

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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MHC scarecrow competition



Niall Kelly, CEO of MHC (UK) Ltd judged the competition Here are the full results
1st Place: Little Acorns Day Nursery – Horse rider (original, well executed and placed in context)
2nd Place: 16 Parc Tyn Llan – Scuba diver (excellent execution and showed humour)
Joint 3rd Place: Segwen – Girl on surfboard and Willow – Cyclist (met sport brief well and excellent effort).
Highly Commended: Alex House Office – Fishermen (picture on page 4).



Hearty thanks to all who have contributed generously to *Llais Llandyrnog Voice* over the lockdown period. It's a great help to ensure the publication of our magazine which is enjoyed by our readers, according to the response to it.

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Around the village

Condolences to:

John Palin and his family, Pentrefelin Cottage on the loss of his father, Jim, of Sarn Mill, Nannerch who passed away 30th April. He was laid to rest in St Michael's Church, Nannerch; Eva, Mark, Sharon, and families, on the passing of Ossie Langford Jones. "Thank you for all of the kind messages. We will miss him dearly but have many fond memories that we will cherish forever."; and

Emyr, Anwen and John, Pen Isa'r Waen, on the passing of Emyr's mother, Mrs Eluned Morris of Ruthin.

Congratulations to Glesni and Ryan, Tŷ Gerddi, on the birth of their son, Efan Joseff, the first grandson for both sides of the family. Also to Alex and Sophie on the birth of their daughter, Penny Rose, a granddaughter to Clive and Lorna, Nant Glyd.

Best wishes to Menna Ellis, Gader Goch, who recently celebrated a special birthday.

All the best to James and Lucy and family in their new home and thanks for serving the community during their time at The Kinmel.

Best wishes to Haydn Roberts following a short stay in hospital – get well soon. We also wish a speedy recovery to Nora Jones, formerly of Y Gilfach, after a stay at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Elwyn Evans, Ger y Llan, thanks everyone for their greetings, cards and donations to charity on the occasion of his birthday. He had a day to remember!

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Pre-season fixtures

Games are played behind closed doors until further notice.

Saturday 5 June: Llangollen Town FC home, 2pm KO

Wednesday 9 June: Denbigh Town Reserves home, 7pm KO

Tuesday 15 June: CPD Llanrwst Utd home, 7pm KO

Saturday 19 June: Caerwys FC away, 12 noon KO

Tuesday 29 June: CPD Llanuwchllyn away, KO 7pm

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The tractors should be passing through the village around 1p.m. – but if you would like to see them, be early, just in case! They will be passing the Kinmel from the roundabout, to Clynog crossroads, down to the village, then to the roundabout and turning towards Denbigh.

Llandyrnog Virtual Show 2021

Most homes in the village and surrounding area should have now received the schedule for the show. This is now available online on the Community Council's website: www.llandyrnogcommunitycouncil.co.uk, along with the template for the mask decorating competition. Should you wish to receive a paper copy of the schedule, contact the show secretary, Roger Warner, at Cross Keys, 07879 771461, or email llandyrnogshow@gmail.com. Get clicking!

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Digital Friday Courses


You have already been given the good news that Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society has received a grant of almost £10,000 to gather information about Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan during WW2.

If you want to be involved in that work, you might be interested in this event organised by Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council to introduce people to digital history sources that might help them to do research. These Digital Friday courses will be run over the next few months in partnership with Digital Communities Wales. They will be running through the medium of Zoom and are FREE to join. This is not just for our project, of course, but for other purposes such as family history, history of your house etc.

If you are interested, go to bit.ly/DF_HistoryResources to get more information or to book your place. The first one will be on 4 June, 10–11a.m.

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The infants

This week in our celebrations topic we have been learning about baptisms and christenings. We made our own baptingles which symbolise the different aspects of these ceremonies.

They have done a mini topic on volcanoes. They watched the short film *Lava* and then acted out an active and dormant volcano. We had fun making our very own volcanoes around the classroom. We sketched, painted or built our volcanoes using Lego, sand, and even the play dough!

