

RUABON NEWS LETTER 368

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A Nuthatch has commandeered this bird bath

(Another brilliant photo which has been sent in by Amelia Bailey).

PROJECT TO ERECT LIFE-SIZE SCULPTURE OF ROYAL WELCH FUSILIER AND REGIMENTAL GOAT IN WREXHAM



AN EXCITING project is now under discussion by Offa Community Council to construct a memorial garden to the Royal Welch Fusiliers in front of the Hightown Barracks in Wrexham.

The project to erect a bronze life-size sculpture of a Royal Welch Fusilier with the regimental goat in a flood-lit landscaped setting is now gaining momentum.

The sculptor chosen for the commission Nick Elphick of Llandudno has done many similar public commissions with his work exhibited all over the country and he is well-known from his appearances on the Sky Discovery Channel. Offa Community Council is working in partnership with representatives from the Royal Welch Fusiliers (RWF) and other organisations including Wrexham County Borough Council and the Wales and West Housing Association on the project.

Already an army of local businesses have come forward on hearing of the project with offers of help.

Stewart Rawson Electrical of Wrexham have offered to install the floodlighting around the sculpture for free, Bellis Transport have offered to transport the finished sculpture to site from the foundry and Wales and West Housing Association have offered to install the footpaths, benches and noticeboard. Several community councils in other parts of Wrexham have offered to contribute financially towards the project, and Offa Community Council and the RWF are committed to large financial contributions towards the overall costs.

A bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for further funding is currently underway. It is expected that some residents and businesses of the town would also like to get involved in some way and they are invited to contact the Clerk to Offa Community Council, Mrs Karen Benfield at clerk@offacommunitycouncil.gov.uk with all offers of help.



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Wrexham AFC is proud to launch our new club membership scheme for the 2021/22 season, which is open for sign-ups now.

As the club embarks on our journey under new ownership, we are calling on all of our supporters - old and new - to get on board and join the adventure with Rob and Ryan. And, if you sign up before May 31, 2021, your 2021/22 membership is completely **FREE**.

Membership is open to all Wrexham AFC supporters, whenever you first tuned into our 156-year story. From North Wales to North America and beyond, we want you to be part of the latest chapter in the storied history of Wales' oldest professional football club.

Available to supporters of all ages, becoming an official member of Wrexham AFC will give you access to exclusive offers and the chance to win unique prizes.

All are welcome - old fans and new, young or not so young, famous or familiar. Whether you can see the massive floodlights from your bedroom window, or join the Worldwide Reds streaming this season's matches globally, Wrexham AFC is your club or even your second club!

Please note - All supporters currently need their own unique email address to sign up. We are reviewing this situation and will keep fans updated.

Further details of the many benefits of club membership will be released shortly.

But, with no membership fee for anyone who signs up before May 31, 2021, what are you waiting for? To sign up go to wxmafc.uk/membership

Don't forget to check your junk folder if your acknowledgement email does not come through - and add us to your contacts list to ensure you don't miss any membership updates.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Vaccine research and development

28 October 2020 | Q&A

Reviewed and current on 19 February 2021.

How is the research and development process being accelerated without compromising safety?

WHO and its partners are committed to accelerating the development of COVID-19 vaccines while maintaining the highest standards on safety.

In the past, vaccines have been developed through a series of steps that can take many years. Now, given the urgent need for COVID-19 vaccines, unprecedented financial investments and scientific collaborations are changing how vaccines are developed. This means that some of the steps in the research and development process have been happening in parallel, while still maintaining strict clinical and safety standards. For example, some clinical trials are evaluating multiple vaccines at the same time. However, this does not make the studies any less rigorous.

What are human challenge studies? What is WHO's view on these studies?

In a regular vaccine study, one group of volunteers at risk for a disease is given an experimental vaccine, and another group is not; researchers monitor both groups over time and compare outcomes to see if the vaccine is safe and effective.

In a human challenge vaccine study, healthy volunteers are given an experimental vaccine, and then deliberately exposed to the organism causing the disease to see if the vaccine works. Some scientists believe that this approach could accelerate COVID-19 vaccine development, in part

because it would require far fewer volunteers than a typical study.

