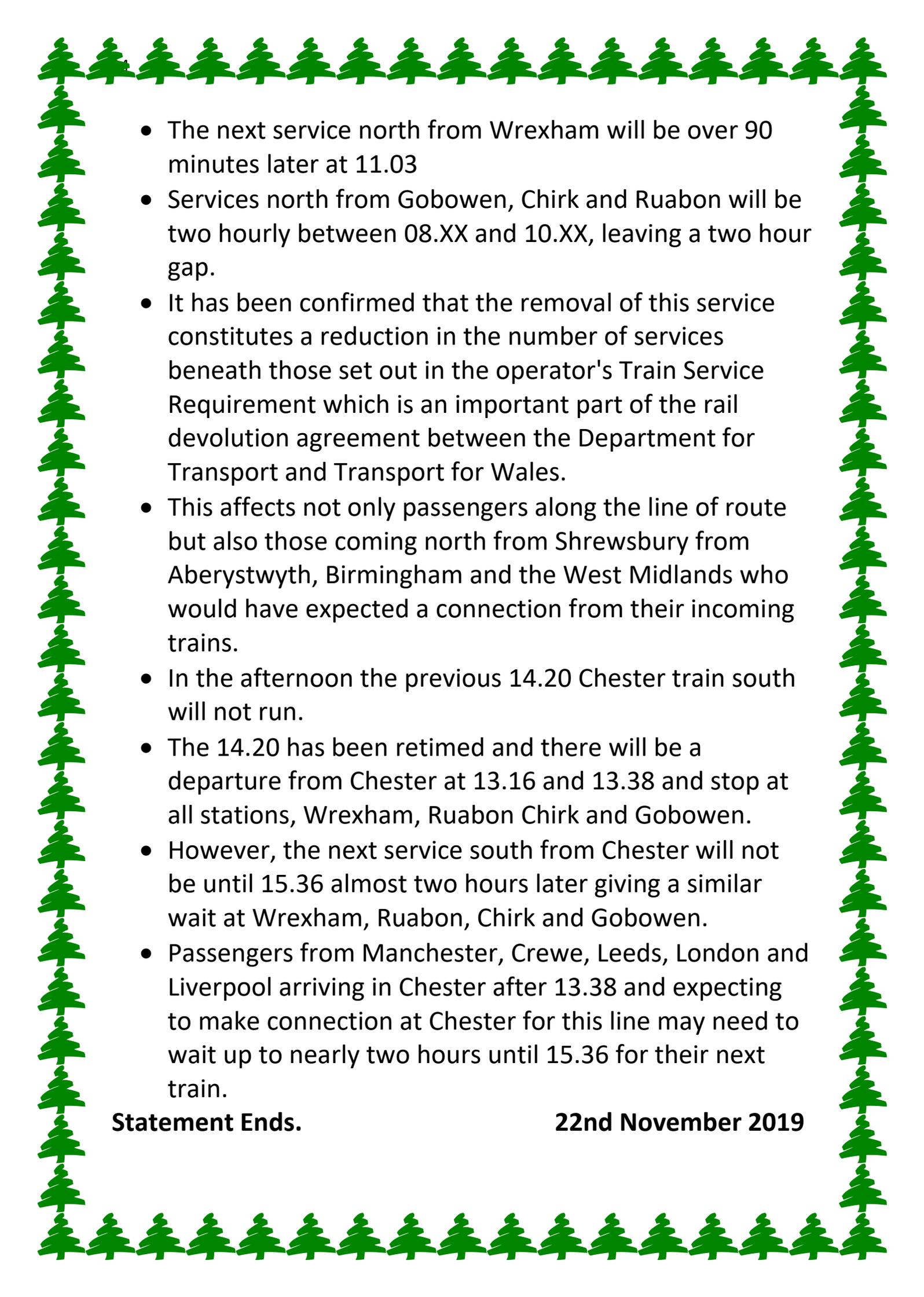
We have lobbied and campaigned through an on-line petition and the Shrewsbury Chester Rail Users Association conducted a survey of passengers affected which clearly showed the hardship these changes would cause.

