

RUABON NEWS LETTER 387



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GCSE Examination Results 2021

Ysgol Rhiwabon Governors and staff want to congratulate Key Stage 4 students on an excellent set of results this year. The Class of 2021 have studied through a challenging phase of history, in the shadow of a pandemic. Despite this, Year 11 students have shone, rising to the challenge of completing academic studies in the strangest of times. There have been some amazing individual achievements and a collective success, the school and local community can be proud of.

Mrs Ferron-Evans commented:

"As Headteacher, I could not have asked for a better Year group. The students have worked with staff in such a positive, enthusiastic way reminding us of the true value of the Ysgol Rhiwabon motto, "Nothing without Labour".

"Centre Determined Grades have replaced the usual external examination model. This has proved to be an apt name; students have been determined to succeed and all staff have worked tirelessly to secure that success. I would like to pay a particular tribute to all school staff and to our families who have worked in partnership to ensure that we have so much to celebrate this year.

"As our Year group prepares for the next stage of education or the world of work, all the staff and Governors of Ysgol Rhiwabon wish every student continued success and happiness. We hope they find time to visit us in the future so we can continue to celebrate their achievements."

Melanie Ferron-Evans, Headteacher

Summer Maintenance Programme

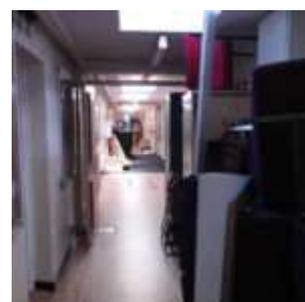
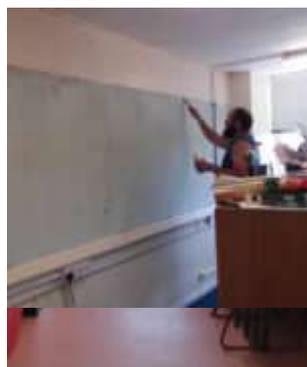
Thanks to Giles Evans for keeping us all up to date

The Summer Maintenance Programme began this week with all E Corridor classrooms emptied in readiness for their complete overhaul.

The E Corridor activities in all classrooms cover new lighting, repairs and painting of walls, new flooring, and eventually new furniture, following on from the significant investment by Wrexham County Council in previous summers.

In other parts for the school, offices and other corridors have started to be repainted.

During the summer further updates will follow on the progress as we get set for a full rerun in September.



Minister celebrates 'remarkable achievement' of class of 2021

Minister for Education and the Welsh Language
Jeremy Miles

Gweinidog yn dathlu 'cyflawniad nodedig' dosbarth 2021

Education Minister Jeremy Miles has praised the achievements of students all over Wales as 2021 A, AS, VQ and Skills Challenge Certificates results are published.



The total number of A level entries in Wales this year was 35,867, an increase of 14.5% relative to 2020, reversing the decreasing A level entries since the summer of 2015, and resulting in an extra 4,500 A levels being awarded to

Welsh learners this year. Results for Wales show that 99.1% of learners achieved A* - E grades, up from 97.6% in 2019, with an increase at A* with 21.3% of candidates achieving this grade.

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This year's assessment and qualification process have been different to previous years as examinations for summer 2021 were cancelled in

response to the pandemic. A new system was designed and delivered by schools and colleges and put trust in them to draw together a range of assessment evidence on which to determine a learner's grade.

Jeremy Miles said: *"I hope everyone who received their grades today feels immensely proud of their remarkable achievement. "This year has been like no other and you've had to make many sacrifices. You have had to deal with so much disruption to your studies over the past 18 months, but have shown tremendous resilience and determination to continue your learning. You have also played an incredibly important role in keeping your classmates, teachers and communities safe.*

"While your experiences and the way in which you have been assessed have been different, the value of these qualifications is not. You can be sure that your grades reflect your hard work throughout this year, and you fully deserve the qualifications you receive.

"Our school and college staff have also been tremendous, working incredibly hard and under a lot of pressure to deliver and mark learners' assessments.

"The most important thing this year, is that learners are able to progress to the next stage of their education, training or their work careers.

"Best of luck to you all in whatever your future holds."

