

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 367

29.03.2021



**Thank you to Alison Hamlington who has sent in this photo and entitled it 'The First Sign of Spring', which also applies to Matthew Bailey's photo below.**



## Congratulations to Daisy Pritchard

Great news from Eileen Pritchard <[winningtooright@me.com](mailto:winningtooright@me.com)> about her daughter Daisy who has managed -so far-to raise over £400 for Comic Relief by doing 5K in her wheelchair.

Daisy is a stroke survivor and has had 3 open heart surgeries - "children have strokes too". Daisy took the route around Ruabon Mountain as it was easier than having to navigate the paths.



**Eileen Ellis Pritchard**

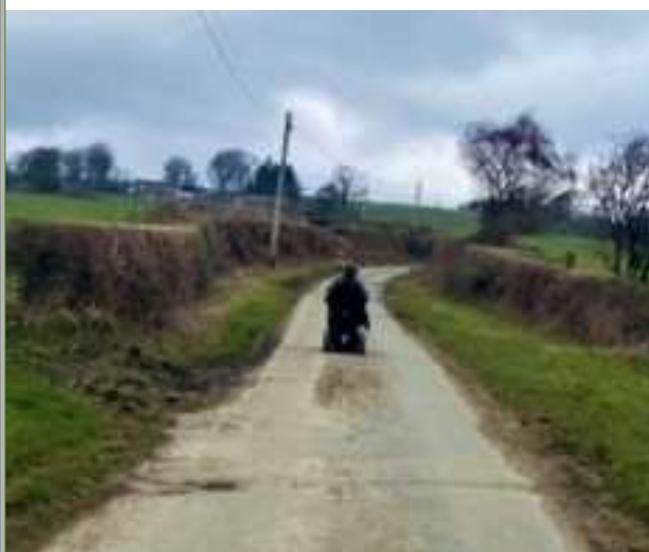
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Thank you to every one who donated to Daisy Wheelchair walk. I went from hoping to get £40 to over £400 🤔 Incredible.



**Help Eileen & Daisy's fundraiser for Comic Relief: Red Nose D**

£440 of £200 raised



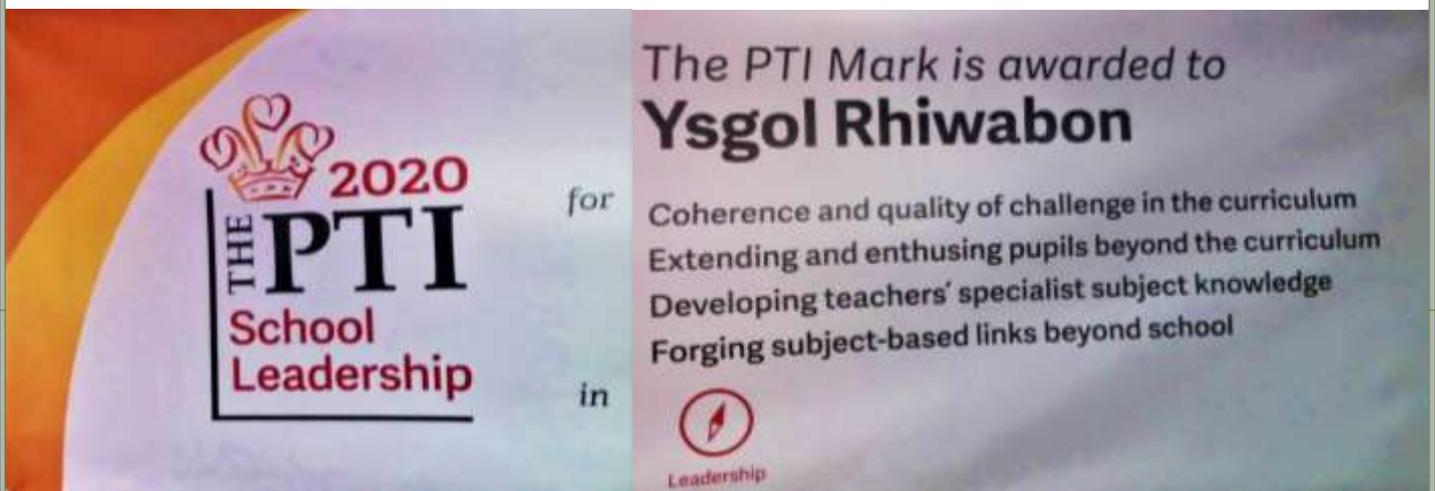
Eileen is justifiably proud of Daisy and of her determination.





YSGOL RHIWABON  
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Everyone at Ysgol Rhiwabon is delighted to display the new "Princes Teaching Institute mark banner", now on view in the main entrance to the school."



Headteacher, Mrs Ferron-Evans, said:  
"I find working with the PTI invaluable.  
It allows the school to develop links with other schools across the UK, which ensures that best practice in school teaching and leadership are shared.  
We are very proud to be the only school North Wales to be a member and look forward to continuing to work closely over the coming years."

