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An uplifting message from Jimmy McNally

Many years ago, Gwyn Langford-Jones and the square dealers offered me money for football equipment to help with the kids' football. I always politely declined, as it was my own venture and my own choice to go out and do the kids' football, and I wanted to be self-sufficient. Gwyn used to tell me I was stubborn, and anyone that knows me would agree. He was bang on the money.

Sadly, last year Gwyn passed away. Unknown to me, it had long been his wish to have the money donated at his funeral passed on to the kids football. Carolyn phoned me and explained this to me, and it caught me off guard, but we agreed that the old bugger won in the end, as I'd never deny his wishes.



I've begun to invest the money in the kids and they've already worn their brand-new bibs and used a brand-new ball.

The money won't be wasted, and only used when required. Should the day come that I have to retire from the kids football, all remaining monies and equipment will be handed over to my successor.

Pictured above are future Dyrny stars Charlie, Ollie, Alfie and Tomos.

Thanks to all who donated at Gwyn's funeral. Thanks to his wife, Carolyn. Last of all, thanks Gwyn, I'll always make sure you're remembered among the youth footballers of the village.

Jimmy McNally

There's more news on Jimmy and Llandyrnog FC on page 13

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Thank you!

Around the village

We were saddened to hear that **Richard Williams**, Fforddlas Isaf, passed away recently after being hospitalised for a few days. Our thoughts are with Ann and the family at this difficult time. Richard initially farmed near Caerwys but semi-retired to Fforddlas Isaf in the 90s and enjoyed running a smaller enterprise for some 20 years.

Best wishes to **Carolyn Langford Jones**, Nant Glyd, for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to **Karen Messham**, Tŷ Capel Dyffryn, on becoming a grandmother to Tirion Teddy Green, a son to Lauren and Dom; and to **Dave and Emma Bass**, Tŷ Coch, on the birth of their son, Oliver.

Also to **Mabon Evans**, **Leusa** and **Mati Williams**, and **Anna Griffith** on their success in individual competitions at the county Urdd Eisteddfod. Along with others from the area who were successful in group competitions, they will be competing at the National Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandovery at the end of May and beginning of June.

Congratulations to **Ben and Jessica Dowell** on their marriage in Sydney, Australia. Ben is the son of **Rob Dowell**.



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An Easter Message from our Priest, Martin Pritchard

As we arrive in April 2023, we are practically straight into Holy Week. This is a truly precious time for Christians as we enter deep observation of the stages of Jesus's ministry that lead up to Easter and the resurrection. The glory of the morning Jesus was no longer in the tomb where he had been laid and secured after he had been taken down from the cross, presumed dead.

New life is the clear theme of the Easter celebrations, and we will indeed be celebrating the new life offered to each and every one of us when we welcome in Easter 2023. The dawn service is the perfect place to start this, up at the grounds around the castle entrance. There we meet with other Christian churches and chapels in Denbigh to praise Jesus, who gives us all life in abundance.

New life is of course all around us in spring, so it could not be more apt where we are in the world to celebrate all things coming into life. As I write this, I am just about to fly to Israel today to spend a week on retreat in Jerusalem. Through the night I have taken my turn with a baby we are taking care of for Denbighshire Council. The baby, who I will not name for obvious reasons, is well into her three-hourly feed pattern by now.

Nonetheless, she needs a lot of one-to-one care at those times with feeding, winding, changing and some care and nurture. I can say with authority that this new life is precious. As she rested on my shoulder to be gently winded, her promise of a whole life ahead and the miracle of life itself gently hummed through my existence. She lives in the here and now in a way that we unlearn to do year on year.

