

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 383

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## End of Term

Friday, 16th July 2021

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July was the last day of term for Ysgol Rhiwabon. The pupils and staff took part in games activities on our sports fields, covering a multitude of things from egg and spoon races, water walking, cricket, 3 legged races, to tug of war and toss the caber.



Letter from Headteacher, Melanie Ferron Evans, to Parents:

Dear Parent/Guardian

As the academic year draws to a close I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all the students and our families a happy summer holiday.

It has been a challenging and disrupted year and we are looking forward to returning to more normal routines in September.

You will be aware that there are new Government Guidelines published to inform the education setting moving forward.

Whilst this eases some restrictions and constraints in Ysgol Rhiwabon we will use the summer holiday to revise routines in school and communicate these to you at the start of term.

### **Return Dates**

In the meantime, the planned return dates are set out below:

Friday 3rd September – Year 7 and Year 11

Monday 6th September:

### **All year groups return School Uniform.**

We know many families are waiting for the summer holiday to purchase new school uniform items. Whilst we have supported some uniform issues for that reason this half term, returning to a high standard of uniform in September is very important for all of us. It promotes a sense of pride and fairness. The school uniform guidelines are set out on our website; please note the section on appropriate footwear. School uniform can be ordered from RAM Leisure using the link on our website.

### **Equipment**

All students will require a school bag and fully equipped pencil case so that they are ready to learn as soon as they return.

**The Curriculum In September**, all staff will be ready to support your child and we would like to reassure you that lessons will be designed to ensure that there will be

a positive approach to catching up with skills and knowledge across all year groups. On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you for all your kindness and support throughout this year. I will write again at the start of term. If you have any questions during the holiday, please contact us using the details on our website. We are really looking forward to September 2021 and welcoming your child back. Enjoy a safe and restful Summer.

With warm wishes

Mrs Ferron-Evans (Headteacher)

<https://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk/>

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**Messages from WCBC:** We're about to start some general repairs and environmental works on parts of our dual carriageway network and residents and road users in the areas affected are advised that

there will be disruption whilst the works take place. To allow the works to take place safely there will be some lane closures. All the works will take place in July: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>- A539 Llangollen Road- Lane 2 southbound during the morning followed by-Lane 1 southbound in the afternoon.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Llan-y-Pwll Link Road, starting at JCB RA moving towards Borrass Head roundabout.

Lane 1 southbound at start then switching to Lane 2 southbound followed by central reserve in the afternoon.

Old Wrexham Road - Borrass Head to Gresford.

Tuesday 27 - A541 Mold Road section 1 (A483 Junction 5 to St Giles Park) - Lane 1 outbound am, lane 1 inbound pm

Wednesday 28 - A541 Mold Road section 2 - Lane 2 southbound.

Thursday 29 - A541 Mold Road section 2 (Marcher Sound to County Boundary) - Lane 2s southbound during the morning and lane 1 southbound during the afternoon.

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## Plans for a new National Park in North East Wales have been welcomed.

The Welsh Government wants to make the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the first new



National Park in Wales since 1957, with local Member of the Senedd Ken Skates saying the move will help create sustainable jobs.

The plan was one of a number of pledges for North Wales in the Welsh Labour manifesto ahead of the Senedd elections in May.

Mr Skates said: "There is a lot of excitement about the Welsh Government's plans to create a new National Park right here in Clwyd South. As well as celebrating our area's unique natural beauty, National Park status will further boost tourism - an industry so vital to Clwyd South - and support the green economy as we look to build on our proud record of being one of the most environmentally friendly countries anywhere in the world."

The Clwyd South MS raised the issue in the Senedd recently, with First Minister Mark Drakeford saying: "We will create a new National Park for Wales - the first in over 50 years. National Park status brings many benefits for agricultural communities, biodiversity and sustainable tourism. Engagements with communities about protecting and enhancing the special qualities of the area will be an important part of delivering this commitment."

Mr Skates this week met Howard Sutcliffe, Denbighshire County Council's AONB officer, to discuss the plans and visit the new Wenffrwd Nature Reserve just outside Llangollen, which opened recently following significant financial support from the Welsh Government.

