

RUABON NEWS LETTER 426

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Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee News -from the Senedd-

Ruabon's own celebration of the Queen's 70-year reign was mentioned in the Welsh Parliament this week by local Member of the Senedd Ken Skates.

During a debate on the Platinum Jubilee, Llywydd (Presiding Officer) Elin Jones followed comments by Members reminiscing about fancy dress competitions at Jubilee events in their youth by saying: "At the risk of starting a trend, I did win 'best dressed in carnival' in the Llanwnnen Jubilee carnival in 1977 - and there are photos."

When Ken was called to comment on the Platinum Jubilee, he told the Senedd: "To spoil the trend, I am yet to win a best-dressed competition, but I hope that might change next week at the Ruabon Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

"I'd like to begin, though, by saying just what a pleasure it is to contribute to this debate, and to thank every organisation in Clwyd South that is organising such a diverse range of celebratory events. I think whether you're a monarchist, a republication or, indeed, indifferent, this special moment in our time really does recognise something that we can all agree on.

"We're celebrating relentless hard work, tireless commitment, loyalty, dignity and respect for duty by the longest-serving monarch in British history. And this is a time for us all to come together in recognising these incredible attributes and to pay our respects to Her Majesty the Queen.

"The Platinum Jubilee will offer us a rare chance for the nation to put aside divisions and to take time to value community, public service and loyalty to others."

He added: "Some people might not choose to celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II in this coming week, but I do hope that

everybody will salute the unparalleled and very positive contribution that the Queen has made to our history. As we approach 2023 and thereafter 2024, let's hope that the Queen goes on to become not just Britain's, but the entire world's longest serving monarch." After the debate, Ken added: "I'm really looking forward to the event in Ruabon.

The annual fete and the many other similar events, held in Ruabon in recent years are always fantastic occasions, and this one should be extra special."

A note from Ken Skates

A recent Ruabon Newsletter included an item from local resident John Faragher, with an excellent idea of naming one of Transport for Wales' locomotives in honour of Wrexham being awarded City Status. Mr Faragher suggested this could be done in a ceremony at Wrexham General.

After exchanging emails with Mr Faragher, I wanted to let readers know that I have made contact with Transport for Wales on his behalf and expressed my full support for the idea. I will be happy to provide a further update as soon as I hear anything.



Year 11 Shirt Signing Day Friday, 27th May 2022

Year 11 had their shirt signing celebrations. Here are some pictures from the day (many more in our school gallery at:

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





We have Giles Evans of Ysgol Rhiwabon to thank for the information above.

The Ruabon WI Exhibition at Ruabon Library throughout June.
– showing items concerning the Jubilee and crafts-



Photos by
Helen
(Ruabon
Librarian)



EXTENDED BELL RINGING SESSION

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, and to coincide with the Ruabon Community Jubilee Festival, bell ringers from the Offa Mission Area, which includes St Mary's, Ruabon, will be attempting a celebratory peal on Saturday 4th June.

This will mean that the bells will be ringing continuously for approximately three hours on Saturday 4th June, starting at 1pm.

For more information go to
<https://sway.office.com/iXXNTB4224hnrcD3>,

or scan the QR code



We apologise to those who do not like the sound of church bells ringing, but we hope you will appreciate that we are ringing as part of a

national celebration.



The poster is set against a background of a Union Jack flag with colorful confetti. At the top, two red dragons flank the text 'RUABON COMMUNITY' in bold red letters. Below this, a grey banner with a black outline contains the words 'JUBILEE FESTIVAL' in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee' is in a red, slightly stylized font. 'Saturday 4th June 2022' is in a large, black, hand-drawn style font. '12 pm - 4 pm' is in a similar hand-drawn style. 'On the Recreational Ground' is in a red, slightly stylized font. Below this, 'The BIG JUBILEE GET-TOGETHER' is in bold red letters, followed by 'Bring a Blanket or Chair and Meet on the Rec' in a smaller red font. A photograph of a street scene with a stone building and a modern house is visible in the background. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'With...' in white, followed by 'Food, Craft, Activities and Games' in bold white letters. Below this, 'Working in Partnership with:' is in small white text. At the bottom left is the Ruabon Community Council logo, which is a circular emblem with a yellow castle tower on a green hill under a blue sky with a sun. To its right is the 'FRIENDS of RUABON' logo, a circular emblem with a stone wall and a building, with the text 'FRIENDS of RUABON' and 'www.friendsofruabon.co.uk' around it.

