

Ruthin Community Update

Week 10 Saturday 30th May 2020

Welcome to the tenth Ruthin weekly community update on **SATURDAY 30th May** from Yr Hen Lys in Ruthin. The update will be streamed live and recorded each Saturday at 5.30pm in Welsh and 6.00pm in English, with transcript and recordings then posted online at **www.rhuthun.com**

As some easing of the lockdown has been announced, it is important to follow the Welsh Government guidelines regarding lockdown and public health which differ from those of the UK government who represent England in this case.

As noted previously advice please make use of the various websites from our governmental, public health and public protection agencies.

UK Government www.gov.uk

The Chancellor has announced and clarified the situation relating to the Furlough scheme, which is extended until October but with a tapering down of contribution as a percentage from Central UK Government.

For those that are self-employed, the SISS scheme has been extended for another batch of applications to cover those affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The original 80% grant is open until 13 July, and a second 70% grant is available from August.

Information on all the Central Government support for employees and self-employed is available on the gov.uk website.

Welsh Government www.gov.wales.

Monday will see the relaxing of some lockdown rules, but at a more cautious timeframe and nature here in Wales than in England. This reflects the delay in how the pandemic has impacted Wales compared to London and England. From Monday it will be possible for family / friends to meet outside - maintaining the 2m safe distance between differing households, and to travel within a maximum reasonable distance (suggested 5miles. Beauty spots and places to visit will remain closed so it is not suggested that this relaxation forms the basis for 'days out' or similar, but as an opportunity for potentially isolated households and family members to be able to talk again with family and friends. Going forward it will be even more important to understand and comply with the social distancing measures, hand cleanliness, and meticulous hygiene and avoidance of touching shared surfaces etc.

Information is on the gov.wales website.

phw.nhs.wales

Denbighshire County Council

General enquiries - 01824 706000

Concerns about welfare of residents (SPOA) on 0300 456 1000

Out of Hours emergencies 0345 053 3116 www.denbighshire.gov.uk

IN partnership with DVSC Denbighshire are promoting a month of inspiration and support for the community through their 'Be Mindful in May' campaign, with different themes each week. This week has been Your Community week and their website offers a variety of activities, booklets and Information including Art activity booklets, Armchair exercises, etc.

and also **DVSC - Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council.** .
www.dvsc.co.uk

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Ruthin Town Council

As I noted last week Ruthin Town Council had their first ever online Full council meeting earlier this month, and subject to a few technical tweaks we will look forward to another meeting in June. Please join us via the Facebook live stream from Yr Hen Lys on Monday 11th June at 7.00pm

The Old Courthouse working group still meet remotely each fortnight to continue progress and with a small number of final fit out items to commission and install (subject to lockdown guidelines), we are pleased to be able to confirm that the build / refurbishment project (despite the covid-19 delay) remains within budget and that Ruthin Town Council will have delivered this facility on behalf of the community for a total of £241,000 - which includes the cost of both purchasing the building and its refurbishment and fit-out. May I take this moment to thank all the volunteers from across the community who have given their expertise and advice for free, all those that have supported the project and in particular those that have donated or sponsored, to support Ruthin Town Council and Councillors ambitions for the building.

Kate our manager is currently collating our database of contacts from across the spectrum of supporters, Crowdfunding contributors etc, so that we can send out a full project update shortly that will provide more details and request for information for those that have sponsorship packages that include sponsors acknowledgement, complimentary hire etc. So please keep an eye out in your email for this in the next couple of weeks.

We are also working on ways to see how the building can be utilised / visited etc with social distancing measures in place, and how it can become a digital hub for some community activities and events that are unable to happen due to gathering restrictions.

ruthintowncouncil.gov.uk

The start of Summer

With Summer well and truly upon us and this Spring having been the sunniest since records began, it has allowed many of us to make use of our gardens and outdoor spaces during lockdown. For families I am sure being able to have kids play outside has been an important way to cope and keep them entertained. In case some initial ideas and activities families have used to keep children entertained during lockdown are starting to become repetitive. Various websites and organisations have ideas such as Save The Children's Creative Play pages on their website savethechildren.org.uk, or for a charge, The Summer Camps Trust have produced a downloadable book 'Book of things to do' which includes downloadable activity sheets, and over 150 things to do during lockdown.

Ruthin Town and Around

Ruthin & District Civic Association work hard throughout the year with events for members and the production each quarter of their online downloadable magazine - Town and Around. They are also an instrumental partner in the annual Open Doors Weekend which normally takes place in September, but this year has had to be cancelled in its normal form. We hope that some form of event or activity can still take place to promote the wonderful built heritage of our town, but in the mean time can I recommend you visit and download the latest issue of Town and Around which has just been published. Covering the months since lockdown, each story and contribution give a wonderful insight into how the Ruthin community have come together and adapted to the new normal.

Please visit <http://www.townandaround.org.uk>

Ruthin Scarecrow Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part and also the organisers of the Ruthin Scarecrow Competition. Following a public vote on the Ruthin Forward FB page and also judging by myself and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Williams I am pleased to announce the winners.

Congratulations to all those that took part and every scarecrow was fantastic, and they brought some well needed cheer and fun to the town during this difficult time.

But we have to choose a winner and runners up, so based on the public vote and judging the results are:

Third Place	Private - Borthyn
Second Place	LEGO Emmet - LLanfair Road
First Prize	CAPTAIN (Sir) Tom - Mount Street

Congratulations to you all and someone from Ruthin Forward will be in touch.

Finally to play out I - as I am biased, but Chris is still performing each Friday evening on the piano from manorhaus at 7.00pm for half an hour with cocktail music. We have had a fantastic response with each weeks performance accumulating several thousand views with fans from the UK, Europe and United States. From last nights performance - "You'll never walk alone".

See you next week. Diolch