Mr Sutcliffe said: "It was fantastic to welcome Ken to the newly opened pocket park at Wenffrwd, which was an unused remote tip and has been transformed into a new and exciting public park. I'm so pleased that the Welsh Government is investing substantial funds into AONBs and National Parks in Wales."

Responding to concerns raised by constituents, Mr Skates has also asked the Welsh Government for reassurances that opportunities for local people to live and work in the National Park area will not be lost.

Minister for Climate Change, Julie James, said: "I very much agree that National Park status should not be to the detriment of local people. There are a number of steps we are already taking across Wales to mitigate the issues you raise, and full consultations will be part of those as the process unfolds.

"Social housing remains one of mine, and this Government's, key priorities. This continued commitment is reaffirmed by the challenging target we have set to deliver 20,000 new low-carbon homes for rent in the social sector.

"Our latest housing need estimates show that in North Wales, under central estimates, 1,200 additional homes are required each year. Of these, 47% of the estimated need is for market housing and 53% for affordable housing (intermediate rent or social). Our housing target goes beyond this.

"We are also committed to exploring and developing effective tax, planning and housing measures - which could include local rates of Land Transaction Tax - to ensure the interests of local people are protected.

"We are also acutely aware of the growing issues in Wales relating to second homes and addressing these issues is one of this Government's priorities. We will shortly be considering a number of measures, and it is anticipated this plan will be published in the autumn. We will be announcing the plans to engage with communities about protecting and enhancing the special qualities of this landscape in due course."

(Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff) <David.Goodban@senedd.wales>

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## **Welsh Blood Service**

organises the collection, testing, processing  
and distribution of blood.

We rely entirely on voluntary donors to maintain supplies to Welsh hospitals.

We need to collect over 350 donations of blood every day and demand has risen steadily over the last 10 years as medical techniques become ever more sophisticated.

Anyone aged between 17 and 66, who weighs over 7st.12lbs (50kg), who is healthy and not subject to certain medical exclusions can volunteer to become a blood donor.

If you are a female donor aged 17 - 19 years please visit our [FAQ's for further information.](#)

### **Why do we collect blood donations?**

Throughout medical history it has been proved that blood and its by-products have played a vital role in saving lives. Most donors do not realise what we use their donations for.

The blood we collect is not just used for emergency operations or accident victims. So many patients could not survive without blood transfusions, such as anyone having a kidney, liver or an organ transplant; leukaemia and cancer patients; patients having cardiac operations and many premature babies just cannot survive without blood transfusions.

### **Why should you become a donor?**

Today we are required to supply 350 donations a day to the hospitals in Wales. A single donation can be broken down into its different components, so it can be used in various ways. These components all have differing life spans:

Platelets/White cells - 7 days

Red Cells - 35 days



Plasma can be frozen for up to 3 years.

**How often can I donate?**

**Male donors** must wait a minimum of 12 full weeks between each blood donation and can give up to 4 donations in a calendar year.

**Female donors** must wait a minimum of 16 full weeks between each blood donation and can give up to 3 donations in a calendar year.

**"One donation can save up to 6 premature babies"**

**We can't supply our hospitals in Wales without you!**

[WBS.Communications@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:WBS.Communications@wales.nhs.uk). **You can call us on:** 0800 252 266.

8:00am – 8:00pm Monday–Friday    9:00am – 1:00pm Saturday

**Welsh Blood Service,**

Ely Valley Road,  
Talbot Green,

Email: [donors@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:donors@wales.nhs.uk)

Fax : 01443 622 199

Tel : 01443 622 000

Pontyclun,  
CF72 9WB

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**With recent announcements about**  
**"Competitions for the Platinum Jubilee**  
**and City of Culture 2025"**

which has an imminent closing date this month, our Executive Board will consider an additional report at its July meeting with recommendation to:

1. Progress a stage 1 City of Culture application, and to:
2. Explore a bid for City Status working with key stakeholders to identify the benefits.

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## Ruabon Library's summer bookshelf reads week!