However, there are important ethical considerations that must be addressed - particularly for a new disease like COVID-19, which we do not yet fully understand and are still learning how to treat; it may be difficult for the medical community and potential volunteers to properly estimate the potential risks of participating in a COVID-19 human challenge study.

For more information, [see this WHO publication on the ethics of COVID-19 human challenge studies.](#)

Who should participate in clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccines?

Small (phase I) safety studies of COVID-19 vaccines should enrol healthy adult volunteers. Larger (phase II and III) studies should include volunteers that reflect the populations for whom the vaccines are intended. This means enrolling people from diverse geographic areas, racial and ethnic backgrounds, genders, and ages, as well as those with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk for COVID-19. Including these groups in clinical trials is the only way to make sure that a vaccine will be safe and effective for everyone who needs it.

How do I volunteer for a COVID-19 vaccine trial?

Opportunities to volunteer for a COVID-19 vaccine trial vary from country to country. If you are interested in volunteering, check with local health officials or research institutions. [**WHO TEAM**](#) WHO Worldwide

Related: [The push for a COVID-19 vaccine COVAX](#)

Related Q&As: [Vaccines and immunization: What is vaccination?](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Vaccines: Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): COVID-19 Vaccine access and allocation](#)

A message from the Rev'd. Kate Tiltman:



"We will continue to hold a service each 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.

Senedd Elections 6th May (Information)

Just a short email to confirm that as we will soon be entering the pre-dissolution period ahead of the Senedd elections on May 6, I will no longer be able to send out Ken's newsletters.

This account will be disabled as of 7th April and incoming emails to this account will not be read until after the election, if Ken is returned. Similarly, we are not able to take on new casework.

If you have an enquiry that relates to existing casework or is urgent, you can email David.Goodban-casework@senedd.wales after Wednesday.

In lieu of a final newsletter, I am forwarding a statement by the Welsh Government issued this morning outlining the next steps in the relaxing of coronavirus restrictions.

If Ken is returned as MS for Clwyd South, we will resume the newsletters as soon as possible after the election.

Very best wishes, **David Goodban, Office Manager.**

Moving Wales into Alert Level 3: First Minister sets out plans to further relax covid restrictions

The First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, is today setting out a series of measures that will take Wales fully into Alert Level 3 by 17th May, subject to public health conditions remaining favourable.

The First Minister again sets out the priority placed on ensuring all children and students in Wales will return to face-to-face education on Monday 12th April.

All remaining non-essential retail and close contact services will be allowed to reopen from Monday 12 April, while the rules will also be changed to allow travel into and out of Wales from the rest of the United Kingdom and Common Travel Area. Changes remain subject to public health conditions continuing to remain favourable.

The Welsh Government is also signalling further changes it aims to confirm at the 22nd April review, subject to public health conditions and final confirmation by Ministers, which would see outdoor attractions and outdoor hospitality reopen, including at cafes, pubs and restaurants on Monday 26th April.

By early May, plans include allowing organised outdoor activities for up to 30 people to take place, and for gyms, leisure centres and fitness facilities to reopen for individual or one-to-one training but not exercise classes.

The changes continue the Welsh Government's planned, step-by-step approach to relaxing the coronavirus restrictions, taking account of the highly-infectious Kent variant, which is now the dominant form of the virus in Wales.

The public health situation in Wales continues to improve. The number of cases of coronavirus in our communities is generally falling and pressure on the NHS is easing.

First Minister, Mark Drakeford said:

"Thanks to a real team effort across Wales, coronavirus cases remain stable, and the vaccination programme continues apace. As a result,

the Welsh Government has the headroom to continue its careful, step-by-step approach to relaxing restrictions.

"The review we have concluded this week, means we can continue with our programme of further re-opening of the economy and loosening the restrictions in place."

Should public health conditions remain favourable, from Monday 12th April, the following relaxations can go ahead:

- The full return of children to schools for face-to-face education, all post-16 learners will return to further education and training centres, and university campus' will be able to open for blended face-to-face/online learning for all students;
- All remaining shops can reopen, completing the phased reopening of non-essential retail;
- All remaining close contact services can open, including mobile services;
- Travel restrictions on travelling into and out of Wales will be lifted. However, restrictions on travel to countries outside the Common Travel Area without a reasonable excuse, remain in place. The Common Travel Area means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland;
- Viewings at wedding venues can resume by appointment;
- Outdoor canvassing for elections can begin.

