**Ruabon News Letter 398**

**31.10.2021**

**ALL READY for HALLOWEEN**

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**Matthew Bailey** as a soldier from the popular Netfix show “Squid Game”.

His sister, **Anabelle Bailey** as a Pirate.



**A message from**

The Wynnstay Arms Hotel

Ruabon

**Don't know where to hold your Christmas works do this year or maybe you just want to party the night away with friends?**

**Why not join us at The Wynnstay Arms in Ruabon for our Christmas Party Nights on**

***Friday 10th December***?

***Saturday 11th December***?

***Friday 17th December***?

***OR*** ***Saturday 18th December***?

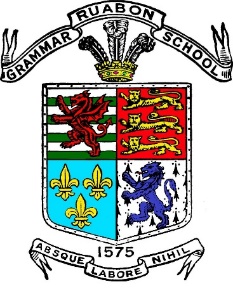
**Tickets are £15.00 each, which include: Christmas Buffet and DJ to dance the night away.**

**Bar closes @ 11.30pm**

**For tickets:**

**Pop in or call the Wynnstay on 01978 822 187**

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**MANY thanks to John Henry Davies for the following information, (also to Gareth Davies who agreed that it could**

**be published – here).**

It all starts with a very recent memory of a first get-together since lockdown, at the Ramada in Wrexham and with a determination to keep with the tradition for Ruabon Grammar School Old Boys Association, in the future. Then comes the surprise!

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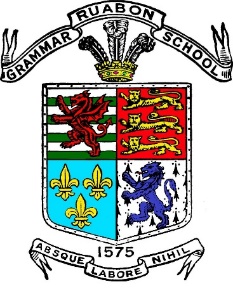
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*39th and 40th*

*Annual Dinner and Reunion*

Saturday 2ndOctober, 2021

Dydd Sadwrn, 2il Hydref 2021

Gwesty’r Ramada, Wrecsam

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MENU

BWYDLEN

**Creamed garlic mushroom with toasted garlic ciabatta**

**Madarch garlleg hufennog gyda ciabatta garlleg wedi'u tostio**

**Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding**

**Cig eidion rhost a phwdin swydd Efrog**

**Served with chef’s choice of potatoes and seasonal vegetables**

**Wedi'i weini â thatws a llysiau tymhorol a ddewiswyd gan y cogydd**

**Sticky date pudding with vanilla seed ice cream in a butterscotch and honeycomb sauce**

**Pwdin dyddiad gludiog gyda hufen iâ hadau fanila mewn menynscotch a**

**saws mêl**

**Fresh ground coffee or tea with petit fours**

**Coffi mâl ffres neu daear gyda petit fours**

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**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

##### GWEITHREDIADAU

**Grace/Grâs**

***Dr Geraint Owens (1958-1965)***

**Chairman’s Introduction and Address**

**Anerchiad y Cadeirydd a Chyflwyniad**

###### **Huw Roberts, OBE (1954-1962)**

**Guest Speaker/Gŵr Gwadd**

Edwin Hughes (1957-1961)