The nursery class had their first experience of breadmaking with Miss Elin this week. They had a great time and made some Bake Off-worthy buns!

The juniors

This week we have been reading Roald Dahl's *Revolting Recipes* and writing our own version for a class book. We recipe-tested our inventions on Wednesday with some very interesting results!

We have been taking good care of our newest tree in the school grounds. It is a Beni-yutaka cherry tree which we have received as part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project. Over 2000 schools in Wales have received a Japanese flowering cherry tree, donated by Japan as a celebration of the cordial relationship between the two nations.

Thanks to all those who sent in plants, seeds, bulbs etc. The children have enjoyed planting them around the school and will be looking after them over the coming weeks.

This week we have started a new daily practice of doing a timed test of our Learn It maths facts every day. The aim each week is just to beat the previous week's score. Mrs

Lyon is really proud of how hard all the children are working on their Big Maths and we have seen a big jump in the number of children able to 'Beat That!' on their test scores this week.

Other news

Our resident blue tit has laid eggs in our bird box. By looking at our camera we estimate there to be between eight and ten eggs.

The School Council has been preparing for a virtual meeting with members of the Governing Body, to discuss what it has been like to be back at school. This is an opportunity to share the council's view on what it's like in school, but also what could make it even better!

The school has received a donation of beautiful books which are on the Reading Agency's Reading Well for Children list, books which have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families. They are all themed around improving emotional and mental wellbeing and have been most gratefully received.

Due to the growing pupil numbers in the school and the popularity of breakfast club, we are now able to accommodate more children and parents no longer need to book in. Children can be dropped off anytime between 8am and 8.45am (breakfast is only served until 8.30am). This is a completely free service for whenever parents need it.

MHC scarecrow competition



This was the entry that was highly commended: Alex House Office – Fishermen.

Musings on 2020

It would be easy for us all to look back at the year 2020 and think of a terrible year. A year to forget. I could truly say that. I lost a close member of my family, a best friend, and experienced the true meaning of grief and longing for the first time. Before then, Corona was just a lager for me. A month later the lockdown came bringing with it the horrors of this virus. We had nothing to look forward to, no socializing, everything put on hold. No Royal Welsh show. No eisteddfod. Two highlights of the year since I was born disappeared overnight. Then in September I moved to Penrhyn-coch and started my first job as a secondary school teacher. A new school in a new, unfamiliar area. Having to cope with distance learning, teaching under the threat of the virus, all meetings and courses online. All life online. On my own for the first time, feeling lonely at times, and longing for family, friends and the Vale of Clwyd.

But despite all this, 2020 was a good year. I had time to be home on the farm with my family, which is not all sweetness and light if you are the oldest of five children! Life on a farm is very busy and I'm glad that that's how it was in the midst of a pandemic. While most of the country came to a halt, farming had to continue. We have a dairy farm at Pen y Bryn and I spend much of my time in the milking parlour. Nothing better to clear the mind than a little chat with the Holsteins!

I also to the Clwydian Range for peace and quiet. We have many wonderful walks on the doorstep, so I was able to escape to Penycloddiau without breaking any COVID-19 rules! There is nowhere better for the soul than the top of Penycloddiau, and appreciating the magnificent views from Llangollen to Colwyn Bay in one direction, and Liverpool and beyond in the other.

But obviously, spending time with the animals or walking alone is not always the best tonic. Achieving a healthy mind requires a balance. As a science teacher, I know all too

well that the nervous system is a very complex and fragile system, controlled by the brain. The system contains a series of nerve chemicals, and a balance of these is key, just as having the right balance of being alone or in the company of others is important.

Although the timing of starting a new job in a new area has been challenging, I very rarely felt alone, as everyone was so friendly, caring and supportive. I always looked forward to going for a walk with fellow teachers at the end of a school day and having hot chocolate and cake once a week. So important to have a little bit of what you fancy! It was so good to have something like this to look forward to. I'm very lucky to have lifelong friends in Aber and without them it would have been much harder.