As is also set out in our revised Coronavirus Control Plan, a small number of outdoor pilot events of between 200 and 1,000 people are being planned. These will build on the test events held last September. They will include cultural and sports events across Wales, including a potential stadia event. The Welsh Government is working with the Muslim Council to consider how they can also incorporate events to help people celebrate Eid at the end of Ramadan. All events would be subject to Local Authority and public health agreement.

The further relaxations follow the successful return of primary pupils and many older secondary school and college students to face-to-face learning and the start of the phased re-opening of non-essential retail, including the opening of hairdressers and barbers.

Ministers are now signalling further easements to restrictions in the coming weeks subject to the public health situation remaining favourable. These are consistent with the cautious and phased approach set out in the updated *Coronavirus Control Plan: Revised Alert Levels in Wales*.

On Monday 26 April:

- Outdoor attractions, including funfairs and theme parks, would be allowed to reopen;
- Outdoor hospitality can resume, including at cafes, pubs and restaurants. Indoor hospitality will remain restricted.

On Monday 3 May:

- Organised outdoor activities for up to 30 people can again take place;
- Weddings receptions can take place outdoors, but will also be limited to 30 people.

On Monday 10 May:

- Gyms, leisure centres and fitness facilities can reopen. This will include individual or one-to-one training but not exercise classes;
- Extended household will again allow two households to meet and have contact indoors.

Preparations will be made to allow the following relaxations to be considered at the review on 13 May by the next Welsh Government, subject to public health conditions remaining favourable.

The reopening/resumption of the following, from the first week of the new cycle, i.e. Monday 17 May:

- Children's indoor activities.
- Community centres;
- Organised indoor activities for adults, limited to a maximum of 15 people. This includes exercise classes.

After 17 May, to consider enabling indoor hospitality and remaining visitor accommodation to reopen in advance of the Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May.

These are indicative dates to give the sectors time to plan and prepare - decisions on these will be made nearer the time, once the

impact of other relaxations have been assessed and subject to the health situation allowing the relaxations to go ahead.

The First Minister added:

"The sacrifices we have all made are having a positive effect in the battle against Coronavirus. This last year has been incredibly difficult for all of us and again I want to thank everyone for their efforts.

"These efforts have allowed us to gradually ease the restrictions, to gradually introduce more elements of normal life.

"With the weather improving, with more opportunities to see family and friends, there are reasons for optimism. However, we can't let our guard down yet. We all still need to be vigilant, we still need to do our part to keep this deadly disease at bay."

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON CYCLING AND WALKING ROUTES IN WREXHAM

1ST APRIL 2021



We're asking for your help as we put together our plans to improve cycling and walking routes in towns and villages in Wrexham. We want to make them better places to live, work and visit by the routes to make active travel the normal way to get around for local journeys.

The plans some specific areas in Wrexham; these areas have been shaded on an interactive map <https://wrexham.commonplace.is>, to make it easy for you to let us know your views.

You can also tell us about things outside of these places, but our main focus is to improve areas where there is the greatest need for change and highest potential for more people to choose active travel.

The locations were chosen because they're where the facilities are that people travel short distances to regularly - schools, leisure centres, employment sites, local shopping districts and transport interchanges.

Covid-19 has seen a big change in people choosing to walk or cycle rather than use their cars and we'd like to make sure we're prepared to support this increase as much as possible. We also want to know what barriers you face in using the current walking and cycling routes.

- Are they too short?
- Are there too few of them?
- Do you feel safe using them?
- Are there enough of them?

Please take a few minutes to take part.

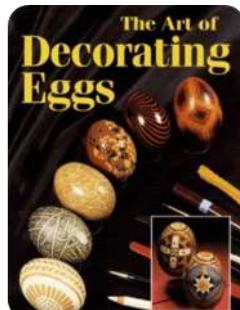
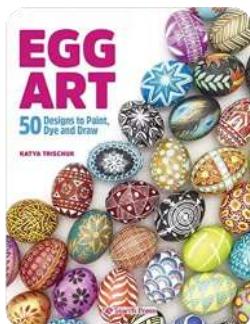
The consultation is ongoing until 25 June 2021 and we'll use the views to develop our future infrastructure which we'll formally consult on later in the year.