When I get to Jerusalem, I am seeking out the kind of new life I experienced when I went there with a group on an organised pilgrimage in January 2017. All being well, by the time you read this, this new life, this

paradigm shift for me, will have taken place. I will be in the process of making the most of reorienting my life to make the most of the delights God will have revealed to me, while devoting time to bask in the presence of God in the place where God's story with humankind played out. In the place where God saw fit to live a life on Earth, as we do in the son, Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer for you is that you come to know something of the creator of the cosmos who freely offers us all life in abundance. If you already know Jesus and follow Jesus, then may you be able to engage with the sheer immeasurable magnitude of joy that comes with the significance of the day we set aside to remember his rising from the grave. If you do not believe in Jesus or have never considered doing so, then I urge you to give it a try. Suspend your disbeliefs and have little peep around the corner of the barriers you have put up. I promise you will find a light that will show you the delights of new life beyond measure.

Have a blessed April and a joyful Easter, one and all.

Martin Pritchard, Priest for Mission and Community Engagement, Denbigh Mission Area

Coffee Morning for Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Cancer Treatment Centre

**Llandyrnog Village Hall
Saturday, 22 April
10.00–11.15**

Contributions gratefully received
to home produce stall
All very welcome!

Teatime treats

I came across an old recipe book (probably 1930s judging by the pictures in it), which was published by the manufacturer of a famous brand of flour and condiments.

Of course, each recipe includes ingredients of that particular brand and the introduction in the booklet warns against using anything else as 'results cannot be guaranteed'. However, I'm not sure the brand is available any more, so you will have to chance it.

It's interesting to read the advice on how to check the heat of your oven if you don't have a thermometer attached to it – simply sprinkle flour on a baking tray and put in the oven for three minutes. If the flour turns golden brown after this time, your oven is 'very hot' and suitable for scones. If it's a deep yellow colour, it's a 'moderate' oven and good for fruit cake. I'm so glad my oven has a temperature gauge!

Here's a simple recipe for a Jam Sandwich Cake

(Heat your modern oven to 180C if you have a thermostat on it!)

Ingredients:

2 eggs

The same weight of the eggs in self-raising flour, butter and sugar

Method:

Beat the sugar and butter until pale, then beat in the eggs. Gently mix in the flour.

Divide the mixture evenly between two 8-inch round sponge tins and bake for 20 minutes.

Once cool enough, stick the two cakes together with jam, and sprinkle the top with icing sugar.

Gwen Butler

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Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

The children all looked fabulous on World Book Day. The juniors paired up with the infant pupils to enjoy a book. The juniors were joined by Mr Evans, Auntie Bet and Mrs Foulkes, who told us all about the history of the village and what it was like to go to the primary school in Llandyrnog when they were little.

A busy month, all in all. The juniors visited the Welsh Mountain Zoo in Colwyn Bay, artists Catrin Williams and Eleri Jones visited the school to work with pupils, Llinos from the Urdd taught playground games through the medium of Welsh, and Jonny Baxter gave a samba drumming workshop.



World Book Day

Best wishes to Richard

Richard Monteiro has been appointed head of Ysgol Pen y Bryn, Colwyn Bay. We are so pleased for him that his excellent work as a head is recognised as he progresses in his career, although we are sad that he will be leaving.

Richard said, 'I have been the Headteacher for the Federation of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor for eight years now, having been a class teacher and then the Assistant Headteacher at Ysgol Gellifor for six years prior to that.'

Richard has been a big part of Llandyrnog life during his tenure as Headteacher here and we wish him all the very best in his new role.



Some of the pupils' art



Making some noise on the samba drums!

We are super proud of everyone that took part in the Eisteddfod Bryn Clwyd. We saw fabulous artwork and enjoyed brilliant recitation and singing on the Mrs Morris Memorial Stage. We are sure she would have been proud too. Da iawn pawb!

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Little Streams of Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan

Across the two parishes, we find many a small stream flowing down from the Clwydian Hills towards River Clwyd. As someone who has been raised locally, I feel guilty that I don't know more about the history and names of these streams. If you look at old maps, only a few are named. No doubt, in the olden days, each one would have had a name, but these names have fallen into oblivion.