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## More News from Ysgol Rhiwabon:

Tuesday, 23rd March 2021

Wrexham County Council are moving to a different on-line payment system shortly, for school meals, which is called "ParentPay".

The ParentPay cashless system will be 'going live' for Ysgol Rhiwabon from the:

14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on site, but is available now for activation. Cash or cheques will no longer be accepted in school for any Catering payment from this date.

Debit cards can be used by parents to pay on-line via the ParentPay system - see below for further information

In addition, cash or debit cards can also be used at PayPoint stores locally - see the Store Location List attached.

Activation letters have been issued from Wrexham County Council - an example of one is attached.



Below are some useful links to the ParentPay system –

### Supporting Parents

Providing quick, effective support for parents is an important part of the ParentPay service.

The following quick guidance documents will explain the most common Parent requests. It covers a number of frequently asked questions - please follow the link -

### Introduction to ParentPay for parents.

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>

How parents log in to make payments

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Parent help pages and frequently asked questions

<https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>

How-to Guides for parents -

[https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-Psupport/index.html?page\\_id=77.html](https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-Psupport/index.html?page_id=77.html)

[Payer guidance - How to activate your account](#)

[Payer guidance - How to pay for items?](#)

[Payer guidance - How to top up your account and then pay for items](#)

[Payer guidance - How to view payment history](#)

[Payer guidance -How to add a child to your account or merge two accounts together](#)

[Payer guidance - How to update your username or password](#)

[Payer guidance - How to make a meal or event booking](#)

[Payer guidance - How to set up email and text alerts](#)

[Payer guidance - How to make a withdrawal from your account](#)

[School Guidance -Creating a second payer account](#)

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**The following pieces of public information from the Welsh Government**

**are sent in by David Goodban.(Member of Support Staff), for us all to understand what is going on and the reasons why.**

## **Ministers call for an end to the bypassing of Devolved Governments**

**Ministers from across the devolved governments have joined together to outline their concerns about the UK Government bypassing Devolved Governments and existing structures to allocate replacement EU funds.**

Following a tri-lateral meeting, Finance Minister, Rebecca Evans, Northern Ireland's Finance Minister, Conor Murphy and Scottish Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance, Ivan McKee have issued a joint statement calling on the UK Government to enter into meaningful engagement and respect the devolved arrangements.

### **The joint statement reads:**

*"As Ministers in the Devolved Governments of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, we wish to register our shared concerns about the UK Government's decision to bypass democratically agreed devolution*

arrangements to deliver the Levelling Up and Community Renewal Funds announced at Budget 2021.

*"We share the aim to spread inclusive economic growth more widely and take the opportunity to simplify systems post EU exit. For that reason, we believe monies to replace EU funds should be allocated in full through the Devolved Governments and successful structures that already exist specifically to deliver economic development to address the needs and opportunities of the people of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland rather than through a new, separate layer of bureaucracy.*

*"The UK Government ignored the Devolved Governments' efforts and requests to input to the development process for these funds for almost three years and is now using powers under the UK Internal Market Act to bypass us completely. It is ignoring our respective devolution arrangements, delivering funding to meet Whitehall's priorities rather than those of the people of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.*

*"This must be addressed before further policy development takes place on the Shared Prosperity Fund. Denying us any meaningful input, harms the effectiveness of these funds, will duplicate resources, and risks value for money and the achievement of better, fairer outcomes, which our communities and people deserve.*

*"The support announced through these funds is not new money. This funding has sat with our respective governments since powers in this area were devolved. Now, bidding for an unidentified share of a UK pot through a competitive process provides no guarantee of success. With decisions being made entirely by the UK Government, this falls far short of commitments made during the EU referendum for all these powers to be fully devolved after EU-exit.*

*"Going forward, we need more than simply a commitment from UK Ministers that the Devolved Governments will be engaged in the development of the Shared Prosperity Fund. We need a clear plan of how and when this will happen and we require consultation and input into the proposed role of the Devolved Governments so that the most vulnerable in our societies are protected and that jobs and prosperity*

*are achieved in a way that is fairer, more inclusive and sustainable for all our citizens.*

*"We will jointly be seeking an urgent meeting with Treasury to raise these important matters."*

**ENDS**

## **Cultural Recovery Fund extended**

Up to £30m to support Wales' diverse culture sector through the ongoing pandemic has been announced by the Welsh Government.

The fund will be delivered jointly by the Welsh Government, the Arts Council of Wales and local authorities.

The Cultural Recovery Fund, launched last summer, provided £63.3m in 2020-21 to support theatres, music venues, heritage sites, events, museums, libraries, galleries, independent cinemas and freelancers.

It was made up of three main elements - the Arts Council for Wales administered funding of more than £18m to support 170 organisations, supporting national and local theatres and art galleries. More than 1,000 jobs have been supported.

