Ruabon News Letter 384

26.07.2021

"Ruabon and Pont Adam"

(as confirmed by Ann Owens)

When Ann Owens first came to live in Ruabon, The Education Authority was offering evening classes.

Of course Ann was interested and attended one these classes in Acrefair which was given by Mr Ifor Edwards. Evidently, this gentleman also took his classes on walks around the areas under discussion – so no wonder these facts remained so clear for Ann.

One evening his topic was "Ruabon and Pont Adam"
He spoke of the Monastery in Bangor-is-y-coed, when apparently the current Abbot's name was Adam.

During the Summer, Adam's monks drove their cattle from Bangor up to the pasture on Ruabon mountain.
In doing so, they needed to cross the river in Ruabon, hence the derivation of the name "Pont Adam" and from there to "The Bryan Adda" flats, again called after Adam."

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Member of the Senedd Ken Skates wants women in his constituency who have been affected by state pension age increases to be awarded compensation by the UK Government.

The Clwyd South MS said the Women Against State Pension Injustice (Waspi) campaign have been vindicated after a watchdog's investigation found there were failings in the UK Government's communication of the changes.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman found that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) should have told the women – who maintain they did not know the retirement age was rising until it was too late to prepare – more than two years earlier than it did.

Mr Skates said: "This has been a long-running campaign which my colleague Susan Elan Jones worked extremely hard on during her time as MP, and this is a big finding. Nearly four million women have been affected by the state pension age changes, including many in Clwyd South and across North Wales."

Women born in the 1950s have long said the lack of information around the decision to increase their retirement age from 60 to 65 resulted in financial and emotional distress, with research in 2005 finding that only 43% knew their pension age was changing.

The state pension age for both men and women has now increased to 66.

Mr Skates said:

"The Ombudsman has now said what the campaigners have said all along. Maladministration has been established and these women should be compensated. I would expect all MPs across North Wales to make the same case to the UK Government so they can finally get justice for what they've been put through."

Former Clwyd South MP Susan Elan Jones presented a petition to Parliament on behalf of Waspi campaigners in her

consistency. Although no longer a Member of Parliament, she remains a strong supporter of the campaign.
She said: "This is a major breakthrough. There is still a long road ahead for these women to get the justice they deserve, but this backs up everything the campaigners have said and finally acknowledges that the DWP were in the wrong.
"This has had a huge impact on so many women who were given no time to make proper plans for their retirement. I hope this is the beginning of the end of their tireless campaign."
The next stage of the Ombudsman's investigation will consider the impact of the DWP's failings, and could recommend affected women receive compensation from the Government.

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Health Minister announces

3% pay-rise for Welsh NHS staff

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Y Gweinidog Iechyd yn cyhoeddi codiad cyflog o 3% i staff GIG Cymru.

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The pay rise will apply retrospectively from April 2021.

Health Minister Eluned Morgan said:
"Once again, I want to thank our Welsh NHS staff for their extraordinary efforts over the course of this pandemic.
Many staff have worked extremely long hours under enormous pressure.
"This pay rise recognises the dedication and commitment of hardworking NHS staff and the enormous contribution they have made. It is also a recognition of how valued they are by Welsh communities. For our lowest paid staff, this means we have gone above the Living Wage recommendation of £9.50 an hour, demonstrating our commitment to NHS Wales being a Living Wage employer."
The UK Treasury has not yet provided any information about whether any additional funding will be provided to cover the cost of the recommended uplift above the 1% cap previously announced but the Health Minister said current budgets will be prioritised to enable this the deal to be implemented.
The pay increase will be made in addition to the NHS and social care bonus payment which was announced by the previous Minister for Health and Social Services in March 2021. The one off payment of £735 acknowledged the compassionate care provided by our NHS workforce to the people of Wales when we have been at our most vulnerable.

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Gwyneth Pickering has kindly send in the following information for train travellers:

"If anyone is travelling by train to Welshpool or beyond it is cheaper to buy a 'split ticket'.
One to Shrewsbury then buy the second ticket there.
Make sure that you leave enough time between connections to buy the second ticket."