2020 must be viewed positively. The experiences I had during the year have made me mentally and physically stronger – transforming something negative into a positive, grief into joy, failure into success. Looking at life optimistically. We should all think of ways every day to ensure a 'healthy mind', and to remember the sun rises after every sunset!

Beth Mars Lloyd

This article was first published on Nerth dy Ben: www.nerthdyben.cymru



Three places

Pontgarreg, near Llangrannog

My maternal grandparents retired to Pontgarreg, Ceredigion after over thirty years in the pharmacy business in London. In my childhood, we visited them every school holiday. I have many happy memories of going to the local seaside villages and towns, driven by Mamgu in the Morris Minor. But we often walked the two miles down to



Llangrannog beach (above), because of the lack of parking there. We spent hours playing on the beach and around Carreg Bica, the distinctive rock on the shore, and sometimes walked along the coast to Ynys Lochtyr, the promontory in the photo. At Cwmttydu, further up the coast, we would watch the seals. New Quay, Cardigan, Aberporth, Mwnt, Aberaeron and Aberystwyth were also on the must do list, along with a visit to Auntie Hannah on the family farm at Llangwryfon.

Kleine Scheidegg, Switzerland

The highlight of a six-week working tour of Europe in 1982 was a one-night stay at the Hotel Bellevue des Alpes at Kleine Scheidegg, in the Bernese Oberland of Switzerland. The hotel is 6,791 feet above sea level, on a mountain pass surrounded by the soaring north faces of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau mountains – and little else. There are no roads to get there, only gondolas, ski lifts and trains. The historic wood-panelled hotel was built in the 19th century; today, rooms feature décor and furnishings from the 1920s.

From Kleine Scheidegg the Jungfrau railway takes you to the Jungfrauoch, the highest train station in Europe at 11,332 feet. This railway is



a monumental feat of engineering as the track is built inside the north face of the Eiger, and it took 16 years to complete. When you reach the top, the views over the Aletsch Glacier (below), Europe's longest glacier at 22 km, and beyond are unbelievable.

Brussels

For a few years, we'd have a family city break at Easter. Well, to those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the countryside, going to a city is very adventurous and a thrill! One of the cities we visited was Brussels – I'd thoroughly recommend it as a place to visit. We travelled by Eurostar from St Pancras – an excellent and hassle-free way to cross the channel. The return journey was so well-linked (and even the train journey from London to North Wales was on time), the whole journey from hotel to home only took 9 hours.

The city, as many other cities in Europe, has everything to cater for all tastes: interesting architecture – ancient and modern, museums, art galleries, ample opportunities for retail therapy, the European parliament building. Surprisingly, prices weren't that high there, in comparison to those at home – but perhaps that means that prices had risen here as well.

One of our favourite places was the Atomium, an exhibition Centre that holds temporary exhibitions on different themes. From the top it gives a panoramic view of Brussels. The Basilica of the Sacred Heart also made a great impression on us. Autoworld is the place for those who love cars – the place to go to learn the history of the motor car.

My family's connection with Brussels goes

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back to 1918. The photo below, if I remember correctly what my grandfather told me, is of his battalion in Brussels at the end of WW1, the first in the city since its liberation from the Germans. My grandfather most probably survived the war due to being hospitalised with an illness in August 1918. He was not well enough to rejoin his battalion until after the signing of the armistice.

I can't be absolutely certain whether Taid was actually in this photo, but even if he isn't, it's a good story.

Anwen Davies



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Rapeseed and danger to dogs



Farmers' fields have now blossomed into pretty yellow flowers – these plants are called rapeseed. Although it may be tempting to place your dog in the mist to take a scenic photo, please avoid this at all costs!

Rapeseed is extremely poisonous for dogs if ingested and can cause symptoms such as haemolytic anaemia, blindness, damaged nervous system, digestive disorders, breathing problems.

