

RUABON NEWS LETTER 399

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Remembrance Sunday

At St Mary's Church, Ruabon, on Sunday 14th November there will be a Service of Remembrance starting at 10.45, with the laying of wreaths and 2 minutes silence at 11.00.

This year's Annual Service of Remembrance in Wrexham will take place at the Royal Welch Fusilier Memorial in Bodhyfryd, with limited restrictions also on Sunday 14th November, Cllr David Griffiths, Armed Forces Champion, said, "Whilst we are pleased to be able to come together this year to respectfully remember, we should do so with caution and social distancing, wearing face coverings where possible.

"This is the second year that we will have remembered the sacrifices made by those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, whilst in the midst of a pandemic, safety and respect should be the priority for everyone involved."

AIR RAID SIREN TO SOUND ON ARMISTICE DAY

Armistice Day commemorations will take place on Queen's Square on Thursday 11th November at 11am,

At 10.59am a bugler will sound the Last Post, the wartime air-raid siren will sound and the silence will be observed.

If you are in Wrexham at the time of service, we are encouraging you joint us to mark the 2 minutes silence safely, observing social distancing where possible.



SENDING LOVE TO MEN WHO..



ARE STRUGGLING
MENTALLY



SUFFER WITH
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS



ARE SCARED TO
SPEAK UP



ARE IN
THERAPY



ARE FEELING
ALONE



FEEL DISMISSED
BY SOCIETY

#MENSHEALTHMONTH



A message from

The Wynnstay Arms Hotel
Ruabon

Don't know where to hold your Christmas works do this year or maybe you just want to party the night away with friends?

Why not join us at The Wynnstay Arms in Ruabon for our Christmas Party Nights on

Friday 10th December?

Saturday 11th December ?

Friday 17th December?

OR Saturday 18th December?

Tickets are £15.00 each, which include: Christmas Buffet and DJ to dance the night away.

Bar closes @ 11.30pm

For tickets:

Pop in or call the Wynnstay on 01978 822 187

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

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Gwau a Sgwrs

Dydd Gwener 2.00 – 4.00

Ruabon Library

Knit and Natter

Fridays 2:00 – 4.00



Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Ruabon Library

Welsh Second Language

Conversational Group

Grwp Sgwrsio

Dydd Llun Tachwedd 1af: 2pm-3pm

Monday, 1st November: 2pm-3pm

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Stori a Chân

Dydd LLun, 8 Tachwedd 1:15

Ruabon Library
Story and Rhyme

Monday, 8 November 1:15pm



Ydych chi yn mwynhau darllen?

Do you enjoy reading?

Fyddech chi yn hoffi rhannu a chymharu eich profiad o ddarllen?

Would you like to share and compare your reading experience?

Byddem yn hoffi eich gwahodd i gyfarfod ar

Ddydd Mercher 1 Rhagfyr am 2yp

i drafod aildechrau y

Grwp Darllen yn Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

We would like to invite you to a meeting on

Wednesday 1st December at 2pm

to discuss restarting the

Reading Group in Ruabon Library

Am fwy a fanylion ffoniwch 01978 822002

For more information call 01978 822002

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN-
FOR MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS TO TAKE PLACE
AT RUABON LIBRARY**

(NOVEMBER 2021 has already been booked!)

Community Catch Up!

**Come and join us for a chat
whilst enjoying a hot drink and
some cake!**

**WHERE: Village Hall on Maes-y-Llan Lane,
Ruabon, LL14 6AD**

**WHEN: Every Wednesday
Alternating - Morning 9am-11am
Afternoon 2pm-4pm**

**Come by yourself or bring a friend, everyone is
welcome!**

**There will be no charge for these events,
refreshments are provided courtesy of local
business AE Sewing Machines.**

**Lockdown has left many people of all ages
feeling isolated, so we are setting up these
community afternoons to bring the people of
Ruabon back together! The idea is to create an
inclusive community environment where local
people can interact in a safe space. This event is
overseen by the community agent and every
effort will be made to uphold the highest
hygiene standards in line with COVID-19**

CLWYD SOUTH MS Ken Skates welcomes plan to
achieve a good quality of life
for all animals in Wales

Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South, Ken Skates, has welcomed a new five-year plan which aims to ensure a good quality of life for all animals in Wales.

The Animal Welfare Plan for Wales, published by Minister for Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths, builds on what has already been achieved by the Welsh Labour Government since it gained powers to legislate on animal welfare in 2006.

It outlines how the Welsh Labour Government will take forward its election pledges in this area and put in place other measures to further improve animal welfare.

