

Ruabon News Letter 404

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The stall holders preparing their stalls for
THE FRIENDS OF RUABON FROST FAYRE 2021



A welcome from Santa and Mrs Clause to Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brian Cameron, who kindly agreed to open this year's Frost Fayre for Friends of Ruabon (in place of the Mayor Ronnie Prince who is ill with covid).



Below, the deputy Mayor cuts the ribbon to open the Frost Fayre in the hall beyond.



Jim Baker with his own wood carvings of Santa with Mrs Clause and PCSO Steve 'trees and trinkets'



Bellis, who had a table with his colleague to ensure that visitors to the Frost Fayre were made aware of the scams that are dominating social media.



Sarah Giles, member of Friends of Ruabon, who organised the event, with her supportive husband Steve.

Nowhere to be seen, is the Chair of Friends of Ruabon Jo Smith, who supported everyone from start to finish.

Thank you to Nia Evans for these photos, she is also a member of Friends of Ruabon.



YSGOL RUABON
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All eligible adults in Wales are offered a booster vaccination by end of January 2022.
On the 7th December, Health Minister confirmed all eligible adults will be offered the booster Covid-19 vaccination by the end of January.

NHS Wales has already started to ramp up the booster programme and is currently administering more than 19,000 vaccinations a day. Over the coming weeks, we aim to give more than 200,000 vaccines a week.

Health boards will do this by providing more vaccination centres in easy-to-access locations, including walk-in and drive-through clinics with longer opening hours.

GPs and community pharmacies will continue to deliver the vaccine and local government, fire services and students will provide other support to clinics. We have also requested assistance from the military.

Wednesday 8th December marks one year since the first Covid-19 vaccination was administered in Wales.

Over the last year, the vaccination programme has involved;

58 vaccination centres and 46 hospitals

- More than 400 pharmacies and GPs
- 92 military personnel
- 96 mobile vaccination units
- 5 million vaccines administered

Health Minister Eluned Morgan will say:

"The development and the roll-out of these vaccines has been a truly remarkable achievement.

"Thanks to an unprecedented global effort, we have several successful, effective and safe vaccines and have reached the vast majority of our population. However, the vaccines become less effective over time so it's really important that people come forward to have a booster when invited to extend their protection. Millions of people have accepted the vaccine, it has saved lives and helped prevent serious illness in tens of thousands of people.

"I want to place on record my thanks to everyone involved in the vaccination programme in Wales for their hard work over the last year and for their help in the coming weeks."

People will continue to be called in priority order of age and vulnerability.

The Health Minister added:

"Please wait until you are invited for your booster and prioritise your appointment over everything else, to support the hard-working staff and volunteers at our vaccination centres, who will be spending a second festive period helping to keep Wales safe."

"With high levels of the Delta variant in the community and the emergence of the Omicron variant, you can continue to disrupt the transmission of the virus by wearing a face covering in indoor public places, getting tested, self-isolating when positive and getting vaccinated."

More than 80% of people aged 65 and over have had their booster vaccination. If you are over 65 and have yet to receive your booster vaccination, please contact your health board.

It is never too late to be vaccinated, please come forward if you would like to receive your first dose.

If you can help the vaccine programme and want to volunteer, there will be details on the Welsh Government website and, for healthcare professionals, on the Health Education and Improvement Wales website. ENDS

Winter Fuel Support Scheme opens TODAY



Minister for Social Justice Jane Hutt announced the opening of the Winter Fuel Support Scheme on Monday 13th December. Eligible people in Wales may be able to claim a one-off £100 payment from their local authority to provide support towards paying their winter fuel bills. Information on how to apply will be available via

Local Authority webpages.

Announcing the further funding package, Minister for Social Justice Jane Hutt said:

"Households in Wales are under unprecedented financial pressure, compounded by the cost-of-living crisis and the cruel decision by the UK Government to end the uplift to Universal Credit, which has plunged many more adults and children into poverty.

Today builds on our previous announcements on the Household Support Fund as well as the Cold Weather Resilience plan, which sets out the actions we are taking, in collaboration with our partners, to safeguard vulnerable and lower income households during periods of cold weather.

So I'm delighted to announce that from Monday 13th December, the Winter Fuel Support Scheme will open. Local Authorities will be contacting eligible households across Wales where they can identify potential eligibility for the scheme to invite applications for the payment. Anyone who is not contacted by their Authority who believes they are eligible for the payment, can submit a claim via their local authority's website on Monday. It will be available to all eligible energy customers regardless of whether they pay for their fuel on a pre-payment or a credit meter.

