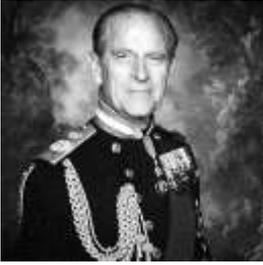


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The Duke of Edinburgh:

A message to Ruabon residents from Gordon Richardson (Captain of the Tower): "The Union Flag will be



flying from St Mary's Church Tower at half-mast until the end of the national period of mourning. Due to current covid restrictions, we are still not allowed to ring all of the church bells, but we are able to toll one of them. In line with national guidance, we tolled the tenor bell, half muffled, at midday yesterday (10th April), and will again on Saturday, the day of the funeral."

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF WREXHAM, **CLLR ROB WALSH**

April 9, 2021

"It has been announced by Buckingham Palace that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, has passed away.

"It is with great sadness that the Council received this news and it sends its deepest sympathies and those of the people of Wrexham to the Royal Family.

"As a mark of respect the flags have been lowered to half-mast and there is also an online Book of Condolence available immediately at: www.wrexhamremembers.wales."
Mayor of Wrexham, Councillor Rob Walsh.



DARYL STEPHENSON, from Ruabon, is on 'cloud nine' after reaching the top of the charts with the world-renowned **FRON MALE VOICE CHOIR**.

Based in the Dee Valley, they reached number one in both the Classical Artist and Classical Combined charts with their latest release, *Voices of the Valley: Echoes*

Daryl, also appeared in the YouTube video for first single *Bring Him Home*, with the choir performing virtually from their homes due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"It's such a strange and surreal experience but we are all over the moon," said Daryl, who has two children with wife Sarah - Emily and Daniel, himself a singer with Only Boys Aloud.

"I never expected to be able to say I've been top of the charts, but we did it and are all absolutely thrilled."

He added: "We actually recorded *Echoes* pre-Covid but had to delay release, so for it to do so well - especially as we beat Katherine Jenkins and Andrea Bocelli to the top spot! - was incredible after a tough year for everybody."

A boy soprano, Daryl lost interest in singing as a teenager before picking it up again when a friend mentioned he had joined the Fron collective.

"I hadn't sung for many years but went along to have a listen; my grandfather absolutely loved the sound of a male voice choir and that always stuck with me," said Daryl.

"I've been there ever since and enjoyed every second, though of course the last year has been difficult.

"We have more than 60 members ranging from 30 to 90 years old, so it's been impossible to all be in the same room, but we are hoping to be able to soon.

"As a tenor I'm one of those who hits the high notes, but I never thought we would reach as high as this - it's fantastic."

(This brilliant news has been taken from [Google](#))

NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF RUABON MEDICAL CENTRE - COVID VACCINATIONS

If anyone aged 50 years or older who wants the 1st dose Covid vaccination and who hasn't had an invite, please contact Ruabon Medical Centre to book an appointment.

If anyone DOES NOT WANT the vaccine (from any age/priority group), then please also make contact so that staff don't continue making attempts to reach such patients, and medical records will be updated accordingly.

If anyone has received their vaccination(s) elsewhere, please contact us with the dates (and location) they were given so that patient records can be kept up to date.

Ruabon Medical Centre contact details are:

Telephone - 01978 823717 & Email -

Enquiries.W91043@wales.nhs.uk . Alternatively,

patients can place a letter in our outdoor wall mounted post-box.

Additionally, Ruabon Medical Centre would like to thank all patients, staff and volunteers for another hugely successful vaccination clinic on Saturday 3rd April.

WELSH LABOUR LEADER AND FIRST MINISTER PRAISES "INCREDIBLE" HEALTH CENTRE STAFF

Health centre staff in Llangollen were praised for their "incredible efforts" during the coronavirus pandemic after a meeting with Welsh Labour Leader and First Minister Mark Drakeford.

Mr Drakeford joined local representative Ken Skates to speak with GPs and centre manager Tessa Orton-Jones during a visit to Llangollen on Wednesday afternoon (April 7).

The run-down former River Lodge building on the banks of the Dee was bought by the Welsh Labour

Government in 2007. In 2014 Mr Drakeford, then Health Minister, announced £5m of Welsh Government funding to create a new health centre for the town following a campaign launched by previous Assembly Member Karen Sinclair and taken up by Mr Skates following his election in 2011.

Welsh Labour Leader and First Minister Mark Drakeford said: "It was wonderful to be back in Llangollen today and to speak to staff at the health centre, who have all played such an important part in the success of the vaccination roll-out in Clwyd South. I know Ken is proud to have helped deliver this facility for local people and extremely proud of its staff, so I was very pleased to have the opportunity to thank them for their incredible efforts during the pandemic."

Ken Skates, Welsh Labour candidate for Clwyd South, said: "Like the surgery in Chirk, Llangollen Health Centre was opened during Mark's period as Health Minister. It was great to have him back here this afternoon to hear from our local team about their



experiences over the past 12 months and the key role they have played in keeping us safe.

