

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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Llandyrnog community shop and post office project

The first public meeting of the Llandyrnog community shop and post office project was held on Thursday evening 26th May, to discuss the opportunity for the community to purchase the post office and re-open the shop which had been closed two years earlier.

Details were shared of the support and assistance being given by various bodies, about the legal structure of setting up the community shop and how it could be funded. There will be an opportunity to purchase shares in it and fundraising events will be held.

Future public meetings will be held and a newsletter is planned as more information becomes available. If you would like to be included, please send your e-mail address to emyrmorris@btinternet.com.



On Monday it was a pleasure to have Dr James Davies MP visit the shop and hear about the community shop project. He brought with him details of the newly launched Community Ownership Fund which would be a valuable source of grant funding.

Emyr Morris



Llandyrnog Shop
Village Shop & Post Office

The shop now has a website:
www.llandyrnogshop.com, a Facebook page,
and a Twitter account: [@ShopLlandyrnog](https://twitter.com/ShopLlandyrnog).

Ride of respect



During the last whole week of June, 40 veterans of the Falkland War travelled around Wales on motorcycles, visiting every Falklands War memorial. They visited Ysgol Bryn Clwyd for Guardsman Peter Edwards' memorial, and the pupils entertained them. (See page 12)



When you pick up your copy from the post office, please contribute via the collection box, or give a contribution to your distributor.

Around the village

Our condolences to the family of the late Eric Forsyth who passed away in June at Plas Eleri Nursing Home, Denbigh. He lived formerly at Min y Nant.



Congratulations to Jack and Fran, Helenfa, on their recent marriage.



Also to Gordon and Brenda Williams, Nant Glyd, who will be celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary on 7 July. Only a tad under 60 years to go, Jack and Fran!

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Services in July

Dyffryn Chapel

3rd 10.00 Festival Sunday
10th 9.45 Rev. Andras Iago
24th 9.45 Rev. Anna Jane Evans
31st 11.00 Rev. Andras Iago

St Tyrnog's

3rd 11.15am Morning Prayer
10th 11.15am Morning Prayer
3.30pm Messy church in the village hall
17th 11.15am Holy Communion
24th 11.15am Holy Communion
31st 10.30am 1st Mission Area service for Love/Faith/Hope at Holy Trinity, Trefnant

What's on at the Cocoa Rooms

Mon 4th Trefoil Guild 2pm
Tues 19th Community Council meeting
Wed 20th Tuesday Club 2pm
Tues 26th Book Club 10am–12pm
Tues 26th *Llais Llandyrnog* Voice Committee meeting 7pm

To book the Cocoa Rooms, contact Mrs Emily Williams on emilylloyd1@tiscali.co.uk.

What's on at the Village Hall

Sat 2nd Craft Group 9.30 – 3pm
Sun 3rd Children's Festival - Circuit Chapels 9am – 12pm
Mon 4th Brownies 5.30 – 7pm
Tues 5th WI 7 – 9pm
Summer League Executive Committee 7pm
Sun 10th Messy Church 3.30 – 5pm
Mon 11th Brownies 5.30 – 7pm
Tues 12th Flower show committee – 7pm
Wed 13th Mothers Union 2 – 4pm
Ysgol Bryn Clwyd School Concert
Sat 16th Coffee Morning - Prostate Cancer 10– 11.30am
Mon 18th 5.30–7pm Brownies
To book the Village Hall, contact Mrs Wyn Wilson on 01824 790447

The Denbighshire Urdd National Eisteddfod 2022

What are our lasting memories of the Eisteddfod, only a few weeks after every pavilion and tent (and toilet) have been removed from the busy Kilford fields at the end of June? Well! An action-packed Eisteddfod aimed at raising spirits, an Eisteddfod full of warm, face to face catch-up chats, and an eisteddfod to re-ignite cultural and social events in Wales. In fact, this was the first cultural and national event to take place in Wales since 2019! A record 118,000 people attended from every corner of the principality and beyond – as competitors, performers, visitors and stewards, and everyone enjoyed the feast provided. S4C gave us 185 broadcasting hours throughout the week, and fully displayed the talents of so many children and young people in Wales.

