

RUABON NEWS LETTER 397

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME LITTER PICK

30th
October

From
10AM



Meet outside the Village hall from 10am.

Little pick equipment will be provided.

***Weather permitting**



Extra Curricular Timetable – Autumn 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PRE SCHOOL – 8:00 – 8:45					
	-	FOOTBALL All Years	-	NETBALL All Years	MULTI SPORTS All Years
LUNCH TIME SESSIONS					
1 st Lunch 1:10 – 1:40	NETBALL Year 7 Only	BADMINTON Year 7, 8 & 9b	YOGA Year 7, 8 & 9b	DODGEBALL Year 7, 8 & 9b	BASKETBALL Year 7, 8 & 9b
2 nd Lunch 1:40 – 2:10	NETBALL Year 10 & 11	BADMINTON Year 9a, 10 & 11	YOGA Year 9a, 10 & 11	FOOTBALL Year 9a, 10 & 11	BASKETBALL Year 9a, 10 & 11
AFTER SCHOOL – 3:10 – 4:15					
	-	GIRLS FOOTBALL All Years <u>Cefn Druids</u>	FOOTBALL All Years <u>JTP and JDC</u> NETBALL All Years <u>NDB</u>	RUGBY All Years <u>JDC, DRT and PN</u>	BASKETBALL All Years <u>JTP and JDC</u>

*Students do not need kit for morning or lunchtime sessions, but must have kit for after school sessions

All the latest school and local community can also be found on the main website at -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDtDhHaXefbS0hFSmW7ryUQ>

and at

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

PRESS RELEASE

Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South

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Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

MS welcomes Welsh Government's plans for Universal Basic Income pilot

Member of the Senedd Ken Skates has welcomed the Welsh Government's plans to press ahead with a Universal Basic Income pilot scheme in Wales.

The Clwyd South MS raised the issue in the Senedd this week with Minister for Social Justice, Jane Hutt, and was told a trial is due to take place in the new financial year.

Universal Basic Income (UBI) is an approach where a government provides adults with a regular, unconditional payment regardless of their other income.

Mr Skates said: "I am pleased the Welsh Government is exploring UBI as a possible option. Plans for a pilot are still at an early stage, but will look to focus on a small, targeted groups. The First Minister has repeatedly said there are strong arguments for the pilot to focus on young people leaving care.

"As the First Minister has outlined previously, the pilot does need to be carefully designed to make sure that it is genuinely adding income for those involved in the trial and that it is affordable and delivered within the current powers of the Senedd, and also so that the Welsh Government is able to draw meaningful conclusions before considering any potential further action. "I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have welcomed this idea. I share their enthusiasm for the trial and will be eagerly following its development."

Earlier this week, the First Minister said that subject to the resolution of 'remaining practical matters' the Welsh Government plans to introduce the pilot in the next financial year.

In the Senedd on Wednesday (20th October 2021), Mr Skates said: "Minister, as you are aware, my north Wales colleague, Jack Sargeant, has spoken publicly and regularly in support of a trial to explore the feasibility of a universal basic income here in Wales. Are you able to provide an update on what progress the Welsh Government has made with regard to the launching of the trial?"

The Minister responded: "You will all have heard yesterday that the First Minister provided an update on the basic income pilot. He said, and I will repeat again to clarify: Subject to the resolution of remaining practical matters, including the interface of our basic income payments with the benefits system, we do plan to introduce the pilot in the financial year 2022. I will be issuing a ministerial update soon to provide more detail."

The Minister added: "Basic income is about alleviating poverty. But it's also about giving people more control over their lives, having a positive effect on mental health and well-being."

During First Minister's Questions on Tuesday, Mr Drakeford said: "It will be unconditional, and it is going to involve a group of young people who we know from the many debates we've had on the floor of this Senedd are amongst the most disadvantaged in our society.

"Poverty, is a real inhibitor on those young people being able to make decisions about their own futures, in which they can deploy their talents and find a path to their futures in a way that they themselves would choose to do, rather than being obliged to make hand-to-mouth decisions, driven by poverty, which confines their horizons to 'How do I get through today? Where will I sleep this weekend? How will I be able to eat next week?'

