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Last weekend has seen the Coronation of His Majesty The King, which took place on Saturday 6th May, 2023 at Westminster Abbey, London. It was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Ceremony has seen His Majesty King Charles III crowned, alongside The Queen Consort.

The bells also rang out at 10am, in St Mary's Church, Ruabon on Saturday 6th May, in celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.



King Charles and Queen Camilla.



Ysgol Rhiwabon A great day!

A great day at the Active Wrexham Girls Football Festival.

It was a real learning experience for our Year 7's, many of whom had never played competitive football before. They grew in confidence as the day went on and put in some great performances.

Player of the Day - Layla Davies

Our Year 9/10 team won all of their games in the group stage and made it to the final where they were unlucky to be beaten by an excellent Ysgol y Grango side.

Well done to all performers who represented the school fantastically.

Player of the Day - Maisie Jones



Ysgol Rhiwabon Pennaeth – Melanie Ferron-Evans B.A.(Joint Hons) MSc. N.P.Q.H - Headteacher

4th May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Estyn School Inspection Report – 4th May 2023

Following the February Estyn Inspection the full report has been published today, 4th May. I am proud to share the findings with parents and our local community.

The inspection Team found Ysgol Rhiwabon to be, “A caring and inclusive community, which values the well-being and character of its pupils as highly as their learning. A caring and inclusive school, which strives to support its pupils to ‘succeed with soul’ and to develop both academically and personally. Staff are ambitious for all pupils to achieve their full potential and leave school prepared for the next steps in their lives.”

The report backs this up with reference to key strengths from across many aspects of the school’s work, including transition, our curriculum offer, additional learning support and careers work with Key Stage 4 students. I am delighted that the findings recognise the diligence of staff, ably supported by the Governing Body, and the strong sense of collaboration amongst us all in Ysgol Rhiwabon and our local community.

The education world is working through a time of great challenge and change. The report recognises this and comments on the commitment and sensitive, assured approach to leading the school forward. The recommendations provide further focus to our continual improvement.

During the Inspection week, all stakeholders played an important part in sharing the work of the school with an obvious focus on our students. Parent support was extremely positive and I would like to thank you for this continued commitment to our school. The students, staff, governors and senior leaders were proud to showcase our work and I would like to thank every one of them for making the Inspection so positive for this reason.

The report link can be found below. As you read through you will be able to see how far the school has progressed in recent years as well as areas for us to develop through our School Development Plan.

Link to Report Summary for Parents and Carers;

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2023-05/Parents%20and%20carers%20-%20Inspection%20report%20-%20Ysgol%20Rhiwabon%202023.pdf>

Link to Full Report;

https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2023-04/Inspection%20report%20Ysgol%20Rhiwabon%202023_0.pdf

The recent School of the Year Award, and the Inspection Report, provide us with a lot to celebrate moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Ferron-Evans, Headteacher

PRESS RELEASE

Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South

03/05/23

for immediate publication



**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

**‘Successful future lie ahead for Wrexham’
says First Minister**

‘These are great days for Wrexham’

The Senedd was told this week

First Minister yesterday congratulated the newly crowned National League champions on their success – and said Wales’ newest city is on the up.

His comments came after Clwyd South MS Ken Skates asked the First Minister for an update on the Wrexham Gateway project, which will see the Racecourse Ground’s famous Kop stand rebuilt and major improvements to public transport infrastructure.

The Welsh Government has already committed £25m and is working with Wrexham Council, Wrexham AFC and The Football Association of Wales to deliver it despite the UK Government twice snubbing the project and choosing not to invest in Wrexham.

Mr Drakeford told the Senedd: “The Wrexham Gateway Partnership has stepped in to support the redevelopment of the Racecourse Ground and the return of competitive international football to the north of Wales in the light of UK Government’s failure to do so. Work to design a new public transport interchange at Wrexham General station is also now under way.”

Ahead of last night’s victory parade, Mr Skates said: “It’s a very special day for Wrexham today. There’ll be an open-top bus progressing through the city with the team on board; with the owners, Rob and Ryan; with, no doubt, representatives of the club across the board, and hopefully the supporters trust as well. They all deserve huge thanks for what they’re doing.

“First Minister, can you outline what you believe the Wrexham Gateway project, funded by the Welsh Government, will do to the city and the

football club in terms of the economic benefits and the benefit to the prestige of Wrexham itself?”

The First Minister responded: “These are great days for Wrexham. Of course, great days in football, but also everything that that has done to raise the profile of the city. The Welsh Government goes on being absolutely committed to the Wrexham Gateway project.