The Freelancers Fund was the first of its kind in the UK and has provided a total of £18m of grant support to 3,500 freelancers who have been unable to work during the pandemic and will be vital to the Wales' cultural recovery.

The Welsh Government-administered element of the fund provided £27m to support the culture, creative, events and heritage sectors. More than 500 organisations received funding.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas said:

*"We recognise the unprecedented challenges the pandemic is having on the cultural fabric of Welsh life and we applaud the resilience and creativity on show.*

*"We all want to be back in theatres, cinemas and our local gig venues and galleries as soon as possible, but we must stay patient. We have been honest and realistic with people in Wales from the outset, rather than painting the most optimistic picture we can.*

*"With that in mind we have listened and worked with the cultural and creative sectors to put this additional package of support in place and I'm certain it will provide welcome relief, as well as building blocks for the future."*

The new funds will open for applications from 6 April and be delivered jointly by the Welsh Government, Arts Council of Wales and local authorities.

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An eligibility checker will be live from midday Wednesday, 24/03/2021

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## **£1.5m to ensure covid-secure Senedd election**

The Welsh Government is making £1.5m available to returning officers to enable polling stations for the Senedd election to be made covid-secure.

The additional funding is being provided to cover the range of extra staff and equipment required to ensure the protection of staff and public health.

Voters attending polling stations will see many of the protective measures they are already now familiar with in other settings. Hand sanitiser will be available, and screens, social distance markings and protective barriers will be in use as appropriate.

In addition, all voters and staff should wear a face covering (unless exempt), while social distancing will be in place both inside and outside polling stations. While voters will be encouraged to bring their own pen or pencil to mark their ballot papers, fresh clean pencils will still be available.

Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James said:  
*"The Welsh Government recognises the challenges of running an election during the current pandemic.*

*"The additional £1.5m in funding we're making available will help ensure polling stations are covid-secure for both staff and voters. This includes funding for personal protective equipment, social distancing aides, cleaning materials, and additional staff to manage polling stations."*

The Minister added:

*"We are all aware how difficult it has been to continue with essential local authority services over the past year. Electoral administrators and returning officers are no exception to this and have been working tirelessly in a challenging and ever-changing environment to prepare for these elections and maintain public confidence in our democracy. I am very grateful to them for their endeavours."*

Anyone who is shielding, or anyone who would for any reason prefer not to attend a polling station, can apply for a postal or proxy vote in advance of the elections. Details on how to apply for a postal or proxy vote can be found on the [Electoral Commission website](#) and will also be provided on poll cards.

Anyone who has tested positive for coronavirus, or who is displaying symptoms, should self-isolate. The Welsh Government has put in place new rules to allow for emergency proxy voting leading up to polling day and until 5pm on the day itself. This will mean that voters who are self-isolating due to coronavirus exposure, testing or symptoms can still have their say in these elections without having to leave their home.

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## **Wales votes to protect its pets as new law passes Senedd**

**A vote has just passed in the Senedd introducing new regulations for pet sales. The regulations will also ban third party sales of puppies and kittens.**

This means that from 10 September it will be an offence to sell a puppy or kitten which the seller has not bred themselves.

Crucially the new Regulations require the seller to have bred the puppy or kitten "at the premises" - which puts a stop to lengthy and multiple transportations for the young animals, which can cause distress. This applies to travel in and around Wales, as well as banning puppies and kittens from being brought in to Wales, for sale.

**Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths said:**

"Our much-loved pets fill us with joy, complete our families, and have helped us get through tough lockdowns during the pandemic. "I want to thank all Senedd members for voting to ban the third party sales of puppies and kittens today. The people of Wales who responded to our consultation were overwhelmingly in favour of making this happen, and the charities, vets, volunteers and organisations that have worked tirelessly to help form the law into what has been passed today also deserve our thanks.

"We hope a ban will encourage respectful and responsible attitudes towards all animals, provide greater transparency for people who wish to welcome puppies or kittens into their homes as to how they have been bred, and empower Local Authorities to take action if they have concerns about how puppies and kittens are being bred and sold."

**Chief Veterinary Officer Christianne Glossop said:**

"The way we treat animals reflects the values of our society. That is why Welsh Government and the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group work in conjunction to promote high animal welfare standards and the responsible ownership of animals. This law will now close loopholes to protect the welfare and wellbeing of our puppies and kittens, while educating us all about what is right and fair for our pets."

The Regulations will come fully into force on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

During this time Statutory Guidance will be co-produced to support enforcement by Local Authorities and this timeline will also allow existing sellers affected to make changes and consider a different operating model to mitigate any potential impact. **ENDS**

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## **12m to tackle potholes across Wales**

Housing and Local Government Minister Julie James has announced an extra £12m of funding for local authorities to fix potholes and improve roads, pavements and active travel routes across Wales.

The additional funding will allow local authorities to continue with planned highways maintenance works, boosting the economy and making active travel safer. Local authorities will also be better able to respond to the impact of recent weather events, including damage to highways caused by the recent flooding.