There were many 'firsts' this year – no preliminary rounds, with each competitor performing on stage in a Pavilion – Red, White or Green. We must congratulate Mabon, Groes Efa and Mason, Tŷ Capel Isa on competing individually on the 'big', national, stage. And of course, special congratulations to Gwenan Mars-Lloyd for her resounding success – Cerdd Dant Solo 1st; Cerdd dant Trio 1st; Folk Song 2nd; Cerdd Dant Duet 2nd with Ynyr; Musical Solo 3rd; Musical Duet 3rd. No wonder she was one of two competitors to be awarded the £2000 Eisteddfod Scholarship, as most promising competitor in the Eisteddfod's Year 10 –age 19 competitions.

Congratulations to everyone who took part throughout the week – in the service at Capel Mawr, Denbigh, in singing, and recitation parties and the various shows and concerts – all experiences that they'll never forget!

Our 'Bryn Chef' from Llandyrnog (top rt.), who, after acting as a steward in the car park every morning, was adjudicating the CogUrdd (Cookery) competitions throughout the week. Congratulations to Bryn on his president of the day speech on Thursday.



Eliza and Lloyd admiring Mason and Tyler's medals, they came 3rd in the instrumental ensemble, Years 7–9.

**The next pop-up coffee house will be at
Cae Nant Pavilion, Wednesday
20 July, 3–5 pm (amended time)**

Coffee Morning

Village Hall

Saturday, 16 July 10.00 – 11.30

Proceeds to



Contributions gratefully received
towards the local produce stalls

All welcome

Dyffryn Chapel

Open-air Service

An open-air family service was enjoyed by all on the banks of the River Clwyd, Sunday, 12 June on the theme *Peace is Like a River*. This was followed by a picnic and plenty of socializing. Heartfelt thanks to Rhydonnen family for the use of such a beautiful spot in the heart of the Vale of Clwyd.



New Post Best wishes to Beth, Penybryn on her new teaching post at Penweddig School, Aberystwyth.

Congratulations to Non Davies, Hafod y Bryn who had directed a short film ‘*Hen Wragedd a Ffyn*’ that was shortlisted for an award at the Celtic Media Festival at Quimper.

Best wishes to Elwyn Ger y Llan following hospital treatment.

Coffee Morning Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th June towards Presbyterian Church of Wales *Seeds of Hope* campaign – the excellent sum of £461.58 (including Gift Aid) was raised.

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Llangwyfan larch trees



By now, the process of felling the larch trees infected with *Phytophthora ramorum* or larch disease has now begun.

Aidan Cooke, Senior Forest Operations Officer in North East Wales for Natural Resources Wales said, “It’s unfortunate that the only option we had to limit the spread of the disease was to destroy and fell the larch trees. We fully appreciate that this will have a visual impact on the area. The trees have been treated with the chemical stem injection in August 2021 to ensure that we comply with the Statutory Plant Health Notice.” (See Llais Llandyrnog Voice August/ September 2021.)



Do you have any unwanted or broken items of jewellery?

Llandyrnog Brownies are raising funds for their unit by re-cycling, repairing and re-selling jewellery at a coffee morning in the Autumn.

Please donate anything you have to the Brownies.

We meet at the village hall on Mondays from 5.30pm to 7pm or you can drop off items at our Leaders houses.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Morris – Awel y Mynydd, Llangynhafal
Maria Tynan – 30 Maes Clwyd, Llandyrnog
Jackie Knight – Argoed, Llandyrnog

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society

Forty members of the Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society and visitors were delighted to welcome Clwyd Wynne to give a talk on Wednesday, 18 May in the Village Hall. He stepped in at the last minute due to the illness of the advertised speaker. The title of the talk was *Henllan Street – Good? Bad? Ugly?*

Henllan Street is one of the few streets that appear on the John Speed map of 1610 and is therefore one of the oldest in Denbigh. It is less than a third of a mile long and during the 19th and 20th centuries it consisted of 160 houses. It sat in two parishes with even numbered properties in Henllan and odd numbered ones in Denbigh.

It was the manufacturing end of the town – the majority of residents were tradesmen, e.g. shoemakers (around 80), and labourers who worked in Coppy Brewery, J. M. Owen grocer, Pilling's Scrapyard and various lodging houses. By the beginning of the 20th century, many of these businesses closed.