**Toast to the Association**

**Tost i'r Gymdeithas**

***Huw Roberts, OBE (1954-1962****)*

**Response/Ymateb**

***Gareth Davies (1959-1964)***

**Adjudication of Limerick Competition**

**Beirniadaeth Cystadleuaeth y Limrig**

###### **Larry Pritchard (1954-1960)**

**Adjudication of Acronym Competition**

**Beirniadaeth Cystadleuaeth yr Acronym**

**Gareth Davies (1959-1964)**

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**RUABON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**. Sir, I, in common with a great number of your readers in this neighbourhood, beg to express our thanks to Justice to the Poor for his manliness in bringing before the notice of the parishioners of Ruabon, as well as the public at large, the extract from the will of the late Rev. John Robinson, relating to the Grammar School, by which it appears a systematic perversion of the intention and wishes of the founder of the charity has been carried on for a series of years, to the benefit of some individual or other, and to the loss of those for whom the charity was founded. We have in your last impression laid before us the naked truth as regards the foundation of the charity, and it is now the bounden duty of those parties who have had the management to come forward as men and vindicate themselves (if possible) from the assertions and complaints made on all sides respecting this most iniquitous robbery of the rights of this parish. A statement was put forth during the latter part of the life of the late schoolmaster that he was engaged for life, and could not be-discharged but on referring to the will we find it stipulated that if the schoolmaster is not competent to perform his duties, he shall be laid aside and a fresh one appointed. On enquiring the reason why the late master was not discharged as soon as he was found incompetent to perform his duties, I learn that on his first receiving the appointment an agreement was entered into between himself and the then trustees, that in consideration of his leaving a good situation to come to Ruabon School, he should hold the office of schoolmaster for the term of his life. Now, sir, I ask why, and by whose authority, the then trustees had the power to pervert the wishes of the founder of this charity? Again, sir, I am given to understand that an agreement was entered into with the late schoolmaster to allow him 12s. 6d. per week during the time he was incompetent to perform his duties, extending over a period of four or five years, instead of the annual sum of £90, which sum is the stipend allowed by the foundation of the charity; and as 12s. 6d. per week only amounts to £32 10s. per year, what has become of the yearly difference £57 10s. for the last four or five years ? Surely, sir, the parishioners have good reason to enquire into the affairs of this charity when such a glaring abuse of trust has been shown by those who ought to set a better example. Now the school has again opened, why do we not see the six boys clothed in their blue coats, caps, etc, and hear of their being educated free of cost, as was the wish of the founder? These are questions to which no straightforward, satisfactory answer has been given, and therefore justifies the present enquiry being prosecuted with vigour. I hope Justice for the Poor will give the extracts from other wills relating to the various charities of this parish, with a view of bringing the true state of the wishes and intentions of deceased donors to the eyes of the public, who are at present ignorant of the large charities bequeathed to the poor of this parish, amounting in the whole to a yearly sum of nearly £500. **Ruabon, 10th April, 1856.**

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| **Year** | **Guest Speaker** | **Old Boy of the Year** |  | **Year** | **Guest Speaker** | **Old Boy of the Year** |
| 1982 | Geoffrey Crump | Raymond Williams |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 | Arwel Hughes | Tegwyn Williams |  |  |  |  |
| 1984 | Gwilym Humphreys | Gerald Bassett Jones |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | Neill Griffiths | Eric Howson |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | Bryan Hughes OBE | Malcolm Taylor |  | 1986 | Brynmor Jarvis |  |
| 1987 | Elwyn Roberts | John Robert Davies |  | 1987 | John Elkes |  |
| 1988 | David Williams | Brian Hughes |  | 1988 | James Owain Jones |  |
| 1989 | Brian Hayes | John Elkes |  | 1989 | Bernard Woolford |  |
| 1990 | David Roderick Williams | Keith Pritchard |  | 1990 | Tegwyn Williams |  |
| 1991 | James Owain Jones | Meirion Morgan |  | 1991 | Brian Dodd |  |
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| 1993 | Malcolm Taylor | Eifion Jenkins |  | 1993 | Larry Pritchard |  |
| 1994 | Tudor Powell Jones | Caerwyn Jones |  | 1994 | Tegwyn Williams |  |
| 1995 | Eddie Bowen Jones | Berwyn Williams |  | 1995 | James Barraclough |  |
| 1996 | John Rhydwen Jones | Vaughan Roberts |  | 1996 | Towyn Williams | Gareth Davies |
| 1997 | John Nicholas Evans | John Tudor Davies |  | 1997 | Larry Pritchard | Tegwyn Williams |
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| 2006 | Allan Jeffreys | Peter Wright |  | 2006 | Vaughan Roberts | Malcolm Taylor |
| 2007 | John Berry Thelwell | Peter Cunningham |  | 2007 | Tegwyn Williams | Alun Vaughan Williams |
| 2008 | Eifion Wyn Jenkins | Dyfan Thomas |  | 2008 | Gareth Davies | Brian Tunnah |
| 2009 | Stephen Wright | Eric Rogers |  | 2009 | Allan Jeffreys | Towyn Williams |
| 2010 | Leslie Cox | George Jenkins |  | 2010 | Peter Wright | Mike Jarvis |
| 2011 | Peter Kilfoyle | Delwyn Roberts |  | 2011 | Malcolm Taylor | Towyn Williams |
| 2012 | James Johnson | David Roberts |  | 2012 | Mike Jarvis | John Ilton |
| 2013 | Edward Humphrey Jones | Brian Tunnah |  | 2013 | Elwyn Dodd | Mike Jarvis |
| 2014 | Peter Read | Dennis Meredith |  | 2014 | Alun Vaughan Williams | Stephen Wright |
| 2015 | Elfed Vaughan Roberts | John Henry Clarke |  | 2015 | Edward Vaughan Pritchard | A V Williams/M Jarvis |
| 2016 | James Read | Elfed Vaughan Roberts |  | 2016 | Thomas Charles Jones | James Read |
| 2017 | Terrence Henry Thomas | Elwyn Dodd |  | 2017 | Edward Vaughan Pritchard | Mike Jarvis |
| 2018 | Kenneth Morris | Peter Prydderch |  | 2018 | Mike Jarvis | Malcolm Taylor |
| 2019 | John Henry Clarke | Kenneth Thomas |  | 2019 | Stephen Wright | Mike Jarvis |
| 2020 | Thomas Charles Jones | A Clive Roberts |  | 2020 | Mike Jarvis |  |
| 2021 | Edwin Hughes |  |  |  |  |  |