North East Wales Wellbeing Network
Rhwydwaith Lles Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru

Thank you to Paul Tincello for sending in the many pieces of information from FLVC and AVOW

- GP registration cards for Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- Swyddi Wag Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol

- Vacancies: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- VAWDASV Courses in JULY
- ACEs Course: How to Connect with Troubled and Troubling Children
- No Wrong Door – 23rd July Event
- Digwyddiad 23 Gorffennaf – Dim Drws Anghywir
- Flier for the next Long COVID Self-management course
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- Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol – Newydd
- New - Community Ownership Fund
- LANDFILL DISPOSAL TAX COMMUNITIES SCHEME
- Community Revival Fair

GP registration cards for Migrants and Asylum Seekers

Please see the attached GP registration cards to be shared with services and contacts of migrants and anyone seeking asylum, who is not registered with the NHS. The card provides assurances that someone can get NHS treatment including prescriptions (and Covid vaccination) without a fixed address or ID.

There is a stock of the printed cards available from the Welsh Government office in Cardiff, and we can take orders for these

to be posted onwards – if you want copies, please email Megan.Vickery@wales.nhs.uk , copying in Tracey.Hill@wales.nhs.uk , Bethan.Bowden@wales.nhs.uk and Matthew.Jenkins@gov.wales , stating contact name, address and number of cards required. (Health Board Communications – please check with your ops team if they are putting in orders to prevent duplication).

Card for AS – side by side and tilt and turn.

Swyddi Wag Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Vacancies: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Gweler isod y ddolen i swyddi gwag Cymuned, Trydydd Sector a Cyllid) ar Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr. Mae croeso i chi anfon hwn ymlaen fel rydych yn teimlo sy'n addas. **Cymuned** - Independent Member (Community) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board - Welsh Government (tal.net) **Trydydd Sector** - Independent Member (Third Sector) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board - Welsh Government (tal.net) **Cyllid** - Independent Member (Finance) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board -	Please see below link to vacancies (Community, Third Sector and Finance) on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Please feel free to forward this as you see fit. **Community** - Independent Member (Community) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board - Welsh Government (tal.net) **Third Sector** - Independent Member (Third Sector) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board - Welsh Government (tal.net) **Finance** - Independent Member (Finance) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board - Welsh Government (tal.net)

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VAWDASV Courses in JULY

Covid-19 had an impact on the rise of Domestic Abuse occurrences and Mental Health challenges. Hafan Cymru is holding a series of courses aimed at support practitioners, volunteers, and the public that will raise awareness and increase their understanding of VAWDASV (Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence). Be equipped and informed.

Courses Available in July:

- Suicide Awareness
- Domestic Abuse including Controlling & Coercive Behaviour
- Child & Adolescent to Parent Violence & Abuse

To **book**, please go to: *https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hafan-cymru-28127500839*

ACEs Course: How to Connect with Troubled and Troubling Children

QEWC is an organisation providing Care Home and Special Education services in North Wales. We have extensive experience and knowledge of working successfully with children and young people who display challenging behaviour. We are the North Wales provider of the Proactive Approaches 'Trauma Informed Behaviour Management' training programme and have a number of other areas in which we support organisations and individuals by way of training programmes and mentoring.

We are delighted to be delivering again our one-day ACES ***'How to connect with Troubled and Troubling Children'*** which will consider the reasons why we see these behaviours occurring on an ever increasing scale in a wide range of settings including education, care and young people's services.

Please find below further details of the day which will be taking place on **23rd September 2021** at **Chester Zoo**. The cost for the day is **£140** per person to include lunch, refreshments and access to the Zoo at the end of the day. This is always a really popular course and places are strictly limited so book early to avoid disappointment. The attached flyer will provide further detail about the content of the day and the trainer David Taransaud. ***Please note: The training room is located on the first floor and there is no lift access to this room.***

Places can be booked by CLICKING HERE to visit our website and submit a booking form. Of course if they, or you, have any questions you can email: training@gewc.co.uk.
Information poster

No Wrong Door – 23rd July Event

Please find the attached poster and below information regarding the No Wrong Door event on the 23rd July 2021 11am to 3.00 at Gwaith Powdwr.
Event Poster attached and you can book a place via the link below.
If the young person has any transport needs please email Christy.Hoskings@wales.nhs.uk or Jane.Berry3@wales.nhs.uk for support
A booking form has been set up to help with any children and young people wanting to book onto the events at Campfire Cymru as part of the No Wrong Door consultation. The booking form includes all of the information needed such as kit, booking form and food choices.
Here is the link to give to parents/young people who ask to book for the West event in **Penrhyndeudraeth on the 23rd July 2021**:

https://bookwhen.com/campfirecymruflintshire/e/ev-s09v-20210723110000

Digwyddiad 23 Gorffennaf – Dim Drws Anghywir

Dewch o hyd i'r poster atodol a'r wybodaeth isod ynglŷn â'r digwyddiad Dim Drws Anghywir ar 23 Gorffennaf 2021 11am i 3.00 yn Gwaith Powdwr.

