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REMEMBER, remember the fifth of November!

Thankfully, there were no fireworks during the latest session for the busy volunteers at the Ruthin Repair Café.

Helen and John Roberts, who run the Sarum House B&B on Record Street in Ruthin, took in a damaged wooden chair.

The antique chair had lost a leg and 'fixpert' Pete Regan was on hand to repair it.

After some careful attention, the beautiful chair, which must have been over 100 years old, looked as good as new – well, as good as old!

Helen and John Roberts were delighted with the repair and commented that they'd had a very busy summer in their Georgian townhouse B&B, with many visitors from America and Australia enjoying their stays in Ruthin.

Perhaps the number of visitors had been too much for the poor old chair?

Andrea Nicholls was the repair café's sewing fixpert this month and she was able to shorten the sleeves on a beautiful jacket for one visitor, making the jacket a perfect fit.

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Andrea also repaired a leather jacket with a broken zip.

Instead of having to take out the long zip and painstakingly sew in a new one, she had brought with her a little bag of spare parts and these solved the problem perfectly.

The collection of zip sliders, stoppers and other tiny parts were easy to purchase online and made the job much simpler and quicker.

The only equipment she needed was a pair of pliers. The jacket's owner was very pleased with the repair.

Among other repairs, such as a solar light and a lamp, 'fixpert' Jules Williams was able to carry out a modification on a brooch.

The pin was removed so that the brooch could be worn as a necklace instead.

What a great way to hand down family treasures!

Many electrical items were brought into the Repair Café for PAT-testing and fixing: three sewing machines, two paper shredders, two toasters, a soup maker, some headphones, a speaker, a radio and a record player.

One visitor not only arrived with an iron whose cable had broken; she also brought with her a new cable to fix it with.

This meant that the volunteers were able to mend the item straight away, and the iron quickly went from being unsafe, to being safe and useable again.

The message seems to be that if you know what the fault is, please bring the spare part with you; this will save you having to return the following month with the part.

However, people be pleased to know that none of the volunteers were 'spare parts' this month - they were all kept extremely busy!

And they look forward to carrying out more fixing next month in the Naylor-Leyland Centre on Saturday, December 3 (10.45am and 1.30pm).