RUABON COMMUNITY

JUBILEE FESTIVAL

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Saturday 4th June 2022
12 pm - 4 pm
On the Recreational Ground

The BIG JUBILEE GET-TOGETHER
Bring a Blanket or Chair and Meet on the Rec

With...
Food, Craft, Activities and Games

Working in Partnership with:

 **Ruabon Community Council**

 **FRIENDS of RUABON**
www.friendsofruabon.co.uk

RUABON BOWLING CLUB

Maes-y Llan Lane, Ruabon.

Oswestry League - Division 2

17th May- Ruabon - 3 v. Pentre Broughton 7.

Wrexham and District Bowling League Division 1

24th May: Ruabon A - 4 v. Northrop Hall - 8

Wrexham Veterans - Division 4

28th May: Ruabon - 9 v. Hawkesbury, Buckley - 1

Wrexham Pairs League - Division 1

24th May: Ruabon - 2 v. Llay A - 6

Crown Green Bowls

is for everyone and is indeed a family sport, with all ages able to play together, so if you are looking for something to do, want to know more, or a chat about it then please contact:

Paul Tincello on: 07841 688820

PRESS RELEASE

Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South



**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

North Wales NHS improvement plans raised by Clwyd South MS

Plans to improve health services in north Wales have been raised in the Senedd.

Clwyd South MS Ken Skates yesterday called for the new national Citizen Voice Body to be based in north Wales, which has the country's largest health board.

He also called for an update from Health Minister Eluned Morgan about the Welsh Government's plans to improve services across the region.

Addressing the Welsh Government Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths, Mr Skates said: "I'd be grateful for a statement from the Minister regarding progress against the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board improvement plans that were published in March of 2021.

"And could I ask for another statement from the Minister for Health confirming that the Citizen Voice Body will be headquartered in north Wales? The chair of the body, of course, is very familiar with south-west Wales and mid Wales, and most of the NHS is headquartered in south-east Wales, so it stands to reason that the Citizen Voice Body should be headquartered in north Wales, where we have the largest health board and where, arguably, the NHS faces its greatest challenge."

Mr Skates said he had also written formally to the Health Minister, and later added: "The people of north Wales must know whether progress has been made against the improvement plans, which were announced by the former Health Minister as the next stage of improvement after BCUHB was taken out of special measures."

From April 2023, the Citizen Voice Body will represent the voices and opinions of the people of Wales in respect of health and social care services. It will be independent of government, the NHS and local authorities but will work with them, and others, to support the continuous improvement of person-centred services.

During the Senedd proceedings, Trefnydd Lesley Griffiths responded: "In respect of the establishment of the Citizen Voice Body, no decisions have been taken as yet as to the location of any of its sites. I think once the Citizen Voice Body recruitment is completed, the Minister will bring forward a location strategy around the decisions taken.

"You ask for an update on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board improvement plan, and, as you're aware, in the previous term of government, back in March 2021, a written statement was issued by the Government outlining the targeted intervention framework for the health board. This is something that, obviously, the Minister for Health and Social Services monitors very carefully.

"I am aware there are further discussions going on, and the Minister will ensure the health board update their website, because I think it is really important that that's done. If there is anything further from the Minister's meeting, I will ask her to issue a written statement." -Ends-

End of an Era

as Wales' last remaining Covid rules to be dropped

Mark Drakeford is expected to announce that the rules will be lifted on Monday, 30th May.

First Minister Mark Drakeford is expected to announce on Friday the removal of Wales' final remaining Covid rules. While nearly all restrictions were lifted in March this year the decision to scrap the mandatory wearing of face masks in health settings from Monday will mean for the first time since March 2020 Wales will be totally free of coronavirus regulations.

The outcome of the latest three-weekly review of the legal regulations will be announced by Mr Drakeford at a press conference at noon on Friday. He is expected to confirm that the final legal requirement, which has seen face coverings remain a mandatory requirement in health and care settings to protect patients, staff, and visitors, will be removed from May 30.

