

# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## Ysgol Bryn Clwyd raising a smile



The pupils of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd took part in a most delightful project in June. Following a visit to Firth Flock Flowers, Llanfair DC, to see what running a flower farm involves, Ellen from the farm came to the school to show the pupils what to do after cutting the flowers. The names of the flowers were learnt, and then the children learned how to make and tie a bouquet and made many beautiful ones.

As the finale in their 24-day kindness challenge, Dosbarth Iau wanted to deliver a surprise gift to homes in the village and asked for nominations via social media. Their bouquets, or chocolates or cards were delivered to school staff and villagers. Kindness cards were also delivered to other homes.

The comments on social media reflect the feelings of the villagers towards the school: 'What an amazing community project!', 'This is wonderful on every level', 'Such a lovely gesture', 'I hope you all enjoyed your trip around the village making us all smile.'

So from all of the fortunate recipients of gifts, a huge thank you to all the staff at the school and Dosbarth Iau and best wishes for the last few weeks of the school year.

The summer fair will be held at the school on Friday, 4 July at 5.30pm – all welcome!





# Around the village

**Condolences** to the family of Hughie Plumb, who passed away at the end of June.

**Congratulations to...** Elis Morris and Bethan Wright on the birth of Lili-wen Louise, a first grandchild for Elfor and Mel Morris;

... John and Gaynor Barnett who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary;

... Sharleen Spiteri, White House, on receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow;

... Heidi Palin, formerly of Millstream Cottage, Pentrefelin, on being crowned Lady Amateur Jump Jockey, 2024–25. Heidi is employed by Dan Skelton Racing in Alcester, Warwickshire.

**Welcome** to the Reverend Canon Juliet Fraser to the Rectory. She will be a non-stipendiary priest in the Denbigh Mission Area.

**Best wishes** to Tony and Ingrid Colclough on their move to Llanrhaeadr.



Last month we congratulated Mark and Edith Owen on their wedding – here is a photograph of the happy couple. Edith has sent us the story of two of their alpacas – we look forward to another tale!

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A few of the locally sourced items for sale at the shop

## Cocoa Room Events

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Wed	2nd	Llais committee meeting, 7pm
Fri	4th	Quilting group 1.30–3.30pm
Mon	7th	Craft group, 10am
Tue	8th	Book Club, 10am
Wed	9th	Mothers' Union
Mon	14th	Craft group, 10am
Tue	15th	Community Council meeting, 7pm
Wed	16th	Tuesday Club
Thu	17th	Craft workshop, 7–9pm
Sat	19th	Craft workshop, 10am–noon
Mon	21st	Craft Group, 10am
Tue	22nd	Book Club, 10am
Wed	23rd	County Trefoil Guild Meeting, 1.30–4.30

## Services at St Tyrnog's

6th	11.15	Morning Prayer
13th	11.15	Morning Prayer
	15.30	Messy Church at the Village Hall
20th	11.15	Eucharist
27th	11.15	Eucharist

## Dyffryn Chapel Services

06/07	10.00	Circuit Service (Trefnant)
13/07	9.45	Local arrangement
20/07	11.00	Rev. Huw Dylan
27/06	9.45	Rev. Andras Iago

Thanks to all who attended the coffee morning for Dyffryn Chapel and raised £392.70 – greatly appreciated!

**The Royal British Legion**  
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**Wednesday 9 July, 10am– noon**  
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## Village Hall Events

Wed 2nd	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 5th	Craft Group	10am–4pm
Mon 7th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 7th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 8th	Flower Show Committee	7–8pm
Wed 9th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Thu 10th	School play	5–8pm
Sun 13th	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon 14th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 14th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 16th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Thu 17th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Mon 21st	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Wed 23rd	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
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# From the soil up

## A word on worms (and why soil matters)

Many of you know me as your local county councillor, but fewer may realise that I’ve also worked for over 40 years as an agronomist – advising farmers across North Wales and the Cheshire borders on growing healthy crops and managing land sustainably.

Agronomy is about more than just what we see above ground. Some of the most important work on any farm happens underground – one of nature’s greatest allies in that work is the humble earthworm.

Worms play a vital role in soil health. As they burrow, they help aerate the soil, break up compaction, and allow rain to soak in more easily. They consume decaying plant matter, recycling it into valuable nutrients that crops need. A field full of worms is alive with microbial activity, structure, and resilience.