Teens aged 16-17 in North Wales urged to come forward for their COVID-19 vaccine

Two weeks ago, following updated guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the Welsh

Government announced that Wales' COVID-19 vaccination programme has been expanded to 16-17-year-olds.

We are now encouraging teenagers aged 16-17 across North Wales to come forward for their first dose by booking in advance using our [online service](#), or attending one of our [walk in sessions](#), for which appointments are not required.

Parental consent to book or receive a first dose jab is not required, but people in this age group may be accompanied by an adult, if they wish to.

The JCVI has said that advice on when to offer the second dose will come later.

Evidence from COVID-19 outbreaks across North Wales shows that people in this age group are at significantly increased risk of catching and transmitting the virus.

We've had an incredibly positive uptake of the vaccine among 18-29-year-olds and we are confident that a great majority of 16-17-year-olds will come forward for their jab and play their part in helping us all retain some the freedoms that have been recently restored after COVID-19 restrictions were eased.

We urge any 16-17-year-old who isn't sure if they want to receive the vaccine to book and attend an appointment, or turn up at any of our walk-in clinics, so we can take the time to discuss the benefits of vaccination and any concerns they may have, before they make a decision on whether to go ahead.



Don't lose your voice -
check your voter registration details are up to date

Everyone living in Wrexham is being encouraged not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date.

With local government elections taking place next May this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part.

The annual canvass ensures we can keep the electoral register up to date, identifying any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so.

With 16/17 year olds and all foreign nationals (that are legally living in Wales) now able to vote in local elections in Wales, this will be an important opportunity to ensure these new voters can get onto the electoral register before next year's local government elections



If you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote, or we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post.

Ian Bancroft, Electoral Registration Officer here in Wrexham said, "Every year, we check the electoral register is up to date so that everyone who has the right to vote in upcoming elections can have their say.

We'll be sending forms/letters soon, asking you to check your details. Just follow the steps on the form/letter.

You might not have been able to vote before the extension of the voting rights last year, but you may be able to vote now - but only if you are registered".

Any residents who have any questions can contact their local registration team on 01978 292020.

The Wrexham Science Festival



The Wrexham Science Festival, Darganfod // Discover, makes a return in 2021 in an exciting collaboration between Ty Pawb and Xplore Science Discovery Centre. There will be a full programme of events and family friendly activities across each location and a number of street events in Chester Street.

Tickets for the Science Festival are available from Ty Pawb and Xplore.

In Ty Pawb's Performance space will be a series of electronic and experimental sound performances by Datamosh and Torpa.

Discover more details about the Wrexham Science Festival 2021 can be found on the Facebook pages of Ty Pawb and Xplore. Sure to be a great whole family event.

[Ruabon Bowling Club](#)



The Ruabon Vets Team formed this year

Wrexham Pairs League (Mondays)

Ruabon lost 2-6 at home to Esclusham A on 9th August.

Vets League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon. won 8-2 at home to Coedpoeth on 10th August.

Oswestry League (Tuesdays)

Ruabon A won 7-3 at home to Corwen A on 10th August

Wrexham Saturday League

Ruabon A won 10-4 at home to Coedpoeth on 14th August

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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.



## Summer at Tŷ Pawb

Visiting Tŷ Pawb this summer?



We've got great food, great shops, loads of free family activities every day, a new exhibition in the gallery, trader fairs and lots, lots more!

[Read our quick guide to what's on this summer](#)

## New exhibition opens



We are delighted to announce that **Bedwyr Williams, MILQUETOAST** is now open.

This major new body of work by Welsh artist Bedwyr Williams interrogates the role of the art institution within contemporary society.

## Book now for Tŷ Pawb's Summer of Fun



Thanks to support from [Summer of Fun](#) and [Arts Council Wales](#), we are able to run this year's special summer holidays programme **completely free of charge!** Special thanks also to the Wrexham Play Team for their support.