"The feedback I have had about the vaccination roll-out in the Llangollen area has been excellent, and that's testament to the team here. They have also done an excellent job of communicating with patients and keeping them updated, which has been really important."

As part of his re-election campaign, Mr Skates has pledged to help deliver further improvements to local health facilities. He has been at the forefront of the campaign for a new health centre for Cefn Mawr, which recently saw Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board identify a preferred site for the facility.

He was also involved in the campaign for the redevelopment of Corwen Family Practice and has worked alongside patients pushing for a new facility in Hanmer.

The following notice is from:

Ruabon Age Concern Charity Shop

Hello everyone

We are glad to say that we are opening on Wednesday 14th April and look forward to seeing you all again.

We will be taking donations, but at the moment we cannot take huge amounts and we have to store all donations for three days before sorting. And we have very limited space.

Opening hours are;

Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

Thursday: 10am to 3pm

Friday: 10 to 12.30pm

Wrexham Carnival of Words Literary Festival

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Yn gweithredu ers saith blynedd

We're back and we're online!
Now in its seventh year

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Gweithdai Ysgrifennu | Writing Workshops ★ Music and song | Cerddoriaeth a chân
Diwrnod o Gerdded i'r teulu gyda Bill Stephens | Family walking day with Bill Stephens

I goel manylion yr holl ddiwyddiadau a sut i brynu'ch tocyn, ewch i:
For details of all of the events and how to buy your ticket visit
www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com
Deddfwrthyn (20g) | £15 yn un ddiwyddiad yn unig
The cost of a single Festival Ticket for all our events is only £15.00

 [WXMCARNIVALOFWORDS](https://www.facebook.com/WXMCARNIVALOFWORDS)
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Nid unrhyw ŵyl llenyddol! Not just any literary festival!

Tickets are now on sale

for one of the leading literary festivals in Wales being held again in Wrexham. Wrexham Carnival of Words, now in its seventh year, will be held online from 17-24 April and has over thirty different events for you to enjoy. Once again the Carnival welcomes some of the UK's greatest writers including Sir Michael Morpurgo & Vicki Berwick; Clare Mackintosh; Anthony Riches; Jasper Fforde; Neil Spring; Matt

Hilton; Matthew Harffy; Elizabeth Buchan; Barbara Erskine; Amanda Prowse & Josiah Hartley; Peter Doyle and many more. Supported by writing workshops, music and song, this year's festival promises to be memorable and all for the price of just £15 for a Festival Ticket! If you have a passion and a love of books, writing or reading why not join us?

For more details please visit: www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com

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>



Support Schemes: Phase 2 of the Cultural Recovery Fund to open for application

Applications for a grant via phase two of the Cultural Recovery Fund are to open this week for businesses (with applications set to close on the 20th April). The funding provided to successful applicants is to be used to cover the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.

The aim of the second phase of funding is to protect sustainable businesses and organisations and as many jobs in the sector as possible in order to ensure the sector survives the Covid-19 crisis and remains vibrant, viable and sustainable in 2021 and beyond.

The sector includes theatres, music venues, recording and rehearsal spaces, heritage attractions, heritage organisations, museums, libraries, galleries, archives, independent cinemas, comedy venues

and events. Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, **supply chain business** such as the following, whose primary source of income is from the arts, creative and events sectors may also be able to apply:

- Sound, lighting and AV
- TV Production Services for major events
- Staging or Production services
- Staging equipment hire, storage and transportation
- Entertainment agents/agencies providing artists to eligible events, grassroots music venues or professional arts disciplines

Please use the Eligibility Checker now to review the criteria before applying: <https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/culturep2>

As with the initial Cultural Recovery Fund, support for the arts, covering theatres and galleries, will be managed separately by the Arts Council of Wales. Please visit [Arts Council of Wales website](#) for further details.

[Town centres across Wales to receive over £24 million](#)

The Welsh Government have announced an additional £24 million package of support to revitalise Wales' town centres. This package will be split into three funds:

- £18.4 million of Transforming Towns loan funding will breathe new life into old and empty properties.
- £3.34 million will help high street businesses grow and embrace innovative digital technology that will help their business thrive as part of the Year of SMART Towns.
- An additional £3 million will be used to incentivise more North Wales businesses to locate in town centres.

The Welsh Government press release, which provides additional information, is available via the following link:

<https://gov.wales/town-centres-across-wales-receive-over-24-million>

We'll be in touch as soon as possible once the details of the funding packages for Wrexham Town Centre and how they will operate have been finalised for both existing businesses based in, and those looking to locate in Wrexham Town Centre.

Details of commercial property improvement loans currently available in Wrexham can be found via the following link:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/services/housing/private-housing/home-and-property-improvement>

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) Fourth and Fifth Grants

The online claims service for the fourth SEISS grant, which will cover the period February 2021 to April 2021, will be available from late April 2021 until 31 May 2021. If you are eligible, HMRC will contact you in mid-April to give you your personal claim date. This will be the date that you can make your claim from.