A lot of the violent behaviour by men and women on the Street was fuelled by alcohol. During the 19th century there were three pubs on the street – the Albion at the top end, the Black Lion further down and The Hand, which remains to this day, although its front entrance into Henllan Street was rebuilt to face Bridge Street in 1922.

The temperance movement appears to have had limited effect despite four places of worship being built on the street. The Baptist Chapel was built in 1812. A satellite Sunday School was established in a house at the top of Henllan Street in 1827, and Capel Seion was built in 1856. The Parish Church of St Mary's followed in 1874. To try and include the poor, the St Andrew's Mission was built in 1908 and attracted large numbers to its Sunday School. Both Capel Seion and St Andrew's Mission provided a vital service to many of the families and gave them opportunities they would not otherwise experience, such as parties, trips and concerts.

During WW1, the street provided and lost more men than any other in Denbigh.

It wasn't until just after WW2 that the slum clearance began and a mixture of council and private houses were built. This improved accommodation helped settle the street down, but by now unemployment was becoming a problem.

Clwyd has spent all his life living on Henllan Street and has happy memories of going down to the shops for groceries or for sweets. He never felt scared although there were some people you would be wary of. His objective in doing the talk was to provide a more balanced view of Henllan Street.

He acknowledges that there were examples of bad behaviour but there were many reasons why this might be the case, such as poverty, alcohol, poor housing, overcrowding, poor education. However, the majority of the residents were good, hardworking people who led normal, peaceful lives and who did their best to make Henllan Street a decent place to live.



Clwyd Wynne (lt.) with the Ven. Bernard Thomas, Chair of the Society. Congratulations also to Bernard who recently celebrated 50 years as a priest.

Obituary: Grace Jones



Llandyrnog has lost one of its most colourful characters last month. It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Grace Jones, formerly of Nant Glyd at the age of 92.

She was born in Cerrigllwydion Bach and used to tell the story of the plane which crashed near

Rhydonnen during World War 2 – she and her sister Gwenfyl could roam and play amongst the scattered parts unhindered!

She was a housemaid for ten years in Cerrigllwydion Hall before moving to work at Brookhouse Dairy Farm for 35 years – and not a day's absence in all those years! During restoration work on Glanywern Bridge, Grace's bike, and Grace herself sometimes, were hauled over the big hole in a JCB bucket so that she could continue her journey.

Grace belonged to more or less every society in the village. She was a member of the Girl Guides, The Girls' Club, and the WI, where she was president for years.

She joined the bowls team in the hall and was a faithful fan of Llandyrnog's football teams. A life-long member of St. Tyrnog's Church and a very faithful member of the Eisteddfod committee.

She would be in her element, along with her friend Kit Doolan, on Rev. Wayne Roberts' trips to various places. She would always help out with the raffle at various events, especially the coffee mornings, and you could often hear a hearty laugh from the raffle table!

Our sincere condolences to her family, especially her nieces Alison and Nicola, who cared for her throughout the years. The funeral will be held at St Tyrnog's, Tuesday 12 July at 11.45.

Recipe

Pork with orange (serves 4)

4 pork chops
2 level tbsps flour
½ level tsp salt
2 tbsps oil
1 tbsp soft light brown sugar
Pinch of ground ginger
Peel and juice of 2 oranges
Orange segments, without skin and pith

Remove skin and most fat from chops, then sprinkle flour and salt on both sides of them. Heat the oil in a frying pan large enough to fry the four chops together side by side, and fry for 10 minutes. If any flour is left over, add to the meat to absorb juices. Mix sugar, ginger, orange peel and juice and pour over the meat. Cover pan and simmer contents for 50-60 minutes. Just before serving, add the orange segments.



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The Wright Life

By July we are all enjoying long warm days that continue late into the evenings. It's perfect to spend a couple of hours just pottering in the garden after a long day at work. When dry, watering is required. It's best done at this time of day as it reduces evaporation which may scorch plant leaves. Of course, greenhouses need plenty of water and especially thirsty tomatoes twice a day. One of my most useful purchases are the automatic opening greenhouse vents. My father first bought these from Bayliss Auto Vents. They use a mineral wax which expands with the heat, this pushes a piston which opens the window. Opening windows improves air circulation and is better for the plants.

