**Ruabon News Letter 415**

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**On 6th February 2022,**

**her Majesty The Queen became the first**

**British Monarch to reign for 70 years, so**

**now Celebrating a Platinum Jubilee!**

**A number of events and initiatives are planned to take place throughout the year to mark this unprecedented anniversary.**  
**The highlight of these celebrations will be centred on an extended UK bank holiday weekend beginning on Thursday 2nd June and culminating on Sunday 5th June 2022.  
In addition to a number of planned national events, people up and down the UK, are being encouraged to get together and bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of their own communities.**  
**For more information about the Platinum Jubilee celebrations go to:** [**https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Events/The-Queen’s-Platinum-Jubilee.aspx**](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=4b96ddb4cc&e=006862eff8)

**This information is part of the list of events sent in by Paul Tincello**

**Ken Skates MS welcomes cash boost to help families with school costs**

 Ken Skates MS has welcomed the announcement from Education Minister Jeremy Miles that families in Clwyd South will receive a cash boost to help with school costs.

A £13m support package to help families pay for school uniforms and PE kits was announced by the Minister at the Welsh Labour conference over the weekend.

The extra help comes as the cost-of-living crisis is deepening; as fuel and energy prices soar in the wake of the Ukraine conflict and new UK Government tax rises are due to come into force next month.

The new funding will provide families across Wales, who are eligible for help through the Pupil Development Access Grant, with a one-off £100 top-up payment in 2022-23 to help with the costs of sending their children to school. It is part of the Welsh Labour Government’s Household Support Fund and is directly aimed at helping households meet the rising costs of living.

It follows recent announcements by the Welsh Labour Government to extend the PDG Access Grant to learners in all school years who are eligible for free school meals and £21.4m to extend free school meal provision through the Easter, Whitsun and summer holidays.

Welcoming the news, Clwyd South MS Ken Skates said: *“We are living through a cost-of-living crisis. Household budgets are under significant pressure and many parents will be worried about how they can afford the things their children need for school.*

*“Families in receipt of the PDG Access Grant will already be using the £200 to help pay for their children’s school uniform. This extra payment will help cover other costs, such as PE kits, school shoes and other equipment, helping household budgets go a little bit further.*

*“I’m pleased that the Welsh Labour Government is able to provide more help to families at this difficult time and remove some of the financial barriers to education.”*

The extra funding for PDG Access complements Welsh Labour’s commitments to help families with the cost of the school day.

Children in Wales, funded by the Welsh Labour Government, is working with schools across Wales to make a real difference for their pupils by supporting school leaders and teaching staff with this issue.

 The Welsh Labour Government [announced](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fmore-families-receive-support-costs-school-day&data=04%7C01%7CDavid.Goodban%40senedd.wales%7Cc5d19d14cfe948ac214f08da0666fc14%7C38dc5129340c45148a044e8ef2771564%7C0%7C0%7C637829336625238297%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=zPtYmv%2BocVR2vol1SZxaoQ%2F6Qbe4PSHTczUrfNu7CUE%3D&reserved=0) £3.3m of funding in February to extend the PDG Access Grant to children and young people in all school years who are eligible for free school meals.

The PDG Access Grant is £125 per learner which rises to £200 for those learners entering year seven.

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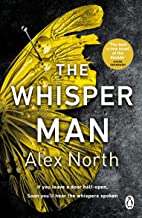
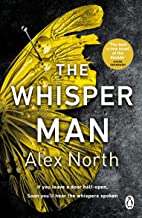
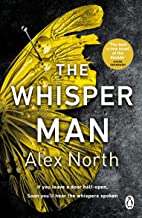
**Dydd Mercher 30 Mawrth 2022**

am **2.00 o’r gloch**

Bydd y grŵp yn darllen

**The Whisper Man**

gan Alex North

**Ruabon Readers Book Club**

**Ruabon Library**

on

**Wednesday 30th March 2022** at **2.00pm**

The Group will be reading

**The Whisper Man**

by

Alex North

**The Ruabon Readers reading group is starting again this month.**

**It will run on the last Wednesday of the month, from 2-3pm.**

**Old and new members will be warmly welcome!**

**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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**1.Gwau a Sgwrs**

**2. Dydd Gwener 2pm–4pm**

**Knit and Natter**

**Fridays 2pm – 4pm**

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**Grwp Sgwrsio**

Dydd Llun 2pm – 3pm

**Welsh Second Language Conversational Group**

Mondays 2pm – 3pm

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**Stori a Chân**

**Dydd Llun** 1:15pm

**Story and Rhyme**

**Mondays** 1.15pm

**#Wrecsam2025**

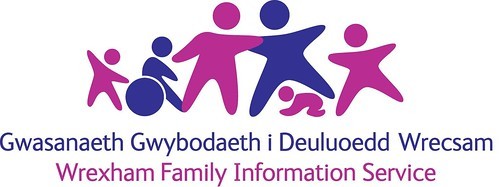
**Wrexham County Borough has been announced as the only place in Wales, and one of the final eight places in the UK, longlisted to become**