To be eligible for the fourth grant you must be a self-employed individual or a member of a partnership, the criteria will take into account 2019 to 2020 tax returns and will be open to those who became self-employed in tax year 2019 to 2020. The rest of the eligibility criteria remain unchanged.

A fifth and final SEISS grant covering May to September will also be made available, with the online claims service opening late July for those that are eligible. The amount of the fifth grant will be determined by how much your turnover has been reduced in the year April 2020 to April 2021.

The fifth grant will be worth:

- 80% of 3 months' average trading profits, capped at £7,500, for those with a turnover reduction of 30% or more
- 30% of 3 months' average trading profits, capped at £2,850, for those with a turnover reduction of less than 30%

For further information please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>

Upcoming business webinars / online events :

A wide range of upcoming business-focused webinars covering a variety of topics can be found via the Business Wales events finder:

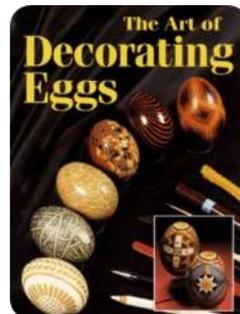
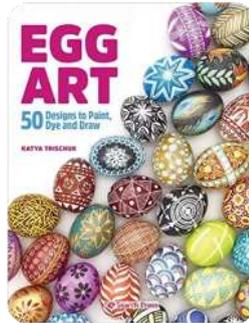
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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/business--events/wrexham/?page=1wrexham@public.govdelivery.com>

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon Library



For some egg-siting reads & eggstra special things
to do this Easter!



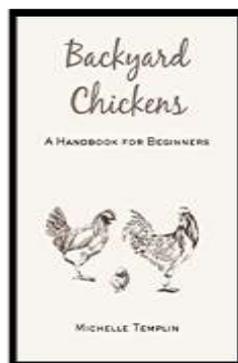
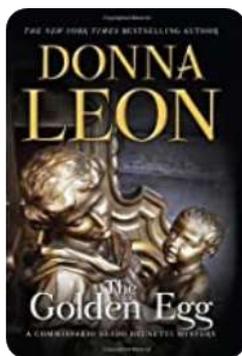
Oriau Agor Dros Dro Temporary Opening Hours

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

Library closed - Friday 2nd April till Tuesday 6th April.

Reopens Wednesday 7th April.



Library News



Library News for the week beginning 4 April

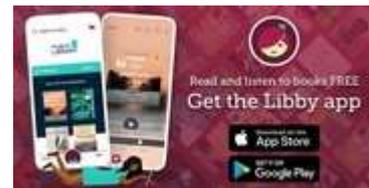


Wrexham's Libraries - re-introducing services

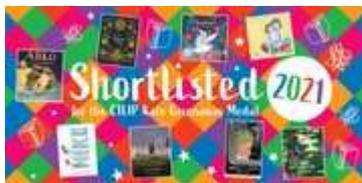
Wrexham Libraries are planning on how to offer limited access by appointment only to browse, borrow and return books over the coming weeks. Customers will be able to telephone their local branch library to book an appointment. The Order and Collect service will continue in all libraries for customers 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 waiting lists or reservations, do not count towards checkout limits and provide readers with the option to renew their selections. Borrowers can browse lists of magazines within the app and search by format to find available titles. *Readers may browse and instantly borrow titles then start reading for free with a valid library card. This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™. All titles automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use.* To get started enjoying digital magazines, download Libby or visit www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online service link.



press and on online platforms shortly:.



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](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 and the following information](#)



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**Delivered online via
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**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:**

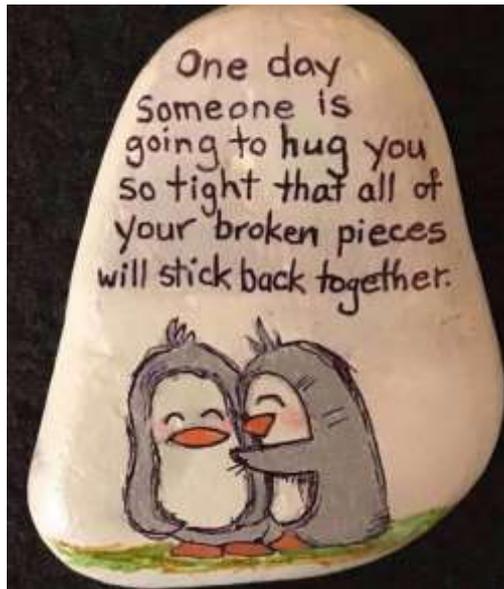
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YSGOL RHIWABON

ALL YEAR GROUPS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 14th April. Letter from Melanie Ferron-Evans attached.



I 'FOUND' this on facebook and thought it appropriate! Sybil.