“Twice it’s been turned down by the UK Government, and now Welsh authorities are stepping in to make sure that the redevelopment of the ground can be completed – not simply to the standard that will be required for Wrexham’s return to the Football League. Football, rugby union, rugby league have all been played internationally at the Wrexham ground, and we want to make sure that that is possible for Wrexham in the future.”

He added: “But it’s not just the football ground itself, it’s everything that lies behind it. It’s all those years of dedication from volunteers who kept the club afloat and are now looking forward to what lies ahead. A story which, I’m sure, has many successful chapters to come.

“We will continue to work with our partners, all our partners, in Wrexham to achieve our shared ambition for the redevelopment of that part of the city, and the message it sends out about the successful future that lies ahead for Wrexham itself.” **-Ends-**

The Welsh Government says logos on school uniforms should not be compulsory

The Welsh Government has called on schools to drop compulsory logos on school uniforms. Education minister Jeremy Miles called for the change after publishing new statutory guidance today.

The announcement follows a public [consultation on school uniform guidance](#), which sought opinions on affordability in order to support families through the cost-of-living crisis. 56% of those who responded agreed that logos should not be required on school uniforms in comparison to 27% who disagreed.

Nearly 90% of respondents also felt that schools should avoid single supplier agreements. There was almost universal consensus that schools should operate uniform exchange or recycling schemes.

READ MORE: The new guidance calls for arrangements to be in place so that second-hand school uniforms are available for parents and carers. Mr Miles said: "School uniforms are an important part of identify for a school, but it is absolutely vital that uniforms are affordable.

"This is why I am asking schools to prioritise making school uniforms cheaper for families, who continue to feel the pressure of rising costs. We know that branded school wear can be a lot more expensive for families – that is why schools shouldn't make them mandatory.

"There certainly should not be a requirement for multiple items to be branded. I know that most schools are doing everything they can to keep costs down for families.

Do you agree with this advice? Let us know in the [comments section below](#).

"But we have still seen too many cases where families have had to purchase expensive uniforms. The guidance we are publishing today will support schools in reducing these costs."

He added: "In Wales we are doing everything we can to support families, with many lower income families eligible for the School Essentials Grant. This is the most generous scheme of its kind in the UK, providing families with up to £300 to purchase school uniform and equipment.

"I am calling on school governing bodies to review their current school uniform policies with affordability being the priority. Any changes to uniform policy should be fed back to families before the end of the current school term."

RUABON BOWLING CLUB

Maes-y Llan Lane, Ruabon, 2023

Oswestry League - Division 2

2nd May Chirk AAA. B. 6 v. Ruabon 4

**New peat grants launched to help tackle the
climate and nature emergencies**

A first-of its kind competitive grant in Wales offering Delivery Grants between £50,000 and £250,000 to support peatland restoration is now open.

The new competitive Delivery Grants has a total funding pot of £500,000 and we're looking for applicants with a plan ready to action peatland restoration - from habitat recovery to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

The aim of peatland restoration is to address the climate and nature emergencies, as our Chief Executive, Clare Pillman, explains:

"Work by partners and ourselves has shown significant impact in the restoration work to date. Yet 90% of peatlands are still considered to be in a deteriorating condition and emitting greenhouse gases, and so we cannot rest on our laurels.

"I'm pleased to see that landowners and farmers can now consider a new funded pathway to peatland restoration, through this new Delivery Grant."

The Delivery Grant can be applied for through the [National Peatland Action Programme](#) webpage.





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BOBBIE-JO PRITCHARD
SINGER



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FRIDAY 26 MAY

WREXHAM MEMORIAL HALL

BODHYFRYD, LL12 7AG

Tickets £7

Starts 7:30pm

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CALL GAYNOR ON 07855 330632
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OUR CHARITY OF THE YEAR "WALES AIR AMBULANCE"

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MeTime

Online Support Sessions for Carers May



Monday 8 May - 6.30pm: Special Coronation Quiz

Join us for our Coronation Quiz and see how well you know the British Royal Family. Do you know your Balmoral from your Sandringham, your Margaret from your Lilibet? Who will be crowned our quiz winner and who will be sent to the Tower of London?



Tuesday 10 May - 2pm: Spring Card Making

Come and join us for a relaxing craft session making your own spring cards. A craft kit will be posted to you before the session. Registration closes on Tuesday 2nd May to give time to post craft kits.



Tuesday 16 May - 12pm: Power of Attorney with Damian Lines

Damian Lines TEP is the Managing Partner at Rubin Lewis O'Brien solicitors based in Cwmbran, South Wales. He will be running a session on what you need to know about setting up power of attorney for your loved ones.



Tuesday 23 May - 3pm: Policy Forum

Come and join other carers to discuss policy developments and topical issues related to carers in Wales with the Carers Wales Policy Team. You will get receive policy updates from Carers Wales staff and hear from guest speakers. If you have any questions or queries before the session please contact our Policy Officer Jake Smith by email: jake.smith@carerswales.org



Thursday 25th May - 6pm: Craft session with Lora Morgan: Felted Pots.