Even walking through these fields should be avoided. A dog has been reported to suffer from severe open wounds after running through a crop of rapeseed.

Please seek immediate veterinary attention if your dog shows any signs of rapeseed poisoning.

A note from the Community Council

Whilst it is appreciated that most responsible dog owners now pick up after their dogs, we appeal for the benefit of all that the bags are disposed of responsibly and not thrown over hedges into adjoining land. This is particular noticeable in the Llangwyfan area. Please note that dog litter bags can be placed in general waste bins.

If the contents were to go into the food chain, either by being eaten by curious animals or baled and fed to animals it would do untold damage.

Food for thought, as it were.



Notes from Plas Ashpool

I have just heard the cuckoo again, seen my first red kite of the season flying over Hendrerwydd and, mercifully, witnessed the return of swallows to our barns. They were so late this year that I had begun to fear the worst, particularly as the weather has been so dismal. After such a cold, wet and windy April and May we can only hope that things will improve over the next few months. The other afternoon the bees, dodging heavy showers and thunder, were filling the canopy of the big sycamore tree behind the house. The noise was terrific as they busied themselves amongst the sycamore flowers, gathering as much food as they could before the next deluge arrived.

They are such workers and I am hopeful that as more awareness is raised around their supreme importance in so much of our food production, people will learn more about which plants to leave so that they may have enough food to forage on.

I am looking forward to seeing the flowering of the patches of wildflowers planted around Llandyrnog and Bodfari. Less pleased however, to see how much severe grass cutting and weed killing has taken place, in particular around Geinas Farm and The Blue Hand and along the Cherry Mile. I can't for the life of me see why the cutting has taken place so early and why weedkiller has been used at all! I thought there was a national campaign for 'No Mow May'. Any thoughts?

Every spring I seem to set a new goal for the garden – this year I have decided that, as beautiful as so many of our tulips are, both in form and colour, they are just too expensive! If they came back year after year it wouldn't be so bad, but as they usually turn up their toes after a season (in my care anyway), I have moved my aspiration on to filling their gap with wallflowers. Cheaper to grow and also, with their exquisite perfume, deserve a better

place in any spring garden. Sometimes they will seed about if left, so I am going to make every effort to grow as many as I can squeeze into nooks and crannies for a velvety, scented display next spring.

It's still raining and now beginning to blow a hooley, so no gardening this afternoon. Instead, let me finish with this lovely quotation that my daughter has just sent to me. "With freedom, flowers, books and the moon, who could not be perfectly happy?" *Oscar Wilde*

Happy gardening,

Free to a good home



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Obituary: Olwen Roberts

As a family we would like to thank everyone in the Llandyrnog and surrounding area for all the tributes, condolences and memories shared since the peaceful passing of our Mum, Olwen Roberts, who was reunited with her beloved husband and our dad Jack on 14th April. Your support and messages have been overwhelming. Everyone has lovely messages and memories of Mum – she would have been delighted. Far too many to mention!



Our parents Olwen and Jack lived in the village all their married lives at 29 Maes Clwyd. They loved the village and involved themselves in pretty much everything that went on. Mum never liked anyone making a fuss over her and was always kind, helpful, hardworking and encouraging to anyone and everyone she met. She

was so thoughtful and selfless and her acts of kindness, words spoken or phone calls made meant so much to those receiving them (more than she ever knew). She was not materialistic, but wanted nothing else, other than people's happiness.

They were caretakers of the village hall for many years. As children we have fond memories of helping to put out the whist drive tables or the badminton nets.

She was a strong supporter of Llandyrnog Football Club and would watch Stewart play in any weather. So much so, she was once asked how the football got on. She replied, 'Oh they should have won they played really well but unfortunately they lost 7-0.' Her support continued long after he finished playing, so much so, she was made Honorary President of the club.

She was also on the committee of the local Mencap branch and helped to organise the famous Christmas parties at the village hall for years, which Mark and others loved.

She was a home help for many years, also cared for Mark and her large family of 8 children, 16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, who she loved and was loved in return equally.