Poster Digwyddiad ynghlwm a gallwch archebu lle trwy'r ddolen isod.

Os oes gan y person ifanc unrhyw anghenion cludiant, e-bostiwch Christy.Hoskings@wales.nhs.uk neu Jane.Berry3@wales.nhs.uk i gael cefnogaeth

Mae ffurflen archebu wedi'i sefydlu i helpu gydag unrhyw blant a phobl ifanc sydd am archebu lle ar y digwyddiadau yn Campfire Cymru fel rhan o'r ymgynghoriad Dim Drws Anghywir. Mae'r ffurflen archebu yn cynnwys yr holl wybodaeth sydd ei hangen fel cit, ffurflen archebu a dewisiadau bwyd.

Dyma'r ddolen i'w rhoi i rieni / pobl ifanc sy'n gofyn am archebu ar gyfer digwyddiad y Gorllewin ym **Mhenrhyndeudraeth ar 23 Gorffennaf 2021**:

https://bookwhen.com/campfirecymruflintshire/e/ev-s09v-20210723110000

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Energy Advice from Groundwork North Wales

Once again, Groundwork North Wales are part of LEAP, the Local Energy Advice Partnership. The scheme has now re-opened for the new scheme year, and we can work with households across North Wales who meet a broad range of eligibility requirements.

Worried about your home energy bills?

Our team of local expert 'Green Doctors' can help with:

- Switching Energy Supplier, have a recent bill to hand!
- Energy Saving Top Tips, simple ways to use less and save money.
- Advice about Smart Meters, and how they can help you stay in

control.
• Installing Energy Saving Products*, like LED light bulbs, radiator reflectors & draught proofing.
• Signposting to grants, discounts & other support

Call for more information on 01978 757524 or email energy@groundworknorthwales.org.uk

*subject to eligibility, more details https://applyforleap.org.uk/eligibility

Ydych chi'n poeni am filiau ynni eich cartref?

Gall ein tîm o arbenigwyr lleol 'Green Doctors' eich helpu â'r canlynol:
• Newid Cyflenwr Ynni, cofiwch gael bil diweddar wrth law!
• Cyngor ar sut i Arbed Ynni, ffyrdd hawdd o ddefnyddio llai ac arbed arian.
• Cyngor am Fesuryddion Clyfar, a sut gallan nhw eich helpu chi i reol eich defnydd o ynni.
• Gosod Cynnyrch Arbed Ynni*, fel blybiau golau LED, adlewyrchyddion rheiddiaduron a dulliau atal drafftiau.
• Cyngor ar sut i gael grantiau, gostyngiadau a chymorth arall

Ffoniwch 01978 757524 i gael gwybodaeth neu e-bostiwch energy@groundworknorthwales.org.uk

*yn amodol ar gymhwysedd, rhagor o fanylion https://applyforleap.org.uk/eligibility

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Wales and Africa Grant Scheme

Wales' flagship grant programme for the Wales and Africa initiative has opened for applications in 2021. Wales and Africa Small Grants Scheme will fund groups to work with their African Partners. The ongoing global effects on the COVID-19 outbreak are being felt differently worldwide. With the varying needs of partnerships in mind, the Wales and Africa Small Grants Scheme welcomes requests which meets the current need the communities you work with either through responding to the

impact of the pandemic or resuming 'business as usual' activity. Grants are available from £3,000 up to £15,000. The 2021 Fund opened on 12th July. There will be a panel meeting two weeks after opening and then another a week after that. The application cycle will repeat until the funding allocation has been met

A comprehensive guidance document is available on the Wales and Africa grants scheme webpage. For further information contact WCVA at email: walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru

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National Youth Arts Wales: Arts Scholarship Bursaries

National Youth Arts Wales (NYAW) has been awarded an Arts Scholarship grant of £165,448 from the Leverhulme Trust, which will support hundreds of young people from lower-income backgrounds to take part in our advanced performance training. The funding will allow NYAW to substantially expand its current programme of bursaries and development programmes over the next four years, benefitting 240 young people each year by 2024-25.