The £12m additional funding further highlights the Welsh Government's commitment to high quality active travel and public transport. Llwybr Newydd, the Welsh Government's new transport strategy, pledged a bold increase in the number of people using public active travel or walking and cycling to get around. It highlighted the need to make best use of existing infrastructure through effective maintenance and management.

Local Government and Housing Minister Julie James said:

*"We know that during the pandemic with a quieter road network most councils have already made good use of the opportunity to undertake repairs and improvements.*

*"We are providing this extra funding to reflect the flood damage we have seen to highways across Wales and the ways in which we are using our local environment differently.*

*"By providing this extra funding, we are enabling local authorities to continue making improvements to roads in Wales, boosting the economy and making roads safer for active travel."*

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### **A message from the Rev'd. Kate Tiltman:**



"We are opening on Easter Sunday at 9.30am for a service of Holy Communion. All are welcome, but please follow the one way system, wear a mask and observe social distancing. Thank you"

Mass is still taking place every Sunday at 11am.

## RUABON MEDICAL CENTRE

Thank you to Dawn Hughes (Practice Manager) for sending in all the following information, which also includes 'Good News for Voluntary Groups'.



At Same but Different, we strive to make a positive difference to the lives of those affected by rare diseases. Through our Rare Navigator service, we offer emotional and practical support and information to individuals, their families and all involved in their care, from the point of diagnosis and beyond.

Our family-focused care co-ordination and advocacy service aims to ensure that each family is able to access the level of support they require to meet their needs. Our team can help you to access beneficial services and equipment, and can provide helpful information, tools and resources that encourage understanding of rare diseases and how it may affect your family.

We work closely with national and local health and social care providers to ensure that our families are informed and have access to optimum care, treatment and services that can assist daily life and increase opportunities for independence and social interaction.

Our rare navigator team is dedicated to supporting families affected by rare diseases throughout North Wales. They have a personal and professional understanding of the complexities and difficulties that families face.

They can support you in navigating your way through your rare disease journey. Some of the ways they support families include:

- Home visits (whenever necessary)
- Supporting families to understand the choices of care that may be available
- Helping families to access their local healthcare services
- Liaising with local health and social care teams, which may include your Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist or Social Worker
- Working with schools and teaching staff to provide information to support children in attending and achieving at school
- Accompanying individuals and families to clinic appointments or meetings.

For more information, please contact us on [enquiries@samebutdifferentcic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@samebutdifferentcic.org.uk) or call 01352 757007

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## **OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICE**

### **EMERGENCY DENTAL CLINICS –**

### **MAY BANK HOLIDAY PERIOD 2021**

Patients who are not on a General Dental Practitioner list should contact

**NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47.**

Patients who are on a General Dental Practitioner list should contact their own surgery to listen to an answer-phone message for details of out of hours arrangements. You may be asked to contact NHS Direct Wales.

### **EMERGENCY DENTAL CLINICS OVER THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY PERIOD WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **MAY DAY – MONDAY 3 MAY**

<b>ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL</b>	<b>DEESIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL</b>
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#### **SPRING BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY 31 MAY**

<b>ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL</b>	<b>WREXHAM DENTAL CENTRE</b>	<b>DEESIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL</b>	<b>LLANFAIRPWLL DENTAL CLINIC</b>
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**All clinics by appointment only.**

Please contact NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647 for access information.

**Toothache, no matter how painful, is not classed as a dental emergency.**

**Please note:** Unless you are exempt from NHS dental charges and can show documentary proof (i.e. you are in receipt of a benefit such as Income Support, Tax Credits or Job Seekers Allowance) you are required to pay a small fee for your treatment. **Preferred payment method is debit card.**

<i>Alexandra Dental Royal Alexandra Hospital Rhyl, LL18 3AS</i>	<i>Wrexham Dental Centre Grove Road Wrexham, LL11 1DY</i>	<i>Deeside Hospital Plough Lane Deeside, CH5 1XS</i>	<i>Llanfairpwll Clinic Penmynydd Road Llanfairpwll, LL61 5YZ</i>
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## GWASANAETH DEINTYDDOL BRYD Y TU ALLAN I

### ORAU CLINIGAU DEINTYDDOL BRYD –

### CYFNOD GŴYL BANC MAI 2021

Dylai cleifion nad ydynt ar restr Ymarferwyr Deintyddol Cyffredinol gysylltu â **Galw Iechyd Cymru** ar **0845 46 47**. Dylai cleifion sydd ar restr Ymarferwyr Deintyddol Cyffredinol gysylltu â'u deintyddfa eu hunain i wrando ar neges beiriant ateb i gael manylion am y trefniadau tu allan i oriau. Mae'n bosibl y bydd gofyn i chi gysylltu â Galw Iechyd Cymru.

