

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 506



## We have now published our New Council Plan (2023-28).

**The plan sets out our well-being priorities agreed by elected members for the next five years, and directs how we use our resources to deliver what is important to people who live and work in Wrexham.**

The six well-being priorities within our Council Plan are:

- Delivering efficient Streetscene services and decarbonising our environment.
- Developing our economy.
- Ensuring Wrexham is a fair and safe place.
- Improving education and learning.
- Promoting health and well-being (with a focus on social services and good mental health).
- Supporting a highly skilled and engaged workforce, focussed on delivering services. Within each of the six priorities we've identified outcomes we want to work towards.

They set the direction for our improvement journey over the next five years, so we can work towards achieving our vision:

“That all the people that live here are supported to fulfil their potential, prosper and achieve a high standard of well-being. We will be a strong and inclusive community leader to help make this happen, with a focus on strong values and behaviours.”



### **Heaven Coffee is extremely popular with customers**

Heaven Coffee is extremely popular within the community with regular customers and has become a stop for many of those visiting Wrexham city centre.

Cllr Nigel Williams, Lead Member for Economy and Regeneration, recently visited the premises and was very impressed with what he saw and heard.

He said, “Adam and Malgorzata wanted to create a small friendly home feeling so that people feel comfortable.

“They’ve even added a kids corner which has been a popular with parents and this comfortable homely feeling spills out of the doors and into the street, with outdoor seating areas.

“Adam and Malgorzata are a credit to our community and are helping to showcase Wrexham to our many local, regional and overseas visitors.

“With a strong friendly and supportive staff behind them they have managed to keep to the main aim of what they initially wanted to do, meeting every customer with a smile and treating them as family.”

“I look forward to visiting again soon and wish them well for the future.”

PRESS RELEASE

Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South



26/01/24

*for immediate publication*

**Senedd Cymru  
Welsh Parliament**

## **Landfill site operator hit with enforcement notice after breaches**

**The operator of a landfill site blamed for the ‘stench’ blighting a village has been hit with an enforcement notice for breaching its environmental permit.**

Member of the Senedd Ken Skates and local councillor David A. Bithell met senior Natural Resources Wales (NRW) representatives in December to discuss residents’ complaints about foul smells from the Hafod site in Johnstown.

Enovert was subsequently issued with an enforcement notice for contraventions of its operating permit which included odour and landfill gas management requirements.

The notice, issued to the company on 21<sup>st</sup> December, also ruled Enovert had failed to suitably manage levels of leachate – contaminated liquids.

And the local politicians say they’ll be ‘seeking further sanctions’ if things don’t improve.

Cllr Bithell said: “The site operator was given timescales on eight actions which require attention, some by the end of January. These included temporary capping of parts of the site, gas well improvements and providing NRW key documentation on how these can address local concerns.

**“The site stench has become unacceptable.”**

Mr Skates and Cllr Bithell held a follow-up meeting with NRW yesterday (Thursday).

Cllr Bithell added: “We were also informed of inadequate arrangements of the wheel wash facility and mud on the road. Whilst NRW is the site regulator, I have also raised with the council if odours constitute a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

“If the site operator fails to comply with the notice, we will be seeking further sanctions.”

Mr Skates, MS for Clwyd South, said: “We’re grateful to NRW for listening and for taking swift action after our meeting last month. I hope this provides some reassurances to local people.

“We said during our last meeting that this can’t be allowed to continue and we made it clear we needed to see some action, so I’m pleased we are now seeing something being done. We will continue to monitor the situation.”

Mr Skates and Cllr Bithell previously called for Enovert to hold an open day for residents to voice their concerns and hear what plans the company is putting in place to try to improve the situation.

Both are encouraging residents to keep reporting issues to NRW by contacting the 24/7 Incident Communication Centre on 03000 65 3000.

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**Ruabon Library**



# Half Term Activities

Monday 1pm -2pm -

## Duplo Play & Read

(Duplo play and share a story together session for under 5's).

Monday & Friday 3.30 -4.15 - **Family Lego**

(Drop in and play session).

Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30 - **Family Board Games**

(Drop in and play session).

## Craft activity pack to make & take -

Create your own weather chart or make a Valentine's card or treat box (just ask staff).

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

for further information please contact

Ruabon Library.



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## The Remembrance of Earth's Past trilogy

by Liu Cixin

The award winning science-fiction phenomena, *The Remembrance of Earth's Past* by Chinese author: Liu Cixin, consists of 3 books—

1. *The Three-Body Problem* (2006),
2. *The Dark Forest* (2008) and
3. *Death's End* (2010)

and is soon to be released by Netflix as their spectacular new blockbuster series.