I remember travelling through Australia many years ago and observing that each bridge we crossed had the river's (creek) name clearly written on it. It's sad that the same arrangement didn't exist here in the past. However, here are a few observations regarding our local streams.

As we travel from south to north (Llangynhafal to Aberwheeler), the first stream crossed is the small one by Pentre Farm. This flows from the Clwydian Hills, past Pentre Farm, down past Seler towards The Gables, before reaching River Clwyd by Dôl Felin. I wonder, in times gone past, whether there was a water mill here – there were so many of them built beside small streams.

We then come to the second stream – the Geinws – by The Old Smithy in Groes Fawr. The water rises quite near Siglen Uchaf at the foot of Moel Arthur and runs down towards Groes Fawr, then past the old brewery (Hen Fragdy) towards Pentrefelin. It's worth noting that both the mill and the brewery were built at the side of this stream! The stream then proceeds across fields, down past Glanrafon in the village of Llandyrnog, and flows quite near to the old Baptist chapel (where there would have been a plentiful supply of water for all the baptisms!) – Tŷ Capel Isa today. Then we come towards another mill (Felin Isaf) before the Geinws pours itself into River Clwyd.

What evidence do I have of the stream's name? Well, my Uncle John lived in Gwynfa,

Groes Fawr, and my grandparents lived next door at Fron Wen after retiring. My uncle would always insist that I 'remember the stream's name, remember Afon (river) Geinws!'

The third stream, with its source above London Bridge, flows past Llangwyfan cross-roads, Rhiwbebyll Isaf and The White House, before joining Nant Seimon (River Seimon) near the Old Rectory. Nant Seimon flows from Seimon Forest, above Llangwyfan, past Llangwyfan church, then past the old creamery, before joining the Geinws, and on towards the floor of the vale. By looking at different maps over the last few days, of all the streams noted, only Nant Seimon is named on the maps – I wonder why?

As we travel towards Aberwheeler, the next stream we cross lies between Bancar Farm and Y Wern. On Fron Gelyn mountain, there's a spring beside the Roman road, and a huge old black water tank over it, which was built 70 years ago. The purpose of the tank was to supply plenty of water to Llangwyfan Hospital and surrounding houses. Today, it's clear that the old tank has seen better days, and, nowadays, the water is supplied by Welsh Water.

So, that spring is the source of the unnamed small stream that flows through Fron Gelyn fields and the woods near Penllwyn. This is where a very interesting phenomenon occurs. The stream disappears into a hole in the rock and reappears about a quarter of a mile away beyond Coed Coppi Bancar.

Underneath the ground lies carboniferous limestone rock, and over many centuries the water has started to trickle through the rock. Over a long period of time, this has formed a channel for the stream. When the stream is in full flow, it's worth stopping and listening to the gushing water disappearing into the rock!

When it reappears once again by Coed Coppi, the stream flows towards Y Wern and Bancar Farm, before crossing the road down past Gilfach and Glan y Wern, and then enters River Clwyd.



There's also a small cluster of streams visible in the Fron Fanadl and Fron Vox areas – some disappearing into the limestone underneath and resurfacing near Gader Goch, and flowing down to Nant Lewis Alun and Tŷ Brazier, before entering River Clwyd.

There's a great deal more I would like to know about these small streams – only two names are familiar to me! Are there any more names in existence? Do you have any tales that would be of interest to our readers? Do you recall any instances when these small streams flooded? I remember two when water flooded The White House and the Efail, Groes Fawr, causing quite a lot of damage.

I remember seeing minnows quite often in the streams but, unfortunately, they've all disappeared. A heron used to come frequently to fish for lunch but, unfortunately, as the minnows disappeared, there was nothing left on the menu!

I wonder whether any of you recall any stories about these small streams in our area?