Read more on the Arts Council Wales website.

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Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol – Newydd

Mae Llywodraeth y DU wedi cyhoeddi'r prosbectws ar gyfer y Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol. O dan y gronfa, bydd grantiau cyfalaf cyfatebol o hyd at £250,000 ar gael i gefnogi sefydliadau cymunedol i brynu a diogelu asedau lleol sydd mewn perygl o gael eu colli heb ymyrraeth gymunedol. Mewn achosion eithriadol, bydd hyd at £1 miliwn o grantiau cyfalaf cyfatebol ar gael ar gyfer rhai cyfleusterau chwaraeon.

Gall mudiadau gwirfoddol fod yn gymwys i sicrhau arian cyfatebol ar gyfer eu prosiect Cronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol drwy Buddsoddiad Cymdeithasol Cymru (SIC). I drafod y cyfle hwn, cysylltwch â'r tîm SIC: sic@wcva.cymru.

Mae Llywodraeth y DU yn darparu weminar wybodaeth i unrhyw un sydd â diddordeb mewn gwneud cais.
Sesiwn weminar y Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol: Dydd Gwener 23 Gorffennaf,10am – 11am, cliciwch yma i gofrestru
Gan ystyried y rhybudd byr ar y gweminar, mae CGGC yn gobeithio trefnu sesiwn ar-lein i sefydliadau yng Nghymru rhag ofn na all pobl fynychu'r digwyddiadau uchod, byddwn mewn cysylltiad unwaith y bydd y dyddiad hyn wedi'i gadarnhau.
Gellir gweld copi o'r prosbectws, y canllawiau meini prawf asesu a'r ffurflen gais ar wefan Llywodraeth y DU.
Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau ar gyfer y rownd yma yw 13 Awst 2021. Bydd ail rownd yn agor ym mis Rhagfyr 2021 a'r trydydd ym mis Mai 2022.

New - Community Ownership Fund

UK Government has published the prospectus for the Community Ownership Fund. Under the fund, matched capital grants of up to £250,000 will be available to support voluntary organisations to purchase and protect local assets at risk of loss without community intervention. In exceptional cases, up to £1million matched capital grants will be available for some sporting facilities.
Voluntary organisations may be eligible to secure matched funding for their Community Ownership Fund project through Social Investment Cymru (SIC). To discuss this opportunity, please contact the SIC team: sic@wcva.cymru.
UK Government is delivering an information webinar for anyone interested in applying.

Community Ownership Fund webinar session 2: Friday 23rd July, 10am – 11am, click here to sign up
Given the short notice on the webinar, WCVA is hoping to arrange an online session for Welsh organisations in case people can't attend the above events, we publicise this once the date of this is confirmed.

A copy of the prospectus, assessment criteria guidance and application form can be found on the UK Government website.

The deadline for applications for this bidding round is 13 August 2021.

A second round will open in December 2021 and a third in May 2022.

LANDFILL DISPOSAL TAX COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Grants are available to help communities living within 5 miles* of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites take action for their local environment. The fund is open to any organisation for projects focusing on one or more of the following themes:

Biodiversity - activities that help native wildlife and restore, maintain and enhance natural habitats, create community green space

- **Waste Minimisation & Diversion of Waste from Landfill** – activities that encourage prevention, re-use and recycling of waste, including food waste and composting initiatives
- **Wider Environmental Enhancements** - bring wider community benefit through improving quality of place, e.g. create community green spaces, bring neglected and run-down areas back into community use, and maintain or improve community facilities, such as community halls.
- **Grants of between £5,000 and £49,999** will be available for projects. The closing date for applications is **31st August 2021**. Applications are being accepted now, and it is advisable to start applications well in advance of the deadline.

  *Interested parties should check the Eligibility Area Checker map at the WCVA website, to ensure they are within an eligible area, before beginning their application. https://wcva.cymru/funding/landfill-disposals-tax-communities-scheme/

on the FLVC website!

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Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

: **New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline**

It's illegal to kill or injure a red squirrel. Yet a forest containing them is not protected and can be cut down.