We've got something every day for all ages including movies, crafts, comics, den building and even some mini-gardening!  
**.To view and book on to any of these**



North East Wales Wellbeing Network  
Rhwydwaith Lles Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru



## **DAILY DIGEST 10.08.2021 | CRYNODEB DYDDIOL 10.08.2021**

- [North Wales businesses encouraged to help breastfeeding mothers and babies thrive/ Cuddle pockets launch to help bereaved parents](#)
- [SBRI – Children and Young People’s Emotional Health, Well-being and Resilience Challenge – Briefing Event](#)
- [SAVE THE DATE! The FDF Centre for Independent Living](#)
- [Energy price cap increase & Warm Homes Discount – how we can help](#)
- [Caniad’s East North Wales Big Chat Takes Place via Zoom on Thursday August the 19th at 1pm](#)
- [Sgwrs Fawr Caniad’s East North Wales Yn Cymryd Lle trwy Chwyddo ymlaen Dydd Iau Awst19eg am 1pm](#)

### **North Wales businesses encouraged to help breastfeeding mothers and babies thrive**

Businesses across North Wales are being urged to support breastfeeding by providing safe and welcoming spaces for mothers and babies as COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease.

Dozens of cafes, restaurants, shops, hairdressers and public services have already committed to the [Breastfeeding Welcome](#) initiative, which allows businesses to show their support. But mums, peer supporters and public health experts from BCUHB have used World Breastfeeding Week to call for more to join the scheme. They say encouraging firms to enrol will help mothers feed their babies confidently while out and about - especially following difficult months of isolating lockdown and distancing rules.

### **Cuddle pockets launch to help bereaved parents**

**The Welsh Ambulance Service** has introduced handmade 'cuddle pockets' so that stillborn babies can be transported to hospital with compassion. The bespoke hand-knitted pockets are designed for

babies who are less than 24 weeks, who are placed inside and the ribbons tied together. The baby's parents are encouraged to hold their baby during the journey.

The Trust is among the first ambulance services in the country to begin using the pockets, which have been donated by non-profit organisation Needles & Hooks Angle and Premies (NHAP). The initiative was launched following feedback from patients and crews, and aims to ensure that bereaved parents and their babies are treated with dignity.

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### **SBRI - Children and Young People's Emotional Health, Well-being and Resilience Challenge - Briefing Event**

How might we provide digital support around early intervention and prevention for children and young people aged 8-11 to build resilience in their emotional health and well-being?

Emotional health and wellbeing is on everyone's agenda. More children and young people are experiencing poor mental health and emotional wellbeing including rising levels of anxiety, depression and self-harm. The demand for support is increasing across all service sectors and despite everyone's best efforts, services for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing currently vary considerably across North Wales. Pathways are not always clear, and referrals to services are not always appropriate.

Click [here](#) to find further information and how to join a Briefing Event week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **The FDF Centre for Independent Living**

Following on from a very lively EMPOWERMENT GROUP meeting this month, when we heard from Theresa Jones from the DWP Advocacy team about the work they are doing to improve the experience of disabled claimants for PIP, ESA, UC etc. and Theresa took away with her some real examples where the DWP may have fallen short. We will be inviting Theresa, Capita and a local DWP Partnership manager to a future meeting.

We also heard from Eluned Yaxley about the Population Needs

Assessment and the North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services improvement collaborative. Vin West the Chair of Arfon Access raised the issue of Direct Payment Support this will be an ongoing agenda item.

If you are a disabled person, a carer or a family member and live in any of the 6 North Wales counties you are very welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 8th September 10am to 12 noon.**

**Wednesday 6th October 10am to 12 noon**

Both meetings on Zoom; contact [befriender@thefdf.org.uk](mailto:befriender@thefdf.org.uk) for the link.

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### **Energy price cap increase & Warm Homes Discount- how we can help**

As you may have seen in the news, the energy price cap has been increased, which for some people will mean an increase in their fuel bills. This is most likely to affect people who don't switch tariffs or whose fixed-term deal has come to an end.

**We can support people to better understand their fuel bills and help them to switch to cheaper tariffs (where they are available).**

The large energy suppliers are now starting to open their Warm Homes Discount schemes - £140 off electricity bills for winter 2021 /22. Some people will automatically qualify for this discount, but others will need to apply.

Each supplier has different criteria, but people who are on a low income may be eligible - **we can help people find out if they're eligible and to apply for the discount.**

We also provide a range of other support including helping qualifying householders apply to the Nest boiler replacement scheme and home safety advice and devices. Please see full breakdown attached to this email.