But another part of the story is becoming more important than ever: soil carbon.

Healthy soil acts as a natural store for carbon, locking it away from the atmosphere in the form of organic matter. Every time we protect our soils from erosion, avoid over-cultivation, or support biological life like worms, we’re also helping to retain carbon in the ground. This not only benefits crop production – it helps fight climate change.

Keeping carbon in our soils makes the land more productive, more drought-resistant, and more sustainable for future generations. It’s a win-win for farmers, food security, and the environment.

As an agronomist, when I see well-managed soil – full of worms and rich in organic matter – I know that farm is building resilience. As a councillor, I believe communities like ours, rooted in the land, can lead the way in looking after what we’ve been entrusted with.

So next time you dig the garden and see a worm, or hear talk of ‘soil health’, remember: this quiet work beneath our feet matters more than ever.

*Cllr Merfyn Parry*

# Beti Bach charity event



A fun day out was had by the crowds who descended on Tyrnog Liveries, most accompanied by beloved four-legged friends. The dog show was the highlight of the event with categories ranging from Fabulous Fella, Best Trick and Best Young Handler.

Visitors had the opportunity to see the facilities on offer at Beti Bach, including their ball-pit and play area. Stalls included delicious brownies, plants, face-painting, a bouncy castle, an ice cream van, tea and coffee and my favourite, Doughson’s Handmade Pizzas.

The event was made possible thanks to the hard work of the Beti Bach crew and generosity of many local businesses, especially with raffle prizes. In total just over £1000 was raised for the charity, Shad’s Legacy North Wales, that rehomes dogs nationwide especially Shepherd, Husky and Alaskan dogs.

My pooch was exhausted when we arrived home, the weather was perfect, warm but not too hot for those with fur coats. Well done to Catrin Davies and all the Beti Bach team.

*Louise Eccleston*

## Llais Llandyrnog Voice Committee:

Ruth Griffith (chair), Ivan Butler (treasurer and compositor), Anwen Davies (compositor and translator), Gwen Butler, Bryn Davies, Ann and Iestyn Jones-Evans, Rhian Jones, Rod and Margaret Williams

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# The Flower and Produce Show



Less than two months to go until Monday, 25 August. Whether you're growing lovely lettuces, fancy arranging fabulous flowers or have a perfect pet photo, watch out for the schedule coming soon to get ready to enter.

Previous winners are kindly requested to return their trophies, cleaned and polished, to Roger Warner, Flower Show Secretary, Cross Keys, Llandyrnog, by 5 August. Volunteer stewards also needed, could that be you?

Good news, the craft section is back, with 7 tables to rent. Anyone interested taking part, please message Helen Murphy on Facebook, ring 07469 926979 or pop in to see Angie at Tŷ Ceffyl Bach.

# The Friendship Group



The group's outing last month was to Coed Coch Gardens, Dolwen near Colwyn Bay.

In our meeting on Tuesday, 1 July, Liam Bail will give a talk on wildflower gardens. All welcome!

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# The Vale of Clwyd annual tractor run

I thought I would give you an update about the coffee morning on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and our tractor run on the following Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June and thank you all for your continued support – it is much appreciated.

One of our chosen charities this year was Vale of Clwyd Mind to enable them to continue with their outreach service. It is an invaluable mobile service where people can just drop in informally and have a chat and be signposted towards the appropriate assistance required. The cost of living crisis, job uncertainties, loneliness in rural areas put a huge strain on many people and this is where Mind comes in.

The other charity we chose was RABI and similarly it offers emotional and financial and hands-on support to those working on the

land, be it farmers or their employees. What with rising costs, the threat of cheap imports, reduced financial support from the Government and of course the inheritance tax, there is a massive cloud on the horizon.

All is not what it seems in farming at the moment – ‘Is the ship going down on my watch’ is crossing many a young farmers mind, and the farm may well have been in the family for generations. Many of them are now telling their children, don’t bother.

Whilst the coffee morning alone raised £580, we had a huge turnout on the following Sunday with about 105 tractors, including some Land Rovers, deciding to support us. Again we wish to thank those who put our faith in us.

It’s quite a responsibility, what with



*The half-way stop at Eryrys*



*The total sum raised was £3135 – a huge thank you to all who donated*

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assessing and controlling the risks involved, informing the emergency services, negotiating insurances etc., arranging toilet facilities half-way, and of course making sure everybody is fed and watered before they start. Thanks to Sara Bocs Bwyd who single-handedly fed everyone bacon butties and coffee – a good start to any day!