You can view the interactive map here <https://wrexham.commonplace.is>.

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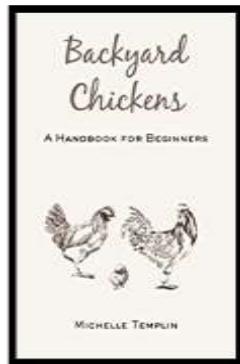
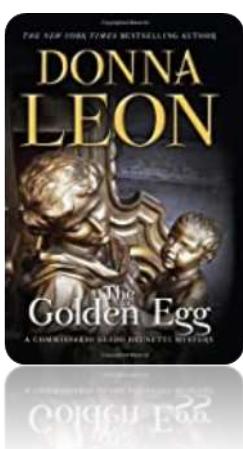
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Library News

Library News for the week beginning 4 April

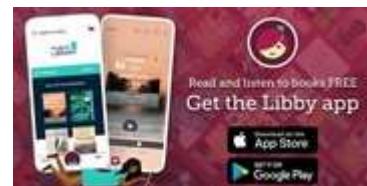


Wrexham's Libraries - re-introducing services

Wrexham Libraries are planning on how to offer limited access by appointment only to browse, borrow and return books over the coming weeks. Customers will be able to telephone their local branch library to book an appointment. The Order and Collect service will continue in all libraries for customers who do not wish to visit their local library at the moment. As lockdown continues to ease we will be looking at how to re-introduce further services while ensuring the safety of customers and our staff. Announcements will be made via the press and on online platforms shortly.

Libby – The new digital reading app

More than 3,000 popular magazines will be available for download from Wrexham Library Service. Readers can enjoy Radio Times, National Geographic, Hello! and more through the new digital reading app -Libby. Digital magazines through Libby have no



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CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals

The shortlists of the prestigious CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals, the UK's oldest and best-loved book awards

for children and young people, have been announced. The Medals celebrate outstanding achievement in children's writing and illustration respectively and are unique in being judged by librarians, with the Shadowers' Choice Award voted for by children and young people. 16 titles have been shortlisted for the 2021 Medals (8 on each shortlist) selected from a total of 40 longlisted titles, read by an expert volunteer team of 15 librarians from across the UK. The winners of the 2021 CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals will be announced on Wednesday 16th June 2021. For more detail visit <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/the-cilip-carnegie-medal-2021/>

Digital Storytelling - 21st 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 21st April 2pm-3pm

To book click here: http://bit.ly/DCW_Digital_Stories

Voluntary Work Skills Course starting 13th April 2021

- Adults and young people aged 14 and over.
- WANT TO VOLUNTEER BUT DON'T FEEL READY?
- WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

FLVC's supported volunteering programme brings participants closer to the opportunity that's right for them, combining work towards a Level 1 qualification, with volunteer taster sessions.

Please see the flyer below for further information:

Level 1 Voluntary Work Skills Course
Cwrs Achredelig Sgiliau Gwaith Gwirfoddol Lefel 1

Thank you to Paul Tincello for this information






**Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
Cyngor Gwirfoddol Lleol Sir y Fflint**



Adults & young people aged 14 & over

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER BUT DON'T
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**Level 1 Voluntary Work Skills Course starting
Tuesday 2nd February 2021.**

Delivered online via Microsoft Teams.

Includes two sessions per week for 5 weeks, on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Participants complete assessment booklet via Moodle.

Focusing on:

- Volunteering - roles, responsibilities, benefits**
- Communication skills**
- Positive & assertive behaviours**
- Group working skills**
- Equality**

Participants will be supported to undertake practical volunteer taster sessions.

On successful completion, participants aged 16+ will receive an accreditation.
 Those aged below 16 will receive a certificate of participation.

**To find out more about this FREE course,
or to enrol, please contact a
Volunteering Development Officer:**

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I do hope that you have all managed to have an enjoyable Easter break. Best wishes, Sybil (Bremner).