**'UK City of Culture 2025'**

(a title awarded to towns, cities and local areas across the UK once every 4 years). Previous holders of the prestigious title, awarded by UK Government, have gone on to secure millions of pounds in investment, create jobs and attract thousands of visitors to their local areas. The current titleholder is Coventry. The full longlist places in the running for the 2025 title is: • Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon • Bradford • Cornwall • County Durham • Derby • Southampton • Stirling • Wrexham County Borough. With financial support from the UK Government, a full application is now being prepared to bring the title to the county borough, submitted in February 2022, with the winning place announced in May 2022.

Key to our application, vision and plans, will be sharing the passion, creativity and pride of all those who make Wrexham their home.

**#Wrecsam 2025**



**North Wales community pharmacies  
introduce 24/7 prescription collection service**

**Community pharmacies in North Wales** are embracing modern technology to enable people to collect prescriptions 24 hours a day.  Boots Pharmacy in Abergele is among the first in the region to introduce an automated prescription locker service.  
 Patients who register for the service receive a text message with a unique PIN, which can be used to securely collect their prescription from a locker on the outside of the store, 24 hours a day.   
 The machines, funded with support from the Welsh Government, have also been introduced at Fferyllwyr Llyn pharmacies in Dwyfor.  They are expected to be introduced at several other pharmacies in the near future.   
   
[READ MORE>](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=ad8467d0ce&e=006862eff8)

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**Welsh Government incentives for businesses to recruit disabled apprentices**

**increased and extended by a further year**

Businesses recruiting full-time disabled apprentices over the next year can expect to receive an additional incentive of £2,000, Economy Minister Vaughan Gething [has announced](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=448b206715&e=006862eff8).   
 The Welsh Government Employer Incentive Scheme for disabled apprentices, which was designed to encourage employers to get first-hand experience of the benefits of recruiting disabled people, is being extended from 1st of April 2022 until the end of March 2023, and increased by £500.

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**Many thanks to Paul Tincello who forwarded**

**the following information**

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**Care homes and volunteering**

**WCVA** hosted an online event in January, to learn from the experience of two pilot projects which are developing volunteering in care homes.   
 Fiona Liddell, Helpforce Cymru Manager, [shares some of the common themes and success factors](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=ac19b5d5a5&e=006862eff8).

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**This consultation is open until the 20th of March 2022**.

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**National consultation asks public to help create  
a smoke-free Wales by 2030**

**The Welsh Government** is calling on people across the country to join a national consultation that will shape its strategy to make Wales smoke-free by 2030.   
 Tackling health inequalities and increasing support to help people quit are key to the Welsh Government’s ambitions to see Wales become smoke-free within the decade.   
Around 14% of people in Wales currently smoke and there are strong links between smoking and deprivation, with those in more deprived areas more likely to smoke.  
Success for the Welsh Government’s long-term tobacco control strategy, A Smoke-free Wales, would see less than 5% of the population smoking by 2030.   
Launched November 2021, the [consultation](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=855fa63c33&e=006862eff8) to shape Wales’ long-term tobacco strategy is open until **31st of March 2022**.

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**Removing care leavers from joint and several liability**

**for council tax**

**Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government**, has [published the outcome](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=3ce000248b&e=006862eff8) of the Welsh Government consultation on the proposal to remove eligible care leavers aged under 25 from joint and several liability for the payment of council tax.  Respondents to the consultation welcomed this change and there was full support for the proposal.

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**National Collaborative Arrangements  
for Welsh Adoption and Fostering services**

 When they meet on Tuesday 15th of March, Flintshire’s Cabinet members will be asked to support a new national all Wales approach aimed at attracting more foster carers to support young people.  The work extends an established national approach to adoption.   
 All 22 local authorities have agreed to work effectively together on national issues such as marketing, advertising, and some coordination of support functions.  This will allow the excellent work of Flintshire’s Children’s Services to continue in the County with an increased awareness of the importance of fostering and adoption across Wales.

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**Launch of mental health courses  
to support post-pandemic working conditions**

**Coleg Cambria’s Northop Business School** has unveiled a suite of programmes to support managers, directors, HR staff, and employees dealing with issues from isolation to anxiety.  
 Level 2 and Level 3 courses include Highfields Introduction to Mental Health Awareness; Introduction to First Aid for Mental Health; Mental Health for Managers; Certificate in Mental Health; Mental Health First Aid Wales, and NEBOSH Working with Well-being.   
 The courses will be running throughout 2022. For more information, visit [employers@cambria.ac.uk](mailto:employers@cambria.ac.uk) or call 0300 30 30 006.  
For more news and information from Coleg Cambria, visit [www.cambria.ac.uk](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=45246b9c9f&e=006862eff8).