Rod Williams

Dyffryn Chapel - April

2nd	9.45	Rev. Andras Iago
9th	10.00	Circuit Service – Easter Sunday
16th	11.00	Rev. Aneurin Owen
23rd	9.45	Rev. Andras Iago
30th	9.45	Rev. Anna Jane Evans

Y Gymdeithas

The programme came to a close with a sumptuous St David's Day supper. Entertainment was provided by Sioned Webb and Arfon Gwilym, who sang traditional Welsh songs. Bryn Davies introduced and thanked the guests. A most enjoyable evening.



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Sat 1st	Bingo (Henllan FC) 6–9pm
Sun 2nd	Messy Church 3.30pm
Mon 3rd	Choir 7.30–9pm
Wed 5th	Flower Show Committee 7pm
Mon 10th	Birthday party 11am
Mon 17th	Brownies 5.30–7pm
Mon 17th	Choir 7.30–9pm
Sat 22nd	Coffee morning (YGC Cancer Unit) 10am
Mon 24th	Brownies 5.30–7pm
Mon 24th	Choir 7.30–9pm

To hire the Village Hall, phone Mrs Wyn Wilson on 01824 790447.

Llandyrnog Astronomy Society

The next meeting of the Llandyrnog Astronomy Society will be on Thursday, 6 April at the White Horse Restaurant in Hendrerwydd (<http://www.whitehorserestaurant.co.uk>). We are in the process of planning a topic for the meeting and, as soon as I know, you will.

It would be good to hear from you if you have any ideas for meeting topics. Do you have any astronomy interests you would like to hear about? Do any of you have any experiences of an astronomical nature to share? Let me know via social media channels or email to the society contact email address: astronomyjohn@gmail.com

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Cocoa Rooms – April

Mon 3rd	Trefoil Guild 2pm
Tue 4th	Book Club 10am
Tue 4th	WI 7–9pm
Wed 12th	Mothers’ Union 2pm
Tue 18th	Book Club 10am
Tue 18th	Community Council 7pm
Wed 19th	Tuesday Club 2pm
Mon 24th	BOM 7–9pm

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

Litter bin

In contrast to the usual good news stories, we think this should be highlighted – this is the second time the bin at the bus stop near the Waen roundabout has been assaulted by food and recyclable waste. This should go in an orange or blue bin and be put out on Tuesday for Denbighshire Council refuse operatives to collect and not left for the fox population of the area to develop a taste for pizza.



News from the AONB

I attended a meeting of ‘AONB Champions’ at Llysfas on 2 March 2023, which was attended by representatives of community councils throughout the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The meeting was very interesting and included presentations on:

- The potential National Park status for this area, which would be the first new park designation in 60 years.
- An update on the Dark Sky Initiative, which has been gathering data on the impact that light pollution has on wildlife (60% of birds and animals rely on dark skies to survive; bright light affects when they hatch, hunt, wake and sleep; it even changes migration patterns, as birds intending to head west mistake brightly lit cities in the east for the setting sun). Light pollution has increased by 400% in the last 25 years and is still increasing by 10% a year worldwide. Only 2% of the UK experiences a truly dark sky, but 92% of the Clwydian Range does, and is suitable to be designated an ‘International Dark Sky’ area. All planning applications within the AONB must now comply with supplementary planning guidance on this subject. The Dark Skies team is monitoring light levels in communities and can advise on how to reduce the impact. They have produced some excellent booklets on the subject of ‘good’ and ‘bad’ lighting.
- The Wildfires Team is a group set up following the devastating blaze on Llantysilio mountain in 2018, which took 60 days to put out due to the peat below ground continuing to burn. This group has been working hard, experimenting with different (controlled) firefighting methods. They have established that the key to preventing such a disaster is to manage landscape fuel by reducing the height of heather in patches (you can see the work on the Clwydian range where strips of heather are now at

different lengths). This produces a firebreak, giving fire crews the chance to control a blaze.

