

Ruabon News Letter 370

19.04.2021

Thank you to Jo Smith who has sent in this photo of a pair of Mandarin Ducks which visit her garden each year. However this year is very special because they have brought their male chick with them.



A Message from Helen Belton, Clerk to Ruabon Community Council, on behalf of Ruabon Community Councillors



Dear Hirers of the Village Hall,
We miss you all.

Just to let you know that only one hirer is using the hall at the moment, under the category of 'worship'.
Other educational users might be returning the week of May 17th.

There is polling in the hall on May 6th.
Keep in touch and hopefully we will have hirers back gradually within the coming months.

You will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you!
Regards,

Helen Belton PSLCC, CiLCA
(Clerk to Ruabon Community Council).

Messages from Ruabon Medical Centre

We have had a new telephone system installed this week and hopefully this will make a huge difference to patients as it provides information on their position in a queue.

We have also vaccinated everyone in Tier 1-9 groups with their covid-19 first vaccination with just a handful to do this Saturday at Ruabon. We are now moving swiftly through our 2nd dose covid-19 doses and shall continue to work at speed in accordance with our supply. We are contacting patients in advance to book them in with a date and time via letter mostly for their 2nd vaccine.

Could you please just ask everyone to share on the page that if anyone who is eligible for a covid vaccine in Tier group 1-9 who hasn't received it and who would like to have the vaccine to please get in touch either via telephone: 01978 823717 or via email: Enquiries.W91043@wales.nhs.uk so that we can get them booked in swiftly and vaccinated please that would be great.

We are offering the Oxford - Astra Zeneca vaccine. Our website is in the process of being built and we should have some news soon when we are able to go live with that as well. We are hoping to put some useful links and information on there for our patients as well.

We would like to thank all our patients for their patience whilst we have been trying to improve services and access at Ruabon, given the short time we have been here and appreciate everyone's kind feedback and support.

From Dawn Hughes-Lloyd, Practice Manager.



The Home Programme Level 3 is "The Charity Odyssey Challenging Cancer"

which is running for people with a recent diagnosis of cancer. The programme has been developed in response to the pandemic, and as the name suggests, patients can participate at home and in their local area by completing fun practical projects. It's free to join. Attached are further details.

You may already be familiar with the work of Odyssey www.odyssey.org.uk but in case you're hearing about us for the first time we're a small national charity that has been running outdoor courses for cancer patients for the past 26 years, 15 of which have been in Wales. Our aim is to help restore people's confidence by supporting them to overcome appropriate challenges. In the normal scheme of things our courses are 5 days, residential and free to participants. Throughout the U.K there is a network of health professionals who know about our work and refer patients they think will benefit. A number of these are Macmillan Nurses and Macmillan professionals working in Information and Support Centres.

Although the pandemic has prevented us from running our normal residential programmes we hope the Home Programme will go some way to help re-energise and restore confidence to newly diagnosed patients and those currently undergoing treatments. However, one of our difficulties at the moment is letting people know about it. As funding for the course has come from **Awards for All Wales** we are especially keen to offer the course to patients from Wales.

I wonder if you can help by sharing information about the course with patients and colleagues. Anyone who is interested in taking part or simply finding out more should contact the charity directly at enquiries@odyssey.org.uk or phone 0345 363 2207. Our website

is in the process of being updated with information about the Home Programme. I'll let you know as soon as there is something to see online.

Best wishes

Aly Pursell

Odyssey Referrals

www.odyssey.org.uk

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**DON'T FORGET COUNCIL-RUN
TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS ARE
FREE AFTER 11AM EXCEPT TŶ
PAWB**



BUS STATION AND HENBLAS STREET TOILETS ARE OPEN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

April 12, 2021

If you need to spend a penny in the town centre when it re-opens to visitors on Monday the toilets in the bus station and Henblas Street will both be open.

Monday is a big day as schools re-open to all pupils, shops and close contact businesses re-open and the main concourse at the bus station also re-opens to the public.

It's what we all hope is the beginning of a return to our normal lives but please remember that's it's more important than ever to remain safe.



"Welcome to Ysgol Rhiwabon from our Headteacher, Mrs. Melanie Ferron-Evans



Headteacher
Mrs. M. Ferron-Evans

Ysgol Rhiwabon is a warm and vibrant learning community for 11 to 16 year olds and I welcome you to the website.

Our students and staff are celebrating our best ever results at Key Stage 4 with a significant improvement, building on last year's success.

The school is delighted to report:-

100% of students leaving Ysgol Rhiwabon with 5 GCSE passes or their equivalent:

A - C grades including English and Mathematics at a record high with over half the students achieving this challenging measure*

A - C pass rate in the core subjects, English, Mathematics and Science at a record high*

A notable increase in GCSE A/A grades.*

However, we very much see these excellent results as the foundations for future success. We are not complacent and have set ourselves ever more challenging targets for the years ahead.