I want to thank our partners in Local Government for ensuring the scheme was ready before Christmas. This will go some way to helping those in most need at this difficult time."

Finally the Minister said:

"We know that people across Wales are facing unprecedented challenges, that's why we're committed to doing everything we can to relieve financial pressures and help households with their living costs - supporting families, businesses and communities through these unprecedented times." ENDS

PRESS RELEASE
Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South



Capital of Culture bid could prove a catalyst for Wrexham says Minister

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Wrexham's Capital of Culture bid could prove 'a catalyst for investment' into the county, Members of the Senedd have been told. Welsh Government Economy Minister Vaughan Gething said he fully supported Wrexham's campaign, which has made the final shortlist of eight for the coveted title in 2025.

The Minister's comments came last week in response to a question from Clwyd South MS Ken Skates, who asked how the Welsh Government is supporting major events in North Wales and what benefits a successful Capital of Culture bid could bring to Wrexham county borough.

Mr Gething told the Senedd: "Wales has a good track record of not just attracting but gaining real benefit from major events, and there is real credit to the Member for his time in Government in helping to move that forward.

"We see the events that we help to fund having a return on the investment of around about 10:1, so it does provide significant economic benefit. But also, as we said, cultural and social."

He added: "I'm enthusiastic about Wrexham's bid for the UK City of Culture. They're the only Welsh entrant still left in the race, and we've seen from other UK cities of culture that it can be a catalyst for more investment and a greater understanding of that city and its near neighbours and what that can do in terms of attracting more investment from both inward investors in business terms, as well as looking to build on a record of a sustainable visitor economy.

"My officials will be happy to explore opportunities to collaborate to showcase events for 2025, should Wrexham be successful. And I hope that every Member in the Chamber - north, south, east and west - will wish Wrexham well in their bid to be the UK City of Culture in just a few years' time."

Mr Skates and Wrexham MS Lesley Griffiths have both declared their support for the 2025 bid.

Mr Skates said: "We have some wonderful annual events that the Welsh Government supports in North Wales, including the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, which I'm a proud vice-president of, in my constituency. We know that major events have the

potential to hugely transform communities for the better, and I echo what the Minister said.

"I'm proud that the Welsh Government is supporting Wrexham's 2025 Capital of Culture bid and hope that people from other parts of Wales will get behind it too."

Mrs Griffiths added: "I think everyone in Wrexham would be delighted if our town became the first Welsh Capital of Culture. Previous winners have shown securing the title can provide greater opportunities, create local jobs and boost investment, and the positivity generated could leave a lasting legacy on our town and region."

The other seven areas on the Capital of Culture 2025 shortlist are Armagh City, Bradford, Cornwall, Derby, Southampton, County Durham and Stirling. -Ends-

Disrupt the Transmission Latest "Keep Wales Safe Campaign" launches

The latest phase of the Welsh Government's Keep Wales Safe campaign which aims to 'disrupt the transmission' of Covid-19 (launched on Monday 6th December).

Adverts will run on TV, radio, press, out-of-home, digital and social media channels for the next five weeks to encourage the public to continue to follow the measures put in place to keep all of us safe. The campaign focuses on the importance of face masks, vaccinations, testing and self-isolation. Additional campaign messages will also include the importance of ventilation and the use of lateral flow tests before socialising. Campaign materials are also shared with a wide range of partners and stakeholder for use on their own social media channels.

Health Minister Eluned Morgan said:

"The aim of the latest phase of the Keep Wales Safe campaign is to encourage the people of Wales to continue to take measures to stop the spread of Covid-19 as the virus has not gone away.

"With the emergence of the Omicron variant, we need to continue to take coronavirus seriously and have put measures in place to protect people's health and to slow down its spread.

"We want to thank everyone for helping to keep themselves and their loved ones safe by wearing a face covering in indoor public places, getting testing, self-isolating when positive and getting vaccinated.

"If we all continue to do what we can, we can look forward to a healthier and brighter new year."

The campaign will feature on TV adverts, radio including Spotify, digital posters at shopping centres and bus stops, social media including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snap Chat, Twitter, YouTube as well as traditional media advertising.

The Keep Wales Safe campaign reaches more than 91 per cent of adults in Wales. A leaflet will also be sent to 1.4 million homes and will be made available in 35 languages, Easy Read, Braille, large print and BSL. ENDS

WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR RUBBISH



Removing household waste has become a bit of a money spinner for some unscrupulous people who are taking people's money by promising to..

