

# **RUABON NEWS LETTER 532**

## **Ruabon and District Field Club**

has planned an outing to:

**Capesthorpe Hall, Gardens and Parkland**  
**on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**



**Cost of Travel and Visit by Coach is £25. per person.  
The Coach leaves Maes-y-Lan Lane, Ruabon, at  
11am.**

### **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Contact members or 'phone Ann on 01978 822725  
Or 'phone John on 01978

820640

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## Wrexham Council looking to recruit more talent - following 'best ever' Children's Social Care inspection



Last updated: 21/05/2024 at 1:07 PM

Last autumn Care Inspectorate Wales carried out a week-long inspection of Social Care in Wrexham and reported several key strengths, including strong leadership and a new culture of raised expectations and standards.

It also said employees were positive about working for the council; morale is good, staff feel valued and managers are supportive and accessible.

So how did Wrexham's improvement journey begin? In 2020, a whole new Senior Management Team was established who, against the backdrop of the Covid pandemic, probably the most difficult period for British society in recent decades, re-designed service delivery to ensure that children were safeguarded and the promotion of their well-being was at the centre of everything they did.

**You can find out more about career opportunities at Wrexham Council by visiting the council's jobs portal.**

Councillor Rob Walsh, Lead Member for Children's Social Care, explains:

"A few years back things were really tough in children's social care and we knew we had to change.

“First of all, we knew we had to improve the way social care were funded, and securing political support for extra funding and resource was crucial.

“Then the pandemic kicked in, but in many ways it was a catalyst for improvement – it forced us to quickly re-evaluate how we do things, the way we use technology, our processes, and how we make sure children’s voices are at the heart of everything we do in Children’s Social Care.

“We made a lot of improvements that we continue to build upon long after the pandemic, and I believe we now have one of the most forward-thinking social services departments in Wales. The CIW inspection is probably the best we’ve ever had.”

As in every organisation, employees have been at the heart of progress at Wrexham Council, and making sure staff feel supported has been a cornerstone of success. Wrexham Social Care has implemented a Workforce Engagement Framework to embed a culture where the workforce inform service development.

Alwyn Jones, Chief Officer for Social Care, said: “The leadership team has embraced a coaching and learning approach which enables the workforce to develop and reach their full potential. Wrexham is fortunate to have a really talented and committed workforce who are dedicated to empowering children and families to achieve their best outcomes.

“CIW noted that employees feel valued, happy and have access to lots of support from management, and I think that’s the main reason we’ve made so much progress.

“People are our most precious asset and there is a really strong, resilient ‘can-do’ culture across our teams that gives our employees confidence and allows them to innovate and thrive.

“This summer we’ll be looking to recruit even more talent to a number of key roles. If you are committed to quality practice and improving outcomes for children, young people and their families and would like to join and be part of the continued journey of improvement, Wrexham’s Children’s Social Care is the place for you.”

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## Evan McGlynn Sporting Success

Monday, 20th May 2024

Evan McGlynn Year 9



Evan has been part of the treble winning football team, Rhos Aelwyd

U14's, who has won the Wrexham League, the Wrexham League Cup and the NEWFA cup.

Congratulations to everyone involved at Rhos Aelwyd.

Katie McGlynn Year 7

Jake McGlynn Year 7



Katie came 2nd in the High jump



Jake McGlynn came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long

and third in the javelin at the recent North Wales Championships. **Well done to Katie on her continued Athletic success**

jump. Second in the 200m, third in the shot-putt in the recent North Wales Wrexham League Cup and the NEWFA cup last weekend.

## Congratulations to everyone involved at Rhos Aelwyd

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# The Outcome of Innovation Occupational Therapy Service makes huge progress



12 months ago over 800 people were waiting for an occupational therapy assessment.....**now there are fewer than 250.**

Wrexham Council's Occupational Therapy Service has made huge strides over the past year – drastically cutting waiting lists while continuing to provide first-rate support.

The service helps people who are struggling with day-to-day living due to mobility or health issues – helping them find the right support so they can live as independently as possible and have a good quality of life.

In April 2023 there were 859 people waiting for an Occupational Therapy assessment, but by March 2024 the number had been slashed to 248.

The service has driven down waiting lists by focusing on managing demand, prevention and recruitment.

Councillor John Pritchard, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, explains more about the approach...

He says: “One of the most important things we did was outsource 600 assessments to an external provider. This made a big dent in waiting lists, and freed up our staff to focus on other aspects of the service.

“We also developed a self-help guide to encourage people to find their own solutions around independent daily living where possible. The guide has been shared across departments and is available on the [council website](#).

“We also set-up a Community Assessment Clinic at the Cunliffe Centre, with mocked-up living quarters – including a bathroom and a bedroom – where assessments could be undertaken.