### BYDD CLINIGAU DEINTYDDOL BRYD FEL A GANLYN DROS GYFNOD GŴYL BANC MAI:

#### CALAN MAI – DYDD LLUN 3 MAI

Ysbyty Brenhinol Alexandra	Ysbyty Cymuned Glannau Dyfrdwy
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#### GŴYL BANC Y GWANWYN – DYDD LLUN 31 MAI

Ysbyty Brenhinol Alexandra	Canolfan Ddeintyddol Wrecsam	Ysbyty Cymuned Glannau Dyfrdwy	Clinig Deintyddol Llanfairpwll
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**Bydd bob clinig drwy apwyntiad yn unig.**

Cysylltwch â Galw Iechyd Cymru ar 0845 4647 i gael gwybodaeth am fynediad.

**Nid yw dannodd, waeth pa mor boenus, yn cael ei ystyried fel argyfwng deintyddol.**

<b>Sylwer:</b> Oni bai eich bod wedi'ch eithrio o daliadau deintyddol y GIG ac yn gallu dangos dogfennau i brofi hyn (h.y. yn derbyn budd-dâl megis Cymhorthdal Incwm, Credydau Treth neu Lwfans Ceisio Gwaith) rhaid i chi dalu ffi fach am eich	<i>Canolfan Ddeintyddol Wrecsam Ffordd y Llwyni Wrecsam, LL11 1DY</i> triniaeth. Y dull talu yw cerdyn debyd YN UNIG. <i>Alexandra Dental Ysbyty Brenhinol Alexandra</i>	<i>Ysbyty Glannau Dyfrdwy Lôn yr Aradr Glannau Dyfrdwy, CH5 1XS</i>	<i>Clinig Llanfairpwll Ffordd Penmynydd Llanfairpwll, LL61 5YZ</i>
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## Amseroedd Agor Fferyllfeydd dros Y Pasg, Gwyliau Banc Mis Mai a Mis Awst 2021

### Pharmacy Opening Times Over Easter, May & August Bank Holidays 2021

Dalier sylw y bydd Fferyllfa Bodelwyddan, Ffordd Abergele, Bodelwyddan ar agor bod dydd o 09:00 – 22:00

Please note Bodelwyddan Pharmacy, Abergele Road, Bodelwyddan will be open every day from 09:00-22:00 Ffôn / Tel: 01745 583862

Fferyllfa Pharmacy		Rhif Ffôn	Dydd Gwener	Dydd Sul y Pasg	Dydd Llun y Pasg	Gŵyl Banc Mai	Gŵyl Banc y Gwanwyn	Gŵyl Banc Mis Awst
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Brychdyn / Broughton	Boots UK	Parc Siopa Brychdyn/Broughton Shopping Park	01244 538520	09:00-20:00	Ar Gau / Closed	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00
Cei Connah / Connah's Quay	Morrisons	Parc Siopa'r Cei / Quay Shopping Centre	01244 836072	09:00 - 18:00	Ar Gau / Closed	10:00 - 16:00	09:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 16:00
Yr Wyddgrug/ Mold	Boots UK	19-21 Stryd Fawr / 19-21 High Street	01352 700325	09:00 – 17:30	Ar Gau / Closed	10:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 16:00
Yr Wyddgrug/ Mold	Tesco	Ponterwyl	01352 981500	09:00 - 20:00	Ar Gau / Closed	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00
Saltney	Morrisons	Stryd Fawr / High Street	01244 629116	09:00 - 18:00	Ar Gau / Closed	10:00 - 16:00	09:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 16:00
Wrecsam / Wrexham	Boots UK Ltd	Eagles Meadow, B6-B7 Dôl yr Eryrod / B6-	01978 291433	08:30 - 18:00	Ar Gau /	10:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 16:00

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## NEWYDDION DA I GRWPIAU GWIRFODDOL LLEOL

Mae Loto Lwcus yn blatfform ar-lein i godi arian yn y gymuned, ar gyfer y gymuned. Mae'r holl arian sy'n cael ei godi'n mynd i achosion da sydd o fudd i'r gymuned leol yng Nghonwy. Mae pob tocyn yn costio £1 yr wythnos ac mae'r rhifau'n cael eu tynnu bob nos Sadwrn am 8pm.

**MAE AM DDIM** i'ch achos chi ymuno ac rydych yn derbyn 50c o bob tocyn rydych yn ei werthu drwy eich tudalen ar ein gwefan ni. Y cyfan sydd angen i chi ei wneud yw marchnata'r loteri i'ch cefnogwyr. Byddwch hyd yn oed yn cael deunyddiau marchnata i'ch helpu i ddechrau arni.