Ken Skates MS said:

"As a long-term campaigner for higher animal welfare standards, I'm very proud of what Welsh Labour has achieved so far in Wales on animal welfare but there is more to do on this. My long-term ambition is for every animal in Wales to have a good quality of life and I am glad that the Welsh Labour Government's plan outlines steps towards achieving that ambition.

"The Minister has confirmed that the Welsh Government will work with partners to take forward these ambitious commitments - partnership working will be key to the success of the plan.

"Achieving a good quality of life for all animals is ambitious, but that is what the Welsh Government must aim for."

The plan also includes a broad range of ongoing animal welfare policy work, including statutory guidance for existing regulations, licensing of animal exhibits, welfare of animals in transport, and Codes of Practice. Finally, it describes how the Welsh Government will work collaboratively with the other UK governments to further the animal welfare agenda, for example through the forthcoming Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill.

The Programme for Government commitments in the plan are:

- To develop a national model for the regulation of animal welfare, introducing registration for animal welfare establishments, commercial breeders for pets or for shooting, and animal exhibits
- To Improve the qualifications for animal welfare inspectors to raise their professional status
- To require CCTV in all slaughterhouses
- To restrict the use of cages for farmed animals.

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Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South

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Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Politician and Police, Team-up for Advice Surgery in Llangollen

A Member of the Senedd will be joined by police at his upcoming advice surgery to create a 'one-stop shop' for constituents.

Ken Skates and Sgt Richard Evans from North Wales Police are teaming up for the surgery in Llangollen to double the support offered to local people.

Mr Skates, MS for Clwyd South, said: "Surgeries are an important fixture in elected members' diaries and provide a valuable opportunity to sit down face-to-face with constituents, discuss issues of concern and to offer support and advice.

"Clearly, the pandemic put paid to public surgeries for much longer than we expected or hoped, but now restrictions allow it's important that we resume them.

"By teaming up with the police it means people can raise any concerns or information directly with them in confidence which they might otherwise not report, as well as speak to me about anything else they need help with. We are hopeful these one stop shop-style surgeries will help local people if there are a number of issues they want to discuss."

Mr Skates said he is likely to continue to run surgeries alongside police going into 2022.

Sgt Evans said: "We are always keen to work closely with elected members to support local people, so we thought joining Ken at his Llangollen surgery made perfect sense. We look forward to discussing any local policing issues with members of the public then."

The surgery takes place on Friday, November 19, from 10am-midday. Appointments can be booked by emailing ken.skates@senedd.wales or calling Mr Skates' office on 01978 869058.

-Ends-

Ruabon Community Council – Community Agent

It has been a challenging year for everyone, and although things are getting closer to normal, some restrictions remain and will stay with us for some time such as face masks, hand cleansers and of course NHS Track & Trace. People in the community still have some anxieties about getting out and about and it may be a while before their confidences are restored.

If you, a relative, friends, a neighbour or just someone you know are experiencing loneliness, isolation, anxiety - or just simply a lack of contact to help with everyday life particularly if you are over 50 then help is available.

Supported by the Ruabon Community Council the Community agent works with over 50's in Ruabon providing easy access to a wide range of information to help people make informed choices about their present and future needs.

HELP – SUPPORT – SIGNPOSTING - ADVICE – GUIDANCE - ASSISTANCE

Are you or someone you know looking for free confidential, information and advice on local services? You are not sure who to turn to and you live in Ruabon? Or if you just want to chat about your concerns or an issue that may be bothering you? As Covid 19 lockdown restrictions start to relax perhaps we can arrange to meet and talk things through and identify a way forward - the service is free!



Just contact your Ruabon Community Agent: Paul Tincello, using the

contact details below: Phone: 07947 530140 or

Email: communityagentruabon@gmail.com

Thanks to Paul Tincello for the information below:

Book of You

Questions for Ruabon Bowling Club

Book of You have been holding memory sessions at the bowling club on Tuesday afternoons to create a digital book of memories of the club. A few questions have come up and it would be wonderful if you could please take a few minutes to try and answer some. You can return them to Paul Tincello at the bowling club or directly to us via email at daniellebookofyou@gmail.com