“Again this helped us work more quickly through our waiting lists and allowed us to sign-post people to the self-help guide where appropriate. “All of these things have made a huge difference, and although we still have work to do, our waiting lists are now much more manageable.”



The service helps people who are struggling with day-to-day living due to mobility or health issues. Images show members of the team demonstrating some of the assessments they do.

Recruiting and retaining the right people has also played a key part in the project, with specialist job roles being created, as well as initiatives to grow and develop existing staff.

Councillor Mark Pritchard, Leader of Wrexham Council, says the progress in Occupational Therapy is an example of how councils have to think outside the box.

He says: “Demand for council services is very high, and with limited resources, we have to manage that demand in the best way possible. We have to think differently and take a fresh approach.

“The work to reduce waiting lists in our Occupational Therapy service over the past 12 months is a fantastic example of this – we’ve looked at how we can do things differently, and how we can help people support themselves where possible.

“The Occupational Therapy team and wider social care department has worked incredibly hard and achieved a remarkable outcome, and although these are unprecedented financial difficulties for local government across the 22 authorities in Wales, it shows that we can still be innovative in how we deliver services to our communities.”  
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## **Routes revealed for opening stages of 2024 Tour of Britain Women**



### Guest Article – British Cycling “Tour of Britain Women”

Today we can publish the routes for the opening two stages of the 2024 Tour of Britain Women in Wales, ahead of the Grand Départ in Welshpool in just 34 days.

The opening stages will see the world's top riders tackle some of Wales's most iconic roads and climbs, with thousands expected to line the streets to welcome the race.

## **Stage 2: Wrexham**

### **Wrexham (140.2km, 1,570m ascent)**

The race's second stage will start and finish on Chester Street in Wrexham's city centre and will take in some of the breathtaking scenery in Denbighshire, West Cheshire and Chester, with a further one sprint and two Queen of the Mountains segments along the way.

The peloton will travel north out of Wrexham, crossing into West Cheshire after just 20km, where the route ramps up alongside the Peckforton Hill Range, part of the Mid-Cheshire Ridge.

The route will then cross back into Wrexham, taking in the villages of Bangor-on-Dee and Overton, before the sprint will be decided in Johnstown. The race will then continue along a scenic stretch of the Llangollen Canal. Riders will have less climbing to contend with on this stage, however big crowds will be expected on the iconic Horseshoe Pass, which arrives at a pivotal point of the stage with around 30km to go.

The ensuing descent will set up a fast run-in to Wrexham for the stage finish to conclude the race's journey in Wales, passing through Minera and Rhostyllen, before a short hop back over the border to Warrington for stage three.

Stage two will start at 11:15, with riders expected to return to Wrexham for the stage finish at approximately 15:15.

Councillor Nigel Williams, Lead member for Economy and Regeneration, Wrexham said, "I'm once again really pleased to see a nationally important event such as the Tour of Britain Women being hosted in Wrexham, giving people the opportunity to see elite cyclists in a major competition.

"The race will give many the opportunity to witness and cheer on the cyclists, be that in the city centre for the start and end stages or as they pass through our communities. Please come to show your support and give them a warm Welsh welcome."



Tour of Britain Race Director, Rod Ellingworth, said, “Working with our partners we’ve been able to plot out two really challenging and entertaining stages in Wales to open the race, with some iconic climbs and opportunities for the sprinters too.

“We wanted the Tour of Britain Women to show off the very best of Britain’s roads and scenery, and having spent a lot of time out driving the routes I’m absolutely certain that we’ve delivered.

“Finalising the routes in such a short timeframe has been a huge challenge, and only made possible thanks to the support of colleagues in Welsh Government, Conwy County Borough Council, Powys County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council, who deserve enormous credit for the commitment to the race and women’s cycling more broadly.”

### **Tour of Britain Women 2024**

**Stage 1** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Welshpool to Llandudno

**Stage 2** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Wrexham

**Stage 3** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Warrington

**Stage 4** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Greater Manchester

## **20mph zones in Wrexham**

Last updated: 2024/05/03 at 9:43 AM

**As it stands**, back in September of last year, 20mph speed restrictions were introduced on restricted roads throughout Wales.

The aims of this scheme were to:

- reduce the number of collisions and severe injuries on them
- encourage more people to walk and cycle in our communities
- help to improve our health and well-being
- make our streets safer

Between April and July of this year Welsh Government have announced that they will now be undertaking a programme of listening in relation to their 20mph policy.

## **How will any future changes impact on speed restrictions?**

We are not expecting wholesale changes to the current speed restrictions. Any future amendments will be of a target nature.

Any changes that we propose are unlikely come into force immediately. This is because we will need to follow statutory traffic orders and procedures. These changes can take from six months plus. There will also be a need to put in place tests against the guidance to ensure appropriateness of any changes.