If people you work with or support will have trouble keeping their homes warm, please get in touch - [hhhp@warmwales.org.uk](mailto:hhhp@warmwales.org.uk)

You can contact us about individuals who need support - our project is open to all (some of the schemes we refer into have their own eligibility criteria). Or if you'd like an information session or more detail please let us know.

- [hphp@warmwales.org.uk](mailto:hphp@warmwales.org.uk)
- Katrina (Lead Worker) - 07795 950 881
- Katie (Project Manager) - 07889 311 051

[www.warmwales.org.uk](http://www.warmwales.org.uk).

Thanks once again to Paul Tincello for sending in the information above/  
Especially as I have since learned that he is on holiday in Menorca !!

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## North Wales Community Alert

PCSO Stephen Bellis has sent in information about a new Neighbourhood Alert System.

If you would like more information or understanding of this project, you can send Steve an email (address below); or just sign up to the project.

There is more information in the attached PDF document.



Bellis, Stephen (PCSO 3606) <Steve.Bellis@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW NORTH WALES IS POLICED

July 29, 2021



People across North Wales are being urged to help draw up a new blueprint for the way the region is policed and help decide where 20 extra PCSOs should work.

North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Dunbobbin

and Chief Constable Carl Foulkes are asking local communities, groups and representative bodies to tell them what they think is most important and what they are most worried about.

Mr Dunbobbin is preparing to write his first Police and Crime Plan after being elected in May and is keen for as many people as possible to have a voice in the process.

Along with the Chief Constable, he is asking people to take part in a survey which will help shape North Wales Police's priorities.

The survey covers all aspects of policing, from tackling serious and organised crime and protecting children and young people from sexual exploitation and abuse, to dealing with social media trolling and responding to non-emergency calls.

The survey is now available at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SMDKY8R> **for people to complete until Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.**

Paper copies will be available for those who do not wish to fill in the online version. There will also be an easy read version available.

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### At Ruabon Methodist Church

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August, at 10.30am, the 22<sup>nd</sup> August The Rev'd Phil Poole will take the service.

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Borras Park  
Albion v Ruabon  
Rovers away  
on 14<sup>th</sup> August.  
Result: Draw 1-1

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| <b>SAT 14TH AUGUST - KO: 14.30</b>                              |  | <b>FIXTURES</b>                    |
| <b>BORRAS PARK ALBION V RUABON ROVERS</b>                       |                                                                                       |                                    |
| <small>NEWFL - CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION - AT SPIDER PARK</small>   |                                                                                       |                                    |
| <b>SAT 21ST AUGUST - KO: 14.30</b>                              |  | <b>RUABON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB</b> |
| <b>BELLEVUE FC V RUABON ROVERS</b>                              |                                                                                       |                                    |
| <small>NEWFL - CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION - AT BELLEVUE PARK</small> |                                                                                       |                                    |
| <b>FRI 27TH AUGUST - KO: 19.00</b>                              |  |                                    |
| <b>JOHNSTOWN YFC V RUABON ROVERS</b>                            |                                                                                       |                                    |
| <small>NEWFL - CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION - AT THE CIRCLE</small>    |                                                                                       |                                    |

# Rob McElhenney pays tribute to Wrexham Fans

By Matt Warner Digital Reporter (10th August)



**ONE** of Wrexham AFC's new Hollywood owners has paid tribute to fans that raised more than £100,000 to save the club a decade ago.

Ten years ago, fans raised the sum to make sure the club could begin the new

season. The club was taken over by Wrexham Supporters' Trust after years of financial difficulty that meant there was a real chance the club would fold, due to its debts.

Wrexham AFC tweeted: "On this day 10 years ago, on the back of almost a decade of fighting to save our club, fans raised £100,000+ to ensure we could begin the new season.

"Deeds to houses, wedding funds & life savings were thrown in to save us, and now we look forward to brighter days."

Now, under the ownership of Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds, the club's prospects seem very differed with new big-name signings and sponsorship deals with TikTok and Expedia.

Rob paid tribute to the fans who raised the money to save the club. He tweeted: "One of the most important days in the club's history. We are honoured to be a part of its future. Let's Go."