After the mandatory health and safety chat, to which no one listens but has got to be done and recorded, off we went towards Hirwaen, through Llangynhafal, then past Glyn Arthur. We used the track behind Moel Llys y Coed before eventually getting to Cilcain.

I was the lead vehicle, making sure there were no obstructions or emergency vehicles needing access etc. I took the time to ring Phil who was at the other end only to find out whilst I was nearly in Cilcain, he was just coming off Moel Arthur car park. The queue was nearly two miles long, but Sunday is fairly quiet and in all fairness everyone was very forgiving. We had a good welcome from the people of Pantymwyn, Gwernaffield and Cadole.

We stopped half way at a friend's farm in Eryrys. 'Bryn, you said a few tractors' – as they kept appearing over the horizon, this two-mile long, noisy, colourful snake !

After about an hour, we were on our way again heading towards Llanarmon, over The Shelf and back to Ruthin.

This is not a show or a competition – just a chance for like-minded people to get together and chat. We've never had and never will make it a competition although someone mentioned, 'Next year let's have the noisiest horn competition'. Half past eight on a Sunday morning in Ruthin? – not sure about that.

Everyone home safe – what a relief!

*Bryn Davies*

## Messy Church

In our June session we celebrated Pentecost, the time when God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and comfort us after Jesus went up to heaven. The Bible tells us the Spirit came in wind and flame and so we did all sorts of activities on that theme.



We made a huge windmill and kites and streamers to represent wind and we made cakes decorated with strawberries to look like flames and we made crowns with flames on them. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the church and so we had a party and everyone, especially the grown-ups, enjoyed the jelly! We also had party streamers which made a lovely mess – it is Messy Church after all!

Why not bring an adult and come and join the fun on 13th July at 3.30 in the Village Hall?

**Becky Gittins, MP for Clwyd East**

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# Denbigh/Biebertal Germany Twinning

As long-standing members of this association, it was our pleasure in early May to once again welcome our German friends to the Vale of Clwyd.

Biebertal is a small town more or less in the centre of Germany with a population very similar to Denbigh. Like the Vale of Clwyd, it boasts some spectacular scenery with a mosaic of woodland and small farms with open fields, but no hedge cover.

By now we have established a close relationship with our Biebertal friends, so it was very fortunate that we were blessed with a week of very warm weather for their arrival when they were able to enjoy the Vale at its best – if rather dry.

Whilst they did enjoy their trips to Llandudno and Liverpool, it was apparent that visits to venues in and around Denbigh continue to be well appreciated.

The local members decided on a programme of interests in common, visiting Vale Vineyard and Penycloddiau Hillfort.

But what did these local attractions have in common with our German guests? So let us start with German wine. When Rhys and Gwen

were in the process of planning their vineyard, they were advised by specialist viticulturists whose advice was to plant German vines. These thrive in cooler climates and can survive cold winters.

Our visitors were delighted to hear that the vineyard at Dregoch Isaf was planted by their countrymen who travelled with a JCB Fastrac tractor to plant all four acres in less than one day. With the use of GPS monitoring, they were able to ensure that the rows were all in a perfect linear and diagonal line.

After inspecting the vineyard a very enjoyable time was spent tasting the produce and the guests were well impressed.

We also visited another feature that Biebertal and Denbigh have in common – the presence of nearby hillforts. Several years ago we walked up to a hillfort just a couple of miles above Biebertal where the site is well-wooded but the historic features were clearly visible. It is now a popular picnic site with spectacular views across the rolling German valleys. During the Iron Age (about 1200BC –550BC) it is thought that this fort controlled a very wide area of hamlets and villages. They firmly



*The visitors from Biebertal at the Vale Vineyard*



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believe that our ancestors, the early Celts, inhabited them before moving west!

We were however able to upstage our German guests by showing them our much older Bronze age fort – the Penycloddiau hillfort. The day was organised by our intrepid hiker, Roger Mullock, who claimed that he was in charge but not in control! Roger had planned a 6-mile walk to and around Penycloddiau, but this proved to be a challenge too far for some of our guests who had to be rescued by car before completing the hike. Despite their tiredness they were impressed by the serene tranquillity of the site and the impressive views of Liverpool (they had just visited) to the east and Snowdonia to the west, with a cuckoo providing the background music.