We are inviting residents to contact us via our dedicated email address [20mphConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:20mphConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk) . Here you may put your case as to why you think a particular road is not suited to the 20mph restriction, this must be a reasoned application as general demands are unlikely to qualify against the guidance tests.

As an authority we will be relying on a dedicated funding stream to action any future changes.

**Deputy Leader with responsibilities for strategic transport Cllr David A Bithell said:** “The implementation of the 20mph scheme has proved to be somewhat divisive, so I welcome the Welsh Governments programme of listening.” I invite anyone with concerns over 20mph restrictions on roads in Wrexham to contact us via the dedicated email address, and to give reasons why you think the restrictions in a particular location should be amended.”

## **Further report of Facebook Scam selling stalls for non-existent events**

Last updated: 2024/05/02 at 2:45 PM

We have received a further report of a Facebook user fraudulently selling stalls for non-existent events in Wrexham on a community Facebook page.

The report is similar to those previously reported in that it asks sellers to use “family and friends” rather than goods and services to make a £40 payment. The post has now been deleted.

This time the event was for craft and makers fayre at the Memorial Hall on 1 and 2 June. One person who was interested and asked further questions became suspicious when the responder seemed to be using Google Translate and they then reported it to our Trading Standards.

Trading Standards are advising everyone to be extremely careful when booking stalls for events and to check that the event actually exists before taking it any further.

**The Memorial Hall has confirmed that this event is not booked.**

Roger Mapleson, Trading Standards and Licensing Lead, said, “This is extremely worrying for genuine local event organisers.

With the popularity of Food Festivals, Artisan Markets and local fayres in Wrexham it’s important to check and double check that the event actually exists and the seller is legitimate.

“A quick email or phone call to the venue itself or to those whose land it is on, is a good way to check if it’s taking place and if so, who’s organising it.”

If you are suspicious about any similar posts please email [tradstand@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:tradstand@wrexham.gov.uk)

If you think you may have been the victim of a scam, you should report this to [Action Fraud via their website](#) or by calling **0300 123 2040**.

You might also like to read [Useful Links to advice on dealing with rogue traders](#).

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**25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Visit National Trust Properties and join in with half term fun.**

**Normal admission charges apply**

**Mai/May half term activity pack**

**May Half Term at Erddig**

Join us in celebrating Kids Gardening Week this May half term with a selection of gardening based engagement activities including rock art crafts, seed sowing and bug hunting. 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

[May half term at Erddig | National Trust](#)

**Get closer to nature at Chirk Castle**

Pick up a spotter sheet and explore the world of butterflies and bees in the garden this May half term (25 May – 2 June). On selected dates, have a go at butterfly art using natural printing materials

[May half term at Chirk Castle | National Trust](#)

**More National Trust places to visit**

[May half term at Powis Castle and Garden | National Trust](#)  
[Family days out at Bodnant Garden | Wales | National Trust](#)

## **Brynteg Library**

[01978 759523](tel:01978759523)

Building blocks for available for any under 4's wishing to attend

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## **Tuesday 28th May 2024**

### **Rugby Camp**

Under 7's to Under 15's

We are nurturing home grown talent

8.00am – 3.30pm - COLLECTION

£22.50 per person including breakfast and lunch

Rhos Rugby Club The Old Pant Brickworks, Stryt Issa, Penycae LL14  
2PN

To register contact - DENZIL 07886909233

Any queries contact - [jack@hgrugby.co.uk](mailto:jack@hgrugby.co.uk)

### **Junior Gym 11 – 14yrs**

4.00pm – 5.00pm

FREE

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre

Phone 01978 821600

Email – [info@plasmadoc.com](mailto:info@plasmadoc.com)

### **Badminton and Table Tennis**

9.00am – 3.00pm

Available for 45 minute sessions for up to 4 players per court

Just £8.00 per session

Racquet hire available - £1 per player

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### **Café and Soft Play - 3 – 9yrs**

10.30am – 3.30pm

Hot Food served up until 30 minutes before closing

Soft Play Only £1.50

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**HARRY POTTER - 6+ MUGGLES WELCOME**

Harry Potter activities - design a bookmark, colour Diagon Alley, word-searches and much more Please ask at the desk

Gwersyllt Library, Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre, 2nd Avenue, Gwersyllt, LL11 4ED

Phone 01978 722890

### **Play in May – Drop In**

10.30am – 12.30pm

Child led playworker supported, FREE play sessions in Ty Pawbs Useful Art Space.

Suitable for children aged 5 – 15.