It's understood the Welsh Government will continue to recommend people take simple steps to protect their health including by staying up to date with Covid vaccinations (see the latest on who will be eligible for jabs in the autumn by going here) and self-isolating if

they have Covid-19 symptoms. The legal requirement to self-isolate for positive cases was removed earlier this year.

The decision to remove the restrictions comes in light of an improving picture in terms of infection figures. The number of Covid-19-related patients in hospital is gradually falling, although the NHS continues to experience emergency and pandemic pressures, while the latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showed infection numbers in Wales falling for the fifth week in a row.

THANK YOU TO JULIE REEVES (RUABON MEDICAL CENTRE) FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTER



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Women's Cycle Tour Stage 4: Distance 144.7km. on 9th June 2022

'Rolling Road' closures will be operated for approx. 30 minutes.

Wrexham 11.00

Lake Vyrnwy 13.07

Ruabon 11.21

Heniarth 14.13

Chirk 11.39

Montgomery 14.46

Llangedwyn 12.36

Welshpool 15.03

For more information see:

<https://www.womentour.co.uk/stages/stage-4>

Helen (of Ruabon Library) supplied this information

Llyfrgell 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

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

Digwyddiad/Event

Bank Holiday Closures

All of Wrexham's Libraries will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of June. Wrexham, Overton and Brynteg libraries will operate their normal opening hours on Saturday 4th June, with all other remaining libraries re-opening on Monday 6th June. All of our online services will remain open and can be accessed via www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the online services link.

Jubilee Fun!

Wrexham Libraries have some great activities for you to take part in as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

For children we have a Design a Crown competition, with a prize for each age category.

We are asking children to design a crown which includes something relating to: the Queen's life or, with a coat of arms or with royal symbols. The age groups for this competition are: 6 years and under; 7-11 and 12-16. For adults there is a Jubilee Tour competition around our libraries. If you manage to find the hidden Jubilee images in every library, you can enter the prize draw to win an Amazon gift voucher. Finally, and just for fun, there is a Jubilee Bingo game - collect your 'card' from your local library and read a book relating to each category.

More details can be found at your local library.

The closing date for the competitions is 20th June 2022.



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WELSH UNIVERSITIES CHANGE LIVES WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE

Welsh Government investment in universities collaborating in data science and artificial intelligence is changing lives and helping Wales become an international leader in the field. As part of the Digital Strategy for Wales, £500,000 of funding is being shared between 22 innovative projects.



Wales Data Nation Accelerator (WDNA) is a collaboration between Cardiff, Swansea, Aberystwyth and Bangor universities to help Wales secure long-term data science and AI success.

As data science and AI become more widespread, university research teams are helping people across Wales by ensuring projects are being taken forward with industry so the outcomes can be adopted to improve economic returns, quality of life and sustainability. At the same time this will support creating a skilled and digitally competent workforce.

Professor Matthias Eberl and his team in the School of Medicine at Cardiff University will use AI to help prevent sepsis in abdominal surgery patients. Welsh Government funding has helped them work with partners to support their research.

Investing in this kind of research can help resolve challenges particularly affecting Wales. Aberystwyth University are supporting the agricultural sector by using AI to quickly identify parasites common in grazing livestock in Wales due to our climate.

Bangor University are supporting our environment by developing software tools to deploy radar technology along the Welsh coastline. This will provide marine renewable developers, ports and local authorities with valuable, real-time information about the waves and currents in our coastal waters. This research will help find better sites for renewable energy and improve safety.

Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles said: Wales is home to fantastic higher education research. It is great to see our universities working together to make sure Wales is on the forefront of developments in data science and artificial intelligence. I am pleased that this funding has helped support projects with the power to improve people's lives here in Wales and further afield. WDNA is an example of how a strong higher education sector can support all aspects of our lives and make sure we're prepared for the future.

Minister for Economy, Vaughan Gething said:

Research, science, and technology has never been more important in terms of supporting solution-focussed projects and outcomes to tackle the major global problems of our time.

I am confident this new funding will support our universities, working with industry partners, to use the very latest technological innovation in data science and artificial intelligence to do just that. In doing so, they will help boost the Welsh economy by helping to create the industries of the future, which will generate the new high-quality jobs we want to see across Wales.