**Mae gwneud cais yn hawdd** - mae'r cyfan yn cael ei wneud ar-lein a dim ond ychydig funudau o amser sydd ei angen. Ewch i <https://www.cvscslotolwcus.co.uk/good-causes>

- Mae am ddim i ymuno a does DIM costau, byth
- Cofrestrwch a chael eich tudalen eich hun ar wefan y loteri. Anfonwch gefnogwyr i'ch tudalen i Brynu tocynnau
- Mae eich achos da'n cadw 50% o holl werthiant y tocynnau
- Gall chwaraewyr ENNILL gwobrau hyd at Jacpot gwerth £25,000
- Bydd Gatherwell Cyf. yn darparu deunyddiau marchnata sy'n cael eu diweddarau'n rheolaidd i chi. Byddwch yn cael mynediad i'ch dangosfwrdd ar-lein eich hun. Mae'r arian yn cael ei dalu'n uniongyrchol i'ch cyfrif yn fisol.

### Hapus i helpu

Os oes gennych chi unrhyw gwestiynau gallwch ein ffonio ni ar:

01492 483015

Neu ewch i:

[www.cvscslotolwcus.co.uk](http://www.cvscslotolwcus.co.uk)



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www.cvsc.org.uk



## GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Loto Lwcus is an online platform to raise money within the community, for the community. All funds raised go to good causes that benefit the local community in Conwy. Each ticket costs £1 a week and the draw takes place every Saturday at 8pm.

It's **FREE** for your cause to join and you receive 50p from **every ticket you sell** via your page on our website. All you need to do is market the lottery to your supporters. You'll even be provided with marketing materials to help you get started.

### Applying is easy

- it's all done online and takes a few minutes. Just go to <https://www.cvsclotolwcus.co.uk/good-causes>

- It's Free to join and there are **NO costs, ever**
- Sign up and get your own page on the lottery website. Send supporters to your page to Buy tickets
- Your good causes keep 50% of all ticket sales
- Players can WIN prizes up to the £25,000 Jackpot
- Gatherwell Ltd will provide you with regularly updated marketing materials You'll have access to your own online dashboard Funds are paid directly into your account monthly

### Happy to help

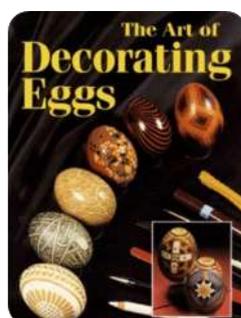
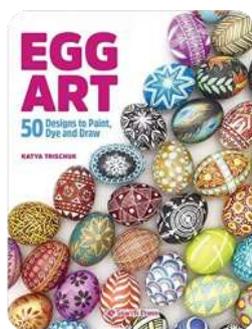
If you have any questions you can call us on: **01492 483015**

Or go to:  
[www.cvsclotolwcus.co.uk](http://www.cvsclotolwcus.co.uk)

## Llyfrgell Rhiwabon Library



For some eggsiting reads & eggstra special things  
to do this Easter!



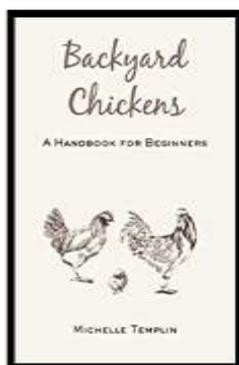
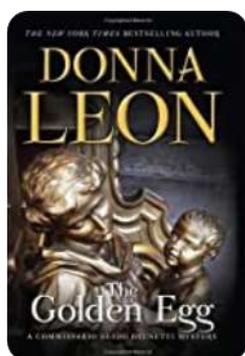
### Oriau Agor Dros Dro Temporary Opening Hours

Llun, Mawrth a Mercher Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 12 -5, Thursday 9.00 - 1.15

Call on 01978 822002 or email [ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk)

