

RUABON NEWS LETTER 476

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Andrew Swarbrick and Gareth Edwards. Ruabon Rovers FC Latest articles from Nick Harrison

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Ramming the games in on their end-of-season push for the North East Wales League's Championship title, Rovers' 7-2 win at FC United

of Wrexham landed them pole position on goal difference and promotion to the Premier Division.

Rovers, who scored an amazing 136 goals in a 20-game league campaign, pipped long-term leaders Caerwys who beat Ruabon 5-2 on Thursday to make sure the title race went to the final day.

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Well, that wasn't a bad end to the football season for Lee! but rampant Ruabon Rovers got there in the end.



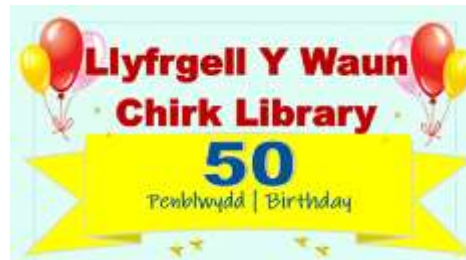
ELLIOT LEE has had the end to a season that dreams are made of.

It is Ruabon Rovers that sealed the title on the final day of the season

A classic tortoise and the hare sporting chase

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Ruabon Community Group





Amserlen Wythnosol Sesiynau Cymorth Digidol



Bob Dydd Llun 9:30-11:30	Y CANOLFAN CYFLEOEDD PLAS MADOC
Bob Dydd Llun 1pm - 3pm	PARTNERIAETH PARC CAIA
Bob Dydd Mawrth 9:30 - 11:30	LLYFRGELL WRECSAM
Yn dechrau 16 Mai	
Bob Dydd Iau 12:30 - 2:30	CANOLFAN ADNODDAU CYMUNEDOL GWERSYLLT
Bob Dydd Gwener 9.30 - 11.30	HWB LLES WRECSAM

Oes arnoch chi angen mynediad at offer TG i'ch helpu wrth chwilio am waith, gwneud ceisiadau, cyrsiau ar-lein a chwblhau eich siwrnal ar-lein? Beth am ddod i'n sesiynau Galw Heibio Digidol.

Bydd aelod o dîm Cymunedau am Waith a Mwy wrth law i gynnig cefnogaeth i chi.






Weekly Timetable

Digital Support sessions



Every
Monday
9:30-11:30

**OPPORTUNITIES CENTRE
PLAS MADOC**

Every
Monday
1pm - 3pm

CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP

Every
Tuesday
9:30-11:30

WREXHAM LIBRARY

Starts
16th May

Every
Thursday
12:30 - 2:30

**GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTRE**

Every
Friday
9.30 - 11.30

WREXHAM WELLBEING HUB

Do you need access to IT equipment to help with your job search, applications, online courses & completing your online journal?

Why not come along to our Digital Drop in sessions. A member of the Communities for Work Plus team will be on hand to offer you support.



Llyfrgell Rhiwabon Library

Be sy 'mlaen! What's on!

Pob Wythnos/Weekly...

Dydd Llun/Monday

- Stori a Chân/Story & Rhyme 1.15
- Grŵp Sgwrsio/Welsh 2nd Language Conversation 2.00 - 3.00
- Sgwrs a Chlonc/Natter & Chatter 3.00 - 4.00
- Clwb Lego Teulu/Family Lego Club 3.30

Dydd Gwener/Friday

- Gwau a Sgwrs/Knit & Natter 2.00 - 4.00

Dydd Mercher cyntaf y mis - 1st Wednesday of the month -

- Gemau/Games/Scrabble Group 2.15
- Clwb Plant/Children's Club (5-10) 3.30



Ail ddydd Mercher y mis - 2nd Wednesday of the month -

- Grŵp Darllen Cymraeg 2.00
- Crefftau Creadigol/Creative Crafts 2.15



Trydydd dydd Mercher y mis - 3rd Wednesday of the month -

- Amser i Gofio/Time to Remember
2.00



Dydd Mercher olaf y mis - Last Wednesday of the month -

- Ruabon Readers
2.00 - 3.00





Amser Tawel

Quiet Time

9.15 - 10.15am

Pob dydd Iau

Every Thursday



At Ruabon Library

This exhibition of vintage postcards by local enthusiast and collector, Ennys Hughes is a fascinating collection of what is sadly becoming a dying tradition in these days of digital technology.