For fans of sci-fi this must-read trilogy for the most part spans hundreds of years and explores themes ranging from nanotechnology to cosmology with a story essentially about earth establishing contact with other civilizations within the universe.

Its ideas are huge but its narrative hurtles along taking the reader all through space and time and conjures up spectacular imagery, visionary space battles, consistently thought provoking social commentary on future generations and ultimately asking the question - if we are not alone in the universe then would it be best to remain undetected and keep ourselves to ourselves?

If it's prophetic, then it's frightening.

"A chilling tale of being

## careful what you wish for!"

Mark

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## Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham

Play Session Free! 16:00 - 17:30 A free open access playworker supported session in our new 'Lle Celf Ddefnyddiol' // 'Useful Art Space'! This redesigned space is equipped for den-building,



Featured 2<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

### [Tŷ Pawb Comedy Night](#)

Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

Join us on Friday 2nd February for an evening of stand-up comedy from some of the UK's best touring comedians!

3<sup>rd</sup> February @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### [Family Art Club!//Clwb Celf i'r Teulu!](#)

Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

This week's session will be run by artist and filmmaker Ffion Pritchard! Participation is welcome in Welsh and English. This year Family Art Club is Multilingual!



# MULTICULTURAL HUB AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Explore the world of upcycling waste materials and create your own functional, everyday tote-bag! Show off your artistry after three sessions and be a part of promoting sustainability. Lets craft a greener tomorrow, one thread at a time!



SESSION 01  
9TH JANUARY

SESSION 02  
6TH FEBRUARY

SESSION 03  
5TH MARCH

CELEBRATION EVENT  
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February 6 @ 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm [Multicultural Hub After School Club](#)  
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FREE event delivered by CLPW CIC Community Interest Company with support from Xplore! Science Discovery Centre Explore the world of upcycling waste materials and create your own functional, everyday tote bag! [...]

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

[Play Session](#)

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10<sup>th</sup> February @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

This week's session will be run by artist and dancer Krishnapriya Ramamoorthy! Participation is welcome in Tamil, Telugu and English.

This year [Family Art](#)

[Club!](#) is Multilingual!

13<sup>th</sup> February @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

[Bracelet & Keyring](#)

[Making! \(4+\)](#)

Best Mates Bracelet & Key Ring Making! Tuesday, 13/02, 2pm - 4pm Best Mates Bracelet & Key Ring



Making with artist Noemi Santos. 'Pay What You Can' drop-in in the flexi-space.



15<sup>th</sup> February @ 2:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Brilliant Badge Making! \(4+\)](#)

Brilliant Badge Making! 15/02, 2pm - 4pm  
Brilliant Badge Making with artist Noemi Santos. 'Pay What You Can' drop-in in the Useful Art Space. **Most suitable for ages 4+**

Featured 16<sup>th</sup> February AQ16 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

[Al Lew6is Live](#)

Tŷ Pawb Marth ket St, Wrexham, Wrexham

Welsh singer-songwriter Al Lewis performs an intimate show at Tŷ Pawb as part of his UK Tour on Friday 16th February.

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17<sup>TH</sup> February @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Multilingual Family Art Club!//Clube de Artes para Famílias é Multilíngue! // Clwb Celf Teulu Amlieithog!](#)

Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

This week's session will be run by artist and architect Neuza Morais! Participation is welcome in Portuguese and English. This year Family Art Club is Multilingual!

22<sup>nd</sup> February 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm [Play Session](#)

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Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

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February 24 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Amlieithog! // Family Art Club!](#)

Tŷ Pawb Market St, Wrexham, Wrexham

This week's session will be run by artists Ellie Ashby and Manori Weerasinghe! Participation is welcome in Sinhala and English. This year Family Art Club is Multilingual! We'll be running sessions [...]

29<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm [\\_Play Session](#)

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March 2024

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm [Multicultural Hub After School Club](#)

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THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

@ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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## **Afta Thought-Safeguarding Training**

### **\*\*\*Drama Based Safeguarding Training\*\*\***

Drama-based safeguarding sessions that bring scenarios to life by  
professional actors and an experienced facilitator.

The scenarios are impactful and memorable by illustrating reactions and  
their consequences and designed to provoke your thinking. The  
sessions will encourage participation by the audience but with no role  
play!!