- A Heritage Lottery-funded project called Picturesque Landscape is based in Llangollen and covers a triangular area from Corwen to Pontcysyllte to Gledrid, near Chirk. This project will introduce, from April to November, an electric shuttle bus to take visitors to all the local attractions from a central parking area to reduce car use. An event is planned at Castell Dinas Bran on 1 July, including a replica of a Victorian camera obscura. We were shown an excellent computer-generated film that flies the viewer through the landscape of the Dee Valley from past to present – from the early settlers, the development of Castell Dinas Bran and Valle Crucis Abbey, to the industrial heritage of Thomas Telford and the artistic contribution of the Ladies of Llangollen. This is available to view on www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk

There are numerous projects in the pipeline, with many volunteering opportunities. If you are interested in anything from counting curlews to building footpaths, you can find details on the AONB website.

Gwen Butler

When the Clwydian Range AONB is promoted to a National Park, it will be a requirement for all vehicles based in the new National Park to be electric, with the local authority wardens leading the way with new electric-powered 4x4 vehicles. All residents living within the boundary of the present AONB will need to exchange their petrol or diesel vehicles by 2024, with visitors required to use electric vehicles from 2025 or risk a fine. Shuttle buses will become a regular feature. It is proposed to increase the number of charging points and to offer grants to residents, so do not replace your car just yet.

Spotlight on Betty Williams, Sŵn y Nant



I was brought up in Sychdyn. Dad was called up to the army, so Mum and I lived with Taid and Nain. I went to Sychdyn school, enjoyed it and had many friends. I spent most of my time with Taid – he went everywhere on his trike and had a seat on the back for me. When I was six years old, I joined a children's concert party. We went around the villages, entertaining. I went up to Mold Central School, where I loved folk dancing, gym and crafts.

When I left school I got a job in the chemist in Mold High Street, where I worked in the dispensary. Tablets didn't come pre-packed in those days, they were loose in large jars and I had to count them out for the prescriptions and write the directions on the boxes by hand.

We had dances in our village every month – that's where I met my future husband, Bob. He worked on a farm on Sealand Road, outside Chester. When we married, we had a farm cottage but we only lived there for three months before getting a council smallholding.

Within a few months we had ten cows, so we started a milk round as we lived close to the RAF camp and Garden City. I had a round on Bees Nurseries on the Sealand Road. After five years we got a bigger holding in Hope, near Wrexham, but we kept the milk rounds. I stayed at home, washing the bottles and filling them after milking.

A few years later a farm came for sale in Sychdyn. The next thing I knew, Bob had bought the farm and we were on the move again. But we couldn't move to the new farm for six months – foot and mouth disease had broken out and all livestock movement was on hold.

Eventually, we were able to move to our new farm, Penucha'r Mynydd. After about a year I had a milk round in the village and kept that up for four years until rules changed and all raw milk had to be pasteurised. At that point we sold the milk rounds and bought a hill farm in Llanfynydd. It had a very large shed that housed all the livestock. No more milk and milk bottles – now it was calf-rearing and lambing. Llanfynydd was where I joined my first WI – they were a great group of ladies. I also helped with the pony club, which was good fun. Llanfynydd was a friendly village and we soon fitted in. Our large shed was great for holding barn dances. We also celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee with a fancy-dress party – we all had a great time.

One weekend we decided to go to Aberaeron in west Wales for a little holiday. Next thing I knew, we're looking around farms in Cardiganshire, as it was then. You guessed it – we were on the move, to Penffin, Glynarthen, just off the coast road. This is where my husband started breeding horses. At first we had shire horses, then it was hunters. Our son wasn't interested in farming, so we sold the farm, moved to a

smallholding and started a business selling cattle feeders and sheep systems. Bob was still breeding his horses.