When we were teenagers, she was very accommodating with Jack's café (as Stew called it), being open most weekends after the pubs closed.

As a nainy, she was always there to welcome us in, offering sweets and biscuits galore. We loved running around the house playing and then as we grew older, our children would enjoy running around and playing with ornaments while we would enjoy sitting down with a tea and biscuit for a chat about all the local village gossip. Nainy always had something to tell us or something to ask about and we will really miss our conversations.

She was also very close to her sister Aunty Dil, her nephew and nieces and kept in contact regularly.

To finish we must say a special thank you to mum's great friend, sister-in-law and our auntie, Sylvia Evans, who for so many years now has met daily for tea and biscuits and most evenings for a Baileys or small whisky. Thank you.

It's hard to name everyone and thank for their support, so may we just thank Llandyrnog as a whole for everything. She will be dearly missed and very fondly remembered.

Olwen's funeral donations totalled £574 which was donated to the Gateway Club in Denbigh (Mencap) and Wales Air Ambulance.

Mel Roberts

From the Rector

I wonder how many times you have driven past the Translators' Memorial in the grounds of St Asaph Cathedral. Some will be familiar with it and know the people mentioned on the monument. Others may have driven past and not noticed it was there. The monument is in honour of the men who were pivotal in the translation of the Bible into Welsh. The William Morgan Bible is the most well-known of all the early translations. William Morgan undertook the translation himself over a 10 year period, 1578–1588, whilst working as a busy parish priest in the village of Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. The printing was carried out in London and he spent a year supervising the work as the printers did not understand Welsh. During this time, he stayed with Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster, who is also included on the memorial.

The translators were local men who undertook to translate the Bible into their mother tongue in the days when bibles were either in Latin or English. Before the reformation the Bible was solely read in Latin, after the reformation an English translation became available but this was equally incomprehensible to the majority of Welsh speakers of that time.

Most of the translators were clergymen, three of them were Bishops of St Asaph. They understood that people needed to hear the Bible in their mother tongue. William Morgan echoed their sentiments when he said, 'Religion, if not taught in the mother tongue, will lie hidden and unknown.'

The Memorial was completed in 1892 to mark the 300th anniversary of the publication of William Morgan's bible, first published in 1588. The same year as the Spanish Armada.

This year we mark the 400th anniversary of Edmund Prys' setting of the Psalms in Welsh (1621). His setting was written in metrical form so they could easily be sung in church. The Church in Wales celebrates Edmund Prys on 15th May. The education team from the Diocese of St Asaph has celebrated this

milestone with a special service for local schools. The service is available to view via the webpage: dioceseofstasaph.org.uk.

The majority of the translators were from North Wales and the positive impact they had on the Welsh language is immeasurable.

The 8 names on the memorial and place of birth:

- ✠ William Morgan – Tŷ Mawr, Wybrnant
- ✠ Gabriel Goodman - Ruthin
- ✠ Edmund Prys – Llanrwst
- ✠ John Davies – Llanferres
- ✠ Richard Parry – Pwllhalog, Flintshire
- ✠ Thomas Huet – birth place not known but thought to be in the County of Brecon
- ✠ William Salesbury - Llansannan
- ✠ Richard Davies – Gyffin, Conwy

The top of the monument is shaped like a lantern, a reminder of the words of Psalm 119:105: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

It is thought there are only 19 copies of William Morgan's original translation still in existence. One is securely kept at St Asaph Cathedral. Take a look next time you are passing.

With every blessing,
Val Rowlands



A stroll in Llanrhaeadr

We'll go for a walk to the Llanrhaeadr area this time, around the church and Dyfnog's well, maybe up to Bryn Morfydd. It's up to you how far you want to go – it'll take about an hour and a half at the most. The best thing to do is to park between the Lodge and Kings Head, and then walk towards the Kings Head, which is on your right.

The Kings Head

The King's Head is an old coaching inn and dates from the sixteenth century. You may have wondered, as I have done, why is the building so much lower than road level?