Under 5's may attend if accompanied by a parent/carer

Ty Pawb, Market Street, Wrexham LI13 8Y

### **Family Swim - Floats and Rafts**

12noon – 1pm

Chirk Leisure and Activity Centre, Chapel Ln, Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5NF  
01691 778666

### **Beginners Tennis (5-11)**

3 day course 4pm – 5pm

Acton Tennis Court, Acton Park, LL12 7PG

[activewrexham@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:activewrexham@wrexham.gov.uk)

To book <https://upshot.org.uk>

**Wednesday 29th May 2024**

### **ELMER**

Children's Crafts

Age 4+

2.30pm – 3.30pm

FREE – BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Brynteg Library

Phone 01978 – 759523

Email [brynteglibrary@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:brynteglibrary@wrexham.gov.uk)

### **Parent and Child Craft Session**

10.00am – 12noon

FREE

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## **Toddler Story Time**

2.30pm – 3.00pm

*Llay Library.* Llay Park Resource Centre, Market Square Llay LL12 0TR.

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## **Under the Sea – Family Disco**

Suitable for ages 3-11

Booking essential, tickets are offered on a 'pay what you can' basis

Join us at Ty Pawb for shimmering sea creature crafts, pirate map treasure hunt, musical games and dancing! Fancy dress welcome – we hope to see lots of menfolk, jellyfish sea-monsters and pirates

Ty Pawb, Market Street, Wrexham LL13 8BY

[Dan y Môr Disco Teulu! // Under the Sea Family Disco! Tickets, Wed, May 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Free swimming Under 16's**

2pm-3pm

FREE

Gwyn Evans Leisure and Activity Centre, Heol Cefn, Gwersyllt, Wrexham LL11 4HG.  
01978 269540.

**Beginners Tennis (5-11)**

3 day course

4pm – 5pm

Acton Tennis Court, Acton Park, LL12 7PG

[activewrexham@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:activewrexham@wrexham.gov.uk)

To book <https://upshot.org.uk>

**Girls football (5-11)**

10am–12noon Ysgol Rhosnesni, Rhosnesni Ln, Wrexham LL13 9ET

Email: [mailbox@rhiwabon-high.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@rhiwabon-high.wrexham.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01978 822392 Fax: 01978 814 918

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Messages from Heather (Guider)–  
Leader of the Ruabon Rainbows, Ruabon Brownies,  
and Ruabon Guides

["I thought you might like to hear how  
our units are getting on in Ruabon."](#)

1st Ruabon Rainbows (aged 4.5 to 7) has been open just over a year and is growing from strength to strength. A great group of girls and volunteers makes every Thursday teatime a joy to be part of. They recently visited Park Hall Farm and had a wonderful day out.

1st Ruabon Brownies (aged 7 to 10) has just passed its 74th birthday and is still going strong. A great group of girls who love achieving badges, with a very competitive edge. I've attached 2 photos of Haf who has almost achieved her silver brownie award and is a credit to the unit.

1st Ruabon Guides (aged 10 to 14) is low on numbers but those that turn up get heavily involved and enjoy the challenges given to them. From cooking to DIY to rock climbing.

All units still have spaces, we meet on Thursday evenings, most weeks of school term time. .

Anyone interested in enrolling their daughter can go to

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/)

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Best Regards

Heather

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**FREE  
ENTRY**

# **FRIENDS OF RUABON SUMMER FETE**

**8TH JUNE 2024**

**RUABON COMMUNITY REC FIELD  
STARTS AT 1PM**

**Free  
bouncy  
castle**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

**STALLS, GAMES, FOOD  
AND MORE**

**Free  
inflatable  
assault  
course**



# Ring out for Peace



The 6th of June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944, Operation Overlord saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, the bell ringers of St Mary's Church, Ruabon, will join bell ringers from across the UK to commemorate this event.

The bells will ring between 6:30pm and 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

With space up the church tower being very limited, please contact Gordon Richardson (ruabonCBR@hotmail.com) in advance if you wish to join the bell ringers mark this important anniversary.

The bells will continue to ring from 7pm until 8:30pm as part of the bell ringers' practice evening.

More information about when the church bells will be ringing can be found by following this link:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/JMhLIPotXT85TfrO>,

or by scanning the QR code.



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EVER you need to contact a person who is Extremely Clever at finding out what is wrong with your computer, then I can honestly recommend:

**Mr Chris Williams.**

(Who is also a very kind and considerate Gentleman).

**I was so pleased to receive the following email after sending out my note about the crabs:**



**“I’ve been reading about these crabs too.**

**The North Wales Live edition of the Daily Post named them as Giant Chinese Crabs but it appears their correct name is Chinese Mitten crabs. Reading various articles it would appear they are already in several estuaries around the country, to the point where traps have been set for them in Lincolnshire.**

**Apparently they have been in the UK for many years but are now becoming a significant problem.**

**Glad you put it on your email, definitely worth a mention.**

**Thanks .....**

**(Unfortunately I have been asked NOT to announce the person’s details, who has kindly sent the email to me, but luckily I have been able to send out the information to you all.)**

**Sybil (Bremner)**