The Chair of the Partnership, Cllr David Bithell has also written to the Department for Transport highlighting the breach of the Train Service Requirement and the impact the loss of services and change to service pattern will have to passengers both in England and Wales.

These changes include:

From Sunday 15th December **weekday** services will be affected as follows:

- The 09:25 service from Shrewsbury north along this line will no longer run.
- An express service from Cardiff to Holyhead will depart Shrewsbury at 09:01 but not stop at Gobowen, Chirk or Ruabon and will depart Wrexham General at 09:30

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- The next service north from Wrexham will be over 90 minutes later at 11.03
 - Services north from Gobowen, Chirk and Ruabon will be two hourly between 08.XX and 10.XX, leaving a two hour gap.
 - It has been confirmed that the removal of this service constitutes a reduction in the number of services beneath those set out in the operator's Train Service Requirement which is an important part of the rail devolution agreement between the Department for Transport and Transport for Wales.
 - This affects not only passengers along the line of route but also those coming north from Shrewsbury from Aberystwyth, Birmingham and the West Midlands who would have expected a connection from their incoming trains.
 - In the afternoon the previous 14.20 Chester train south will not run.
 - The 14.20 has been retimed and there will be a departure from Chester at 13.16 and 13.38 and stop at all stations, Wrexham, Ruabon Chirk and Gobowen.
 - However, the next service south from Chester will not be until 15.36 almost two hours later giving a similar wait at Wrexham, Ruabon, Chirk and Gobowen.
 - Passengers from Manchester, Crewe, Leeds, London and Liverpool arriving in Chester after 13.38 and expecting to make connection at Chester for this line may need to wait up to nearly two hours until 15.36 for their next train.

Statement Ends.

22nd November 2019



Friends of Ruabon



The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday 7th December between 10am and 12noon at

The Bridge End Inn

(courtesy of Gillian, Peter and Matthew McGivern)

Lots on the Agenda

EVERYONE very welcome to attend

NO JOINING FEE nor any pressure to attend meetings.

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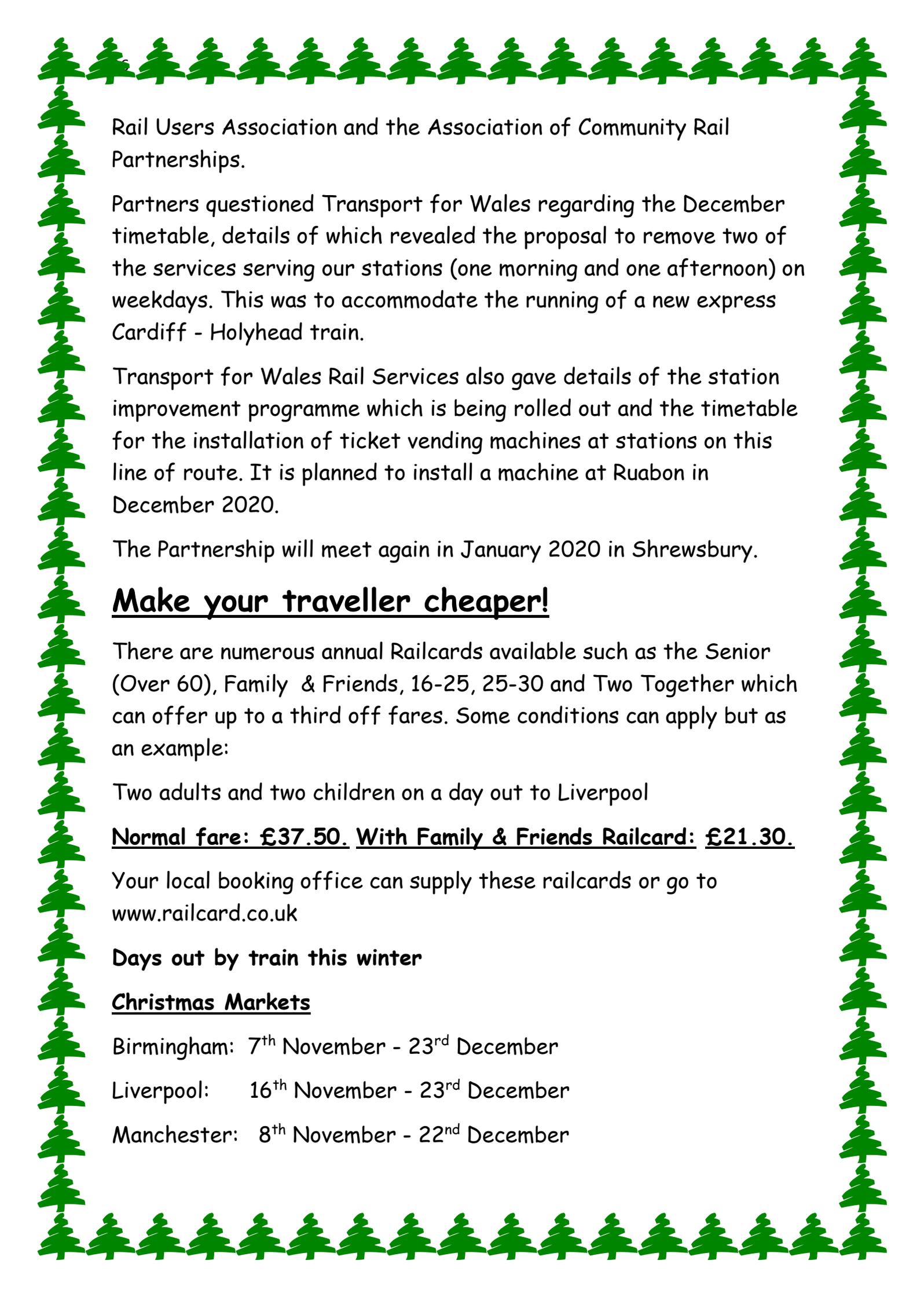
Thank you to Sheila Dee for the following information