Although a felling licence is required to fell woodland, these licences cannot be refused even if they cause habitat loss and red squirrel population decline.
State owned forests do not require a licence but are managed under Plans which last 10 years or more. They don't have to annually assess the cumulative impact of felling on red squirrel populations.
This must change.

More details

Rare red squirrels are threatened by outdated 1960s tree felling law:
https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/red-squirrels-rare-woodland-wildlife-british-outdated-tree-felling-a8665491.html

https://nation.cymru/opinion/wales-should-follow-scotlands-lead-in-protecting-the-red-squirrels-habitat/

Even in Welsh Government owned forests managed by Natural Resources Wales, the agency clear-fells habitat without assessing the impact on squirrel populations. On Anglesey, NRW has spent £0 in 10 years to monitor red squirrels. They have no idea of the effect of repeated tree felling on populations and are continuing to fell habitat regardless:

https://www.thenational.wales/news/19304998.expert-raps-nrw-felling-red-squirrel-habitat/

Welsh Government say tackling global deforestation is 'vital' to prevent 'decline of our biodiversity' yet their forest regulator destroys forest habitat here without assessing impact on red squirrels.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-56185205

9,565 signatures

10,000

The Petitions Committee will consider this petition

All petitions with more than 50 signatures will be discussed by the Petitions Committee after they have finished collecting signatures

At 10,000 signatures...

Petitions with more than 10,000 signatures will be considered for a debate in the Senedd

Share this petition, by Email; Facebook, Twitter and Watsapp.

- Created by Craig Shuttleworth
- Collecting signatures until 8 December 2021.
- Petitions can collect signatures for a maximum of 6 months
- Get petition data (JSON format)
- About petition data:

The data shows the number of people who have signed the petition by country as well as in the constituency of each Member of the Senedd. This data is available for all petitions on the site. It is not a list of people who have signed the petition. The only name that is shared on the site is that of the petition creator. All content is available under "the except where otherwise stated."

Thank you for the information above, which has been taken from a facebook post by Bill Smith.

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Ruabon Bowling Club

The Ruabon Vets Team formed this year

Wrexham Pairs League (Mondays)

Ruabon A By 19th July

Vets League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon Tied 5-5 away to Rosset Village C on 20th July

Oswestry League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon A lost 0-10 away to Church Lions on 20th July

Wrexham Saturday League

Ruabon A lost 6-8 to Brymbo A at home on 24th 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.
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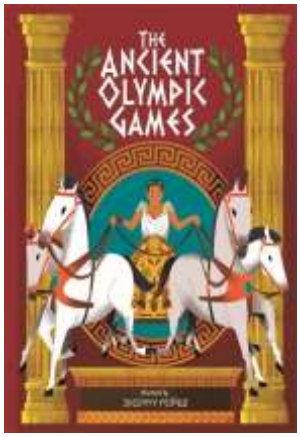
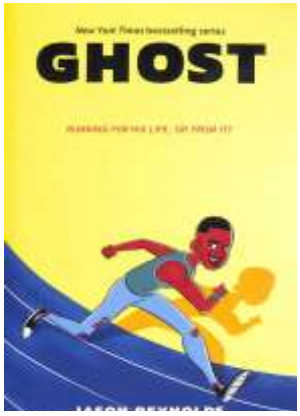
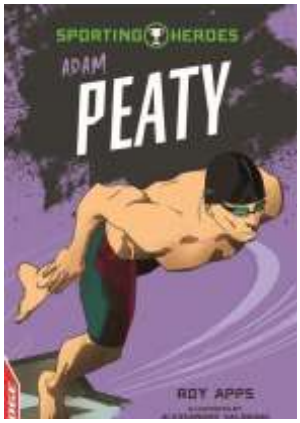
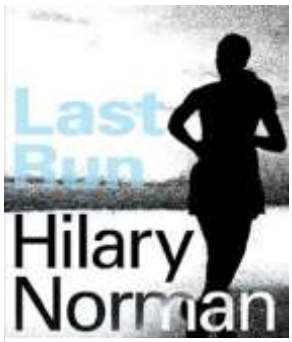
Ruabon Library
Some sporting choices on the bookshelf this week…

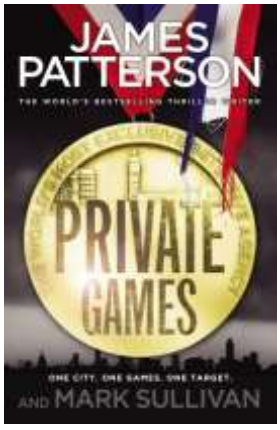
To make an appointment to browse or order and collect
Telephone 01978 822002
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12.15 - 4.45
Thursday 9.15 -1.00
Email ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk.