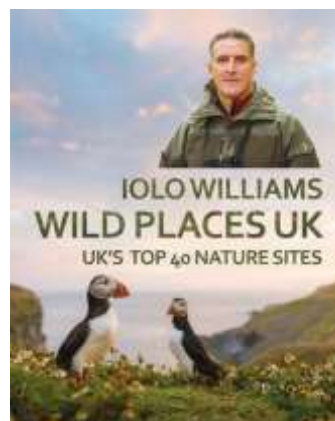
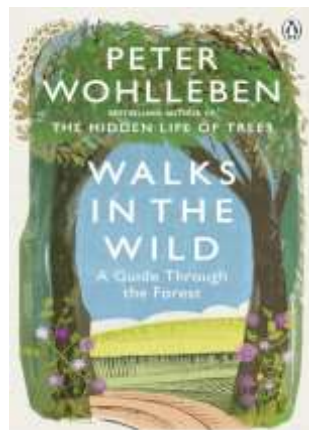
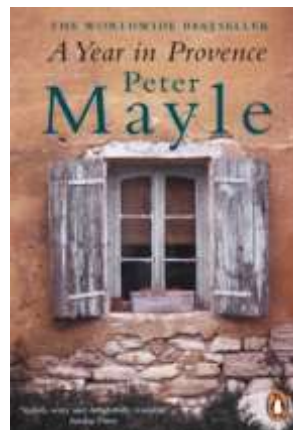
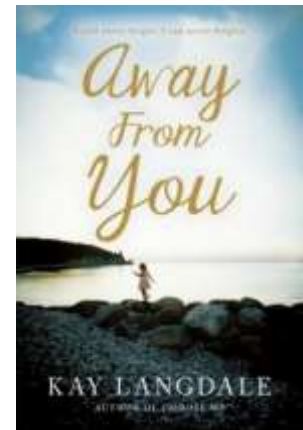


To make an appointment to browse or order and collect  
Telephone 01978 822002

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12.15 - 4.45**

**Thursday 9.15 - 1.00**

Email [ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk).





**NORTH WALES POLITICIANS HAVE WELCOMED A  
REPORT WHICH RECOMMENDS URGENT  
IMPROVEMENTS IN  
RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE REGION.**

The publication of the cross-party Welsh Affairs Committee's report also calls for the re-classification of HS2 as an England-only scheme - which former Welsh Government Transport Minister Ken Skates believes 'could in turn generate huge consequential funds for Wales'. Fellow Members of the Senedd Jack Sargeant and Carolyn Thomas have also called on the UK Government to implement the recommendations as soon as possible.

The report recommends that the UK Government should prepare a full strategic case for the upgrade and electrification of the North Wales mainline and also concludes that HS2 should incorporate improvements around Crewe and Chester to enable Wales to benefit. Clwyd South MS Mr Skates said: "While transport is devolved to Wales, responsibility for track, station infrastructure and signalling remains with Westminster. Over the past 20 years, Wales has had less than 2% of the £102bn that the UK Government has spent on improvements, despite us having 5% of the population and 11% of the track miles.

"I welcome the publication of this cross-party report and its recommendations, and look forward to the UK Government moving to implement them as quickly as possible."

Mr Sargeant, MS for Alyn and Deeside, said: "The recommendations of this cross-party report would mean much better funding for Wales through the Barnett

formula. As rail infrastructure is not currently devolved to the Welsh Government, Wales will therefore not benefit from HS2 in the same way as Scotland and Northern Ireland. I hope this will now change and we will see long-overdue investment in North Wales infrastructure to bring it into the 21st century."

North Wales MS Carolyn Thomas added: "North Wales has a number of key cross-border routes, such as the Wrexham to Bidston and Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury/Birmingham lines. This report clearly states that there is a strong environmental and economic case for substantially enhancing the rail infrastructure that serves Wales and that 'the passenger experience of slow services and inadequate stations only underlines the need for an upgraded network'. "This investment is desperately needed and we need the UK Government to give it the green light."

The Welsh Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales, including relations with the Welsh Parliament. The report was commissioned to focus on the case for upgrading rail infrastructure in Wales; management of rail infrastructure; funding and the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another key finding is that the UK Government's Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline (RNEP) is 'too slow and hampers, rather than helps, the evaluation of infrastructure proposals' - recommending that Westminster should set out its plans to reform it 'with a view to accelerating the delivery of projects in Wales'.

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## KIDS CAN STAY ACTIVE WITH THE SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



Our Active Wrexham Team has put together a great range of activities for all ages during the school holidays to help them keep active.