News from the Chester to Shrewsbury Rail Partnership Winter 2019 (Ruabon)

The Rail Partnership is part of a nationwide network of community rail partnerships following the Department for Transport's Community Rail Development Strategy and a member of the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

The Partnership works to deliver an agreed business plan following the DfT strategy and the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

The Partnership held their October meeting in the Parish Hall in Chirk and members representing the following organisations were present: Wrexham County Borough Council, Cheshire West & Chester Council, Shropshire Council, Network Rail, Transport for Wales, Transport for Wales Rail Services, British Transport Police, Severn Dee Travel, Cambrian Heritage Railway, Shrewsbury Chester



Rail Users Association and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

Partners questioned Transport for Wales regarding the December timetable, details of which revealed the proposal to remove two of the services serving our stations (one morning and one afternoon) on weekdays. This was to accommodate the running of a new express Cardiff - Holyhead train.

Transport for Wales Rail Services also gave details of the station improvement programme which is being rolled out and the timetable for the installation of ticket vending machines at stations on this line of route. It is planned to install a machine at Ruabon in December 2020.

The Partnership will meet again in January 2020 in Shrewsbury.

Make your traveller cheaper!

There are numerous annual Railcards available such as the Senior (Over 60), Family & Friends, 16-25, 25-30 and Two Together which can offer up to a third off fares. Some conditions can apply but as an example:

Two adults and two children on a day out to Liverpool

Normal fare: £37.50. With Family & Friends Railcard: £21.30.

Your local booking office can supply these railcards or go to www.railcard.co.uk

Days out by train this winter

Christmas Markets

Birmingham: 7th November - 23rd December

Liverpool: 16th November - 23rd December

Manchester: 8th November - 22nd December



Chester: 16th November - 22nd December

Wrexham:..... (13th-15th December Christmas Village
(5th December Victorian Market

Birmingham NEC

Direct train to Birmingham International station and just a few minutes away from the exhibition centre.

Get there as they open. Use the 07.58 train from Ruabon, Monday to Friday, or the 07.52 on Saturday. Arrives 09.50.