In the workshop we will be felting pots by using the 'wet felting' technique. We will embellish the pots later with some needle felting. Craft packs will be sent out to attendees.



Friday 26th May 2pm-3pm: Crystals with Helen at Dreamstone Holistics

In this session we will be looking at ways in which you can use crystals and stones to support you in daily life; how to select them and how to care for them. The session will also include a guided crystal meditation to help you relax and feel calm and a suggested crystal layout you can do at home.

To Register: <https://www.carersuk.org/wales/help-and-advice/your-health-and-wellbeing/online-support-sessions/may-sessions/>



Ruabon Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAYS • 10AM - 12PM

**Bowling Club Pavilion,
Maes Y Llan Lane, Ruabon**

Come and enjoy some tea, coffee, biscuits a chat
each week in a warm and welcoming environment

There is **no charge** and **no
need to book**, just drop by.



charity number: 1100479

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Tuesday 4th July 2023 — Sunday 9th July 2023

Wanted

New volunteer Stewards

Are you aged 16 or over? Why not become a member of our volunteer Stewarding team and enjoy working in the wonderful atmosphere of music, dance and colour at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

For more information contact:

stewards@llangollen.net

or

visit the Eisteddfod website

<https://international-eisteddfod.co.uk>

or telephone 01978 862000



Do you know anyone who is suffering with Dementia?

Jubilee Beau Unicorn Equine Project CIC has some free sessions available which are funded by Wrexham Council.

The "Tea with a Pony" sessions are at Overleigh Equestrian Centre, Acrefair.

These sessions are for anyone suffering with dementia and their families/carers, to include, meet & greet a small pony. stroking, feeding treats and grooming followed by a fresh cup of tea or coffee and cake/biscuits.

Booking essential, contact:

Jo 07776313335 or email: jo_overleigh@yahoo.co.uk



Friends of Ruabon What's On 2023

Friends of Ruabon Litter Pick Saturdays

Saturday February 18th
 Saturday March 18th
 Saturday April 15th
 Saturday May 20th
 Saturday June 17th

Saturday July 15th
 Saturday August 19th
 Saturday September 16th
 Saturday October 21st
 Saturday November 18th

For litter pick equipment and to meet up with other Litterpickers please meet at Ruabon Village Hall on the above dates at 10am

Saturday Meetings

The Bridge End Inn
 Ruabon

Wednesday Meetings

St Mary's Church Hall
 Ruabon

Friends of Ruabon Monthly Meetings 2023

- Saturday March 4th 10am
- Wednesday April 5th 7pm
- Saturday May 13th 10am
- Wednesday June 7th 7pm
- Saturday July 1st 10am
- Wednesday August 2nd 7pm
- Saturday September 2nd 10am
- Wednesday October 4th 7pm
- Saturday November 4th 10am
- Wednesday November 29th 7pm

Friends of Ruabon Community Events 2023

- Bunny Hunt Saturday April 8th 1pm – 3pm
- Ruabon Summer Fete Saturday June 10th 1pm – 4pm
- Friends of Ruabon Santa Sleigh Ruabon Saturday December 2nd 5pm
- Frost Fayre Sunday December 3rd 1pm – 4pm
- Friends of Ruabon Santa Sleigh Christmas Tour
 Week commencing Monday December 4th Details TBC

Ruabon W.I Annual Quiz Night

Where : Ysgol Rhiwabon

When: Friday 26th May 2023

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm
Start at 7:00pm

Entry: £3 each (includes refreshment)

Raffle tickets: for sale at £1 each.

YOUR RUABON COMMUNITY AGENT



Supporting over 50's in our local communities with:



improving your health and wellbeing applications and claims



reconnecting you with your local community



to access services



connecting with others using digital technology

income maximisation (benefit & debt support)



signposting to appropriate services



establishing local clubs & activities

I am here to help you, so please do not struggle in silence.

Angie Cunningham

Hi, I'm Angie, the new Community Agent for Ruabon. I am really excited to start supporting the people in and around our local community.

If you think I can support you, your family, friends or your neighbours then please contact me today at:



01948 830730



angie.cunningham@therainbowfoundation.org.uk

The Rainbow Foundation, Rainbow Centre, Whitchurch Road, Penley, Wrexham, LL130GB
Tel: 01948 830730 | www.therainbowfoundation.org.uk

Charity number: 1100479



There are several blood donation sessions in the Wrexham area with appointments available to book.