Tackling fly tipping differently in Wrexham is beginning to make a difference and in a

forthcoming scrutiny report, Lead member for Environment and Transport, Cllr David Bithell, will be reporting on the progress since April including behaviour change.

He detailed that 40 investigations had taken place which resulted in fines of between £225 and £600 to nine people being issued. Seven cases are currently being prepared for court, six cases are already

lodged with the court and ten are still being progressed with a view to fines or court action.

CCTV has also been authorised for use and has been used in four areas. They'll continue to be used throughout the county borough as our officers take a firm line with offenders.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said, "Fly tipping remains one of the biggest concerns to our residents. There's no excuse for it.

"We have 3 household recycling centres that can be used and we alert householders regularly about their duties and responsibilities.

"The vast number of householders are very responsible and dispose of their household waste correctly and legally but there are those that continue to blight our environment with their waste. We'll take tough action with either Fixed Penalty Fines or court action against anyone we find fly tipping.

"We're also supporting [Keep Wales Tidy's Caru Cymru](#) campaign to ensure our environment is no longer blighted by fly tipping, littering or dog fouling."

GIVE SOMEONE THE BEST GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS BY GIVING BLOOD IN NORTH WALES

Guest Article: Welsh Blood Service:



A mother who needed in-the-womb blood transfusions during her pregnancy and a man who depends on regular, lifesaving blood donations are encouraging communities across Wales to give 'the best gift' this Christmas by donating blood.

The Welsh Blood Service is preparing to face Winter pressures on its services and is hoping their new Christmas campaign, 'the best gift', will raise awareness about the importance of donating blood and the lifesaving difference it makes.

These donations play a vital role by supporting a range of treatments from helping recovering accident victims and patients with blood

cancers to supporting mothers and new-born babies during childbirth.

"We can look forward to Christmas together"

Blood donations were needed during both pregnancies for mother of two, Shelley Parry. After her own life was saved during her first pregnancy, Shelley received several more blood transfusions directly into her womb to keep her youngest daughter alive.

Shelley explains: "Receiving blood is truly the best gift we have ever received. We're forever indebted as a family to those who have taken the time to donate. Without the generosity of blood donors, quite simply, we wouldn't be parents. Thanks to their selfless act, we can look forward to Christmas together as a family.



"It only takes one hour of your time to donate, if you can, please consider donating."

Also supporting the campaign is blood recipient Giggs Kantias. Since birth, Giggs has received over 1,000 blood transfusions as part of his treatment for beta thalassaemia major, a severe blood disorder. Thanks to blood donors, Giggs is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with his family.

"Receiving blood is truly the best gift anyone could ever receive"

Giggs said: "I am so thankful to the incredible people who give blood. When I'm in hospital, I stare at the bags of blood being transfused into me and always wonder, who is the person that has helped me?"

"I know the difference these people have made to my life and I'm so grateful to each and every one of them. Without their generosity, I wouldn't be here today, I wouldn't be a dad, or have had the opportunity to see my daughter grow up. Receiving blood is truly the best gift anyone could ever receive."

Alan Prosser, Director of the Welsh Blood Service, said: "For patients like Giggs, receiving blood will be the best gift they receive this Christmas. It truly is the best gift you can give.

"Blood products have a short shelf life and is needed by hospitals 365 days a year, including Christmas day, to help support patients in need, which is why we can't stop collecting."

The Welsh Blood Service provides lifesaving blood products to 20 hospitals across Wales and four Wales Air Ambulance aircraft for use in emergencies.

"The best gift this festive season"

Alan continues: "It is critical the service prepares. We need to build up blood stocks ahead of a potentially challenging winter, where seasonal illnesses and Covid-19 may exacerbate the usual winter pressures faced by the NHS.

"We are reaching out to communities across Wales to ask them to make a lifesaving blood donation and give 'the best gift' this festive season. "Give the best gift you can this Christmas: call 0800 252 266 or email :<https://wbs.wales/WrexhamCouncilNovDec>.

OMICRON

Wales could be on the brink of a "perilous moment" as the First Minister warns that the country could be hit by a wave of Omicron variant cases in the New Year,

Mark Drakeford issued the alert while addressing the Senedd on the continuing battle against coronavirus.

Five cases have been found in Wales but this is expected to rise substantially, with a peak by the end of January.