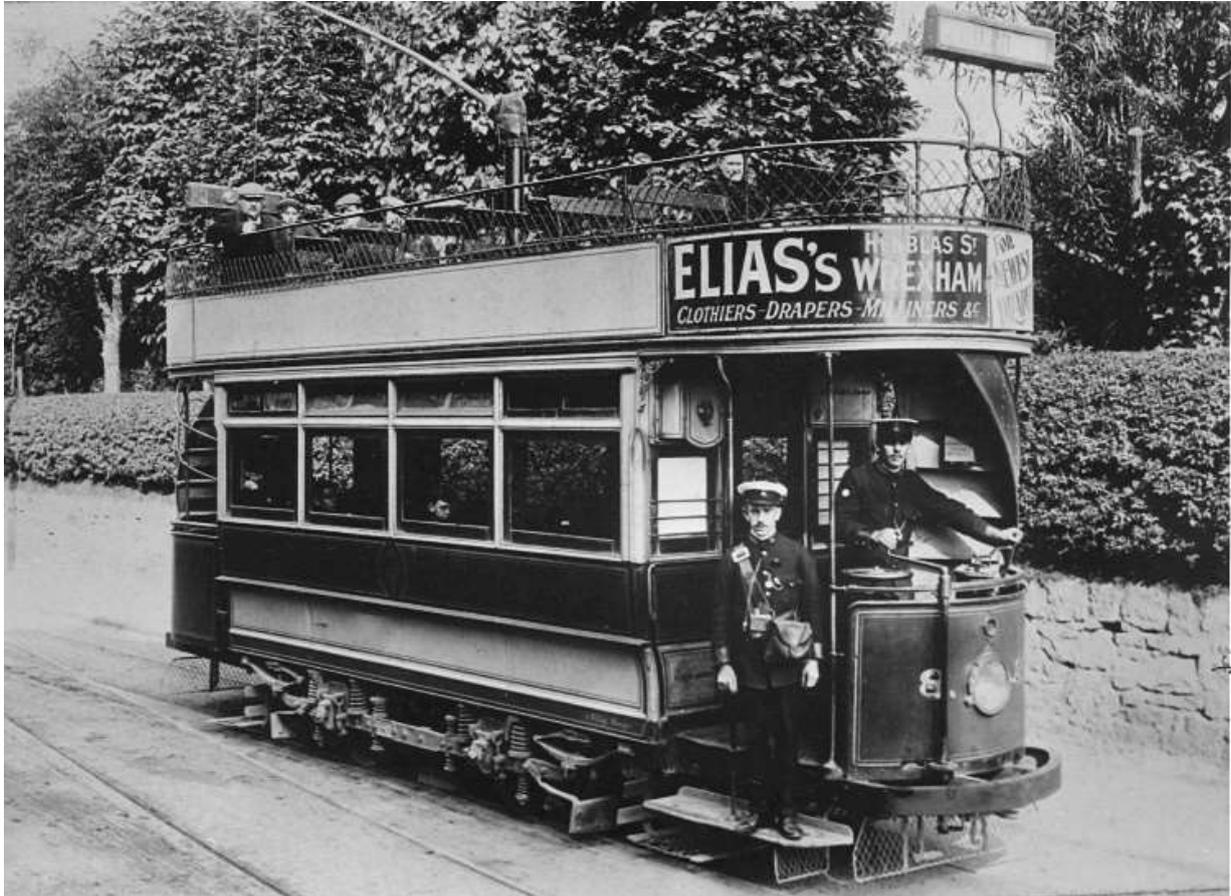
Library closed - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April till Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Reopens Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.



# Wrexham Museum

Decision Time! (and you can help)



Wrexham Museum has two historic trams and the time has come to decide what their future holds.

On Thursday, March 31, 7pm-8.30pm, we will be holding a Zoom seminar so that you can find out more about the trams and the work that could be done. [If you would like to take part, register here](#). We are also asking you to [fill out our questionnaire](#) to let us know what you think we should do with them.

These trams are the only known survivors of Wrexham's fleet of 10 trams purchased from Brush Electrical Engineering Company. Built in 1903, they ran between Wrexham town centre and Rhosllanerchrugog until 1927, when they were replaced by buses and the tram fleet was sold.

The trams are currently in open storage at Bersham Colliery. They are in poor condition, and the museum service has therefore appointed consultants to advise on their future preservation. Some of the possible options are:

1. Do nothing
2. Donate tramcars to a specialist tram museum
3. Cosmetically restore to original appearance as an operating tram for interior static display at the museum or other location
4. Cosmetically restore and use as seating for the café, or display space within the shop
5. Restore to running condition
6. Restore as a holiday cottage for holiday rental

You can read more about the project and possible options in a document that has been put together by the museum and is available as part of the survey.

*This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.*

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## [Heather Quayle](#)

(Guide leader for 1<sup>st</sup> Ruabon Guides and Deputy Commissioner for the area), still working hard during lockdown.

Her facebook message:  
"Busy night tonight on zoom with Brownies and Guides. Happy Easter 🐰"  
(Looking good Heather!)



## Digital Storytelling - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Wales Neurological Alliance** in partnership with **Digital Communities Wales** welcomes you to a training session to help people living with a neurological condition to use digital technology. There are many incredible uses for digital technology and a favourite of ours at Digital Communities Wales is the wonderful and wholesome Digital Storytelling capabilities that we are able to achieve by simply using our smartphones.

During this session, we will demonstrate how you may utilise these apps to upload images from your home or the web and combine them with narration or written text and music to create powerful, short video clips. This free webinar will last approximately 1 hour, as we guide you on your journey to tell a story through the application of Digital Technology.

Join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2pm-3pm

To book click here: [http://bit.ly/DCW Digital Stories](http://bit.ly/DCW_Digital_Stories)

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**To find out more about this FREE course,  
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# Library News

Library News for the week beginning 28 March



## Author of the month

Catherine Isaac is the author of 12 best-selling novels, nine of which were written under the pseudonym Jane Costello. Catherine was born in Liverpool and began her career as a trainee reporter at the Liverpool Echo, where she worked until she became Editor of the Liverpool Daily Post. She wrote her first book, *Bridesmaids*, while on maternity leave. 'You Me Everything' was her first book writing as Catherine Isaac and was published in 2018. It was selected by the Richard & Judy Book Club, has been translated into 25 languages and a movie adaptation is in development by Lionsgate and Temple Hill. Her next novel, 'Messy, Wonderful Us' was published at the end of 2019, and will be followed by 'The World At My Feet', which is scheduled for

UK publication on 18 March 2021. Catherine lives in Liverpool with her husband Mark and three sons. She enjoys running, playing tennis, spending time in the Lake District and reading a lot of books.