November		December	
1-3	Cake International	27	Toy Collectors Fair
2-3	National Pet Show		
8-10	Classic Motor Show/Classic Motorbike Show	January	
14-17	Festive Gift Fair	9-12	Autosport International
16-17	MCM Comic Con	25-26	National Running Show
16-24	Motorcycle Live 2019		
23-24	Warley National Model Railway Exhibition 2019	February	
28-1 st Dec	BBC Good Food Show Winter	18-23	Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show

Jumping Jacks

Out of School Club



and

Holiday
Club

ALWAYS LOTS
OF FUN
AND
NOW
MORE PLACES
AVAILABLE

CSW Registered childcare
Qualified Play work Staff

Opening times

Term Time

Mon – Fri
3.00pm to 6.00pm

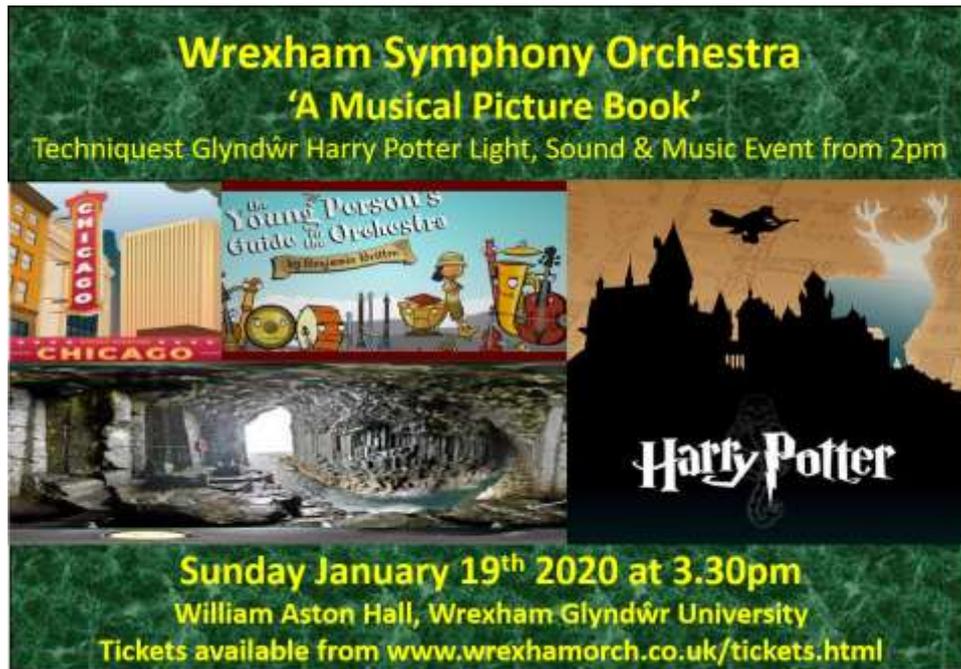
Holiday Club

Full Day 8.00 am — 6.00pm
Half Day 8.00 am — 1.00pm
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





Come, gather your broomsticks and on Sunday January 19th 2020 join Wrexham Symphony Orchestra on a journey to Fingal's Cave on the Isle of Staffs, waltz on the Blue Danube before visiting Rome, crossing the pond to Chicago before winding your way through the Young Person's guide to the Orchestra. The journey will conclude at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Scottish Highlands, visiting Harry Potter and all his friends. A FREE to enjoy Techniquest Glyndwr special event of Harry Potter's Light, Sound and Music Show in the foyer from 2pm. We are encouraging the children (of all ages) to dress up in their Harry Potter costumes, bring their favourite Harry Potter book and Wands to show us their magic. Tickets are on sale at www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets.html and they are also available from the Wrexham and Llangollen Tourist Information Centres. The broomstick concert ride starts at 3.30pm. Why not treat the whole family to a post-Christmas and early New Year treat?

**Croeso i'r
Canolfannau Teuluoedd**

**Welcome to the
Family Centres**



Rydym yn darparu cefnogaeth, cyngor a chyfarwyddyd i blant a phobl ifanc a'u teuluoedd ar draws Wrexham.

We provide support, advice and guidance to children, young people and their families across Wrexham.



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.

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There is a Dementia 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!