Omicron symptoms to look for, as expert warns, "it isn't like 'old' Covid"

He said: "Last week the first case of the Omicron variant was confirmed in Wales. We now stand on the brink of another potentially perilous moment in our efforts to keep Wales safe and to keep Wales open."

He said "Public health experts have modelled the effects of the new variant-drawing on information from South Africa and other parts of the world.

"While there is a great deal to be learned and any modelling is provisional we have to brace ourselves for the potential for a formidable wave of new infections in the New Year, potentially just six weeks from now, if we cannot slow the spread of this new variant."

Appealing for people to be vaccinated, Mr Drakeford said nearly a million people had received a booster dose of a **Covid-19** vaccine. He added: "When you receive your invitation for a vaccine, whether first, second or booster vaccination please make it your priority. "It is the best Christmas present you can give yourself and your family this year, and it's not too dramatic to say that it's an investment in making sure that you are here for a healthy and happy Christmas, next year as well."

Mr Drakeford's statement followed a Welsh government press conference where Health Minister Eluned Morgan said the Omicron variant would quickly overtake Delta as the dominant form and that is why they were attempting to ensure that as many people had a booster shot as soon as possible.

She said that statistics in South Africa now showed that the number in hospitals had increased five times over in two weeks.

"We are expecting a significant wave of Omicron will hit Wales by the end of January. It will quickly overtake Delta as the dominant form.

"What we don't know, is how sick this variant will make you. That is why we are rolling out boosters as quickly as possible."



A man in a white mask and brandishing a hammer is being hunted by police after a shop raid.

North Wales Police (NWP) is appealing for witnesses after the man stole items from the Ruabon newsagents early on Saturday morning. Please call 101 and quote **Z179635**.

This is not the first time that this shop has been targeted.

What's On



December 2021

Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	NEW EXHIBITION: Print International Tŷ Pawb hosts the return of the biennial exhibition. 139 pieces of artwork by artists from ten countries
Every Saturday 10am-12pm	Family Art Club Artist-led session for children and their families. £3. Term time only.
Every day throughout December	Singing Penguins Say hello to our little festive friends in the Flexi Space
Every Tuesday until Dec 13 4pm-6pm	Community Photography Workshop Hollie-May Gibson delivers photography workshops in our Useful Art Space. FREE to attend.
Thursday 2 Dec 4pm-6pm	Play Sessions A free open access playworker supported session delivered by Wrexham's Play and Youth Support Team. Most suitable for ages 5 to 15. Under 5s may attend if accompanied by an adult. No need to book.
Friday 3 Dec 5.30pm-8.30pm	Festive Food Court Fridays Free live music with Alpha Chino, Megan Lee, Han & Stu. Market open for late night shopping.
Saturday 4 Dec 10am-4pm	Wrexham Eco Fair* 30 stalls selling eco friendly, ethical and fair trade products and local produce.
Saturday 4 Dec 11am-2pm	Frosty Face Painting Get your festive face on—FREE!
Thursday Dec 9 7pm-10pm	Voicebox & Pride Wrexham ft. Stephanie Finegan * Open Mic with local spoken word poets, rappers, musicians, comedians, and more!
Thurs Dec 9 4pm-6pm	Play Sessions A free open access playworker supported session delivered by Wrexham's Play and Youth Support Team. Most suitable for ages 5 to 15. Under 5s may attend if accompanied by an adult. No need to book.

Make Natural Resources Wales undertake and publish annual wildlife surveys before felling woodland

NRW manage state forests but fail to undertake population surveys of protected species before felling woodland. To avoid biodiversity loss they should assess the size of rare species populations present before felling operations are undertaken, so that they ensure habitat loss does not cause decline. The population data should be published before any trees are sold for cutting. Currently they only try to stop rare animals and birds being killed by harvesting machines but this is not enough.

It's not good enough to simply try to avoid killing rare animals when trees are cut down. Birds, bats, dormice, newts need certain types of forest habitat and cutting it down means they can't survive there anymore. Clare Pillman CEO of NRW said 'Mammals like the red squirrel and water vole, birds like the curlew and plants such as the fen orchid are squeezed out by loss of habitat'.

<https://bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58641886...>

NRW need to come clean and survey populations before tree felling takes place and publish the data so the public can see if the agency are causing population declines. They should be taking the lead, making sure rare species have enough habitat and not just cutting forests down all the time, without showing what this has done to bats and dormice.

This petition is now under consideration by the Petitions Committee

Petitions that collect more than 50 signatures are discussed by the Petitions Committee. This petition collected 1,211 signatures.