- 1 - Do you have any old photographs or newspaper clippings or similar relating to the club? If so, may we please borrow them to copy (you will get them straight back), or if digital please feel free to email
- 2 - Specifically, do you have any photographs of the old wooden Bowls pavilion before the new Sports Pavilion was built and opened by Mark Hughes in 1997?
- 3 - Also, do you have photographs of games on the old Ruabon Bowling sites? (e.g., The Green, Wynnstay)
- 4 - Do you have any stories or recollections of events on those greens or things that happened at the club? If so, would you be willing to be filmed or recorded talking about this? If not, would you write about it or take part in a telephone conversation?
- 5 - Do you know where older records of the club might now be?
- 6 - Do you know what happened to the older cups? (Gwyn Williams, Royal British Legion Shield.
- 7 - We have an old ***Ruabon Sunday School Cup*** which was first played for in 1942 to 1944 (Winners: Ed Pumford, Os Owen, Albert Edwards) then a break until the year 1949 (Winner C Wright), then another break until 1958 (Winner: T Daniels). Can you help explain the gaps in the 1940s and 50s? Was it played for? Was there still a green to play on? Which church or chapel was the Sunday School Cup attached to?
- 8 - What are your recollections of the role of ladies in the club and when they began playing?
- 9 - Do you remember your parents or grandparents playing or spending time at the bowling club in Ruabon? Did you go there with them?
- 10 - If you have any memories of the bowling club or the bowlers that played there, anything at all, then we would love to hear from you.



We would love to find out more about one of Wrexham's oldest bowling clubs and can't wait to hear 'your' memories of the club, if you have anything else you would like to add please let us know using the email address above or by calling 07376851812. Alternatively, you can call in to see Paul Tincello at the club or give him a ring on 07841 688820 or his email is communityagentruabon@gmail.com
Many thanks!

RCC Small Grants Scheme

Ruabon Community Council puts aside an amount of money in November each year, to help local small groups. If you need a boost for your group or charity. Please apply to Helen Belton with your reasons at:

Helen Belton <clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales>

A major new attraction is coming to Wrexham town centre - and we need your help to develop and design it!

Wrexham Council, in partnership with the Welsh Government, are undertaking a major redevelopment of the Wrexham Museum building to create a joint Football Museum for Wales and Wrexham Museum located on one site. The museum will recognise the importance of football in Wales and secure Wrexham's place as the spiritual home of football in Wales.

The New museum will 'tell the story of football in Wales'



The new Football Museum is planned to be a major new attraction for Wrexham town centre, drawing visitors from all over the country and beyond. It

will aim to tell the story of football in Wales, from the clubs, communities and supporters across the country, all the way up to the national teams and their historic achievements.

Wrexham Museum will be bigger and better than ever

The Football Museum will sit alongside **new galleries exploring the history of Wrexham**, that could include the stories of its prehistoric residents told through archaeological evidence, the Roman period, medieval times, the struggles and challenges of the age of industry, the wars of the modern era, and how people of Wrexham have lived, worked and socialised up to the present day through the collections held in trust by the museum.

We need you!

To help us develop and design a museum which meets the needs of visitors and communities across Wales, we would like to hear your views.

You can help by answering the questions in the survey online:

<https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/your-views-needed-on-new-major-new-town-centre-attraction/>

The survey responses will be used to inform the development of both Wrexham Museum and the new Football Museum for Wales.

An exciting time for the town

Councillor Hugh Jones, Wrexham Council's Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety, said: "The Football Museum project continues to make good progress and we've now reached the stage where public consultation on the design phase can begin in earnest. We want to gather views from as many people as possible, not only traditional museum visitors but also people who don't usually visit the museum, and of course anyone interested in the new Football Museum project.

"The responses to this survey will be discussed with the project design team and will be hugely important in helping to inform the early proposals for this major new attraction town centre attraction - a Football Museum for Wales side by side with a revamped and refurbished Wrexham Museum."

Dawn Bowden, Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport said: "Our unique history and culture brings many visitors to Wales. We are determined to do all we can to help our tourism, sports, creative and cultural industries recover from the experience of the pandemic and thrive in the future. We hope the proposed football museum and galleries will help attract many new visitors to Wrexham and support the local economy at what is an exciting time for the town."

'Football is about the fans'

The Football Museum project has already drawn interest from a few well-known names of the Welsh game, including Ian Walsh (18 caps and 7 goals for Wales).

Ian said: "I think the new football museum for Wales project is fantastic and very exciting. This is especially so for me as it is based in Wrexham where I had one of the proudest days in a Welsh shirt beating England 4-1!!

"Football is about the fans and it is a great opportunity for them to have their opinion moving forward!"

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes. Your answers will remain confidential and will only be used to inform the early proposals for the museum.

FAMILIES TO BENEFIT FROM MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

November 5, 2021



Families in Wrexham who are in private rented properties can look forward to warmer homes thanks to a new campaign to help us clampdown on landlords who are not ensuring their properties have a

minimum energy rating of E.

This could potentially save low income tenants in private rented accommodation £180 on their energy bills whilst addressing fuel poverty and ensuring everyone can live in a warm home with affordable energy bills.