At one time there was a ford there and steps up to the pub. But sometime in the distant past, it was decided to level the road because it was difficult for horses and carts to climb the steep hill.

It is thought that a team of horses was kept in the stable which was for everyone's use – the building where the bier was kept. This is next to the forge which is now a successful pottery. This team of horses was used to help pull the coach and passengers up the steep hill.



The almshouses

With the forge which is now a pottery on your right and the church on your left, head up and you will see a rather grand white building in front of you – these are the almshouses.

Jane, widow of Maurice Jones of Plas Llanrhaeadr, funded these in 1729. They are H-shaped with one large arch which was originally access to eight single room units with a central courtyard. This was the home of needy people in the area. It has now been converted into four units.

The Jesse window

Enter the church. I'm not going to say much about the church itself, just say it's a delightful church and it is referred to in the Norwich Church Taxes 1254. But you must see the Jesse window.

This faces the village and is one of the best examples in Wales, if not in Europe, of this type of window – it dates back to 1533.

It was protected from Cromwell's destructive troops during the Civil War of 1642–1646 by removing and hiding it and replacing it much more later on.

Along the bottom of the window, you will see an image of Jesse, one of the Tribe of Judah, lying with an imaginary tree growing from his chest and images of the descendants of Christ on the branches of that tree.

Dyfnog's well

Enter the woodland and turn right and you will come to Dyfnog's well. Thanks to the volunteers of Llanrhaeadr Conservation Society, the well has attracted substantial National Lottery funding to restore it and reopen it to the public.

St Dyfnog set up a small cell here in the 6th century – the original cell was probably a wooden building not far from the well. It is likely that the saint, as a penance, would stand under a waterfall of cold water, wearing a hair shirt and an iron chain belt.

Dyfnog probably blessed the water and coloured it, but Frank Price Jones in his book, *Crwydro Gorllewin Dinbych* (Wandering in West Denbighshire), mentions an old story in the area. This was that the clergy would put a

A stroll in Llanrhaeadr: ctd

chaff or colouring in the stream at Graig Lwyd to perform a 'miracle' at the well.



But certainly, in medieval times, pilgrims flocked here because they believed that water had the potential for healing from smallpox, muteness, deafness, scabies and itching.

The faithful volunteers who will ensure the well's future merit our good wishes. It will bring a large number of visitors to the area.

You will now have reached the top of this beautiful woodland and although there is a fairly short but steep path from the top to connect you to the Llanrhaeadr to Prion road, I would not recommend you walk it unless you are confident on uneven paths – it's so easy to get hurt.

If you wish to return to Llanrhaeadr for a cuppa at the Lodge, follow the path back to the church. For those who wish to continue the walk, go up the aforementioned steep path and join the road leading up to Prion. Take the first turning on the left that takes you towards Bryn Morfydd.

Bryn Morfydd

Apparently, the original name appears on old maps like Bryn Morwydd – mulberry hill. This makes more reason than Morfydd, somehow, but I wonder if there were mulberry trees there?

Or is it easier to accept that the original name is Bryn Mawr Wydd (large tree hill) as there are a number of very tall trees here – this is Frank Price Jones' interpretation.

If you walk along this lane for a while, you will come to a public footpath sign on the left hand side. Stop for a moment here, to catch your breath and also to look straight ahead.

You'll see security fences to keep everyone out of Bryn Morfydd, Bryn Morwydd or Bryn Mawr Wydd – but no matter what the name, it's no longer there. The grand building that was originally home to some of the area's gentry, then a popular destination for weddings, dances etc from the 60s to the 80s, has now been demolished since around two years. How many brides had their photographs taken with the Clwydian Range as a lovely backdrop, how many couples met at the wild dances there in the 80s and how many entered the place through a window because it was packed!