Newyddion Llyfrgelloedd

Wrexham Library News for the week beginning 12 December



Children's Author of the Month

Ben Miller is an actor, director, and comedian, best known for writing and starring in The Armstrong and Miller Show and his role as Rowan Atkinson's sidekick, Bough, in Johnny English Strikes Back. Other recent big screen roles include What We Did On Our Holiday with Billy Connolly, and the much-loved Paddington 2. On television, he is best known for the crime comedy drama Death In Paradise which has been a big hit worldwide. He has written several bestselling children's books including "Diary of a Christmas Elf"; "The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale" and "The Boy Who Made the World Dissappear". He was born in London but grew up in Nantwich, is married with children and likes to play the guitar and drums.

Christmas Activities at Wrexham Library

Wrexham Library have a great Elf Treasure Hunt for children to do this festive season! Why not pop in and see if you can find all these cheeky little fellows. You can also write and post your letter to Father Christmas (don't forget to come back for your reply), there is also lots of colouring sheets and puzzle sheets to take home, plus plenty of books to read over the Christmas holidays. Why not visit the library today?

Closing times for Wrexham Library during the holiday period:

Christmas day (25.12.2021) and Boxing Day (26.12.21) closed

New Year's Day (01.01.2022 + 02.01.2022 +

Monday 03.01.2022 closed)

Thank you to Dawn Hughes Lloyd, Ruabon Practice Manager for sending in the following information



Ardal y Dwyrain /East Locality

GWASANAETHAU FFERYLLOL DROS GWYLIAU BANC Y NADOLIG A'R FLWYDDYN NEWYDD 2021 / 2022
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES 2021 / 2022

	Fferyllfa / Pharmacy	Cyfeiriad / Address	Rhif Ffôn / Phone Number	Dydd Nadolig Christmas Day / Dydd Sadwrn Saturday 25/12/2021	Dydd San Steffan / Boxing Day Dydd Sul / Sunday 26/12/2021	Dydd Llun Gwyl y Banc / Bank Holiday Monday 27/12/2021	Dydd Mawrth Gwyl y Banc / Bank Holiday Tuesday 28/12/21	Dydd Calan / New Year's Day Dydd Sadwrn/ Saturday 01/01/2022	Dydd Sul Sunday 02/01/2022	Dydd Llun Gwyl y Banc / Bank Holiday Monday 03/01/2022
Brynteg	Rowlands	19 Derby Road	(01978) 758098	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed
Brychdyn / Broughton	Boots	Parc Siopa Brychdyn / Broughton Retail Park	(01244) 538520	Ar Gau / closed	11:00 – 17:00	09:00– 18:00	09:00– 18:00	09:30-18:00	11:00-17:00	09:00-18:00
Bwcle / Buckley	Rowlands	12 Brunswick Road	(01244) 550350	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed
Cefn Mawr	Rowlands	Neuadd Feddygol / Medical Hall, Crane St.	(01978) 822600	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed
Y Waun Chirk	Rowlands	Castle Health Centre	(01891) 772439	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed
Coedpoeth	Rowlands	28 Stryd Fawr / 28 High street	(01978) 757249	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau / closed	Ar Gau / closed
Coedpoeth	The Pharmacy	Manchester House / Heol Maelor	(01978) 757387	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau /Closed	Ar Gau /Closed	09:00-13:00	Ar Gau /Closed	Ar Gau /Closed
Cei Connah / Connah's Quay	Morrisons	Parc Siopa'r Cei / Quay Shopping Centre	(01244) 838072	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	10:00-16:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-18:00	10:00-18:00	09:00-17:00
Cei Connah Connah's Quay	Rowlands	Red Hall Precinct	(01244) 818434	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed
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Treffynnon Holywell	Rowlands	Meddygyfa Bodowen Surgery	(01352) 713358	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed	09:00-11:30	Ar Gau/ Closed	Ar Gau/ Closed



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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

1. Gwau a Sgwrs

2. Dydd Gwener 2pm - 4pm

Knit and Natter

Fridays 2pm - 4pm

Grwp Sgwrsio

Dydd Llun 2pm - 3pm

Welsh Second Language Conversational Group

Mondays 2pm - 3pm

Stori a Chân

Dydd Llun 1:15pm

Story and Rhyme

Mondays 1.15pm

Closing times during the winter break:

From 24th December to and including 3rd January

Thank you to Paul Tincello for the following information



North East Wales Wellbeing Network
Rhwydwaith Lles Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru



Oral Statement: The Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy

On 7th December 2021, an oral statement was made in the Senedd: The Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy.