By now my son was getting married and he needed somewhere to live. So we're on the move again, to a property with a house and a granny annex. All was going well but while we were at horse show and sale in Malvern, Bob had a heart attack. He was in hospital in Worcester for about ten days. Now it was time to retire. The horses were sold, my son took over the business and we moved to yet another smallholding. I began to breed Zwartbles sheep as a hobby, which took off. I bred them for 20 years.

After my husband died I came to Llandyrnog from Llan-non to be nearer my family.

Women's Institute

An enjoyable meeting was held on Tuesday, 7 March. Zoe Henderson attended and gave a really interesting talk about her role as High Sheriff of Clwyd and the history of this office.

Iona Pierce won the raffle and we all enjoyed her homemade Welsh cakes with our cup of tea.

The programme is now set for the year, thanks to the committee. The meetings will now take place at the Cocoa Rooms on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Do come along and join us if there is something of interest to you.

4 April: Sharon Newell – St Kentigern's hospice

2 May: Tracey Pierce – hedgehogs help

6 June: Ty Gwynedd – Denbigh

4 July: Sue Wright – book of you

5 September: Graham Jones – Woody's Lodge

3 October: Mair Roberts – nursing through time

7 November: Irene Henderson – crafts

5 December: Christmas meal

For further information please contact secretary: janeborthwick56@gmail.com

Tuesday Club

For the March meeting, the Cocoa Rooms were beautifully decorated with daffodils and Welsh flags.

Reminiscing about St David's days of the past was the order of the day. Several recalled the eager competing at school eisteddfodau in secondary schools. We heard the tale of cajoling a young Mary Hopkin to sing, and another of competing against Tony Jones, who became one half of the Welsh duo from Anglesey, Tony and Aloma.

The tradition in junior schools was for the girls to dress in Welsh costumes, and in some schools the girls would also bring a doll in Welsh costume. Memories were shared of a former resident of Llanrhaeadr, who travelled from her home in Stoke every 1 March to Llanrhaeadr for the afternoon, purely to see the girls in their costumes.

Photographs were shown and a poem was recited that was learned especially for St David's Day – many moons ago!

We then had an excellent afternoon tea. Margaret Williams was thanked for bringing the delicious tea bread and scones. The raffle was drawn and the members reminded that the next meeting will be on 19 April. New members welcome.



Happy Birthday, Barbie Major: 100 years old on 29 April

I was born in Cobham, Surrey, then a sleepy village. My father was Francis Bryant, of Bryant and May matches. I was one of four girls and remember a very happy life. The gas lighters lit the street lamps, milk was delivered by horse and cart in churns from which the milk was ladled out, and chicken was a luxury.

I helped in the butcher's shop, taught in Sunday school and joined the Land Army when the Second World War came. Last year I was in the Remembrance Sunday procession in London as one of the few remaining Land Girls. I married a soldier and had six children – two were born in Germany. I was also a Brown Owl with the Brownies in Germany and Tripoli.

While stationed in Oswestry we had a taste of Wales and later came to live in Plas Coch, Llanychan and then Llawog Isa in Llandyrnog. My son lives in Llawog and keeps an eye on me.



I still drive short distances and enjoy playing bridge. I am fit and able to enjoy life. I have 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Free school meals payments information

Denbighshire County Council has welcomed news that the Welsh Government is continuing to make funding available for free school meal payments for eligible pupils for the Easter and Whitsun school holidays, in response to the cost-of-living crisis.

This will enable DCC to make arrangements for these payments for the forthcoming Easter holidays (3–14 April), Whitsun week (29 May to 2 June), plus the May Bank Holiday and the Coronation Bank Holiday.

Parents/guardians are being informed that the payments will be made based on eligibility for free school meals. The Easter payment will be made on 3 April.

This is completely separate to the rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals, which

has seen Reception-age children and Year 1 pupils able to access free meals this school term.

Councillor Gill German, Cabinet Lead Member for Education, Children and Families, said, 'We welcome this announcement of the extension of this funding as it will provide further reassurance to some families, given the cost-of-living crisis. We want to make sure all children receive a proper meal and this payment, made directly into bank accounts of eligible parents automatically, will help with this cost.'