Take a look below at what's on offer:

### Olympus Gymnastics Club

#### Tuesdays - Queensway Stadium

Under 7's between 1pm and 1.45pm

Back to Sport Multi Sports Session

Ages 7+ between 4.30pm and 5.15pm

#### Wednesdays - Gwyn Evans Leisure and Activity Centre

Back to Sport Multi Sports Session

Under 5's - 1pm - 1.45 pm

Ages 5 - 11 - 2pm - 3pm

#### Thursdays - Ruabon Leisure and Activity Centre

Trampolining

Ages 7+ 10am - 1.45am and 11am - 11.45am

#### Thursdays - Queensway Stadium

Athletics (except 5 August)

Under 8's - 2pm - 2.45pm

#### Friday - Abbey Road Gymnastics Club

##### Gymnastics

Ages 5 - 11 - 10am - 10.45am

Ages 11 - 16 10am - 11.45am

#### Ady Jones Taekwondo Wrexham

##### Taekwondo

Age 11 - 16 - 10am - 10.45am

Ages 5 - 11 - 10am - 10.45am



## Plas Madoc MUGA

### Football Skills

Ages 5 - 11 - 1pm - 2pm

Back to Sport multi Sports Session

Ages 5 - 11 - 2pm - 3pm

All sessions will follow government Covid-19 guidelines.

For more information and to book your space please

email [activewrexham@wrexhamgov.uk](mailto:activewrexham@wrexhamgov.uk)

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## Food Court and Gallery

### Food Court

- The Food Court opening hours are **10am-6pm**, Monday-Saturday.
- The Market opening hours are **10am-4pm**, Monday Saturday.
- Up to six people from up to six households will be permitted to sit together on each table.
- Our Food Court Traders will be taking details for track and trace.
- Outdoor seating is also still available for all Food Court customers.

### Galleries

- Our gallery opening times are **10am-4pm**, Monday-Saturday.
- Pre-booking is not required.
- There will be a member of staff present in the gallery at all times to help answer any queries.
- We ask that all visitors continue to follow social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask unless exempt.
- Hand sanitising stations have been installed at the entrances and social distancing reminders are located around the building.

As ever, entry to the gallery is free.

## Support our local businesses

Our Market is home to a huge family of independent local businesses selling everything from handmade crafts, cards and gifts, to comics, collectables, clothing, computer games, jewellery, carpets, blinds and a wool shop. Plus a hair studio, piercing specialist and nail and beauty specialist. You'll also find handcrafted candles, melts, soaps, bath, body products.. the list goes on!

All this under one roof! If you've never visited then now is the ideal time to come and have a browse!

### [View our full list of market traders](#)

In our Food Court you can enjoy a mouth watering selection of food and drink from our local traders including breakfasts, light meals, curries, children's dishes, cakes, ice cream and a choice of alcoholic beverages.

### [View the full list of Food Court traders](#)

Lead Member for People - Communities, Partnerships Public Protection and Community Safety, Cllr Hugh Jones, said: "We are delighted to finally be able to welcome visitors to dine in Tŷ Pawb's Food Court and explore the galleries."

"The staff team have worked tirelessly to ensure everyone can enjoy their visit safely. This is the ideal opportunity to come and discover what's on offer and support Tŷ Pawb's fantastic community of independent local businesses."

"The gallery reopening means that everyone in Wrexham once again has access to world class art exhibitions on their doorstep. I would encourage everyone to come and see the recently opened exhibition Annwn, and take a look at the exciting new programme of upcoming exhibitions for the year ahead."

### [Enjoy your visit safely](#)

This is an important time to help support our local businesses. But remember - the virus has not gone away and it is just as important as ever to stay safe as lockdown measures continue to be eased.

We've taken measures to ensure you can enjoy your visit safely.

- A one way system with traffic lights is in place with restrictions on the amount of people allowed in the building at any one time.

- We ask that all visitors continue to follow social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask unless exempt.
- Hand sanitising stations have been installed at the entrances and social distancing reminders are located around the building.
- Our Food Court Traders will be taking details for track and trace.

### Live music returns to Tŷ Pawb - every Saturday!

#### It's the news we've all been waiting for...

From this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be welcoming live music back to Tŷ Pawb, as local acoustic musicians, singer-songwriters and cover artists will perform live acoustic sets in our Food Court every Saturday between 12.00-2.15pm.