The club's financial position improved under Wrexham Supporters' Trust ownership; but, on the pitch things continued to go downhill - the Reds would not secure a play-off spot again.

Fans are hoping that this season will be different and the club will return to the Football League where it belongs.

In November 2020, it announced that Wrexham fans voted overwhelmingly in favour of a club takeover by the Hollywood actors.

Out of more than 2,000 trust members eligible to vote, 1,809 approved, 26 were against and nine abstained.

The takeover was finally confirmed in February this year.

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## A rare survivor



## Goroeswr prin

This 'H' plan medieval timber framed building is one of few surviving examples of a **spere-truss** hall house in the region.

The great hall, which sits at the centre of this building, is over 450 years old. It contained a 'screen passage' - a wooden screen placed in front of the doors that led to the kitchen, blocking it from view.

### Spere-truss

A spere-truss is the roof-supporting arch (see inset image left) attached to the side walls of the storied wings that make up the 'H'. The Grade II Listed building was altered in the mid to late 1700s when some of the building was faced with brick.

### Herringbones and diamonds

It was only the recent discovery of Renaissance period door head details (see inset image right) and herringbone and diamond patterned infilling that the true age of this building was realised. Follow Pont Adam Crescent around to your left to get a better view of the building.



Mae'r adeilad cynllun 'H' canoloesol hwn â ffrâm pres yn un o ychydig o enghreifftiau **ffrâm-sbêr** sydd wedi goroesi o dŷ neuadd yn y rhanbarth.

Mae'r neuadd fawr, sy'n eistedd yng nghanol yr adeilad hwn, dros 450 mlwydd oed. Roedd yn cynnwys 'coridor sgrin' - sgrin bren wedi'i gosod o flaen y drysau oedd yn arwain at y gegin, gan ei guddio o'r golwg.

### Ffrâm-sbêr

Ffrâm-sbêr yw'r bwa sy'n cefnogi'r to (gweler y llun wedi'i fewnosod ar y chwith) sydd yn sownd wrth y wallau ochr yr esgyl llorlog sy'n gwneud yr 'H'. Addaswyd yr adeilad Rhestredig Gradd II yng nghanol ddiwedd y 1700au pan oedd rhywfaint o wyneb yr adeilad wedi'i wneud o frics.

### Saethben a diamwntau

Dim ond wedi'r darganfyddiad diweddar o fanylion pen drws o gyfnod y Dadeni (gweler y llun wedi'i fewnosod ar y dde) a mewlenwad â phatrwm saethben a diamwnt y sylweddolwyd beth oedd gwir oedran yr adeilad hwn. Diynwch Cilgant Pont Adam o gwmpas fch chwith i gael gweli golwg ar yr adeilad.



### Go Digital!

Please don't enter this private residence. Instead scan the QR code to learn more about the building.  
[ruabonheritage.com/plas-newydd-ruabon](http://ruabonheritage.com/plas-newydd-ruabon)



### Mynd yn Ddigidol!

Peidiwch â mynd i mewn i'r breswylfa preifat hon. Yn nytrach, sganiwch y cod QR i ddyfysu mwy am yr adeilad.  
[ruabonheritage.com/plas-newydd-ruabon](http://ruabonheritage.com/plas-newydd-ruabon)



All thanks to Jo Smith who has been working on this project for more than 2+ years - and there are now more of these 'boards' showing the renewal of the Ruabon Heritage Trail.

Thanks to all the residents and Friends of Ruabon who have backed Jo and made this yet another 'RUABON PROJECT'

## THE RUABON HERITAGE TRAIL

## A PHOTO OF THE PLAQUE SHOWING "PLAS NEWYDD" ON PONT ADAM

Thanks also to Daisy Douglas  
for taking the photo and sending it in.

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# Wrexham Football Club takeover

by Ryan Reynolds and Rob Mc.Ellhenney

<https://youtu.be/2g3m9p35cDo>

Showing some of the interpretation of the  
process in Welsh.

**Information above sent in by Lee Douglas**

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THANKS, ONCE MORE, FOR ALL THIS INFORMATION YOU HAVE SENT IN  
FOR THE NEWS LETTER — IT IS WELL APPRECIATED.

SYBIL (BREMNER)