It goes without saying that we want our students to be successful academically but of equal importance is that they become well rounded young adults who can go on to make a success of themselves in whatever they choose to do.

Currently we are one of a handful of schools in Wales to be a member of the Prince's Teaching Institute which has at its heart the aim of developing "inspiring teachers who are knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects". We are delighted to have met the

very exacting criteria set by the Prince's Teaching Institute which accurately reflects the vibrant, engaging and challenging teaching and learning that is apparent every day of the week here at Ysgol Rhiwabon.

Often the best way of understanding how a school operates is to ask the parents. Below is a small selection of comments from parents of our current Year 7. I think they speak for themselves:-

"The school uniform looks fantastic, nice to know that students have had input to style and choice."

"After School Clubs - fantastic range of activities on offer. My daughter attends netball and has represented the school in matches - she thoroughly enjoys this!"

"The Lead Learner gave me a phone call to let me know how my son was settling in - it really put my mind at rest."

"The transfer to Ysgol Rhiwabon has gone extremely well, with the support and organisation of all the staff. Our daughter has quickly and comfortably adapted to the different way of life at high school and comes home happy every day."

A website only gives a flavour of what a school is about. Whether you are a prospective parent or a member of the local community please do feel free to get in touch with us to have a tour of the school or to meet with key members of staff for an informal chat. I am confident that you will be impressed by what you see.

*Mrs Melanie Ferron-Evans
Headteacher."*

(The message above, was recently sent out with the News Letter as a PDF document, but I had several replies to say that people were unable to view it, hence the reason for this repeat of the information. S.).

DO YOU WORK IN CONSTRUCTION AND WANT TO BUILD UP YOUR TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILLS?

April 6, 2021

Maybe you're a contractor looking to improve the



skills of your workforce when it comes to dealing with traditional (pre-1919) buildings.

Maybe you're a sole trader looking to widen your skillset and train further in some unique skills which can help you take on a wider range of heritage construction projects. Either way, you'll be interested in these upcoming courses.

And better still, **they're all free**, thanks to our Traditional Building Skills programme.

Interested? Read on for more info.

FREE COURSES OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

The courses and dates arranged so far are listed below.

Each of the courses take place at Coleg Cambria's Bersham Road Campus, Wrexham (LL13 7UH) and some of the courses will be streamed live online to your home after registration.

- Traditional Sash Windows: Care, Repair and Upgrading - May 7, 2021
- Timber & decay course: April 23 & June 4, 2021
- Pricing conservation work: April 20 & June 23, 2021
- Traditional paints: May 28, 2021
- Damp in old buildings: April 27 & May 10, 2021
- Roof coverings & flashing course: May 6, 2021
- Structural & non-structural timber course: May 27, 2021
- Stone work and cleaning: May 13, 2021
- Lime plastering & decorative plastering: May 14, 2021
- Hotmix lime mortar & jointing - Introduction: April 30 & June 11, 2021
- Hotmix lime mortar & jointing - Advanced: June 18, 2021
- L3 award repair & maintenance course - Coleg Cambria: June 24 & 25, 2021, two day course
- L3 award in energy efficiency - Coleg Cambria: May 20 & 21, 2021, two day course

If you are interested in any of these courses or if you have any queries contact the Traditional Building skills team on TBS@Wrexham.gov.uk

The courses above are free thanks to funding from Wrexham Traditional Building Skills Programme;

which has been funded 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.

Keep an eye on our social media profiles for more updates.

Library News



**Library News for the week beginning
18th April**



Wrexham Library opens for browsing on Tuesday 20th April 2021

From Tuesday 20 April Wrexham Library will re-open to browse, borrow and return books by appointment only. If you would like the opportunity to visit the library and choose your own books then please call the library on 01978 292090. The Order and Collect system will continue to operate for customers who do not wish to visit the library at the moment. The safety of our staff and customers is our priority and we are following Welsh Government guidance on how to manage visits. All books returned to the library will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours. Branch libraries will re-open to browse, borrow and return over the coming weeks.



Beast Quest

Beast Quest is a best-selling series of children's fantasy/adventure novels written by several authors all using the house name Adam Blade. The series is aimed largely at boys aged 7 and over. The novels have been described as "clearly and simply written, striking the right balance between adventure and storytelling" and a "great series to get lads, who normally wouldn't be, interested in reading." The books take place in a world called Avantia, and focus on a young boy named Tom and his friend Elenna as they attempt to restore peace to the land by stopping beasts from causing destruction. The books are among the most-borrowed from UK lending libraries. There is also a



companion science fiction series called Sea Quest. Brynteg Library has a large selection of Beast Quest books – if you would like to order any please phone the library on 01978 759523 or use the online catalogue via

www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries



Do you run a reading group and sometimes struggle to find something to read? The Reading Agency have a section on their website dedicated to helping you establish and run a reading group, information on how to host a reading group online plus they work in partnership with many publishers and are able to secure free sets of books for reading groups. They shadow all of the major

literary prizes, provide books reviews for adult and children's books and have a great noticeboard for just about everything to do with reading groups. For more information visit <https://readinggroups.org/>

Website: www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries; **Tel:** Wrexham Library 01978 292090

Online catalogue: <http://bit.ly/2btclRt>

ORDER AND COLLECT SERVICE BOOKS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED

If you only want to return books, you will need to contact staff by email or telephone to arrange an appointment. All books you currently have on loan and any you borrow via Order and Collect Service will be automatically renewed so you do not need to worry about returning them on time and you will not incur any fines. For contact details and to use the order form visit www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries.