For more information go to: <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/education-and-schools/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals.aspx>

Llandyrnog FC news

The football club would like to announce a familiar face as the new chairman, Mr Jimmy McNally.

‘Well, ladies and gentlemen, it has been a huge decision of mine to take on the reins of Llandyrnog United FC chairman, and it’s a decision I’ve not taken lightly. Having stepped down as manager due to personal reasons, the club offered me time to reflect, but I’ve felt that I don’t have the time or the right frame of mind to get back on the touchline for the foreseeable future in winter league football.

‘The desire to manage may have gone, but my love and passion for the football club will never ever die. I feel I’m at a stage in my life where day-to-day management is no longer a priority, but I do feel I can still offer this football club something, and as chairman I hope I can bring some much-needed support back to Cae Nant, some new fresh ideas and, hopefully, some new faces to the committee.

‘This club should be the heart and soul of the community, like it was when I was a child, supporting from behind the bottom goal at Cae Nant. I want to bring the community back to the club, because we’ve never ever left it, we’re here representing you!

‘I’d like to thank Clive Jones for his hard work and dedication over the years, and I’m pleased he’s willing to stay on the committee.



‘And I’d also like to give Sion Morris our current manager my full support and backing! He’s working so hard to make this club succeed on the pitch, and I’m glad he’s willing to see the campaign through!

‘There will hopefully be some exciting things happening at the club during my tenure, but for now I just want to see the boys in Dyrny blue play their hearts out, and the community on the touchline roaring them on, like the good old days!’

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Messy Church

In our March Messy Church, we looked forward to Mothering Sunday and made some cards, wooden bouquets of flowers and pictures. We also decorated some heart-shaped biscuits. We heard the story of Moses being put into a basket by his mother and floated down the Nile to safety. We saw how brave his mother was and how she trusted God to look after her baby. Miriam, the sister of Moses, was also very brave and followed her brother to make sure he was safe. We made bulrushes and a big basket from willow for the baby Moses.

Our April Messy Church will be a week earlier than announced as that date would have fallen on Easter Sunday. It will now be on 2 April at the usual time of 3.30pm.



World Day of Prayer 2023

The service was prepared this year by the women of Taiwan. This is a country that has, for many years, been caught in a superpower struggle and has been isolated internationally for decades. China continues to claim Taiwan as its sovereign territory, although the most of the population of Taiwan rejects reunification with China, which is beginning to harass Taiwan almost daily.

Naturally, the focus of the service included letters of encouragement for women who face suffering and injustice around the world.

This year, the bilingual service was held in St Tyrnog’s Church on Friday, 3 March, where members of both the parish church and Capel y Dyffryn took part.



April services at St Tyrnog’s

2 nd	11.15am	Palm Sunday Service
	15.30	Messy Church at the Village Hall
9 th	11.15am	Easter Eucharist
16 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
23 rd	11.15am	Eucharist
30 th	10.30am	Mission Area Service

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The Wright Stuff

April can be a fickle month – unpredictable, variable and contrary. The clocks have changed, so the days are longer and we all feel summer is on its way as we prepare for the season ahead. It's a time to banish those winter blues. Any of my 'indoor' projects undertaken over the darker nights must be put away, finished or not, for next year as the 'outdoors' beckons. However, before I can do that I'm frantically knitting, as I have been since Christmas – dozens of knitted chicks!

Following the death of a close friend's dear mother prior to Christmas, we both decided to take over the baton of knitting chicks to cover chocolate eggs for charity. My friend's mother knitted these every year and raised a lot of needed funds for her favourite charity. We started a production line as I knit the bodies and then pass them over for my friend to sew up and add beaks and faces to give them individual characters. The first few were standard yellow, but it got boring, so I ventured out into some quite bizarre-coloured ones. Finally, I decided to try to knit football-team-coloured chicks, which went down really well.