For several years we had an automatic irrigation system using plastic bags which harvested the rainwater from the gutters. This flowed through pipes to the plants ensuring a constant drip drip of water. However, they never worked. Hours were spent resetting and clearing the pipes of debris. So, now I just slosh a can of water. This month is the best time to see butterflies. The Big Butterfly Count begins on 15 July to 7 August. Go to www.bigbutterflycount.org and register and then spend 15 minutes noting any butterflies you see (they supply a useful chart). I love to see so many, even the cabbage whites, who love the brassicas to lay their eggs under the leaves which hatch into munching caterpillars. I hand pick these off the plants as unfortunately the hens don't eat them!

Every year somewhere around the stable Mrs Pied Wagtail builds her nest, hatching out her brood of chicks. The skip full of rubbish was a favourite spot one year – we had to wait till all the babies had gone before it



could be collected. This year she chose a more sensible location – a shelf up in the hay loft. The parents are very busy bringing insects through the open stable window and up the stairwell to the loft. A rather complicated route, and I do hope the fledglings find their way out. The swallows also use this way to enter the hay loft, but their youngsters get stuck and I have to catch them and show them the way out. I always tell them, 'If you can't find your way out of here how are you going to find your way to South Africa!'

What to watch out for on July evenings as the sun sets – bats can be seen performing flying acrobatics in their hunt for insects. Down our country lanes, by streams and ditches you may smell the aroma of marzipan – it's meadowsweet. A tall and elegant cream frothy flower, used historically to flavour mead or as a hangover cure if you've had too much mead!

Hazel

Llais Llandyrnog Voice Committee:

Ruth Griffith (chair), Ivan Butler (treasurer and compositor), Ed and Catherine Howarth (co-ordinator), Anwen Davies (compositor and translator), Gwen Butler (co-ordinator), Bryn Davies, Ann and Iestyn Jones-Evans (co-ordinators), Rhian Jones, Rod and Margaret Williams, Sian Gwyn Ifan

Gwinllan y Dyffryn – Vale Wines and Vines

It's been a busy time at Gwinllan y Dyffryn. The vines will soon be in blossom, so we're hoping for calm, settled weather during the next fortnight. If they're allowed to blossom, the fruit will set and develop into grapes. Recently, Gwen has been to a few training days given by Tyfu Cymru (Grow Wales) and The Society of Welsh Vineyards. These have helped to raise awareness of health and management of the vines, and should ensure we harvest the best quality fruit. As well as our work in the vineyard, last year's crops have been fermenting – we're very pleased with the standard and quality of the wines.

The Solaris white wine and the Rondo Rosé will be launched soon. Dylan from *Gwin Dylanwad Wine*, Dolgellau and a television crew from S4C programme *Pnawn Da* came here in May to film as part of Welsh Wine Week, that goes from strength to strength. Gwen went to the London Wine Festival in June with samples of our wines, and the feedback was most encouraging, therefore we feel excited about launching our wines next month. Look out for more details over the summer months. We are sharing our story on Instagram and Facebook, and you can get the history of 'Gwinllan y Dyffryn' by looking for *Vale Vines and Wines*.



Dylan Rowlands recording a review of Welsh wines for S4C's Pnawn Da.

Update on factory

Obviously things are happening quite a bit slower than anticipated at Llandyrnog. The lead times we are experiencing on new equipment has gone out massively, so we are really governed by this. Our best guess is first three months of 2023 for us to be on site.

We have made some repairs to the building at the front left of the site as the doors had blown off in the high winds, so these have been replaced with new roller shutter types.

The groundsmen have been there this week and done a terrific job on the grass. They were going to do the footpath also, so I'm assuming that's been done. They will be back probably next week to do some more

In addition, we are going to fence off the front right of the site, so we can remove the Harris fencing, which I know is unsightly.

*H Jackson,
Managing Director, Procter Johnson*

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Vale of Clwyd Tractor Run

Despite atrocious weather this year, about 70 of us turned up at Glasdir, Ruthin for our annual run, with a variety of different tractors – some from the 50's, Landrovers and what the children like to see – the behemoth of an engine with its massive headlights and air horn. I want to give special thanks to these drivers, as you would not believe how much fuel their tractors guzzle in an hour. So it's a very expensive day out for them, and also, if they were not out with us, they would be working and earning money. But that's why they come – for a Good Day Out. These faithful team members don't play golf, go on pub-crawls or play football. They buy a tankful of fuel, bring their own packed lunch and pocket money – as simple as that – and off they go to enjoy the Vale of Clwyd countryside.