We explained that over a seven-year period, Dr Rachel Pope of Liverpool University had conducted a Summer dig research project involving at times some seventy students from all parts of the world carefully excavating the site. The students came across buried carbon deposits in the ramparts and Llandyrnog Community funded its dating. This suggested that the construction predated the Bronze age.

Apparently both the German and Penycloddiau sites exhibited examples of stone foundations to support the wooden framework of the roundhouses common in the Bronze and Iron Age.

We were also able to show some of the likely locations of the roundhouses on Penycloddiau where the University hopes some day to carry out additional research.

Comparing the German and Welsh sites it does appear likely that the construction methods of the roundhouses had not changed significantly over many centuries.

The day ended with a very convivial Hog Roast at Denbigh Rugby Club.

Rod and Margaret Williams  
Mary Mars Lloyd

## Trefoil Guild



The members were entertained by Fiona Macpherson, who bakes cakes under the name of For the love of cake. She talked about her cake-making business and showed us samples. She works to order and is currently setting up a purpose-built work shop. We enjoyed cakes which she had made.

The raffle was won by Ruth. Our next meeting will be a visit to the garden of Tony Burrows.

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# The Wright Life



## Discover Dandelions

Love them or hate them, pesky weeds or useful culinary delights; we all know what a dandelion looks like, but do you really know what dandelions are like? They come from a group of flowers belonging to the genus called *Taraxacum* and are native to Eurasia and North America. They can be found in any sunny area in our gardens and countryside, appearing up between pavements, on your patio, in your finely manicured lawns, in fact any crack or crevice in the ground. They are masters of survival and can root in places where nothing else would survive and indeed can push up through concrete or tarmac. They are those cheerful bright yellow flowers we see every day, which turn into a perfectly round and complex 'clock' structure with between 54 to 172 seeds on a flower head. Indeed, each plant can produce up to 20,000 seeds.

Dandelions are edible for many creatures and my hens love a freshly-pulled plant, picking at the yellow flowers and buds before the seed head appears. The leaves, flowers and roots are edible for us humans too. They are a good source of vitamins and minerals and can be used in salads, cooked dishes, teas and wines. They contain Vitamin A, C and K,

folate, calcium and potassium. Dandelion tea gives a light, distinctive and naturally caffeine-free infusion with the vitamin C helping to support the immune system. It can also act as a diuretic.

Dandelions have a benefit to wildlife too, as they are a source of food for insects and birds. They are amongst the first to flower early in the spring when other plants haven't woken up yet, providing nectar for pollinators and bumblebees. I know we all hate the roots when pulling up these plants, but these taproots can also improve your soil health by loosening the soil, and help reduce erosion. Most people think they are a lawn-killer, but they actually fertilise the grass. I know some people love a perfectly green manicured lawn and these yellow bombs spoil the uniform greenness, but in long grass with another common plant – the daisy, they look fabulous.

Finally, dandelions are seen in some circles as the only flower that represents the three celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. That bright yellow flower is the sun, the beautiful puff ball of seeds is the moon and when the breeze disperses the seeds, they are the stars scattered in space.

There is certainly much more to the overlooked dandelion; next time you see that little yellow 'weed', please think before you use your weed killer or dig it up.

*Hazel*

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## Mothers' Union

Our June meeting is always an outing and this year we didn't travel very far – just to Caffi Cariad in St Asaph, where we enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea. We all ate far too much and we still had lots to take home to enjoy later.

On 9th July we will be hearing about the Denbigh Community Fridge. All are welcome to join us at 2pm in the Cocoa Rooms.

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## Craft workshop

Tŷ Ceffyl Bach held another successful workshop in June in the Cocoa Rooms, creating some amazing tote bags and cards using an ancient Japanese printing method 'Tatami Zome'. This involves pounding flowers to release their natural dyes. Carolyn was given a silk scarf to print on as trial for a future workshop, which was a brilliant success.

Next month's workshop on 17 and 19 July will be making heart-shaped mosaic wall plaques. Book through Angie at Tŷ Ceffyl Bach.



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# News from MHC

## 2025 Social Care Wales Accolades

In October 2024, Elm was honoured to be nominated for a Social Care Wales Accolade in the category of 'Developing and Inspiring the Workforce'. This category recognises organisations that demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting, developing, and empowering their staff to deliver high-quality care.