The initial idea was to use up all those oddments of wool us knitters collect. There's always some wool left at the end of a jumper, hence the odd colours, but people loved them and we found we couldn't keep up with

demand. At last, Easter is here and we can put our needles away with the satisfaction that we 'did it', all in Margaret Mayne's memory. Proceeds will go to her local charity in Manchester – Francis House Children's Hospice. I don't want to see another knitted chick again... well maybe not until next year.

Now to birds of the feathered variety. I'm pleased to say my hens are back in production. I know the girls need a rest, but this winter seems to have been so long. I have four new girls, two white stars and two browns, which will join the established flock.

It's a welcome surprise to see who has laid those brown, creamy white or blue eggs. There's excitement in the air, with the hustle and bustle around the hen hut again of who will get the best nest box. I love it. Each hen loudly proclaims the arrival of her egg with a cluck and chortle at the pop hole. Even my 'rescue' hens have joined in, with very large brown eggs. They love the new spacious hut and, with the April showers being quite heavy, they all dash for cover with feathers flapping across the field when they feel the raindrops, but are immediately back out once the rain stops, to forage for weeds, etc.

The weeds certainly seem to become active this month, growing very quickly in the warming sun. It's quite a job to keep them under control, but I'm not too concerned as their pollen and nectar feeds our queen bumblebees on their first trip out after the winter. And, of course, we also welcome the arrival of the swallows – it's definitely all 'kicking off' this month.

Hazel

Matters discussed in the March meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

All councillors were present at the meeting, together with PCSO Jones from North Wales Police.

No one had come forward wishing to be co-opted on to the Council, so the seat is to remain vacant.

PCSO Jones gave a report and confirmed:

- There have been four road traffic accidents reported in the previous 12 months on the stretch of road between Waen and Brynlllys. Cllr M. Parry will see whether it is possible to get speed monitoring equipment fitted over a period before deciding on the next steps.
- There was a burglary of an unlocked shed in the area. PCSO Jones advised that sheds should be locked at all times and residents should consider investing in basic surveillance technology and possibly setting up a neighbourhood WhatsApp group to share information, but simple measures like spotlights or padlocks with motion-detector alarms are easily available as an upgrade from traditional padlocks.
- There have been two incidents of affray in the Llangwyfan area and the situation is being monitored.
- A member of the public has reported a suspicious white van in the area, with the driver offering to carry out gardening work. The matter has been reported to 101, together with the registration number. NWP are very grateful for any information that allows them to build up a picture of unusual movements in the area.

Planning matters discussed included an extension to 6 Maes Llan, Llandyrnog, change of use of part of Fron Yw Manor to bed and breakfast, and change of use of stables to a

dog care centre at Wern, Llandyrnog (retrospective application).

Details of a pre-planning application submission by Harvey Procter regarding the Creamery site was circulated.

The illuminated speed warning sign outside the school is not functioning but enquiries have revealed that it is unlikely that funds can be allocated to repair it.

Following requests for financial assistance, it was decided to donate £100 each to the Tuesday Club, St Kentigern and Ty Gobaith.

It was decided to purchase commemorative mugs to be distributed to primary school-age children in the village to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

There was a very comprehensive report from Phillip Burrows, DCC's Digital Officer, outlining the current situation regarding fibre-to-the-house in the area and how to move forward.

It was reported that the Community Shop Project team has submitted an application for further grant money and that the community share option will be launched soon.

It is disappointing to note that some irresponsible dog owners decide to deposit the dog poo bags in the grit bin by London Bridge. Enquiries will be made but it is considered unlikely that DCC will install a dog poo bin.

(The full minutes will be published on the Council's website in due course.)

Before you start looking for a new electric car to travel within the proposed new National Park, the story regarding electric cars on page 9 is an April Fool's article. Has our prankster extraordinary fooled you?