## Wrexham's Carnival of Words

Amanda Prowse and Josiah Hartley; *The Boy Between – A Mother and Son's Journey from a World Gone Grey*

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Josh's situation is not unusual: the statistics on student mental health are terrifying and in addition to his perilous condition, he was not the only one suffering; his family was also hijacked by his illness, watching him struggle and paralysed by the fear that one day it

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would just become too much for him. In this book, Josiah and Amanda hope to give a voice to those who suffer, and to show them that help can be found. It is Josiah's raw, at times bleak, sometimes humorous, but always honest account of what it is like to live with depression. It is Amanda's heart-rending account of her pain at watching him suffer, speaking from the heart about a mother's love for her child. 'The Boy Between' is the book they wish had been there for them during those dark times. This online event forms part of a highly entertaining programme which has been put together for one of Wales' premier literary festivals. To book your £15 Festival Ticket and for more details please visit [www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com](http://www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com). Saturday 24 April, 2.00pm

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## Tir na n-Og Books Awards

The Books Council of Wales is delighted to announce six Welsh-language books shortlisted for the 2021 Tir na n-Og Awards, which celebrate the best books from Wales for children and young people.

The primary age category includes *Ble Mae Boc – Ar Goll yn y Chwedlau* by Huw Aaron, *Mae'r Cyfan i Ti* by Luned Aaron and *Sw Sara Mai* by Casia Wiliam. Three stories exploring Wales at different times through history feature in the English-language books shortlisted for the Tir na n-Og Children's Book Awards 2021. The periods of history range from the early Middle Ages when Welsh national identity was gathering strength in *The Short Knife* by Elen Caldecott, to a family emigrating from Wales to the USA at the turn of the twentieth century in *The Quilt* by Valériane Leblond, and a contemporary story set in the Celtic rainforest of north Wales in *Where the Wilderness Lives* by Jess Butterworth.

Organised by the Books Council of Wales and sponsored by CILIP Cymru Wales, the annual awards celebrate the best books for children and young adults published in 2020. You can add any of these books to your next order and collect list by visiting [www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries)

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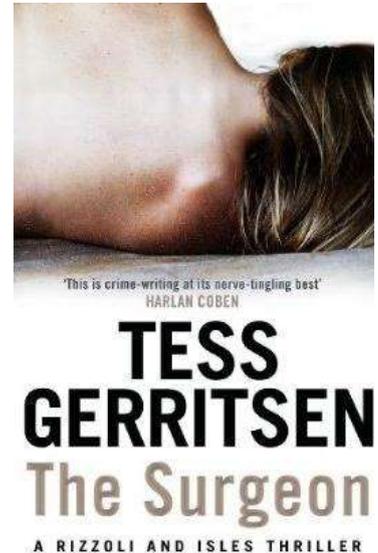
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## Book Review

### The Surgeon by Tess Gerritsen

This is the first novel by Tess Gerritsen featuring Detective Jane Rizzoli. If you like crime novels this will not disappoint but is not for the faint hearted. A copycat killer is on the loose in Boston, terrorising young women and brutally killing them. It is obvious the killer has a medical background, as he carries out medical procedures on his victims prior to killing them. He is closing in on his ultimate kill, who was a survivor of the original attacker. If like me you enjoy well written crime thrillers, that have strong characters and a clever plot then this book should certainly appeal. It is a very addictive read, and I have gone on to read the whole series, I do love this author! Tina.



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“These four little ones are very lucky. We only just managed to scoop them out of rising flood water after Mum could do no more for them.

This sett is on a flood plain and this flooding happens regularly so our monitor was on edge as the water was rising but it was their dog that alerted them to the heart stopping situation. He heard the cubs screams from a distance and took our monitor to where they were.

It was dark and Mum had tried to move the babies, that were just a few days old, out of the rising water but had got them stuck and they were being surrounded by the river. Our monitors held their breath and lay down in the water to pull them out one by one, got them warm and dry, and made them safe and warm in a cat box with a hot water bottle under them.

Leaving them cosy but with an opened box for Mum to reach in for them and hoping that the torrential rain, cold or anything else didn't get them was horrendous. Our monitor then had a sleepless night waiting for Mum to come for her babies and take them to higher ground but for whatever reason she didn't come.

So then at dawn we made a mad dash to meet our friends from [Cuan Wildlife Rescue](#) who have taken the babies into their expert care and are already doing a grand job with them.” **This facebook item was posted by Bill Smith on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of last month. Best wish all, Sybil.**