"Our pilot is being shaped already, and we'll learn the lessons as we go along which will give us valuable information for the future about how the concept of basic income could apply to other groups more widely across the Welsh population. Whatever the final outcome of the evaluation, the pilot will do good in the lives of some young people in Wales who most need that investment."

-ENDS-

Notes for Editors

What might a Universal Basic Income mean for Wales?

Senedd Research | 17/06/21 [What might a Universal Basic Income mean for Wales? \(senedd.wales\)](#)

Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South, Ken Skates, has welcomed an additional £42m in funding for social care amid the warning from the Chief Executive of the Welsh NHS that this winter will be 'one of the hardest we have ever faced'.

As the health service faces the dual challenge of the Coronavirus pandemic and other respiratory viruses, and in recognition of the challenges faced across the health and social care system, the Welsh Labour Government has announced that there will be an extra £42m in funding for social care - on top of £248m already announced for the NHS Covid recovery fund.

The social care investment will be used to improve hospital patient discharges, expand community services, and reduce hospital re-admissions among the frail and vulnerable in an effort to ease pressures on bed capacity.

Mr Skates said: "The pandemic has put the social care system under significant pressure over the last 18 months, so I'm really pleased that our Welsh Labour Government is once again investing to enable people to access the right care at home."

The NHS Wales Health and Social Care Winter Plan has also been [published](#), and will help ensure emergency care is able to cope and minimise disruption to planned care.

Key priorities in the Winter Plan include:

- Protecting people from Covid-19 through the vaccination programme
- Keeping people well during higher levels of flu and seasonal respiratory viruses
- Maintaining the resilience of health and social care services
- Responding to the mental health impact of the pandemic
- Ensuring vulnerable groups have access to the treatment they require
- Supporting the health and wellbeing of staff who have worked tirelessly during the pandemic
- Working with health and social care organisations to manage pressures across the system.

Mr Skates added: "Winter is always a challenging time for our NHS, not just in Wales but right across the United Kingdom, and this year is no exception. The demands on the health and social care system have never been greater than during this pandemic period.

- "I'm glad that the Minister for Health and Social Services, Eluned Morgan, has confirmed that our NHS will continue to deliver essential services and that they are doing all they can to ensure planned care continues through this difficult period.
- "We all have a part to play too, and I would encourage people in Clwyd South and across North Wales to get their Covid and flu jabs."
- The Winter Plan comes after months of planning and significant investment in health and social care by the Welsh Labour Government to mitigate the effects of the pandemic.
- More than £248m has already been invested through the NHS recovery fund to help health boards tackle waiting times and transform the way they deliver services.
- Much of the funding will help services this winter, like non-urgent patient transport, which will help ease pressure on ambulance services and ensure patients can access the care they need. (Thanks to David Goodban for the news from the Senedd)

LLyfrgrell Rhiwabon / Ruabon Library

High Street,

Ruabon

LL14 6NH

☎ 01978 822002

✉ ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk

Opening Hours

Monday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 1.15pm

Friday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Gwau a Sgwrs

Dydd Gwener 2.00 – 4.00

Ruabon Library

Knit and Natter

Fridays 2:00 – 4.00



Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Ruabon Library

Welsh Second Language

Conversational Group

Grwp Sgwrsio

Dydd Llun Tachwedd 1af: 2pm-3pm

Monday, 1st November: 2pm-3pm

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Stori a Chân

Dydd LLun, 8 Tachwedd 1:15

Ruabon Library

Story and Rhyme

Monday, 8 November 1:15pm



**-BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN-
FOR MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS TO TAKE PLACE
AT RUABON LIBRARY**

(NOVEMBER 2021 has already been booked!)



Ydych chi yn mwynhau darllen?