For your information – if you want to buy a tractor, don't ask the seller how many miles it has done – but how many hours! They say that my little red tractor can work for eight hours on a full tank of fuel – a day's work, in fact. Nothing much has changed over time.

We chose The DPJ Foundation and Prostate Cymru as our charities this year — to try and raise awareness that this illness will affect one in every five men during their lifetime. Unfortunately, on Christmas eve we lost a dear friend of our annual tractor run to this illness. With the full support of his family, this was a run in fond memory of him – *'he would have been delighted'* were his wife's words – therefore, there was no turning back!

We travelled from Glasdir through Pwllglas, and as a mark of respect, the 70

tractors travelled slowly past our dear friend's home, where his wife and family and neighbours had gathered. If it weren't for this fatal illness, he would have been with us, waving and throwing kisses to his dear wife.

We then travelled to Nantclwyd and through the picturesque village of Llanellidan, and on towards one of my favourite places – Cricor Mountain. Past the old small chapel, which is now nearly in ruins, reminding us of the hive of activity here in the past. If you have the opportunity one sunny day, do pay a visit to this heavenly place – but remember to take a map or *tom tom*!

By now, it had stopped raining and the sun was shining. Unfortunately, the old landrover's wiper motor, that had worked so hard, began to smoke profusely. I had to disconnect the wires with one hand and continue to drive with the other. I was about to stop, and use the fire extinguisher, when the smoke died down. My fellow passenger for the day, held her dog tightly, but with one hand on the door handle, ready to jump out! O ye of little faith!

After having lunch at the famous Ponderosa and chatting amongst ourselves, we aimed for Graig Farm and Llandegla, down the Shelf, through Pentre Coch, and decided to give my mother a treat – 70 tractors passing her home, everyone hooting their noisy horns, and my mum waving at us. Apologies to the residents of Erw Goch for disturbing you on a Sunday afternoon – it was entirely my fault. But remember it was for a worthy cause and I promise not do it again – sometimes it is better to ask for forgiveness than permission, isn't it!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended knowing that a storm was on its way – some had even come from Anglesey. We must also thank all our commercial sponsors: Clwyd Caravan Storage, Wynnstay, Jones Bros, Townsend Supplies, Merfyn Parry, Meirion Davies, Mike Neumann Printers and PR Signs, ensuring that around £1800 was raised.

Bryn Davies

Three Places

By former Llandyrnog policeman Richard (Dick) Morris, Caernarfon ardent reader of *Llais Llandyrnog Voice*.

Llandyrnog – My Number 1 Favourite Place



Photo: Martin Fraser

I was born and brought up in Rhos and Ponciau, near Wrexham. My family for generations attended Seion Baptist Chapel, Ponciau, where the Rev. T Jones-Evans (*Iestyn's father*), became our Minister. I had the honour of being baptised by him. I had a very happy childhood – attending chapel three times on Sunday, Band of Hope on Tuesday, and the prayer meeting on Thursday.

I left school at 15 years of age and became a junior clerk at the Cefn and District Co-op, Rhosymedre. It was there that I met the local policeman, Bob Griffiths (later to be the local policeman at Llandyrnog). Thanks to his influence I left the Co-op at the age of 19 and joined the Denbighshire Constabulary in March 1962, stationed in Wrexham.

October that year I moved to Denbigh where I was lucky enough to meet Morfudd Rogers of Tŷ Capel, Saron. A colleague and I one day decided we would go to Llandyrnog by bus for a pint and we walked into the Golden Lion. The landlord, Ozzie Langford-Jones, made us very welcome as did the residents – one of whom, Peter Wilson, became my best mate. What a wonderful friend! I recall Peter would do anything for anyone and was most hardworking in the village church, the football club and the Summer League. He was the most genuine

person I have ever had the fortune to know, and I still miss him! Through Peter I became a fan of both Llandyrnog United and Llandyrnog Summer League teams.