400 homes in Wrexham could be more energy efficient

Since April 2020 private rental properties must meet a minimum energy performance rating of EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) Band E making it illegal to rent out homes below that unless a Landlord has registered an exemption. Failure to do comply with the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards could see fines of up to £5,000 issued.

Approximately 400 homes in Wrexham could see the benefit of improvements which can include central heating installations, loft insulation, double glazing and cavity wall insulation being installed. To help us ensure the necessary improvements are carried out we've been awarded over £78,500 from the UK Government Business, Enterprise and Industrial Strategy Department. This will provide additional resources to raise awareness of the new legislation and to ensure landlords take the appropriate action as soon as possible. The funding will also cover the cost of a specialist public protection officer to oversee the programme with support from Energy Efficiency Officers.

Following a promotional campaign we will then write to landlords to make them aware of their legal duties in addition to providing information and signposting to sources of available funding to make the necessary improvements.

I'm a landlord what action do I need to take?

If you are currently letting a property with an EPC rating of F or G, and you haven't already taken action, you must improve the property's rating to a minimum EPC rating of E straight away or register an exemption where applicable.

If you do not currently have a valid EPC for the property you must arrange for one to be carried out and take the appropriate action to ensure the property complies with the minimum required rating of 'E' or register an exemption.

If you are planning to let a property you need to make improvements to achieve a minimum rating of E or register an exemption before you let the property.

If your property is empty, and you are not planning to let it, you don't need to take any action to improve its rating until you decide to let it again.

I'm a tenant action do I need to take?

As a tenant you may be able to help your landlord achieve improvements by applying for a energy efficiency grant if you are eligible.

Grant funding might be available for your landlord who will be required to carry out the recommended works and as a result of the improvements you will be able to benefit from lower fuel bills.

If you require any further information about this campaign please email HealthandHousing@wrexham.gov.uk.

Cllr Hugh Jones Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Public Protection said: "Most of the landlords we know and deal with regularly are very responsible and will be more than happy to make the improvements.

"However, any who do not reach the minimum standard within a reasonable time will face enforcement. It will be a last resort but it will be taken in order to ensure tenants in Wrexham are living in improved properties.

"Lower energy bills

Cllr David Griffiths Lead Member for Housing said: "This is excellent news for those tenants in privately rented properties who will soon be able to benefit from improved properties and lower energy bills. It will also play a big part in ensuring the county borough's housing standards are improved for all our residents."

Michael Gallagher, Head of Midlands Energy Hub, said "Midlands Energy Hub are delighted to be supporting Wrexham County Borough Council with the PRS Enforcement Competition, funded by BEIS. This competition looks to assist 59 local authorities across England and Wales with implementing and enforcing the requirements of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) Regulations.

"Through improving the quality of housing stock, the whole project looks to target over 95,000 of the worst-performing private rented

homes with the ultimate aim of tackling fuel poverty and reducing carbon emissions produced by the domestic housing sector."

HAVE YOUR SAY REGARDING THE WELSH LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION

November 5, 2021

Wrexham County Borough Council is currently preparing a new 10-year Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for 2022-2032, and we are carrying out a consultation on our draft plan, which has been prepared in accordance with Welsh Government guidance.



The draft plan sets out our vision for Welsh-medium education, our targets and the actions we believe will lead to achieving the seven required outcomes.

The aim is to increase the use of Welsh in education over the next 10 years.

These outcomes will also contribute towards achieving the Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 Strategy, which aims to have one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Our consultation on the plan for 2022-2032 comes to an end on the 31st of December 2021 and we are eager to hear your views.

Cllr Phil Wynn, the council's Lead Member for Education, said "The more responses we have for this consultation, the better placed we will be to assess the views of Wrexham residents, so please take part. Diolch" You can respond through our website:-

<http://www.yourvoicewrexham.net/project/605>



Ysgol Rhiwabon now has a youtube Channel

By linking on to the website address below, you can see (and hear) students' rendering of the Welsh National Anthem, both beautiful and enthusiastic.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDtDhHaXefbS0hFSmW7ryUQ>

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



Ancestry.com



Flash News! Did you know that you can access the full Ancestry.com package free of charge from home using your library card until the end of Decmebr? If you

would like to know more about your family history why not visit the Ancestry.com page through our website www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries, select Online Catalog then log in to your library account at the top of the page and select the Ancestry icon. You will never know until you try it!

Many thanks to Paul Tincello for the following information



Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week 2021 - FREE Training

The Gas Safe Charity is offering free carbon monoxide (CO) Zoom workshops this Autumn to help launch Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week on the 22nd of November. As the days get colder and the heating is turned on, the potential risks of CO poisoning increase. The workshops last about an hour and are a mix of practical information and interaction. They are aimed at staff and volunteers from any organisation that delivers a service in the home of a vulnerable person. This could be face to face or telephone support.