Please help if you can

✚ St Margaret's Church

✚ Chirk

✚ Rhosllanerchrugog

<https://wbs.wales/RuabonNews>

Mae sawl sesiwn rhoi gwaed yn ardal Wrecsam gydag apwyntiadau ar gael i archebu.

Helpwch os gallwch

✚ Eglwys St Margaret

✚ Yr Waun

✚ Rhosllanerchrugog

<https://wbs.wales/RuabonNews>

North Wales

UK drivers risk three penalty points and £100 fines

Mysterious road signs across the UK could land drivers with hefty penalties if they are misunderstood. Motoring experts have identified seven strange road signs which could land drivers with points or a fine if ignored.

Although some of the little-known road signs could confuse even the most experienced motorists, drivers must understand them to keep them safe and reduce accidents. In most

cases, failing to comply with signs is dealt with by a fixed penalty of three points and a fine of £100.

However, if a driver already has points on their licence, it could add up to disqualification or a fine of up to £1000 at a magistrate's discretion. Unusual road signs include quiet lane signs, quayside signs, otter and toad crossings, and the blank 'no vehicles' sign.

Read more:

Road users who disregard the signs and have a crash or risk the safety of other motorists could be prosecuted for numerous traffic offences and face an unlimited fine or even jail. Greg Wilson, CEO and founder of Quotezone.co.uk, said: "From tanks crossing to horse-drawn vehicle warnings, drivers should familiarise themselves with even the strangest signs to stay safe on the roads.

"The Highway Code does not cover all the road signs in the UK, so the onus is on the motorist to keep up to speed with the latest additions. Whether you have just started learning to drive or have held a licence for a long time, understanding traffic signs is vital to driving safely and could be costly if you find yourself unable to recognise their meaning."

Here are seven strange road signs:

1.No vehicles



This empty red sign has left many drivers confused. The blank circle doesn't give many clues to confused drivers as it looks half-finished. According to the Highway Code, it means all vehicles are prohibited except for pedal cycles which pedestrians must push.

2.Migratory

This road sign informs motorists routes.



toads crossing

warns drivers to beware of toads crossing the road, so should proceed cautiously or may have to change routes. These signs are most common in early spring to help amphibians reach their spawning grounds.

3.Horse-drawn vehicles

Although this sign seems outdated for the 21st century, it is still used on roads around the UK. It means horse-drawn vehicles will likely be using the road ahead, which may make it slow and difficult to move past, so be extra cautious.



4.Slow-moving

This road sign informs crossing or in the up more than one overtaking. There one of the most



military vehicles

motorists a slow-moving military vehicle is likely to be road ahead. If the military vehicle is large, it may take lane on the road, so be extra careful when are only eight of these signs around England, so unusual signs.



5.Start of a designated quiet lane

The aim of quiet lanes is to maintain the character of minor rural roads by seeking to contain rising widespread traffic growth in rural areas.

Requirements to be identified as a quiet lane and get a sign include

having less than 1000 vehicles travel through a day and having a traffic speed of less than 35mph. The signs are usually on narrow single-track roads, so don't expect to see them in busy cities.

6.Quayside or riverbank

It is very important to know the meaning of this sign as it could prevent a catastrophe for unknowing drivers. It is a warning to motorists they are coming to the end of a road and approaching either a riverside or quayside and may not be able to see the edge.



7. No Vehicles Carrying Explosives

This sign may be confusing because, at first glance, it looks like an exploding car, so it may send drivers into a panic. The sign means no explosives are allowed in the area, so it only applies to a few motorists carrying dangerous loads. Stay clear if you have a car full of fireworks.

John Short
May 2 at 4:40 PM .

Vaonis Vespera: Rosette Nebula Based on the Hubble Palette version I modified the colours in Photoshop. exposure about 1 hrs over three nights.



Total
1/2



The Adventures of Mr Brodie
"On Coronation day what better than to sit in the garden and enjoy the sunshine



Many thanks to Zinnia Lewis for sharing this photo of the beautiful tree, which she is able to enjoy from her window.

A business card for C.W. Computer Services. The card is split into two main sections: a white left side and a dark red right side. On the white side, there is a logo of a mouse cursor pointing towards the top right, followed by the text "C.W. COMPUTER SERVICES" in bold. Below that, it says "CHRIS WILLIAMS" in a larger font, followed by "I. T. Consultant & Support". At the bottom of the white section, there are four bullet points: "• 01978 846 967", "• 07815 478 664", "• chris@cw-cs.co.uk", and "• www.cw-cs.co.uk". The dark red section contains a list of services: "• Business User Support", "• Home User Support", "• Networking Solutions", "• PC Repair", and "• IT Consultancy".

This is a whole day late than I had planned for the News Letter, but it means that there is extra information which I will repeat next week.
Bets wishes all, Sybil (Bremner).