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**Would You Make the Cut?   
Virtual domestic abuse awareness session  
for employees in the hair and beauty industry**

**North Wales Police** are holding another ‘Would You Make the Cut?’ virtual domestic abuse awareness session for employees in the hair & beauty industry to learn about the dynamics and effects of domestic abuse, hear real survivor stories and get tips and advice on what you can do to help.  
 The aim of this session is for domestic abuse survivors, police officers and domestic abuse specialists to provide key information on how health and beauty professionals can give advice, and where to signpost customers who they know are suffering from domestic abuse.  
 The last session, held in October 2020 was very popular and received great feedback. PC Mike Taggart, Strategic Domestic Abuse Officer in North Wales Police Protective Vulnerable People Unit said "after lots of enquiries about further training to the beauty industry, we will be holding another session for all to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there!"  
 There is no limit on spaces, so we are encouraging as many people to attend as possible. Please feel free to join us on **Monday 21st March 2022, 10am – 12:30pm via Microsoft Teams**.  Click here to join the meeting > [**Join conversation (microsoft.com)**](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=da108c79f9&e=006862eff8)

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**Race Equality First North Wales meetings**

 I am Nicola Shone, Race Equality First’s new Activity and Engagement Officer for North Wales. I am visiting North Wales to meet with groups / individuals this month.    
 I would love to meet as many groups / individuals as possible, so if you would be interested in:

* Hosting /allowing me to use a space
* Meeting other groups and organisations
* Organising/offering an activity to groups and organisations
* Simply meeting in person  …[please let me know!](mailto:n.shone@raceequalityfirst.org.uk?subject=REF%20North%20Wales%20meetings)

**I plan to visit Wrexham, Rhyl, and Colwyn Bay on Tuesday 15th**  
**I plan to visit Bangor and Porthmadog on Wednesday 16th**   
 **If you are available and within reasonable distance of any of these places, or have any other suggestions in mind, please let me know and I can change my schedule.**   
**Email:** [**n.shone@raceequalityfirst.org.uk**](mailto:n.shone@raceequalityfirst.org.uk)**.**   
 I also plan to visit again in the first two weeks of April (4th – 15th).  
I am also hosting an online networking event on the 16th May 10am, so if you are unable to meet in person, I look forward to seeing you on zoom soon!

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**Improving Children’s Health: A workshop series with FrameWorks UK**  
 **17th March 2022: 2pm–3pm**

The ways we talk about child health and obesity matters.  This workshop series will explore how to talk about child obesity in ways that will reduce stigma, increase understanding, and build support for change.   
 These workshops are aimed at charities, public health practitioners, and all those working to improve child health.   
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**Dance for Parkinson’s Classes**

Dance for Parkinson’s classes in **Wrexham.**  
Dance for Parkinson's classes are fun and informal classes run by National Dance Company Wales proven to develop confidence and strength, whilst temporarily relieving some participants of symptoms in everyday life.   
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**Adopt a Telephone Kiosk Scheme**

 The Adopt a Kiosk scheme enables your community to retain its iconic red telephone kiosk and turn it into something useful for your community.  
 Since the Adopt a Kiosk scheme was launched, more than 5,000 communities across the UK have seized the opportunity to do something wonderful with local phone boxes that had little or no usage.  
 Thousands of people have already come up with a fantastic array of ideas to re-use their local phone box, including housing defibrillators, honesty libraries, tourist information kiosks, even miniature art galleries showcasing the work of local artists.  
It only costs £1 to adopt a phone box, read more here: [https://business.bt.com/campaigns/communities/adopt-a-kiosk/](https://flvc.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a46a8b28bb94092e3b49979b&id=72db1be4fe&e=006862eff8)

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## Llywodraeth Cymru | Welsh GovernmentBig Ideas Wales:

## [Start Something Good Challenge](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..yDudJbJVQ0tFlioSTc8HO40IrnpZDgNMr-uKzFLyCeU/s/522284045/br/127957890742-l)

**- Closing date for entries extended**

**Are you aged 11-18?**

**Are you interested in Starting Something Good?**

This Challenge is for you if you would like to make a difference in the world, have some great ideas and want to develop some new enterprising skills! There is a growing movement of young people across Wales who want to do something good, and by taking part in this Challenge, you will be one of them! You are the generation that is going to make a difference and improve people’s lives.

**For further support or business advice call** [**03000 6 03000**](tel:03000%206%2003000)

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If there is anyone you know who would like to receive a copy of this weekly News Letter, free of charge, please do pass on my email address and I will add their names to the list.

[**bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com**](mailto:bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com)

Very best wishes all,

Sybil