**Fyddech chi yn hoffi rhannu a chymharu eich profiad o
ddarllen?**

Byddem yn hoffi eich gwahodd i gyfarfod ar

Ddydd Mercher 3ydd am 2yp i drafod aildechrau y

Grwp Darllen

yn

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Am fwy a fanylion ffoniwch 01978 822002

**Do you enjoy reading?
Would you like to share and compare your reading
experience?**

We would like to invite you to a meeting on
Wednesday 3rd November at 2pm
to discuss restarting the
Reading Group in Ruabon Library
For more information call 01978 822002



www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries

 Wrexham Libraries @Wxm Libraries

Room Hire Are you struggling to find a venue for your meeting? Wrexham Library has two rooms which they can hire out to members of the public at a reasonable rate. There is a small meeting room which holds a maximum of eight people and a larger meeting room which will hold up to 25 people. The large room also has a projector and screen for presentation use. Charges are based on the number of sessions booked, for example, morning or afternoon. If you would like to hire one of these rooms please call the library on 01978 292090.

**Wrexham Family Information Service (WFIS)
Monthly drop in sessions**

WFIS provides free expert information, advice and guidance to parents/carers on childcare, things to do, parenting support, education and much more. WFIS also provides one to one support to help families' access the most appropriate advice/support. Drop in sessions will reconvene at many of our libraries on a monthly basis. If you are struggling to find the answer to any questions regarding children, families and much more then please visit your library of choice for more details or contact WFIS on 01978 292094.



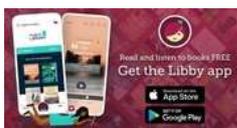
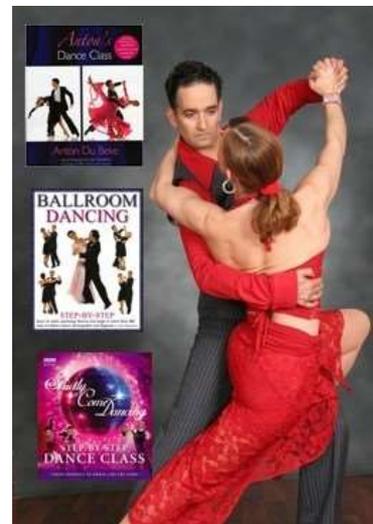


Help your children to read

Reading is one of the most important things your child will learn at school. The most important thing you can do is make the time to read with your child every day, whether a book sent home from school, borrowed from the library or from your own bookshelves. All libraries have a selection of reading scheme books to help support your child's learning. A reading scheme is a series of books that have been carefully written to support the process of learning to read and to help children make progress as readers. These include Oxford Reading Tree, Usborne First Reading, Maverick Early Readers, Reading Champions, DK Readers, Bloomsbury Young Readers, and Ladybird Readers and many more, so you're sure to find something that suits you and your child.

Strictly...reading!

Now Strictly Come Dancing is back on our screens, why not get your dancing shoes out and learn to dance at home. Wrexham's Libraries have a range of dance books that you can add to your reading list to help you learn the steps. Titles include 'Anton's Dance Class' by Anton Du Beke; 'Ballroom Dancing' by Paul Bottomer' and 'Strictly Come Dancing – Step-By-Step Dance Class' by K. Baker & R. Schiller. If you love reading biographies, why not try Len Goodman's 'Better Late Than Never'; Bruno Tonioli's 'My Story'; or what about 2020 Strictly Contestant, Nicola Adams' book 'Believe'. Did you know that Anton Du Beke has written fiction novels? His book 'One Enchanted Evening' is available now at Wrexham Library and was described by the bestselling author, Santa Montefiore as 'Downton with dance, perfect!'. Keep Reading!



Free E-Magazines to download

More than 3,000 popular magazines are now available for download through Wrexham Library service to read on any device 24/7. Customers with a library card can read digital magazines on Libby, the award-winning reading app from OverDrive, or by visiting www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries. Top titles include Radio Times, National Geographic, Hello and many hundreds of other popular magazines from around the world previously available through the RBdigital app. Digital magazines through Libby have no waiting lists or reservations, do not count towards checkout limits and provide readers the option to renew their selections. Wrexham Libraries borrowers can browse lists of magazines within the app and search by format to find available titles.