Ennys says that “sending a p.c. (postcard) in the early part of 20th Century was just like sending a text today. It was the quickest way to make contact and pass on messages, greetings or information.”

The first (plain) postcards were published by the Post Office in the UK in 1870 and included a pre-printed stamp, with the introduction of picture postcards in 1894. Between 1902 and 1914 was the ‘Golden Age’ of postcards with huge amounts issued and sent all over the world, often leading to substantial personal collections many of which are found in house clearances today. With a decline during the war years, postcards enjoyed a revival in the late 1940’s and 50’s, often capturing much sought after images of lost urban landscapes that provide a fascinating glimpse into the past.

The hobby of deltiology (postcard collecting) is the second most popular hobby in the world (after stamp collecting). Together, these postcards help to tell a rich and vivid story of a bygone era, with a snapshot of people's lives, special moments and memories: sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and sometimes



mysterious. With a thoughtful display of both the picture postcard with its attached message, this is an interesting and remarkable exhibition. On now at Ruabon Library until the end of June.



Scene of 'devastation' as iconic Conwy bridge damaged again by traffic

The latest collision on Llanrwst's 400-year-old bridge has prompted renewed calls for a long-term solution



The bridge and its adjacent tearoom are among the most photographed sites in Conwy. In 2019, a new road sign was installed warning drivers to give way when heading into Llanrwst (Image: Peter Byrne/PA Wire)

Residents are demanding better protection for an historic stone bridge after its latest traffic strike. Witnesses reported seeing a coach collide with the parapet at Y Pont Fawr in [Llanrwst, Conwy](#), this morning (Monday, June 5).

Built in 1636, the bridge provides the main route over the Afon Conwy river between [Trefriw](#), Dolgarrog and Llanrwst in the [Conwy Valley](#). The parapet section destroyed today was repaired only last September following another traffic collision. Over the years, Y Pont Fawr and the adjacent Tu Hwnt I'r Bont tea rooms have provided an iconic backdrop for countless tourism photos and brochures. Yet the bridge is almost as notorious for the number of times it has been damaged by vehicles.

In one 10-day period in October 2013, the bridge was struck three times. Extensive damage was caused in 2016 when a [tractor and trailer smashed into the 17th century structure](#) on the B5106.

This morning's incident left a gaping hole in the iconic 400-year-old and sent stones plummeting into the riverbed below. Passers-by described a scene of "devastation", others shook their heads with a sense of *deja vu*.



Y Pont Fawr suffered extensive damage following this morning's traffic strike (Image: Dean Roberts and Nicole Lasschuit)

A passing taxi driver saw it happen. "I've never seen anything like it," she said on social media. Others demanded action. "Getting ridiculous now," said a local man. "Needs sorting."

A woman suggested it was time a traffic light system was introduced. She wrote: "Bloody hell, again! Needs something doing on that bridge otherwise it's just going to keep happening."

Pont Fawr was built for Sir Richard Wynn of nearby Gwydir Castle, and is said to have been designed by Inigo Jones. Originally constructed for horse and carts, it has become the scene of regular stand-offs between motorists travelling in opposite directions.

One resident recalled watching a fairground articulated lorry and two trailers trying to cross from the [Llanrwst](#) side a few years ago. "Took him 30-plus minutes to manoeuvre and get over," he said. "Probably (weighed) 35 tonnes. I sat there waiting for the bridge to collapse."