Following the nomination, Elm was shortlisted and invited to present to a panel of six judges. During the presentation, Elm shared its journey of cultural transformation, staff development initiatives, and the positive outcomes achieved for both employees and the people they support. The judges were clearly impressed, and Elm was selected to advance to the final stage of the awards.



Leah and Dan proudly represented Elm at the Accolades ceremony in Cardiff on May 1st, 2025. Elm was awarded second place and received a 'Highly Commended' recognition from Social Care Wales. This accolade reflects the dedication, innovation, and passion of the entire Elm team.

## Celebrating language and care

At MHC, we're deeply proud of the work our Active Offer Committee is doing to champion the Welsh language and embed it at the heart of our services. This quarter has been a shining example of their passion and dedication and the positive impact it's making on both staff and residents.

The Active Offer Committee meets monthly to review progress and develop new ways to support Welsh language use across MHC. Their commitment is clear: language choice matters and offering services in Welsh is fundamental to delivering personalised, respectful care.

One highlight has been the tailored Welsh-language learning opportunities for staff. At Elm, where many residents speak Welsh as their first language, staff benefit from weekly lessons with Tryfan, a Welsh tutor from Coleg Llandrillo. This consistent training has boosted staff Welsh skills by 50% between August 2024 and February 2025. Meanwhile, staff at Highfield Park attend monthly Welsh lessons, further strengthening our capacity to communicate and care in Welsh.

Beyond language classes, the committee is leading a comprehensive update of all MHC documentation, ensuring every policy and resident communication is available bilingually. Our communication lead, Keiran, has been working hard within the committee to produce a new safeguarding awareness video for residents. This video is now in the process of having voiceover work completed by our very own Active Offer Committee members. We are excited to share this finished product with you all soon.

This work supports our vision of making Welsh language the natural choice for everyone at MHC, from staff to residents.

Supporting the Welsh Language Commissioner's campaign (12–16 May) was a proud moment for us, highlighting the real difference an Active Offer makes. Our Welsh-speaking team's efforts ensure all residents and families feel valued and heard, and that language truly belongs to everyone.

At MHC, the Active Offer is not just policy, it's a core part of who we are, reflecting our mission to provide compassionate, inclusive care that respects every individual's language and culture.

We celebrate this quarter's progress and look forward to continuing to grow our Welsh



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language offer, making MHC a place where everyone can thrive in the language they choose.

## Celebrating a Milestone in Independence



This week, one of our residents from Rose House achieved a meaningful step towards greater independence by fuelling his own car and confidently paying with his bank card, requiring only minimal support. This moment reflects his ongoing progress in

developing daily living skills and highlights the positive impact of consistent, person-centred support. It's also a great example of MHC's core value: *Invest in Yourself*.

Small achievements like this represent big milestones, and we're proud to celebrate his success.

## First solo bus trip for Willow Resident

A resident from Willow recently took his first bus journey from Highfield Park to Llandyrnog Village, a big step in building confidence and independence. He waited at the bus stop, travelled to the village, selected a snack at the shop and paid, with support.

Afterwards, he enjoyed his treat at the park and spent time on the swing before walking back to Willow. He was visibly happy throughout, engaging warmly with staff and those around him.

Following this success, weekly bus trips are



now being planned to help him explore the local area and build further community skills.

## Ride of respect



The annual Ride of Respect came to Llandyrnog on 9 June to the memorial of Guardsman Peter Edwards, killed in action aged 19 at Bluff Cove, Falkland Islands.

The Welsh Guards' motorcycle Ride of Respect visits every Falklands memorial in Wales and Herefordshire to remember those lost in the Falklands Conflict in 1982.



## A word from the priest

I've always loved sweet peas. Their perfume, their delicate blooms—there's something enchanting about them. But what fascinates me most is how they grow. Even when you sow the seeds far apart, they reach up toward the light, and then toward each other. Their tendrils stretch out like hands, holding on, winding together until the plants become inseparable. By the time they bloom, they're so intertwined that it's impossible to tell where one plant ends and another begins. Even a weak plant becomes strong because it's held by the rest. It's hard to know which one is carrying and which one is being carried. They become a living example of community. Not apart, but toward each other. Entwined. Supporting. Held.