Half Term fun at Wrexham Library

Wrexham Library will be running activities for children during half term. Activities include free craft sessions for children aged 6+. These sessions are free but you must book a place for your children before the event. Places are limited to 12 children per session and an adult must stay with them during the session. If you're not able to attend these sessions the library will also have tables in the children's library with spooky activity sheets which children can help themselves to. There will also be a ghost

treasure hunt to complete...if you're brave enough! For more details please call the library on 01978 292090 or follow our social.

Story time at Wrexham Library Have fun sharing rhymes and stories with your baby or toddler! Sharing books and coming to story-rhyme times are fun and a great way to help under 5s develop their listening, thinking and talking skills.

Weekly story time sessions will start again at Wrexham Library on Friday's 10.00-10.30am, and they are free of charge so why not come along? The first session will take place on Friday 22nd October

Exhibition space at Wrexham's Libraries



Do you have any art work you would like to exhibit free of charge? Three of Wrexham's Libraries have exhibition space which you can book to display any art, photographic or craft work. You will need to be able to hang your own work and take it down when the exhibition is over. For more details please contact Chirk, Ruabon or Wrexham Library directly. Contact details can be found on the library's website www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries.

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FREE SWIMMING AT HALF TERM



Once again there's free swimming on offer at Activity and Leisure Centres in Wrexham. They're available for the under 16's.

Please contact the Centre direct on the numbers below for more details and booking information.

Wrexham Waterworld - 01978 297300

- Tuesday 2pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 2pm - 3pm
- Saturday 3pm - 4pm



Chirk Leisure and Activity Centre - 01691 778666

- Monday 11am - 12pm
- Friday 11am - 12pm
- Sunday 1.30 - 2.30pm

Family Splash Session (family of 4)

- Tuesday 1pm - 2pm
- Friday 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Gwyn Evans Leisure and Activity Centre - 01978 269540

- Monday 1pm - 2pm
- Thursday 1pm - 2pm



Rogue Traders who leaflet residents were the target for Trading Standards and Wrexham Police officers recently as they took to the streets to speak with traders and residents during "Rogue Trader Action Week."

Many legitimate traders use leaflets and welcome the move as many "rogue traders" often from outside the Wrexham area, target areas before cold calling and pressurising people into having unnecessary work done - often of low quality with a high price tag.

Many of the leaflets have 0800 numbers and offer discounts such as "special rates for OAPs" or "no job too big or small" and "cooling off periods".

The advice if you receive such leaflets is to put them in the bin - however professional they may look.

Using websites like Bark also can be risky as one local resident found out when they posted a job for a quote but found the trader began the work straight away and without issuing any documents which they're required to do. The resident was charged a considerable amount of cash and the work was of poor quality.

Remember!

- If you do ask a trader to visit, make sure they give you a detailed quote to carry out the work and take some time to consider it. Be very wary if they are reluctant to put things in writing, a reliable trader should be happy to do this.
- The quote should include the fixed price including VAT, and breakdown of the work to be done and materials needed, details of when payment will be due, full contact details for the trader, and your rights to cancel the contract if that is applicable.
- Avoid paying large deposits upfront in cash or by bank transfer. Remember that if you hand over money in this way with no contact details for the trader, you may not be able to exercise your consumer rights or get your money back.

Here's some tips to help you avoid a rogue trader and find the trader best suitable and qualified to do the job:

- If possible get recommendations from people you know and check examples of work they have had done.
- Be wary of online reviews that may not be genuine.
- If you use a trader approval scheme, look what checks are carried out before traders are able to join, and whether the scheme provide a redress scheme if there are problems. There are a wide variety of schemes, some with lots of checks, and some that are just advertising directories with no checks carried out on traders on the list. Trading Standards approved schemes such as Buy With Confidence have certain safeguards. Traders have to meet certain

standards and are audited by their local Trading Standards before they are allowed to be included in the scheme. You can find details on their website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

- Interview contractors before you hire, then ask lots of questions, and give a clear and detailed description of exactly what you want done. Make sure you can communicate with them easily as this will help you sort out any problems that may arise.
- Don't feel pressured to agree to enter into a contract. Try to compare different traders. If you're not comfortable, don't hire them and find someone else.
- Check they have the required approvals for the work they are proposing to carry out e.g. Gas Safe or OFTEC registration, or are a registered electrician for installation work.