[Should large vehicles be banned from using the bridge? Have your say in the comments below.](#)

Alternative crossings are a single-track bridge five miles south in Betws-y-Coed, and the B5279 in north in Tal-y-Cafn. Given the diversions involved, drivers are often tempted to cross Y Pont Fawr despite its unsuitability for large modern vehicles.

The latest incident has enforced calls for a bypass around Llanrwst. This is one of three ideas put forward by Aberconwy MS Janet Finch-Saunders following recent lorry jams in the town.

"We will lose the bridge and its history if something is not done," said one resident after today's crash. Another suggestion is a width restriction and metal guards around the stonework to safeguard the bridge stonework.



About The ALN Bulletin

The Additional Learning Needs Bulletin provides regular updates and resources to support the work of implementing the Additional Learning Needs system in Wales.

NEWS

Arrangements for the implementation of the ALN Act

Further information available to clarify the arrangements for the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (ALN Act) from September 2023 to August 2025.

[Letter from Hannah Wharf – Deputy Director Support for Learners, Welsh Government](#)

The information will be of interest to:

- local authorities
- governing bodies of maintained schools
- management committees of pupil referral units (PRUs)
- school and PRU teaching staff
- additional learning needs coordinators (ALNCoS)

Evidence to the Senedd

On 10th May, the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles MS, gave oral evidence to the Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee on the ALN and curriculum reforms.

He highlighted the significant progress that has been made across Wales, which is testament to the hard work and dedication of the sector, recognised the challenges that remain and how the Welsh Government is supporting the sector to overcome them.

COVID-19 tests

Regular COVID-19 testing has been paused for all symptomatic health and social care workers, and special school staff and residents over the spring and summer.

To protect the most vulnerable citizens from severe illness, testing will continue to be available through Salesforce for those eligible for antiviral treatment for COVID-19 in care homes and residential special schools.

Initial teacher education programmes

A revised version of the 'Criteria for the accreditation of initial teacher education programmes in Wales' has been published, following a consultation earlier this year.

The criteria has been strengthened so that student teachers should understand the principles of person-centred practice, the ALN Code and Act, its purpose, ethos, and the responsibility of Schools, teaching practitioners and the Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo).

Welsh language teacher recruitment boost

A new bursary and grant is available to increase the number of teachers who can speak Welsh.

One of the core aims of the ALN Act is to create a bilingual system of support for learners with ALN. Increasing the number of teachers who can teach Welsh and through the medium of Welsh is vital to delivering this vision as well as realising the Welsh Government's vision for one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

EVENTS:

Equity, Diversity & Wellbeing Conference

29 June 2023.

University of South Wales Treforest, Pontypridd.

An event for anyone involved in the planning and delivery of teaching and learning within primary or secondary schools, as well as ALNCOs and those working with ALN students.

ALN Head-to-Head events

National Academy for Educational Leadership Wales is holding a series of events to explore, discuss and share experiences of changes to ALN provision in Wales and how they are impacting on school leadership.

Here are the upcoming sessions:

- Tuesday 6 June 1pm – ALN & Inclusion – Lessons from Sweden
- Tuesday 20 June 1pm – ALN & Well-being
- Thursday 13 July 11am – ALN – Next Steps

Para Sport Festival

10-16 July 2023, Swansea.

Over 20 sports, from athletics to wheelchair rugby, will be available for your pupils to participate in. The Para Sport Festival is supported by the Welsh Government and all activities will be delivered by local insport Clubs and National Governing Bodies of Sport.

RESOURCES

Develop your ALN skills and knowledge

Check out the National Professional Learning Pathway for Additional Learning Needs (NPLP ALN) available on Hwb.

There you'll find chapters that fall under one of four cross-cutting themes:

- leadership and management
- communication and joint working
- evidence-informed practice
- supporting learners with ALN

Request a workbook via your Professional Learning Passport and work your way through [Core](#), [Intermediate](#) and [Advanced](#) levels.