My police service took me from Denbigh to Cerrigydrudion, Mold, Cymau and Caergwrle. I was always happiest being a village policeman rather than in one of the towns. Villagers are far more welcoming and open. I enjoyed my time at Cerrigydrudion but had to leave when my son was admitted to Alder Hey Hospital and the station was closed. I was also happy at Cymau but that station was also closed and I had to move to Caergwrle – only one mile up the road, but totally different people. I applied to the Chief for permission to buy a house in Dyffryn Clwyd but was refused and told that I could buy a house in Caergwrle (no thanks)! Luckily, Llandyrnog village police station became vacant and I applied for a move, which was granted. I was back in my favourite area – village life, Moel Famau, Dyffryn Chapel. Morfudd and I, Susan and Dylan were more than happy. I was not in Llandyrnog Police Station for very long but bought a house in Denbigh, worked at Ruthin station but socialised and attended the chapel at Llandyrnog. For years Llandyrnog has been, and, is my NUMBER ONE favourite place.

Bardolino

My NUMBER TWO place is a village on Lake Garda, Italy – Bardolino. Morfudd had been there as a member of a Caernarfon choir, that had competed there, and she thought I would like the place. How right she was – I love the place. The people, food, wine, scenery, pace of life, lake, everything. Bardolino is very similar to Llandyrnog (except for the lake). Llandyrnog has got Moel Famau in the vicinity, Bardolino has *Monte Baldo*. Llandyrnog has the scenic Dyffryn Clwyd, Bardolino looks out towards the Dolomites.

Bardolino has a free concert on a Wednesday evening, when a mixed choir sings on the steps of the church, whilst a full



orchestra is playing in the *piazza* at the foot of the steps. For two hours you get all Verdi songs and songs from shows, and the ‘audience’ sit outside eating their pasta and drinking wine.

Cerrigydrudion

My NUMBER THREE place is Cerrigydrudion. Again, like Llandyrnog, a very scenic village looking out towards Snowdonia, with a good community, local football team and a good chapel. As you can see the connections between all three of my favourite places are village life, community, places of worship, and friendliness of people.

Greetings from all of us at Llandyrnog, Richard. Thank you for sharing your story with us and naming your three favourite places.

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd



Ed Holden (Mr Phormula) spent the day in school teaching the children how to beat box and spoke about how useful it was having both Welsh and English languages to use when writing rap music.

The Year 6 pupils have begun their transition activities that help introduce them to life at high school. They travelled to Ysgol Bryn Hyfryd via minibus with pupils from Ysgol Gellifor, who they got on so well with at Nant BH.

The pupils enjoyed their sports day despite the weather. Congratulations to Team Famau, the overall winners.



The pupils enjoyed lunch with Her Majesty to mark the jubilee.

A word from the Priest

For five weeks from the end of July, the weekly services in all churches across Denbigh Mission Area will come together in different venues across the area for one service each week. It is felt that this is the best time to do something collectively because most people take holidays throughout the month of August. We're giving plenty of notice in the hope that as many people as possible will welcome the opportunity to come together in greater numbers, to worship and to learn together. This will take around one hour thirty minutes and then there is option to eat together too. Not everybody will be able to stay for food each time, but with a bring-your-own system in place, there is the option to eat together too and socialise.

We will worship either side of engaging in the material prepared for us all by the diocese which is rooted in the new focus for the diocese: we believe that the church exists for three things:

- To grow **FAITH**
- To bring **HOPE**
- To demonstrate **LOVE**

These themes are in the New Testament, in the teaching of Jesus and in the life of the early church. They are also in the letters of Paul and in the Acts of the Apostles. Please do let's all support each other across the mission area and plan to attend as many of these five sessions as is possible. Please do not let transport be a barrier – if you can't get to one, don't just miss church for that week, we can arrange to transport people. Please share with your warden if you can drive and share with them too if you would like a lift.

Here are the other times and venues, all our churches except these will be closed on these days, we look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

31st July 10.30am 1st Mission area service for Faith/Hope/Love at Holy Trinity Trefnant

7th August 10.30am 2nd Mission area service at St Michael's Caerwys

14th August 10.30am 3rd Mission area service at St Tyrnog's, Llandyrnog

21st August 10.30am 4th Mission area service at St Stephen's, Bodfari

28th August 10.30am 5th Mission area service at St Dyfnog's, Llanrhaeadr

Ride of Respect

The Welsh Guards commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands conflict with a Ride of Respect by 40 veteran motorcyclists.