Further useful advice can also be found on the website citizensadvice.org.uk

You can also report problems and get consumer advice [through the website](#) or by phoning **0808 2231133**.

[The following information has been supplied by Paul Cincello](#)
The Second IT Tablet Course has been running for 4 weeks now in the Ruabon Village Hall.

These courses being delivered by Coleg Cambria are in conjunction with Ruabon Community Council. They are well attended with between 7 and 8 participants', all over 55rs of age, with lots of enthusiasm and inquisitiveness to find out what an IT tablet can do: its features and immediate finger-tip access to the internet and the world-wide-web.

Having that individual confidence to use a tablet is important, but when you are exploring the internet, accessing and inputting of personal information, doing it safely and securely is even more

important. Cyber Crime is on the increase **and it is clever**, so knowing the pitfalls; how to identify and report the types of cyber-crime and its terminology is very important and can ensure protection from the fraudsters.

Dave, the IT tutor from Coleg Cambria has been following the theme of Safety & Security on-line throughout the course - he is always knowledgeable, helpful, and reassuring.

Last week the course benefitted from a presentation by the Cyber Crime Team of North Wales. It had been arranged through the Community Agent and Community Support Officer. The presentation was very informative and detailed - a real eye opener, particularly the actual practical examples of Cyber Crime which prompted a lot of discussion and questions from participants. The main emphasis of the talk was to raise awareness of the types of fraudulent behaviour, so that people will be better prepared; more responsive; able to identify Cyber Crime; know of the appropriate organisations to report it to and stop it.



The ladies pictured are all taking the IT course. The 2 PCSOs are Steve Bellis in the front and John Davies to the left. On the right of the photo is Police Constable Dewi Owen from the Cyber Crime Team who gave the

lecture, unfortunately I haven't manage to collect a photo of Dave, the IT tutor, who took the photo above

[IT Tablet Courses at the Ruabon Village Hall](#)

for those who feel that they need instruction in knowing how to use an iPad and/or how to get started'.

Please contact Paul Tincello for more information Phone: 07947 530140 or Email: communityagentruabon@gmail.com

Ruabon Community Council – Community Agent

It has been a challenging year for everyone, and although things are getting closer to normal, some restrictions remain and will stay with us for some time such as face masks, hand cleansers and of course NHS Track & Trace. People in the community still have some anxieties about getting out and about and it may be a while before their confidences are restored.

If you, a relative, friends, a neighbour or just someone you know are experiencing loneliness, isolation, anxiety - or just simply a lack of contact to help with everyday life particularly if you are over 50 then help is available.

Supported by the Ruabon Community Council the Community agent works with over 50's in Ruabon providing easy access to a wide range of information to help people make informed choices about their present and future needs.

HELP – SUPPORT – SIGNPOSTING - ADVICE – GUIDANCE - ASSISTANCE

Are you or someone you know looking for free confidential, information and advice on local services? You are not sure who to turn to and you live in Ruabon? Or if you just want to chat about your concerns or an issue that may be bothering you? As Covid 19 lockdown restrictions start to relax perhaps we can arrange to meet

and talk things through and identify a way forward - the service is free! **Just contact your Ruabon Community Agent: Paul Tincello**, using the contact details below:



Phone: 07947 530140 or Email: communityagentruabon@gmail.com

MemoryLane.co.uk

A selection of the favourite car photos.

Did you know that the world's first car dealer opened in London on this very day (Friday 22nd October) back in 1897. It was a revolutionary idea and one that meant consumers no longer had to travel to a manufacturer, in person, to inquire about buying a vehicle."



That is all for this week. **MANY** thanks for all your



contributions and information. Sybil (Bremner)