A range of scenarios will be delivered on the day, focusing on areas that  
affect childcare settings and family support services in Wrexham. Come  
and join us at this powerful session to see safeguarding in practice.

This is a one-time in-person training opportunity so don't miss out!

**Afta Thought-Safeguarding Training**

Dates	Location	Time
March 13th 2024	Brymbo Sports and Social Club	1pm-4pm

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March 13th 2024	Brymbo Sports and Social Club	6.15pm-9.15pm

Cost: Free of charge

Bookings can be made by emailing [childcaretraining@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:childcaretraining@wrexham.gov.uk)



## **Self-Assessment of Service Statement will go live on 31 January**

The Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Self-Assessment of Service Statement (SASS) will be available to complete online from 31 January 2024.

The SASS is an online form that all childminders and providers of childcare and play services in Wales are required by law to complete.

The information provided through the SASS submission will help CIW to plan inspections and provide the right help and support to those who need it most. The data from across Wales will be collated, anonymised and published later in 2024.

Providers will need a [CIW Online](#) account to complete the SASS. Those who do not have an account should take urgent action to create one.

If you do not complete your SASS by this date, it will impact your future ratings.

The deadline to complete the SASS is 15 March 2024.

Please contact the child care team if you would like support completing your report: [childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk)

Coleg Cambria is starting a new cohort in March at the Yale site for the Level 4 Professional Practice and Level 4 Preparing for Leadership.



Two dates have been confirmed so far, 20/3/24 and 17/4/24 which will act partly as an introduction. Further dates are being worked on currently by the work-based practitioners, but as a general guide, there will be around 8 to 10 sessions, one full day per month on average throughout an academic year.

Please feel free to contact Sally Ewing, at [sally.ewing@cambria.ac.uk](mailto:sally.ewing@cambria.ac.uk), call on 01978 267189 or message on 07892 757286.

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## Tata and budgetary concerns top topics as Ministers meet

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## **“Tackling child poverty is at the heart of everything we do,” vows Minister**

The Welsh Government's new Child Poverty Strategy aims to tackle the harmful effects of living in poverty and improve opportunities for children living in poverty.

## **Welsh Government and NSPCC in plan to stop sexual harassment in schools**

The Welsh Government has published a new Peer-on-Peer Sexual Harassment Plan. The plan sets out how the Welsh Government will work with partners to prevent and end peer on peer sexual harassment and address harmful behaviour when it occurs.

## **£300k to safeguard future of paper packaging firm in Caerphilly**

A paper packaging manufacturer for the food industry in Caerphilly has been granted £300,000 of Welsh Government funding to safeguard 55 jobs and



create 10 more.

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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 Community Agent for Ruabon. I am really excited to be 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 or 07947 530140















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## HOW I CAN HELP

-  Would you like any help and support finding new hobbies and activities within your local area?
-  Do you struggle with loneliness or the loss of a loved one?
-  Are you caring for another person and would like support?
-  Do you struggle with mobility issues around your home and would like a home visit to see if a community agent can help?
-  Have you fallen more than once in the last 3 months and would like a visit from Wrexham falls team?
-  Do you have any transport issues?
-  Do you have a medical diagnosis you are concerned about and feel you would like extra help and support?
-  Do you suffer with anxiety and depression and feel you need help to manage your symptoms?
-  Are you worried about money?
-  Are your bills getting out of control or do you think you might be entitled to extra benefits and would like advice?
-  Do you need additional support due to Covid 19?
-  Are you struggling with other areas of day to day living?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, please **contact me today** on 01948 830 242 or mobile number 07947 530140 or via email at [Angie.Cunningham@therainbowfoundation.org.uk](mailto:Angie.Cunningham@therainbowfoundation.org.uk)



**Birthday Parties at:**  
**Ruabon Sports Complex.**

with a:

**Sports hall, Seminar room  
and Spectators' area.**

**Available Evenings and weekends.**  
**Birthday party options available**

Including:

**Football, Nerf, Netball and Cricket.**

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**The Rainbow  
Foundation**

# MUSIC MEMORIES

**Come and join in singing, playing, making, and enjoying musical memories at this FREE session.**

An inclusive and dementia friendly hour singing some well known songs from the past and making your own accompaniment with a variety of shakers, and percussive instruments provided.

No need to book, just drop by.

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**Wednesday  
14th February  
at 1pm**

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The Bowling Club  
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Thank you for all the information you have sent in,  
it is always welcome.  
Sybil, (Bremner)