The event was held over four days, 21–24 June, and the aims of the ride were remembrance of the fallen, respect for bereaved families, awareness of the location of each memorial and support for families and fellow veterans.

The ride started in Windsor, before calling at Ross on Wye, Hereford, en route to several towns in south and west Wales. In North Wales, memorials visited included Pwllheli, Holyhead, Llanfairfechan, Rhyl, Ruthin and Wrexham.

The riders visited Ysgol Bryn Clwyd on their last day, to lay a wreath on Guardsman Peter Edwards' memorial at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd.



Walking for Christian Aid

We were intrigued by the notion of raising money by walking from Chirk Castle to Caernarfon Castle, calling at each of the twenty-two castles en route!

This was the brainchild of Reverend Andrew Sully from Llandudno, who invited people to join him at any stage of his journey. Andrew was raising money for this year's Christian Aid Appeal that was focusing on drought caused by climate change.

Friends asked us to join them on Friday, 6th May to walk from Hawarden to Flint Castle via Ewloe Castle, a distance of about 8½ miles – as the crow flies! We set off in fine weather and good spirits after short prayers, accompanied by a TV presenter and film crew. We were filmed at various points on our journey and appeared on S4C's *Prynhawn Da* programme.

Our route was taken from *The North Wales Castle Trail* book by Mike Stephens. Although many of our group are familiar with Hawarden and the surrounding area, we often walked along paths that we hadn't encountered before.

Our first stop was at Wepre Country Park where we ate our lunch at the base of Ewloe Castle. The film crew took the opportunity to film us being interviewed by presenter Gerallt Pennant.

As we approached Flint, we were treated to wonderful views of the Dee Estuary and the Wirral beyond. In the final hour of the walk there was a change in the weather and heavy rain slowed our progress. We were thankful to reach St Mary and St David's Church in Flint where we were warmly welcomed and treated to tea and homemade cakes.

The final leg of journey was a bus ride from Flint back to Hawarden – we'd had enough walking for one day!

Andrew's superb effort has raised well over £8,000 to date for Christian Aid.

Elaine and Earle Wright



At the end of the walk at St Mary's and St David's Church in Flint. Rev. Andrew Sully 4th left, Elaine and Earle 4th and 3rd right.

Rebrand Wales for tourists!

Wales needs a shift from from 'sheep, rain and rugby' to adventure, language and food according to Zip World director Sean Taylor, who gave evidence to the Welsh Affairs Committee recently. He was joined by Portmeirion Cymru's Ian Roberts, (our Ian Sgubor Wen, Llandyrnog), Penderyn Distillery chief executive Stephen Davies, and Paul Lewin from Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways.

All four agreed the country has a weak brand, and is often 'overshadowed' by the stronger brands of Scotland (Loch Ness), Ireland (Guinness) and England (London, Royal Family).

Other suggestions to the Welsh Affairs Committee included more use of the country's name Cymru, rather than the English version Wales, and putting more emphasis on the Welsh language. All four agreed that the language needs to be weaponised as an advantage, not a threat –our international and English visitors love the use of the Welsh language.



Flower and produce show Monday 29 August

Appeal: Stewards are required for the judging, from 12 noon to 1.30 at the latest. If you're able and willing to help, contact the show secretary, Roger Warner on 07879 771461. Help is also required to set tables and chairs on Sunday, 28 August.

Best garden competition: The winner will receive a prize of a £30 garden centre voucher. Entries can be for a whole garden or for part of a garden, for example vegetable garden, flowerbeds, patio garden, hanging basket display etc.

Entries can be for one or both classes and can be sent by email to

llandyrnogshow@gmail.com or to the Village Post Office using the form in the schedule, to be received by Thursday 14th July. Judging will be during the seven days beginning 25th July, on a day and time to be decided by the Judge.

Schedules: The work on distributing the schedules has already begun. They are also available at the village post office.

The Tuesday Club

The June meeting of the Tuesday Club was held at the Cherry Pie, Melin y Wern. The club often visits the restaurant and everybody had a good time there, as usual. The food was excellent as were Simon and Eleri, our hosts – very attentive and nothing too much bother for them. David and Audrey Jones, former owners of the Kinmel Arms in Llandyrnog, also came to say hello and they looked very well.





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Green mobile observatory

A green van is set to give local stargazers a glimpse of the night skies.