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.



Clwb Plant /Children's Club Dydd Mercher
cyntaf o'r mis/ First Wednesday of the
month 3:30yp/3:30pm. Dewch draw am



hwyl, Lego, gemau, posau, lliwio, straeon a llawer mwy.
Come along for fun, Lego, games, puzzles, colouring,
stories and much more. Oed 5 - 10 Years

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.



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Stori â Chân/Dydd Gwener: Story and Rhyme at 2.15pm



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Time to Remember at Ruabon Library

Reminiscence means sharing life experiences, memories and stories from the past. Typically, a person with Dementia is more able to recall things from many years ago than recent memories, so reminiscence draws on this strength. Reminiscence can give people with Dementia a sense of competence and confidence through using a skill they still have. Ruabon hold regular specifically for people living with Dementia, their carers and/or families, to provide them with an opportunity to talk about and share happy memories and good feelings.

The sessions include reading, chatting, listening to music, playing games and more. They take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month, 2-3pm

If you know someone who could benefit from these sessions please call the library to reserve your place? 01978 822002.

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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?

HELLO, 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

AT RUABON LIBRARY

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
- Cwbthau ffurfienni
- Materion Cartref
- Ymholiadau Gofal Iechyd
- Teimio'n unig ac ar ben eich hunan

Please contact me on/ Cysylltwch â mi:

Mobile/Yfon – 07751 778068

Email/Ebost – communityagent@ruabon.lan

Dysgu yn y Llyfrgell

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon | Ruabon Library

Learning at the Library

Dydd Llun

9 Rhagfyr

3 o'r gloch

Monday

9 December

3 o'clock

Ymwybyddiaeth Dementia

Mae 850,000 o bobl yn y DU yn byw gyda dementia a bydd y nifer yn codi i filiwn erbyn 2021.

Bydd y sesiwn yma yn helpu chi deall sut y gallwch fod yn fwy cefnogol i bobl sy'n byw gyda dementia. Gall hyd yn oed y camau lleiaf wneud gwahaniaeth mawr.

Dementia Awareness

There are 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK and this number is expected to rise by 1 million by 2021. This session will help you understand how you can be more supportive to people living with dementia. Even the smallest action can make a difference.



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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 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: Please contact: Rev'd Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP email: chykenam@gmail.com.

RUABON AND DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICES

At St Mary's Church, Ruabon on Monday 2nd December 12.30pm

Funeral (Jack Smith)

Sunday 8th December 8.00am Holy Communion and at 9.30am Holy Communion.

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At Ruabon Methodist Church on Sunday 1st

December at 10.30am, the service will be led by Naomi Squires

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At Ruabon Congregational Church

(The Chapel on the Hill) on Sunday 1st December at 11am there will be no service

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At All Saints' Church, Penylan on Sunday 8th December at 11.00am Holy Communion

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At St John's Church, Rhosymedre on Wednesday 4th December at 10am Advent Course

On Sunday 8th December at 11am Holy Communion

- THE NEXT CELTIC SERVICE WILL BE ON TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 7PM AT THE ST THOMAS CENTRE IN PENYCAE. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE IN JANUARY.

- **JCC COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST MARY'S.** THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON 7TH DECEMBER.
- **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.
- **THE NEXT FISH AND CHIPS AND BINGO** AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 12.30PM. PLEASE LET BEULAH KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME.
- **THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** IS ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 3PM.
- **THE YOUTH GROUP** WILL BE MEETING MONTHLY, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 5PM-6.30PM. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 OR OVER ARE VERY WELCOME TO EAT PIZZA AND HAVE FUN.
- **THE CHRISTMAS MEETING OF 'TIME WELL SPENT'** IS ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 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 16TH 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 DURING ADVENT TO SHARE 'THE ADVENT CALENDAR' BY STEPHEN CROFT.
- **THERE IS A CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD** AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. YOU ARE INVITED TO SIGN THIS CARD INSTEAD OF BUYING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CONGREGATION. PLEASE MAKE A
- **DONATION TO THE CHURCH.** THANK YOU

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 W: www.leadinglearning.co.uk



PRESS RELEASE

National professional learning conference to support schools in horizon scanning and navigating change

The Alliance of Leading Learning, part of The Marches Academy Trust is excited to announce its Professional Learning Conference for 2020. Building on the success of last year, the event will take place at the popular Telford International Conference Centre on Friday 19th June. It is set to be a thought-provoking day that will equip educators with the knowledge to successfully navigate and adapt to changes in the educational landscape.