There's plenty of room for everyone to safely enjoy the great atmosphere, and our Food Court traders will be offering their wonderful selection of food and drinks, with options including authentic Indian curries, top quality burgers, Polish cuisine and the best desserts and milkshakes in town!

#### Full list of performers:

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** 12-1pm-Isabella Crowther; 1.15-2.15pm-Jamie Hamlington

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** 12-1pm-Megan Lee; 1.15-2.15pm - Harrison Bellis

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July:** 12-1pm-Kip Cannon; 1.15-2.15pm - Laura-Leigh

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August:** 12-1pm-Jamie Jay; 1.15-2.15pm - Dave Elwyn

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** 12-1pm-Igloo Hearts; 1.15-2.15pm-Blood Honey.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August:**

#### **DARGANFOD // DISCOVER SCIENCE FESTIVAL -**

live music TBC. *Line-up subject to change - check our website and social media pages for updates.*

**Tŷ Pawb Events Officer Morgan Thomas said:** "We've really missed hosting live music at Tŷ Pawb over the past months. There's an absolutely brilliant music scene in Wrexham and so many talented individuals who are desperate to get back to performing live as soon as possible. We're delighted to be able to offer opportunities to



local musicians and we can't wait to see Tŷ Pawb come to life every Saturday".

Our market traders will also be open every Saturday, selling a wide variety of unique and interesting products, so pop down for a browse through the stalls!

We've also got a brilliant children's summer holidays programme lined up over the next 6 weeks - see the full guide

here: <https://www.typawb.wales/free-activities-for-families-throughout-the-summer-holidays-see-the-full-guide/>.

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## 'FOSTER WALES' LAUNCHED TO BOOST NUMBER OF FOSTER PARENTS IN WALES



Local Authority fostering services in Wales have today joined forces to become 'Foster Wales' teams across the nation to combine their efforts and expertise to significantly increase the number and diversity of Local Authority foster carers.

Despite over a third (39%) of Welsh adults claiming they have considered becoming a foster carer, there is still a need to recruit an estimated 550 new foster carers and families across Wales every year. This is to keep up with the numbers of children who need care and support, whilst replacing carers who retire or are able to provide a permanent home to children.

The new national network, 'Foster Wales' brings together the 22 not-for-profit Local Authority fostering teams across Wales. With decades of experience, they work together and share information and expertise to make a significant national impact on the futures of young people.

Launching Foster Wales Deputy Minister for Social Services, Julie Morgan MS, said: "It is fantastic to be launching Foster Wales. I know from listening to foster carers just how rewarding fostering can be. This new initiative will benefit looked after children and allow Local Authority fostering and recruitment teams across Wales

to think bigger, creating a national impact without losing their advantage of specific local expertise."

"This government is committed to reducing the number of children in care, giving care experienced children better outcomes and importantly eliminating the profit element of children in care. Foster Wales is part of achieving this promise and will better enable children to stay in their community and meet the evolving needs of foster children and the people who foster them."

Across Wales, every child in need of a foster carer is in the care of their Local Authority, so continually forming relationships within their local communities will help Foster Wales enable children to stay in their local area when it's right for them.

Local Authority teams already share information through regular contact, but just over a quarter (26%) of adults in Wales mistakenly believe fostering services delivered by councils probably aren't very well joined up across the country. The move to unify the 22 Local Authority fostering services under the Foster Wales name therefore seeks to reassure and do justice to the pan-Wales work being undertaken.

Cllr Andrew Atkinson, Lead Member for Children's Services said, "Significantly increasing the number and diversity of foster carers recruited directly to Local Authorities will enable us to have more choice available when matching a child; finding the right fostering family for each child is key to our ultimate goal of building brighter futures for children in our care.

"In the majority of cases, finding placements for children that keep them in their local area is a great benefit. It keeps them connected to their friends, their school and their sense of identity. It builds confidence and reduces stress. Working with Foster Wales means offering the right local home to a child who needs that opportunity and getting the expert local support and training needed to equip foster carers for the journey ahead."

Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru, Heads of Children's Services member Tanya Evans, said, "Becoming a foster carer is a decision to help make a real difference to the lives of

children. There are hundreds of children across Wales right now who have a right to thrive and need somebody in their community to support and believe in them.