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# **WORK CONTINUES AT PACE TO SECURE STEP FREE ACCESS AT RUABON STATION**

[](https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Ruabon-Station-Footbridge.jpg)October 19, 2021

Following the news earlier this year that Ruabon Station was to finally get step free access there’s been lots of work going on behind the scenes to move the project forward.

A steering group of key partners now meets regularly and a feasibility study is being progressed to provide plans to bring the improvements to reality.

The station currently only has step access between platforms meaning disabled, those with young children or travellers with luggage are not access the Chester platform – it’s the only station on the Chester to Shrewsbury route that is failing to meet passengers expectations of modern, accessible train stations.

It’s also the rail and bus gateway access for important tourist destinations such as Llangollen and the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site.

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Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said, “Works are progressing well and it’s a pleasure to work with the steering group who are all committed to putting together a practical and speedy solution to improve the station so it is accessible for everyone.”

Simon Baynes, Member of Parliament for South Clwyd, said, “I’m very pleased by the progress on step-free access at Ruabon and also by the regular meetings of the key stakeholder steering group. I keep the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps MP, regularly updated on our progress and I was very pleased that he came to visit Ruabon Station in May where he met with Cllr David Bithell and myself.

“Many representatives, organisations and residents in Ruabon have been campaigning for step-free access at Ruabon Station for many years so I am very pleased to see the pace of progress being made. And it shows the commitment of the UK Government to Clwyd South and North Wales as this project is much needed so all passengers can access the jobs and leisure opportunities that will make our community an even greater place to live and work.”

Ken Skates, Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South, said: “I have worked alongside the fantastic Friends of Ruabon on this campaign for a number of years on behalf of local people, and I am pleased we are now seeing some progress.

“The First Minister, Mark Drakeford, asked the UK Department for Transport to prioritise long-awaited improvements at Ruabon after our previous bids for were unsuccessful, so I know the people who use the station will welcome this too.

“I look forward to seeing the project move forward after such a dedicated and passionate campaign, and will continue to work with all stakeholders to help ensure it finally comes to fruition.”

In a statement to Simon Baynes, MP, Sam Hadley, Head of Communications at Network Rail, confirmed the news, he said, “Ruabon is now included in the Access for All Programme.  This is fantastic news as Ruabon wasn’t included in the original list of stations in Wales and Borders announced by the Department for Transport in April 2019.

“The overall aim is to engage with the Council’s Conservation Officer and develop an outline design by the end of this funding period in 2024. This will allow us to establish the cost of the scheme and progress to detailed design and delivery in CP7 – subject to support from funders

“The involvement of stakeholders at Parliamentary, Senedd and local authority level is important as is the backing of the wider community. We absolutely recognise the passion of the community in Ruabon, it’s role as a gateway to Llangollen and the surrounding area, and the rich railway heritage of the town.

“We look forward to working with our partners to progress this project – we’ve committed to meeting with key stakeholders regularly, to update them on progress and to help them keep the people and communities they serve, informed.”

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**BREAKING NEWS, BREAKING NEWS...**

ARE YOU SEEKING A NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOP UP YOUR EARNINGS?  ARE YOU SEEKING SOME EXTRA CASH FOR CHRISTMAS?   WELL POP ALONG TO:

**A MEET THE EMPLOYER EVENT THIS COMING THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 4TH AT TY PAWB.**

SEVERAL EXCITING LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE AND ARE OFFERING JOB AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET EMPLOYERS AND EXPLORE OPTIONS WITH THEM. MARK THE DATE:

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4TH - 10AM TO 1PM IN TY PAWB, MARKET STREET, WREXHAM.**

**ON SITE CAR PARKING IS AVAILABLE.**

MORE EMPLOYERS ARE SIGNING UP TO HAVE A PRESENCE... SO POP ALONG AND SEE WHAT IS ON OFFER FOR YOU IN WREXHAM AND FLINSTSHIRE.