A number of exciting and inspiring speakers have already been confirmed. Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE, Mathematician and CEO of STEMettes boasts a remarkable CV. Not only did she impressively earn her Master's Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Oxford at just 20 years old, but she has gone on to work for some of the biggest names in industry. Dr Imafidon has gained a wealth of experience, which she will share with delegates to help them inspire the next generation into the STEM sector. Attendees can also look forward to hearing from award winning speaker, best-selling author



and world-renowned thinker, Richard Gerver. Described as one of the most inspirational leaders of his generation, Richard notably transformed a failing Primary School in just two years into one of the most acclaimed learning environments in the world. He was celebrated by UNESCO and the UK Government for its astonishing turnaround. His trademark humour and passionate presentation style is sure to make an impression with delegates.

The afternoon programme will see the founder of 'Leadership Matters' and '#honk' Andy Buck present a keynote speech. Andy has had an exciting career, starting out as a Geography Teacher, before going on to become a Headteacher in east London for thirteen years. More recently, he was given the responsibility of setting up the government's flagship Teaching Schools programme, before being appointed as Managing Director at United Learning - one of the country's largest academy groups. Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching, Professor Dame Alison Peacock will also be sharing her wealth of experience. In March 2015, Alison was appointed by the Department for Education as a member of the Commission on Assessment without Levels and she is author of 'Assessment for Learning without Limits'.

The day's programme will be interspersed with insightful workshops delivered by some of the most inspirational leaders in education: Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands, Andrew Warren; Patron and Professor Mick Waters and Chair of the Teaching School Council, Richard Gill. The conference will also provide a fantastic networking opportunity for delegates to share their own experiences as well as contribute towards their continued professional development.

Executive Director for Alliance of Leading Learning, Cavelle Priestley-Bird commented, "The theme of this year's conference is 'Horizon Scanning and Embracing Change'. It will provide attendees with the skills to embrace the changes in education to ensure deeper learning and promote lasting change. Learning professionals will come together and take away a wealth of knowledge that will enable them to see around corners and have a real impact on driving forward change within their schools".

The conference is aimed at all educational facilitators, including teachers, senior leaders, teaching assistants and anyone who aims to make a difference to the life of a child. To take advantage of the early bird offer or to find out more information please visit <http://leadinglearning.co.uk/professional-learning-conference/> or call 01691 664445. Keep up to date with all the latest conference announcements on Facebook/Twitter @ALLearning1.

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'What's On' in and around Wrexham

This information has recently been updated, and is now available. Where there are no contact details or for more information on the following items: please contact: 01978 292000.

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Winning & Keeping Customers (03/12/2019)

For further information and to book your place: <https://wales.business-events.org.uk/en/events/winning-keeping-customers-2019/>

Level 3 Award : Safeguarding Children, Young People, Adults at risk - 1 Day (05/12/2019): For further information and to book your place:



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/level-3-award-safeguarding-childrenyoung-people-adults-at-risk-1-day-tickets-71628431567?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
Victorian Christmas Market (05/12/2019)

Over 100 stalls selling a selection of festive treats and gifts; alongside Victorian street entertainers and a traditional carousel.

Bryn's Buddies (07/12/2019)

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

Christmas Fun Day (07/12/2019)

Join us for our Christmas Fun Day! Lots of activities, craft, tea, coffee and cake. Interactive nativity at 11am - follow the Christmas story from the 'Angel to the Manger'

Christmas Wreath Workshop (08/12/2019)

Sunday December 8th Christmas Wreath Workshop 11am—2pm £25pp

Football Forever! (09/12/2019)

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.

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Please keep sending in your news and 'Thank you.'
Sybil Bremner.