Or simply jump straight into a topic that interests you.

Voicing concerns

Chapter 32 of the ALN Code sets out guidance and requirements relating to avoiding and resolving disagreements at the earliest opportunity. It refers to the process in relation to health input to identifying or providing for ALN.

[Llais](#) has been set up to gather people's views and experiences when accessing health and social care services.

[Putting Things Right](#) is the process to raise a concern about NHS care or treatment.

Amgueddfa Cymru virtual visits

Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales offers free live interactive workshop for learners aged 7-11. The workshops cover areas of the curriculum

including: Humanities, Expressive Arts and Science and Technology.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Welsh Government has established the Disability Rights Taskforce with the aim of removing inequalities experienced by disabled people in society.

We are looking for parents and carers and organisations representing disabled people to join our Children and Young People working group, to share lived experience and expertise and agree actions to be presented to the Taskforce.

To join our working group, please register your interest by emailing:

DisabilityRightsTaskforce@gov.wales

Coming soon – ALN implementation survey

The Welsh Government has commissioned Arad Research to undertake an evaluation of the ALN system. As part of this research, Arad will collect the views and experiences of those involved in implementing the ALN reforms in Wales via a survey. We are keen to hear about what is working well to date, any challenges you have faced, and what further support would be beneficial. We will use the information collected to inform policy development and identify any barriers or facilitators to implementation. Keep a look out for further information and instructions on how and when to complete the survey soon.

GOOD PRACTICE, TIPS AND TOOLS

Have something to shout about? Contact us to help spread the word.

- Is your organisation passionate about person-centred practice?
- Have you developed an incredible IDP process?
- Do you offer great guidance on the ALN system?

Inspire others with your successes and help to improve the ALN journey for more learners, their families and fellow practitioners.

Are you ready to quit tobacco?

Here's how.

Did you know that it can take dozens of attempts to quit tobacco? The WHO Quitting Toolkit uses text messages, an AI counsellor, and app-based support to help you quit faster.

Begin your quit journey

Do you need a reason to quit tobacco? Here's 100!

Tobacco causes 8 million deaths every year – don't be one of them. The benefits of quitting tobacco are almost immediate. After just 20 minutes of quitting smoking, your heart rate improves. Within 1–9 months, coughing and shortness of breath decrease.



Mind

How to support someone with depression

Looking for advice on how to support someone with depression?

We're here to help.

For tips, advice and support, visit our website:

If you're struggling yourself, reach out to us.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/.../depre.../for-friends-and-family/>

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



Friends of Ruabon What's On 2023

Friends of Ruabon Litter Pick Saturdays

Saturday February 18 th	Saturday July 15 th
Saturday March 18 th	Saturday August 19 th
Saturday April 15 th	Saturday September 16 th
Saturday May 20 th	Saturday October 21 st
Saturday June 17 th	Saturday November 18 th

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

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

FRIENDS OF RUABON

SUMMER FETE



10 JUNE 2023

COMMUNITY REC FIELD
STARTS AT 1PM

PARADE STARTING AT 12PM AT THE
VILLAGE HALL



STALLS, GAMES, FOOD
AND MORE

FREE ENTRY

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

John Short

The Adventures of Mr Brodie.



What a sniffy walk this evening ! Had a great time with my girlfriend Miss Daisy and her brother Mr Flynn. We played and played in the long grass and enjoyed the evening sunshine .

John Short

May 31 at 4:01 PM ·

Unistellar eVscope 2: M51 The Whirlpool Galaxy.

M51 is located 31 million light-years from Earth. Some astronomers think that the Whirlpool's arms are particularly prominent because of the effects of a close encounter with NGC 5195, the small, yellowish galaxy at the outermost tip of one of the arms.

Hubble Palette applied.





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Thank you once again, for the amount of information that has been sent in for the News Letter.
Sybil (Bremner)