We live our lives much the same way—stepping in and out of communities that wrap around our days and our stories. The bus we take. The shops we visit. The workplaces, schools, hospitals, churches. The street we live on. These are the people who weave in and out of our journey. Some are with us for a long time, others just for a moment—but they all matter. And often, it's in our hardest moments—those threshold times of illness, grief, fear, or change, when we are at our most vulnerable that the beauty of community reveals itself. A gesture of kindness. A shared silence. A meal left at the doorstep. A message at just the right time. A prayer whispered for us

when we don't have the words ourselves. Someone reaching out, like a tendril reminding us we do not have to stand alone. That's what the sweet peas do. And that's what we are called to do—to become so intertwined with one another in love that it becomes impossible to separate our stories. Weaving us into something stronger than we could be alone. That every one of us can bloom in our own unique way because we are held with compassion and love.

*Rev. Sam Quilty*

## The Tuesday Club

The members had their annual summer lunch in June at the restaurant of their choice this year, the Cherry Pie Inn in Melin y Wern. As usual, we had a very special welcome from Simon and his staff, and the food was excellent.

This month's meeting will be at the Cocoa Rooms as usual, at 2pm Wednesday, 16 July. Kelly Benton will be our guest speaker, to give a talk about U3A – the University of the Third Age. All welcome!

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# Football round-up



Llandyrnog United Football Club is delighted to announce that Sion Morris is the new manager. A familiar face at Cae Nant, Sion has already been hard at work in preparation for the season ahead.

Stepping up to be assistant manager will be Neil Brown who shows great passion for the club and football and is looking forward to a slight change in roles for this season. Fully committed for the season ahead Adam Harvey will also be working as player/coach until the club finds another member to join the coaching team.

Our Llandyrnog ladies today made a fantastic effort at the Summer League ladies' tournament. Having navigated their way out of the league phase, they were beaten by a strong Henllan side in the semi final. Massive thank you to the ladies for their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the day, they've been a pleasure to manage today and coach over the last few weeks. Also, a huge thank you to our incredible support that followed us today, hugely appreciated. We'll go again next year!

*Jimmy McNally*



*Back row, from lt: Jimmy McNally, Heather Powell, Neisha Roberts, Erin Dunkerly, Pym Janpheng, Izzy Williams, Ethan Morris; Front, from lt: Shannon Newcombe, Sue Ward, Ellen Newcombe, Alisha Whitehead, Ruby Jones.*

Two teams were entered in the Under-11s tournament on Sunday, 29 June. Llandyrnog A reached the semi-final, losing narrowly 1-0 to eventual winners, Llanfair.

Best wishes to the youngsters in the Secondary Schools' tournament on 6 July.

Llandyrnog Utd ended in 6th place in the Summer League this year, with a 3-1 win over Llanfair in the last game. Congratulations to Cefn on winning the league.

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# Matters discussed in the June meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

- ♦ In terms of crime there have been four reported incidents in the last month:
  - ♦ BT pole knocked down
  - ♦ An assault
  - ♦ A dog bite at a private address
  - ♦ Attempted use of a fake £50 note
- ♦ It was reported that works on the allotments were progressing, however there was still a problem getting water to the site. The cost is prohibitive and therefore the County Council is looking for alternative sources of funding to complete the project.
- ♦ The bus stops were considered to be in an acceptable condition. However it was decided to include the maintenance of them in the business plan and budget accordingly.
- ♦ There is a dead cherry tree in Cae Nant and is scheduled to be felled and cleared imminently.
- ♦ Dr Patricia Mckinnon-Day gave a presentation on her recent planning application to carry out works to provide a gazebo, shed and greenhouse at Old Coach House Plas Bennett. The application has been submitted.
- ♦ It was decided to offer £100 financial assistance to the Llandyrnog Eisteddfod.
- ♦ It was reported that work had started on the development to the rear of Maes Llan. Work on certain days had started pre 08:00 – this situation is now being monitored.
- ♦ It was reported by Cllr Parry, who is also the county councillor, that the street scene staff were down from nineteen to seven. There is no intention at the moment of recruiting, so this will no doubt affect the responsive maintenance issues – concentrating on planned maintenance issues. The seven are expected to cover the whole of Denbighshire.
- ♦ The Community Council arranged a talk on how to spot scams and avoid being scammed on-line. PCSO David Jones gave a very interesting presentation and raised our awareness of how easy it is to be scammed.
- ♦ The response to the community involvement questionnaire has been limited, however there were some positive responses.
- ♦ It was decided to decorate the Cocoa Rooms. It will be difficult to find five free working days but the work will be put in hand.

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