**Thank you to Derek Jones for sending in this information**

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**LLyfrgrell Rhiwabon / Ruabon Library**

**High Street,**

**Ruabon**

**LL14 6NH**

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**Opening Hours**

Monday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 1.15pm

Friday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

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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**

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**Llyfrgell Rhiwabon**

Stori a Chân

Dydd LLun, 8 Tachwedd 1:15

**Ruabon Library**

**Story and Rhyme**

Monday, 8 November 1:15pm

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**BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN-**

**FOR MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS TO TAKE PLACE**

**AT RUABON LIBRARY**

**(NOVEMBER 2021 has already been booked!)**

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**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

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**Llyfrgell Rhiwabon**

**Am fwy a fanylion ffoniwch 01978 822002**

[](https://pixabay.com/photos/book-star-open-book-magic-read-2160539/)

**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**

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**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**

A person taking a selfie

Description automatically generatedAre 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**](mailto:communityagentruabon@gmail.com)

Thanks to Paul Tincello for the information below:

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**New Welsh Government plan to recruit more Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic teachers.** Last updated: 22nd Oct 2021.

This comes as part of a wider plan being published today that will focus on increasing diversity among applicants into Initial Teacher Education courses.

The latest [**Annual Education Workforce Statistics**](https://www.ewc.wales/site/index.php/en/documents/research-and-statistics/annual-statistics-digest/762-ewc-statistics-digest/file.html) found that only 1.3% of school teachers in Wales identified as being from an ethnic minority background, compared to 12% of learners.

The Plan will include targeting promotion of teaching as a career to more people from ethnic minority communities. There will also be a requirement for Initial Teacher Education courses to work towards the recruitment of a percentage of students from ethnic minority backgrounds.

For the first time, additional financial incentives will also be introduced to attract more ethnic minority student teachers, from 2022. Incentives currently exist for subjects where there is a high demand for teachers, such as Mathematics and sciences, as well as the Iaith Athrawon Yfory scheme to attract more Welsh-medium

teachers.

The work is part of the Welsh Government’s response to the recommendations from the [**working group**](https://gov.wales/black-asian-and-minority-ethnic-education-report-welcomed-minister) which has advised on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, Contributions and Cynefin in the new school Curriculum.

Jeremy Miles, the Minister for Education and Welsh Language, said:

It is vital that we increase the diversity of our teaching workforce to better support our learners. To do this, we must understand the barriers which are preventing more people from ethnic minority backgrounds from going into teaching, and take action to ensure those barriers are removed.

It is simply not good enough that fewer than 2% of teachers are from an ethnic minority background. That is why we are launching this much needed plan, so that we have a workforce that better reflects the population of Wales.

Importantly, increasing diversity in schools should not only apply to areas where there is a higher proportion of people from ethnic minority backgrounds, but across the whole of Wales.

This work is the first phase in the important work to increase diversity in our education workforce.

### **The Betty Campbell MBE Award**

The Minister also announced a new award in this year’s Professional Teaching Awards Cymru. The Betty Campbell Award, for promoting the contributions and perspectives of Black, Asian and Minority ethnic communities, will be awarded to an individual, team or school that has demonstrated an outstanding awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion in the classroom.

The award honours the late Betty Campbell MBE, the former head teacher at Mount Stuart Primary School and the first black, head teacher in Wales.

Elaine Clarke, Mrs Campbell’s daughter, said:

The family is extremely proud and privileged to have this new Professional Teaching Awards Cymru category named after our mother, who will be remembered in such a wonderful and iconic way.

Our mum was very passionate about education and pioneering a curriculum that ensured children had the opportunity to access and embrace a rich experience, reflecting their multi-ethnic identities and inspired them to achieve their dreams. To Betty, the impossible was always possible.

The Award is a wonderful way to promote inclusion of all Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups and we are sure the recipients will continue to inspire future generations in the footsteps of our mother.