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB) has welcomed a new addition to the team to help promote the Dark Skies initiative.

Following a public consultation last year, the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB is in the process of applying for Dark Sky Community status with the International Dark Sky Association.

Dark Skies status provides advice and guidance for developers and others on good lighting design in the AONB with the aim to guarantee astronomers, enthusiasts and casual observers can actually see the night sky in all its glory.



An electric powered Dark Skies van has now arrived at the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB, designed to provide a perfect viewpoint of the local night sky.

The Renault Kangoo Z.E electric van which has a range of 170 miles, will be kitted out with astronomical equipment, including telescopes.

Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB staff will use the van to run Dark Skies public events across the local area to give people the opportunity to experience natural night sky.

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB has produced a number of star gazing guides to help people find the major constellation in the night sky – they also tell some of the Welsh folk stories associated with the constellations and the Welsh names of them.

Messy Church

In June's Messy Church we did a lot of activities to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.



We made crowns, flowerpot holders and bookmarks showing London landmarks, we made stamp pictures and decorated crown-shaped biscuits. We also played a game of 'Pin the diamond on the crown!' We also made a throne, which was decorated fit for a Queen. We looked at the Queen on her throne and Jesus on a donkey and remembered that, although the Queen might seem more important, she has always listened to the words of Jesus and tried to follow his example. All the children received a commemorative copy of St John's Gospel, as a souvenir of this very special occasion.

Our next session will be on 10th July and all are welcome.

Mary Steel



These are just some of the volunteers who do a fantastic job at Messy Church – a big thank you from all the children and parents who enjoy coming.

Matters discussed in the June 2022 meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

- ♦ It is disappointing that Denbighshire County Council is still no nearer to bringing broadband to the Cocoa Rooms, as promised. It was decided to contact the local authority since the initiative was funded by the Welsh Government.
- ♦ There were two planning applications to consider – roof over feeding area at Nant Lewis Alyn and development of forty dwellings to the rear of Maes Llan – amended application.
- ♦ No response has come from Phil Hill the NHS Defibrillator Training Co-ordinator. It was decided to explore other avenues.
- ♦ Cllr Morris gave an overview of the progress with the community shop initiative and all seems to be well with another open meeting 22nd June. Five directors have been appointed and 46 expressions of interest in becoming volunteers or part of the steering group.
- ♦ It was good to note that two councillors have been on training during the month and others registered in the very near future, covering planning, finance, charring skills.
- ♦ It is disappointing that DCC has not placed a streetlight in Maes Llan car park despite there being correspondence since July 2021. Similarly, the access road does not seem to be maintained.
- ♦ Safety on Pont Glan y Wern – the bridge is the boundary between Lower Denbigh and Llandyrnog ward. A meeting is to be held between the respective councillors and road safety office to see if there is a cost-effective way of making it safer for cyclist and pedestrians.
- ♦ It was sad to hear of three fly tipping incidents in the village. However the source of two have been identified and conclusive evidence on the sofa that had been fly-tipped between Llandyrnog and Llanynys. If anyone is paying for material to be deposited, please ensure that you ask to see

the carrier's licence and if applicable, the waste transfer note.

- ♦ We were all reminded that every 30mph throughout Wales will become 20mph in September.
- ♦ Following the correct procedure, there were three expressions of interest in being co-opted onto the community council. However, one was withdrawn.

Children's football

After such a long lay-off due to Covid, Ethan and myself were overwhelmed by the amazing numbers that came back to Cae Nant each week. In the almost 18 years of these kids' football sessions, I witnessed record numbers, especially in the primary school aged group. Genuinely incredible numbers each week, which means it will keep me and Ethan busy for years to come! Massive thanks to all of the parents and the kids themselves for their efforts and enthusiasm.

The Junior Summer League 7-a-side competitions are back. If you live in Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan and your child would like to take part in the competition, please get in touch via DM. I'll need your child's name, age and address

July 2nd primary school age (aged 6–11):
Llanrhaeadr 10am

July 10th secondary school age (years 7–11):
Llanfair DC at 10.30am

All abilities welcome. Come along and represent your village.
(Practice sessions will be held for both groups on Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th 6-7pm to see how many teams to enter for the competitions)'.
Jimmy McNally

We must sincerely thank Jimmy and Ethan for all their hard work with the youngsters' football sessions.