"Dispelling the myths surrounding foster care is a key task. For example, no two children are the same and neither is the foster care they need. There is no 'typical' foster family.

"Whether you own your own home or rent, whether you're married or single. Whatever your gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or faith, there are young people in your community who need someone on their side.

"All we need is more people like you to open their doors and welcome them in."

To find out more about Local Authority fostering in Wales, visit [fosterwales.gov.wales](http://fosterwales.gov.wales).

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## **BUS TRAVEL IN NORTH WALES IS ABOUT TO BECOME A LOT EASIER WITH 1BWS TICKETS**



From Saturday (July 17) 1bws launches in which means one ticket will be valid on all bus's across North Wales. .

Once passengers have bought their 1bws ticket from the bus driver on their first journey of the day, the ticket will then be valid for travel on bus's across North Wales.

An adult ticket will cost £5.70, a child (or young person with a My Travel Pass) will pay £3.70 and holders of English and Scottish concessionary bus passes will also pay £3.70.

### **A 1bws family ticket is available for just £12.**

One of the reasons non-bus users are reluctant to give the bus a try is confusion about what ticket to buy. How much does it cost? When can it be used? Who operates the buses? Will my ticket be valid? All these questions put people off using the bus.



With 1bws it couldn't be easier. One ticket, for all day, valid on North Wales buses in Wrexham, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey and on buses from North Wales to Chester, Whitchurch and Machynlleth.

There are buses which cover most of the region and it is possible to explore the North Wales Coast, Snowdonia, the Clwydian Range, the Dee Valley.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Transport and Environment, said, "This is a great initiative which we are very pleased to support. It will help encourage local people and visitors alike to use our extensive bus network.

"The initiative is a great way to get people back on buses and open up the North Wales countryside for the summer in a way that protects the environment.

"It's an excellent example of the benefits of partnership working between local authorities, bus operators and Transport for Wales. This is the first time that we have been able to provide and promote a single one-day ticket available on all services and it is thanks to operators large and small for their commitment to improving access by bus." Timetable information for all buses in North Wales is available online at <http://bustimes.org> or [traveline.cymru](http://traveline.cymru); or by phone on 0800 464 00 00.

1bws is valid on all local bus services operating in North Wales (the counties of Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey and Wrexham) with the exception of service 28 between Mold and Flint.

It is also not valid on tourist services operated by open top buses, on National Express coach services and park and ride services.

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## Ruabon Bowling Club



The Ruabon Vets Team formed this year

### Wrexham Pairs League (Mondays)

Ruabon A won 6-2 at home to Brymbo on 12<sup>th</sup> July

### Vets League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon won 7-3 away to Gresford Village C on 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Oswestry League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon A lost 6-4 away to Ellesmere A on 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Wrexham Saturday League

Ruabon A lost 6-8 to Brymbo A at home on 17<sup>th</sup> July

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Vets Social Group meets up for friendlies and general chat on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Members are always looking for new members with the only criteria being: 'you must be over 60yrs'.

However, Crown Green Bowls is for **everyone** and is indeed a family sport with all ages able to play together, so if you are looking for something new to do as the pandemic restrictions reduce why not try something new and bring the family to have a go.

If you want to know more or a chat about it then please contact:

**Paul Tincello on 07841 688820.**



All Playwork Projects are funded by Local Community Councils. For further details on projects running during the school holidays, please contact the Wrexham Family Information Service at [www.wrexham.gov.uk/play](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/play) or 01978 292094

## Holiday Play Work Projects 2021/22

**CEFN & ACREFAIR** - Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays 11am to 1pm Monday & Wednesday at Plas Kynaston Park (next to the library). Friday on the Acrefair School field

**COEDPOETH** - Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays 2pm to 4pm Tuesday & Thursday at the Adwy Field

**ABENBURY** - Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays. 11am to 1pm Tuesday & Thursday at Pentre Maelor (the play area)

**GWERSYLLT** - Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays.

2pm to 4pm. Monday & Tuesday at Pendine Park Wednesday & Thursday at Bradley Fields. Friday at New Road, Summerhill.