Professor Charlotte Williams OBE, who chairs the working group on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, Contributions and Cynefin in the school Curriculum, said:

I am delighted to see the launch of this new award. I hope it will stimulate schools into thinking of innovative and imaginative ways to represent these themes within the new curriculum.

Diversity is a central and cross-cutting theme of the new curriculum. This award will encourage schools to think strategically about how they can embed this important dimension within all that they do.

The launch of this award is a sure sign that the Welsh Government is responding swiftly to the recommendations of the Ministerial report on diversity in the new curriculum.

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Thousands of frontline care workers are protecting themselves against the flu virus thanks to an innovative vaccination partnership with community pharmacies.  Every care home in North Wales has been paired with a local pharmacy to make it easier for their staff to get vaccinated this winter.  
 Flu jabs are being offered to care workers across the region at a time and place to suit them – at their workplace, before or during shift changes, or at special clinics with reserved appointments.  The initiative led by BCUHB, follows a successful pilot scheme which more than tripled the number of care workers receiving the flu vaccine last year. **e-Bay Charity Connect Training Programme**

The aim of eBay’s Charity Connect scheme is to upskill charities, to help them raise more money through more effective online sales. Charity Connect will help charity retailers build an effective online presence through dedicated customer service, onboarding assistance, promotional support, and a tailored eBay training programme.  
 Following its inaugural success in 2020, during the height of the global pandemic, Charity Connect will run for six months from September. It is completely free to join and suitable for charities of all sizes and experience on eBay. Participating charities will receive tailored training through virtual one-to-one and group support sessions, webinars, e-learning materials and dedicated support on customer service and promotional activities.  
 A new 60-minute webinar, ‘Merchandising Masterclass: Curating Your Online Shop’, has been added to the Charity Connect training programme, and will include tips on how to merchandise online by styling product imagery and curating listings, as well as advice on how to run and design a successful shop on eBay, and create an on-trend online shop front that will attract customers.  
 For those who are interested in registering for the course, charity retailers can [submit an application here](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=3ec161e63d&e=006862eff8)

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**BCUHB – CAMHS Strategic Improvementand Development Group, Workshop Event**

**Friday 26th November – 1:30pm – 5:00pm; The Ballroom, Kinmel Hotel and Kinspa,** **St George Road, Abergele, LL22 9AS (just off the A55 at Abergele)**  
 **BCUHB – CAMHS Strategic Improvement and Development**   
**Invites extended to partner agencies: Social Care, Education,  
Voluntary Sector, North Wales Police**

 Workshop to support transformation and service improvement. Cross-sector relationships are key to harnessing the insight, experience, and energies across a wide range of professionals and service users that need to be involved in identifying gaps in our services.   
 We already have a wealth of innovation and good practice across North Wales and are making inroads in supporting and learning through the No Wrong Door approach. Identifying service gaps to inform our longer-term transformation is key.   
 This workshop will facilitate discussion with colleagues and communities in North Wales to identify challenges and support gaps.  The workshop event will give us an opportunity to coordinate ideas and take collective action.  What do we do well within current service configuration, how can we share and spread learning emerging from various approaches within services across North Wales, where can we improve and innovate? Where are our Gaps?  
 **Invites should be accepted/declined by 17th of November to assist in the organising and ordering of refreshments**.  
For any further information, please contact [**louise.bell@wales.nhs.uk**](mailto:louise.bell@wales.nhs.uk).

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**Local School Nature Grant Scheme**

 The Scheme is offering £500 grants to Schools and Early Year’s settings, for Children to Connect with Nature and Learn Outdoors. Schools and Early Year’s settings (which have their own building and more than five staff), are being invited to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training to help children connect with nature, become more active, and learn outdoors.  
The funding is being made available through phase five of the charity Learning through Landscapes’ Local School Nature Grant scheme and is funded by the players of People’s Postcode Lottery.  
The deadline for the final funding round in 2021 is **12th November 2021**. [https://www.ltl.org.uk/nature-grant](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=46e4deeaa1&e=006862eff8)

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**RCC Small Grants Scheme**

**Ruabon Community Council puts aside an amount of money in November each year, to help local small groups.**

**If you need a boost for your group or charity.**

**Please apply to Helen Belton with your reason at:**

**Helen Belton <**[**clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales**](mailto:clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales)**>**

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**Thank you all for your contributions this week – they are very well received.**

**Sybil Bremner**