A family well-known for cider production is seeking, or may have obtained by now, planning permission to build a number of luxury holiday cabins on the site, similar to those they have at Traeth Llydan, Rhoscolyn. I can only compare, but if the development at Llanrhaeadr will be anything like that at Rhoscolyn, it will be of an extremely high standard. And that's the trend these days, right? Staycations – and what better place for a soul to relax than this lovely spot?

To get back to the start, join the path that borders beautiful woodland until you reach a stile. Cross the stile and the path bends slightly left. But it is easy enough to follow it up to a wide metal gate that can be seen at the bottom of the field. Turn left there and back to the road leading from Llanrhaeadr to Prion. This is a private tarmac lane but a public right of way, so there's no need to worry.

I hope you'll enjoy the walk.

Bryn Davies

John Evans

John Evans is an ex-Llandyrnog resident who still enjoys reading *Llais Llandyrnog Voice* each month. He now lives in Cynwyd but still has family living in Llandyrnog.

John was born in Llandyrnog in 1932 and attended Sunday school from an early age. He was confirmed at St David's Church in Denbigh in 1948 by the Lord Bishop of St Asaph. He remembers the various rectors of Llandyrnog well, especially Rev. W. T. Williams and Rev. Eric Pritchard. John continued as an active member at St Tyrnog Parish Church until his marriage in 1957.

On his marriage, John moved to Cynwyd and has been supported the church, holding many appointments and posts.

John has been a Worship Leader for many years. Without the support of his wife of 63 years, John believes that his considerable efforts for the Church and community would not have been possible.

Side by side with his active church life, John has been a member and officer of most societies in Cynwyd, including being a member of Cynwyd Community Council for 54 years, serving many years as Chair.

John's contribution to the Church was recognised in 2015, when he was presented with the Order of St Asaph by Bishop Gregory at the Diocesan Conference in Llangollen.



John proudly wearing the Order of St Asaph

Recipe

Curried parsnip soup

1 large onion
1 large potato, chopped
2–3 parsnips, according to size, chopped
1 tsp curry powder
2 pints chicken stock
Butter and oil for frying

Sweat a large onion in butter and some oil and add the potato and parsnips.

Let this stew for a short time, then add about a teaspoon of curry powder.

Stir it all for a bit and then add about 2 pints of chicken stock.

Simmer until the vegetables are soft and then liquidise in any way you like. It needn't be completely smooth. I use a hand-held blender in the saucepan.

Season to taste and add more curry powder if you want and more stock if the soup is too thick.

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Matters discussed at the on-line April meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

- ◇ It was reported that it may well be that a purchaser has been found for the Arla site and that a sale is near completion.
- ◇ The Council has received compensation from the Welsh Government for loss of income from the Cocoa Rooms due to Covid restriction. It was decided to set aside most of the money for any future maintenance of the Cocoa Rooms, but also that those who use the Cocoa Rooms for their usual coffee mornings and fundraising should also benefit from this fund, namely the Tuesday Club, WI, Trefoil Guild, Brownies, History Society, Llandyrnog Sports and Football Association, Messy Church, Capel Dyffryn, Llandyrnog Church, Astronomy Group, Sewing Group, Craft Group, Book Club, Mothers Union and the Winter Football League.
- ◇ Notice has been received from DCC that it intends improving the road drainage around the Gables area and from Llangwyfan Cross-roads to Moel Famau car park.
- ◇ *Llais Llandyrnog Voice* has written to thank the Council for a donation to assist with printing costs. A letter was also received from the Church to thank the Council for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard.
- ◇ The Council has asked for DCC to consider additional lighting around the Hwylfa area and Maes Llan car park, but no response has been received.
- ◇ It was reported that the road from Old School down to Tŷ Capel Isa is considered a priority by DCC for resurfacing and will be programmed for the near future, unless funds are diverted to more pressing and urgent matters.
- ◇ It was decided that a few members would meet 21st May to start planting the boxes on the roundabout ready for the summer.
- ◇ Unfortunately, Wicksteed has delayed starting on the new equipment in Cae Nant until the week commencing 14th June due to problems with the supply chain and steel being in short supply.

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