The safety of our staff and customers is a priority and staff are following Welsh Government guidance on how to handle library books.

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Wrexham Carnival of Words Literary Festival



Rydyn ni'n ôl ac rydyn ni ar-lein!
Yn gweithredu ers saith blynedd

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

GŴYL GEIRIAU WRECSAM

WREXHAM CARNIVAL OF WORDS

★★★★★ 2021 ★★★★★

EBRILL 17-24 APRIL

SIR MICHAEL MORPURGO & VICKI BERWICK
CLARE MACKINTOSH ★ ANTHONY RICHES ★ JASPER FFORDE
NEIL SPRING ★ MATT HILTON ★ MARTY JOPSON
MATTHEW HARFFY ★ ELIZABETH BUCHAN ★ BARBARA ERSKINE
AMANDA PROWSE & JOSIAH HARTLEY ★ PETER DOYLE
PETER EVANS ★ ANDREW GREEN ★ LUKE GALLAGHER
HAYLEY LONG ★ ELEN CALDECOTT ★ JOHNNY TUDOR ★ NELL GREY
DEBBIE YOUNG ★ PAIGE TYNAN ★ JUDE LENNON ★ SUE MILLER
JULIA FORSTER ★ DEBORAH SWIFT ★ CATHRYN SUMMERHAYES
MICHELLE & CHRISTIAN EWEN ★ GWYNETH LEWIS ★ VIVA VOCE

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 mwynglion yr holl ddigwyddiadau a sut i brynu oh tocynn, euch!

For details of all the events and how to buy your ticket visit

www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com

Chairwr: Siân Gwenllian | Aelodau: Rhian Morgan, Gwyneth Lewis, Sue Miller, Helen Caldecott, Clare Mackintosh, Jude Lennon, Julia Forster, Josiah Hartley, Peter Doyle, Andrew Green, Hayley Long, Debbie Young, Elizabeth Buchan, Barbara Erskine, Amanda Prowse, Michael Morpurgo, Vicki Berwick, Neil Spring, Jasper Fforde, Johnny Tudor, Rhian Morgan, Gwyneth Lewis, Sue Miller, Helen Caldecott, Clare Mackintosh, Jude Lennon, Julia Forster, Josiah Hartley, Peter Doyle, Andrew Green, Hayley Long, Debbie Young, 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?

Nid unrhyw wyl 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>

Ruabon Age Concern Charity Shop

Hello everyone

We are now taking donations, but at the moment we cannot take huge amounts because we have to store all donations for three days before sorting, and our space is limited.

Opening hours are:

Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

Thursday: 10am to 3pm

Friday: 10am to 12.30pm

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 and the following information



Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
Cyngor Gwirfoddol Lleol Sir y Fflint



Adults & young people aged 14 & over

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER BUT DON'T
FEEL READY?**

WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

**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:**

**Debbie.Long@flvc.org.uk
07388 379234**

**Claire.Worrall@flvc.org.uk
07388 379233**

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WHAT ARE SENIORS WORTH?

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, Gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

There have been a few changes in my life. Frankly I have become a frivolous old girl.

I'm seeing several gentlemen every day:
Will power helps me out of bed, then I go to see John.

Arthur Ritus shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place for long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker. What a life!
Oh yes! I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

The vicar said the other day, that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. "Oh I do" I told him, all the time. No matter where I am, in the kitchen, upstairs or anywhere, I ask myself, "now what am I here after?

(Seen in the Berriew Parish Magazine several years ago)

The following message is from facebook:



Ruabon Cons. Club

"The Ruabon Constitutional Sports & Social Club, Park Street, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6LE

The club welcomes non-members and is the home of Ruabon Rovers FC. The Con's Club offers: Bar, Sky TV, Snooker, Pool, Darts, Free Wifi, Sports, Live Music and More.

Quick update: Your Cons Club is having a major refurbishment and all will be revealed very soon !!

Exciting times ahead, we look forward to welcoming you all back, look out on this page for renovation pictures and more importantly, when we are opening with plenty of special offers for everyone

Many Thanks

Marcus, Dan & Sam"

Very best wishes and welcome to Marcus, Dan and Sam with your new project.

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all managing well, emerging from lockdown and have planned some exciting things to do for the Summer.

Please let me know if you are aware of everyone who would like a copy of the Ruabon News Letter (free of charge) each week by email bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com.

Thank you for all your contributions which are VERY welcome. Sybil.