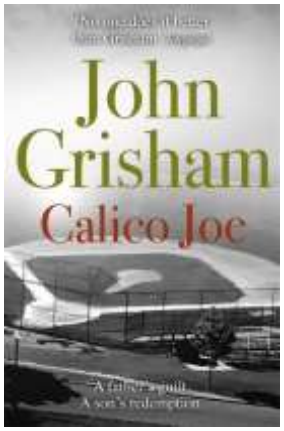


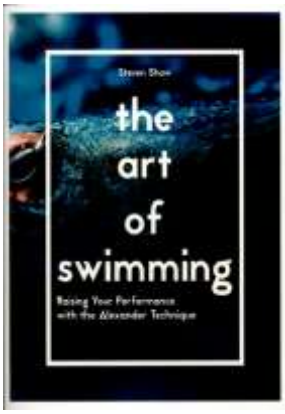


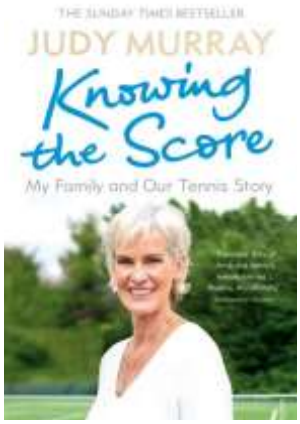












Library News

Library News for the week beginning 25 July

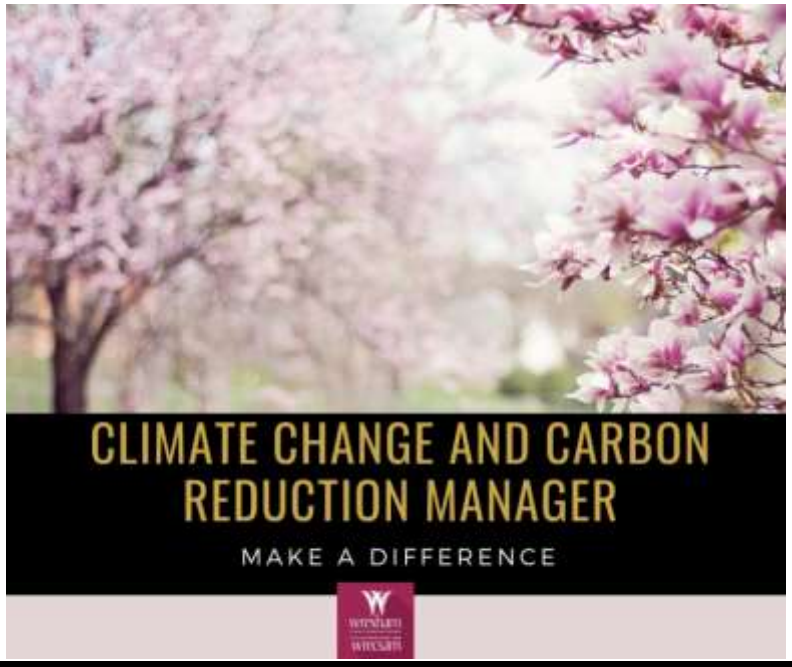
We need your help!

Since the coronavirus pandemic began in March 2020, Wrexham Library Service has had to change how it delivers outreach library services to rural communities, where residents have little or limited access to a branch library and or public transport. In autumn 2020 Wrexham Public Library Service safely unlocked and gradually introduced a four week Outreach Library Service in partnership with some of our local communities, where by residents and library customers can order, collect and return library items. Priority for the Outreach Library Service has been given to local communities who have no branch library, and little or limited regular public transport. It is envisage that as this service expands, it will engage with all Community Councils, Community Agents and others.

The big challenge we have is to reach more residents with Wrexham Library Outreach Service. We want your thoughts on how your Outreach Library Service will reach you in the future. To help us do this please visit this link www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraryreview and complete our survey. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. We would like to thank you in advance for your time.