Professor Roger Whitaker, Pro Vice-Chancellor elect for Research, Innovation and Enterprise, at Cardiff University said:

The world is changing at an unprecedented pace due to data science and artificial intelligence. This affects almost every sector in Wales. The Universities of Cardiff, Swansea, Bangor, and Aberystwyth have partnered to form the Wales Data Nation Accelerator (WDNA) project, an ambitious programme of research, innovation and training to support digital transformation.

Welsh Government funding for short term 'sprint' projects has enabled partnership with organisations and companies to quickly demonstrate the power and potential of data and AI-driven technologies. This is supporting better health and wellbeing, improved public services, a competitive economy and a greener planet.



Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd Wrecsam
Wrexham Family Information Service

My name is Mel Kearsley I work for WCBC Play and Youth Support Team, (many of you may have met me as I used to deliver Safeguarding training for the Childcare Team). I have been in playwork for over 20 years in a variety of settings, most of my role now involves training and supporting playwork learners.

Wrexham has been awarded funding to support 45 learners this financial year to take part in accredited playwork courses.

Level 2 Application of Playwork Practice (L2APP) is a 6 week face to face course which enables learners to start on their playwork journey, this course is recognised by CIW as enough for workers who are in holiday only provision. If workers are in year round setting they will then need to complete the level 2 Diploma on top of the L2app.

All applicants interested in attending a Playwork course will need to adhere to the entry requirements and complete the application form using the link below.

[Playwork Application \(PFS2\)](#)

If individuals are already undertaking Higher Education qualifications we are unable to receive extra funding from Welsh Government, so the cost of the qualification will increase.



Many of us have already planted a tree to meet the dedication of the Welsh Government to plant a forest in Wales, but if you would like to continue planting through 'The Queen's Canopy- set up by

The Woodland Trust, there is a great deal of information on line at: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/about-us/our-partners/woodland-trust/>.

IT'S PARTY NIGHT
AT THE
THE WYNNSTAY ARMS
HOTEL IN RUABON



70s/80s Party Night
On Saturday, 25th June.

Buffet included,
7.30pm 'til late

(So why not dress to impress? Fancy dress optional)

Tickets £15



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Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Available from 2.30pm Monday to Friday
from 23rd May to 10th June 2022

Advance booking essential - please call 01829 272031

Traditional

A selection of freshly made sandwiches
Homemade scone with strawberry jam and clotted cream
Tea or filter coffee
£18.00 for two

Luxury

Prosecco 200ml each
A selection of freshly made sandwiches
A selection of homemade cakes including scone with
strawberry jam and clotted cream
Tea or filter coffee
£30.00 for two



I had no idea that Johnstown had a new Showroom!

The Experience of a Lifetime

Jo Smith (Chair of Friends of Ruabon) and I were invited to a Buckingham Palace party on the 18th May.

Of course we accepted and Jo booked one of our neighbours to take us on the 4 hour journey there and the 4 hours back.

Our driver was Julian Davies and we could not have asked for a more competent, polite or caring person to take us. There is room for nine customers in Julian's 'coach' but this time he only had two of us.

We arrived in plenty of time and walked all around the fabulous grounds in the best sunny weather:



Jo with just two of her Police Guards



After seeing Kate, Princess Alexandra, Prince Edward and Sophie, chatting with many of the guests, taking photos for other people and asking them to take photos of us, we found time to join those guests who were still there, to have some tea in the large marquee.

We then made our way to the Hyde Park Corner Gate and there was Julian waiting for us.

THIS wasn't the end – as we were on our way home Julian received calls which he asked to be passed on to his wife Annette, who works with him from home.

One of the calls however, was to ask him to go to Manchester Airport to pick up two customers at about 12 midnight (we were due back at 10.30pm).

Evidently, the caller had already gone to Manchester Airport to pick up these customers as the information was that the flight had come in during the late afternoon but when he had arrived he found that the flight had not even left Portugal.

With the reports of the ongoing chaos at Manchester Airport – this is one of the disasters not yet revealed.

I have since learned that after his eight hours of travel on the day, Julian still went to Manchester to pick up these clients.

Julian is self-employed, his firm is: J.E.T.S (Julian's Executive Transfer Service)

his contact details are: 0772525 222073,

his email address: jets.transfers@btinternet.com

He picks up his clients from their own homes.

Also-not to be forgotten: Chris Williams



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Thank you all for the wonderful pieces of information you have sent in AND the help I have been given. Sybil.