The focus is on the sources, signs and symptoms of CO poisoning

and the risks around low-level poisoning and what actions to take if you suspect this. If you would like to book a place, please click on this link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/115618952399 or if you prefer e-learning, then email us on e-learning@gassafecharity.org.uk

If you're interested in this topic, we have produced a short video with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, aimed at the South Asian community - the link is here: <https://youtu.be/RyHgCKIYw1E>

Let's be creative and be innovative together....

Are you a Community Organisation?

- Would you like to explore the meaning behind 'Trauma Informed Practice'?
- Would you like to be involved in the creation of an exciting training package which could help benefit your organisation become more trauma informed?
- Would you like to use your voice and influence to help shape change and represent the groups you support to ensure their needs are captured in the training package?
- Would you like to be one of the organisations who could benefit from being involved in the pilot of the training package once it has been developed?

If you feel this is something of interest, please contact emma.williams@barnardos.org.uk to register your interest by 19th November 2021.

Gadewch i ni fod yn greadigol ac yn arloesol gyda'n gilydd....

Ydych chi'n Fudiad Cymunedol?

- Fyddech chi'n hoffi gwybod rhagor am ystyr 'Arferion sy'n Seiliedig ar Wybodaeth am Drawma'?
- Fyddech chi'n hoffi bod yn rhan o greu pecyn hyfforddi cyffrous a allai helpu eich mudiad i weithio ar sail gwybodaeth am drawma?
- Fyddech chi'n hoffi defnyddio eich llais a'ch dylanwad i helpu i siapio newid a chynrychioli'r grwpiau rydych chi'n eu cefnogi i sicrhau bod eu hanghenion yn cael eu cofnodi yn y pecyn hyfforddi?

•Fyddech chi'n hoffi bod yn un o'r mudiadau a allai elwa o fod yn rhan o gynllun peilot y pecyn hyfforddi ar ôl iddo gael ei ddatblygu?

Os ydych chi'n teimlo bod hyn o ddiddordeb i chi, cysylltwch ag emma.williams@barnardos.org.uk i gofrestru eich diddordeb erbyn 19eg Tachwedd 2021

Third Sector Voter Registration Support Grant

Our Programme for Government includes a commitment to reduce the democratic deficit. It is our priority that registration numbers of newly enfranchised voters increase. This includes first time voters and voters from under-registered groups.

£100,000 is being made available to third sector organisations to support their work to improve voter registration. The funding is to benefit as many people in our target groups as possible.

The scheme is now open for applications. The deadline for applications is 10th December. To find out more please visit:

<https://gov.wales/third-sector-voter-registration-support-grant>

Local Government Democracy Division, Department for Local Government.

Grant Cymorth Cofrestru Etholwyr y Trydydd Sector

Mae ein Rhaglen Lywodraethu yn cynnwys ymrwymiad i leihau'r diffyg democrataidd. Ein blaenoriaeth yw bod nifer y pleidleiswyr sydd newydd ddod yn gymwys sy'n cofrestru yn cynyddu. Mae hyn yn cynnwys rhai sy'n pleidleisio am y tro cyntaf a phleidleiswyr o grwpiau sydd wedi'u tan-gofrestru.

Mae £100,000 ar gael i'r trydydd sector i gefnogi eu gwaith i gynyddu'r nifer sy'n cofrestru i bleidleisio. Bwriedir i gymaint o bobl yn ein grwpiau targed â phosibl elwa ar y cyllid.

Mae'r cynllun bellach ar agor ar gyfer ceisiadau. Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau yw 10 Rhagfyr. I gael gwybod mwy, ewch i:

<https://llyw.cymru/grant-cymorth-cofrestru-etholwyr-y-trydydd-sector>. Yr is-adran Democratiaeth Llywodraeth Lleol, Yr adran Llywodraeth Lleol.

Older People's Fund

The Community Foundation Wales' Older People's Fund has grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 available for organisations that are supporting people aged 65+, who are excluded or disadvantaged.

Applications are invited from small, locally based groups or organisations that a) are carrying out activities, and b) have local people involved in the running of the organisation. Constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, and community interest companies can apply. Grants can be used towards both project and core costs.

The deadline for applications is **15th of November 2021**

<https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants/older-peoples-fund/>

This photo of Acer trees was taken by Enya Cole on her recent visit to Westonbirt Arboretum. (I just thought I would share it with everyone!). Best wishes everyone. Sybil.