More than 5,100 food parcels given to people facing crisis across the UK every day in past six months, says the Trussell Trust

New figures reveal more than 5,100 emergency food parcels were provided for people every day from April until September this year on average, by food banks in the Trussell Trust network. That's at least three parcels given every minute and is an 11% increase compared to the same period in 2019, as need for emergency food remains well above pre-pandemic levels.

Alarming, families with children have been hit the hardest, with food parcels for children increasing at double the rate for adults, compared to pre-pandemic levels. Between April and September 2021, almost 2,000 parcels were provided for children every day on average, compared to almost 1,700 in 2019.

New European physically active learning teacher training curriculum launched

A new European Physically Active Learning (PAL) teacher training curriculum has been launched. The curriculum has been developed as part of a six-nation partnership project, called ACTivate.

The objective of the project is to co-create, with teachers and

other school stakeholders, an innovative European-wide open access PAL education programme, web portal and community of practice.

Leadership Bursary returns!

For the first time since 2019, the Walter Dickie Leadership Bursary is now open for applications. The Leadership Bursary aims to help leaders in the voluntary sector to develop their entrepreneurial leadership skills. The annual award grants £2,500 to support an individual in Wales to become a better leader.

The deadline for applications is 14th February 2022.

To apply please email sic@wcva.cymru for an application form, or for more information and examples of how the bursary has been used in the past please visit our Walter Dickie Leadership Bursary page.

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation Webinar

6th January 2022-10:00am-11:00am

Children in Wales is delighted to work alongside representatives from the Welsh Government to present the next webinar in our poverty-related series.

At this webinar, you will learn about the latest Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD 2019), the official measure of the most deprived small areas in Wales, a powerful tool to identify areas most in need and to highlight inequalities.

This session will provide an introduction into what WIMD is, what it measures, and how it can be used to draw insights into deprivation and inequalities in Wales. To register go to:

<https://www.childreninwalesmembership.org.uk/events/welsh-index-of-multiple-deprivation-webinar>

FREE Webinar: Opening up the Welsh private rented sector

A free seminar sponsored by the Oak Foundation

Wednesday 19th January 2022

Finding a home to rent feels more impossible than ever. Good places get snapped up in minutes, and private rents are rising faster in Wales than anywhere in the UK. It's not surprising that so many people feel the odds are stacked against them. At the sharp end of

the housing emergency, there are 7,000 people in temporary accommodation across Wales who need decent homes.

This seminar will hear the results of new research on barriers to private renting, and an update on Shelter Cymru's anti-discrimination campaign. We'll be looking at good practice from across the UK nations and asking what more can be done by the Welsh Government to give more people a fair chance of getting the homes they need?

Seminar wedi'i chefnogi gan yr Oak Foundation

Dydd Mercher 19^{eg} Ionawr 2022

Mae dod o hyd i gartref i'w rentu yn teimio'n fwy amhosibl nag erioed. Mae llefydd da yn cael eu cymryd newn munudau, a mae rhenti preifat yn codi'n uwch yng Nghymru nag yn unrhyw le arall yn y DU. Dydy hi ddim yn dynodod bod gymaint o bobl yn teimlo bod y llif y neu herbyn. Ar frig yr argyfwng tai, mae yna 7,000 o bobl mewn llety dros dro ar draws Cymru sydd angen cartrefi gweddus.

Bydd y seminar hon yn clywed am ganlyniadau ymchwil Newydd i rwystrau i rentu'n breifat, a diweddariad ar ymgyrch gwrth-wahaniaethu Shelter Cymru. Byddwn yn edrych ar arfer da ar draws enhedloedd y DU ac yn gofyn beth mwy y gellir ei wneud gan Lywodraeth Cymru i roi cyfle gwell i fwy o bobl i gael y cartrefi maen nhw eu hangen.

British Red Cross First Aid courses

We are now taking bookings for face-to-face public [#firstaid](#) courses in 2022, in limited locations.

Nobody likes to think of their child being in an emergency but learning first aid will give you the confidence to be able to help

should you need to.

Courses available are baby and child first aid and first aid for adults.

To book your place, visit <https://bit.ly/RedCrossTrainingFB>



Thank you all, once again for your valuable contributions throughout the year.

Just to let you know that at this time of the year I take two week's off for a small break.

I hope that the next Ruabon News Letter, will be ready by 2nd or 3rd of January 2022.

Very best wishes

Sybil (Bremner)