**OFFA** - Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays. 2pm to 4pm Tuesday at Bryncabanau

**RHOS & JOHNSTOWN** Run during all school holidays excluding February and the Christmas holidays. 2pm to 4pm Monday & Tuesday at Morton Circle (Johnstown). Wednesday at Bryn y Brain, Thursday & Friday in Ponciau Park

**RHOSTYLLEN** - Run during Summer Holidays only, 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday on the fields, behind the Parish Hall

**BRYMBO** - Run during all school holidays, excluding February and the Christmas holidays, 11am to 1pm Monday & Tuesday at Cheshire view, Wednesday at Lamberton Drive play area, Thursday & Friday at Cae Merfyn, Tanyfron



### YEAR ROUND PLAY WORK PROJECTS 2021/22:

**AVOW PLAY PROJECT** Facilitating play sessions in Plas Madoc, Pant & Broughton. For more information Tel: 01978 813912.

**GWENFRO VALLEY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**. Behind Gwenfro Primary School in Caia Park. Opening times are subject to funding. For more information Tel: 01978 264994.

**THE VENTURE PLAYGROUND**, Garner Road (next to Queensway in Caia Park), Opening times are subject to funding. For more information Tel: 01978 355761

**BRYMBO HERITAGE TRUST PLAY PROJECT**. Wednesday 4pm to 6pm during term time only, for more information contact: Brymbo Heritage Trust, Tel: 07498048135

**COEDPOETH PLAY PROJECT**. Mondays 4pm to 6pm on The Adwy Field during term time. For more information contact the WCBC Play & Youth Support Team, Tel: 01978 298361

**HIGHTOWN PLAY PROJECT**. Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Bryncabanau Playground during term time. For more information contact the WCBC Play & Youth Support Team Tel: 01978 298361

**RHOS & JOHNSTOWN PLAY PROJECT**. Sessions will alternate between Morton Circle (Johnstown) & Ponciau Park. Wednesday 4pm to 6pm during term time. For more information contact the WCBC Play & Youth Support Team, Tel: 01978 298361

**SYDALLT PLAY PROJECT (GWERSYLLT)**. Thursday 4pm to 6pm on Tan Yr-Allt Field during term time only. For more information contact the WCBC Play & Youth Support Team, Tel: 01978 298361.

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### Free Audio Books from all Wrexham Libraries

Are you fed up with watching the TV? Or do you like whiling away the time whilst walking the dog? Whatever your preference your local library will have a wide variety of audio books to keep you occupied. You can download them to your device for free using our special Borrowbox app which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google



Play Store for Android. For more details visit

[www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries)



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

The Welsh Government scheme which supports people on low-pay with a £500 payment if they have to self-isolate is being extended until March 2022.



The Self-Isolation Support Scheme was opened in November 2020 to breakdown some of the financial barriers faced by people who are told to isolate by the NHS Wales Test Trace Protect (TTP) service because they have symptoms of coronavirus or are a close contact.

It helps support those who cannot work from home as well as parents and carers on low incomes with children who are self-isolating.

The Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans has approved an additional £4m, on top of £8m already earmarked in the Local Government Hardship Fund to extend the scheme.

So far, more than 13,200 support payments have been made to people since November 2020.

Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans said:

*"These payments are vital for anyone who has been told to isolate by TTP but may experience financial hardship as a result of having to stay at home and miss work.*

*"The scheme is administered by local authorities and includes a discretionary element to provide support to those who need it most."*

As well as the £500 support payment, pilot schemes, including Covid Support Hubs, have been set up to offer even more support to people who would struggle to self-isolate. These have run in

the Cwm Taf Morgannwg and Betsi Cadwaladr university health board areas and have helped to provide additional support to people, including food, essential items, mental health support and financial advice.

Minister for Health and Social Services Eluned Morgan said:

*"It's so important that people self-isolate if they test positive for Covid-19 because this helps to stop the virus spreading.*

*"TTP has been extremely effective at supporting both people who have tested positive and their contacts and providing advice, guidance and support. It's important we continue to invest to provide support to those who need it the most.*

*"We have created guidance to ensure local authorities can access funding to provide support tailored to people's needs, including alternative, temporary accommodation for those who can't self-isolate safely or effectively."*

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It was good hear recently on Twitter, that former student, Scott Butler from Ruabon, is enjoying his life with Swansea City AFC. All at Ysgol Rhiwabon are very proud of Scott and wish him continued success.



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Many thanks to all those who have supplied these pieces of information which will be of interest to others. Sybil.