Women's Prize for Fiction

The Women's Prize Trust is a registered charity championing women writers on a global stage. They empower all women to raise their voice and own their story, shining a spotlight on outstanding and ambitious fiction by women from anywhere in the world, regardless of their age, race, nationality or background. They showcase the very best writing by women for everyone through the Women's Prize for Fiction, one of the most respected, celebrated and successful literary awards in the world. Wrexham's libraries hold copies of al shortlisted books for this year's prize. You can order them via our Order and Collect system or book an appointment to browse our collection today!



We're looking for a special individual to be our Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manager to lead on our delivery and further development of our strategy and plans to be carbon neutral by 2030.

orlo.uk/XBWBP

We're looking for a special individual to be our Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manager to lead on our delivery and further development of our strategy and plans to be carbon neutral by 2030. An extremely ambitious deadline but one we're committed to achieving.

The successful applicant will be knowledgeable and able to motivate others by providing programme management and strategic leadership across the Council, ensuring the delivery of sustainable and innovative projects with key partners and stakeholders.

You'll work closely with elected members, senior leadership team and officers in all services to ensure that our commitment to decarbonisation is embedded in everything we do.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport and Climate Champion, said, "We want to make a difference and this

is a key role which requires a committed and motivated individual to drive our plans forward in order to achieve our targets.
"It's also an exciting opportunity to work in a role that can achieve change that will benefit not only Wrexham but the whole of Wales and a lot further afield.
"Globally climate change is on our news feeds every day and this is a perfect opportunity for the right person to make a difference."
Closing date for applications is 08.08.21.

Living in Wrexham

Wrexham has a lot going for it. We have some amazing country parks (one of which contains our stunning World Heritage Site – Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal) , a rich and proud history, and some of the most honest and hardworking people you could wish to meet.
We've got Tŷ Pawb, our cultural community resource, which brings together arts and markets within the same footprint.
We also have a university, one of the best further education colleges in the UK, and we're home to some of Britain's most successful businesses.

With the Hollywood investment in Wrexham AFC, our local football club, courtesy of Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, it's a really exciting time for Wrexham.
And not only are we handily positioned to cities like Chester, Liverpool and Manchester, but we're also only a stones-throw from some of the UK's most beautiful beaches as well.

Don't believe what you read. Working in the public sector can be really rewarding…and it definitely isn't boring. Plus you'll get access to a good pension scheme, generous leave allowance, flexible working (great for balancing work and home life) and other employee benefits.

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The following message has been sent in by Councillor Dana Davies:

MOBILE TESTING UNIT IN JOHNSTOWN EVERY MONDAY – LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS URGED TO GET A TEST

A mobile testing unit will open in the community of Johnstown, Wrexham to make it easier for people living and working in the area to get a Covid-19 test.

The easy-access testing facility will be offering rapid lateral flow tests at Johnstown Community Centre (Heol Kenyon), every Monday starting from July 26.

The facility will be based in the carpark adjacent to the community centre, and will be open between 9:30am and 5pm on July 26.

Residents of Johnstown, Rhosllanerchrugog, Ruabon and Penycae who don't have symptoms are being encouraged to get tested at the unit (anyone who does have symptoms should self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test).

One in three people don't have symptoms

Cases have been relatively high in these areas compared to the rest of Wrexham County Borough in recent weeks, and it's hoped that providing the testing facility every Monday will help slow any spread.

About one in three people with coronavirus don't have symptoms, but can still infect others, and getting tested regularly is the only way to know if you have the virus.

If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

The work is being co-ordinated by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Wrexham Council and Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust.

Booking a Covid-19 vaccine appointment is now easier than ever - go to the website below and book

https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/mobile-testing-unit-in-johnstown-every-monday-local-residents-who-dont-have-symptoms-urged-to-get-a-test/

At Ruabon Methodist Church

On Sunday 1st August there will be a Service of Praise and Worship

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Thank you to Zinnia Lewis who has provided us all with yet another welcoming sight on entering Church Road.

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Thank you once again to all those who have sent in all the positive news to cheer us along.
It does help towards the idea that "back to normal" will soon be here for us all, apart from those who have suffered losses, when life will never be the same again.

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Friends of Ruabon have produced a card for distribution

and I quote:

"**Friends of Ruabon**
We are here to help
Call/Text: 07957 628551
Email: info@friendsofruabon.co.uk
Facebook: Friends of Ruabon
Instagram:@friends_of_ruabon
Twitter: @FriendsofRuabon"

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Best wishes all, Sybil (Bremner).