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# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## Llandyrnog's Community Spirit

In the midst of a pandemic that is touching all our lives, and amid the selfishness of people stripping bare the shelves of the supermarkets, there are still things we can be grateful for: living in a beautiful place with space to get out while still self-isolating; fabulous scenery to look at without having to leave home; friends and neighbours willing to help; strangers offering to pick up prescriptions and supplies; the pubs having to close but still offering take-away meals and to deliver to those in need; a brilliant butcher's shop supplying all sorts of



food, meat and newspapers and offering to deliver if you cannot get out; and schools closing but opening again to allow pupils to continue attending and to have meals if they are in key worker families or in need.

The local social media groups are an excellent source of instant information, advice and entertainment.

Meanwhile, the *Llais* team is pleased to continue to produce our little magazine and hope it is a source of comfort. The fast pace of events recently has meant a number of last-minute changes to this edition and we hope nothing is too out of date before it reaches you, as so much has been cancelled recently!

We hope this photo will make you smile, as we think it sums up springtime.

During the present crisis and the possibility of you having to decide to or be forced to self-isolate, do not hesitate to send a message via [llandyrnognews@gmail.com](mailto:llandyrnognews@gmail.com) or to contact Bryn on 07787 561191.

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# Around the village

## Condolences to ...

... **Kevin, May, Ben and Rosie**, formerly of Glan y Wern Farm, now of Northop, on the untimely death of **John**, who recently passed away at a very early age and after a very short illness. John had room in his heart for Llandyrnog and would always enquire about village life. He was forever grateful for the kindness shown to him throughout his time in Glan y Wern.

... **Pam Lloyd**, whose brother has sadly passed away.

... **Margaret**, Pen y Bryn, on the sudden death of her father.

We were sorry to hear of the death of **Robin Edwards**, Moelfre.

## Get well soon to ...

... **Lyn Rose**, who has suffered a broken wrist.

... **Sue Vine**, who we hope will soon be back home.

**Wyn Wilson** wishes to thank all who sent her cards, flowers and presents on her birthday. A special thanks to the Book Club gang!

Message from Llandyrnog FC Summer League: A massive happy 40th birthday to club legend **Tudur Morris**, who may be 40 years old but is still not tall enough to ride the roller coasters at Alton Towers.

## Best wishes to ...

... **Ellen Newcombe** on celebrating a special birthday.

... **Richard**, Hafod y Bryn, on his retirement after 16 years service to agriculture with the AHDB (Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board).

... **Hywel**, Hafod y Bryn, in his new post with Jones Peckover, Denbigh.

## Welcome to ...

... **Rob and Ella**, who have moved into Glan Aber.

... **Osian and Llinos**, who have moved into Clwyd Bank.

## Clwyd Alyn Annual Big Sleepout

Arwyn, Sgubor Efa, took part in Clwyd Alyn's annual "Big Sleepout" on 9 February and spent the night sleeping rough in Rhuddlan.

This was organised in order to get some idea of what less fortunate friends endure on a nightly basis.

Arwyn, Development Manager for Clwyd Alyn, and his colleagues managed to raise a staggering £7,200. The money will go direct to the coal face as it were – the Homelessness Team in Clwyd Alyn.

They will purchase equipment to ensure that the real rough sleepers benefit directly from this fantastic achievement.

Well done Arwyn ... although I am sure he was a bit nervous when he realised he was the only male amongst nine ladies.



# Spotlight on Phil Rose

I was born in 1950 and brought up on the Wirral (a 'Plastic Scouser') at Grasmere Avenue, Noctorum, Birkenhead. Noctorum ... now there's posh!

Schooling was not the best of experiences for me. Overchurch Primary School, not bad, but Park High School, that was something else. Latin, French and history, what's all that about? And no woodwork, metalwork or technical drawing. Anyway, five years later I left with three O' levels: maths, English and physics. Not much to show but enough to get an apprenticeship with BICC, British Insulated Callendar's Cables in Prescott, Lancashire, as an electrician.

After four years of day release and three years at night school, I managed to obtain an HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Now how did that happen? I was then promoted from factory electrician to development engineer, working on temperature measurement and control for nuclear power stations and Rolls Royce jet engines.

I met my wife, Lyn, when doing some electrical work on the Golden Lion, Llangynhafal, which belonged at the time to some family friends from the Wirral. We set up home together in Orrell near Wigan. Although it was a nice place, we both really wanted to move back to the Vale of Clwyd, so we hatched a plan to accomplish this.

I got a job, with a company car, as a service engineer, which enabled me to live anywhere in the north-west. We bought Ffordd Ddwr Cottage in Llandyrnog and moved in October 1982. I still remember watching the telly, showing the raising of the *Mary Rose*, while we were waiting for the removal van.

The job I got was a service engineer with an American company called Waters Associates, installing and servicing liquid chromatographs, mass spectrometers and other scientific instruments for the pharmaceutical industry. Originally the area covered was just the UK but eventually covered some northern European countries, including Holland, Belgium, Sweden and Finland.

I even went to India, Poona to be exact, to commission a high temperature gel permeation chromatograph. That trip did not go well. After three days travelling I arrived at the Poona Institute, unpacked the tropical shipping crate, only to find the internal wiring of the instrument completely destroyed by nesting rodents that had been living in the crate while it was waiting in Mumbai to be delivered. Everything in India takes a long time.

Over the years, I estimate that I have driven over a million miles and worn out many cars, ranging from Mk4 Cortinas, Cavalier CDIs, Sierra Ghias, Mondeos and Land Rover Discoveries. Now I'm retired I have a 4WD pickup, which is very suitable for living in the country but not so much for the planet, and a 1935 Morris 8 Tourer that I have had for many years and am presently trying to make roadworthy.

Well that's me. We have been here in Llandyrnog now for nearly 38 years and would not like to live anywhere else. The Vale of Clwyd is a lovely place to live.

*Phil Rose*

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# Church services

St Tyrnog's Church, Llandyrnog and St Cwyfan's Church, Llangwyfan.

Services for April 2020

All services are suspended for the foreseeable future due to coronavirus.



In our March session we heard how the mother of baby Moses put him in a basket in the River Nile and trusted in God to save his life and we learned how he was taken out of the river by the Egyptian princess.

We also thought about our own mothers and made cards to give to them on Mothering Sunday. We made bulrushes and flowers and decorated heart-shaped biscuits and we all helped to make a big basket to keep the baby safe.



# Dyffryn Chapel

April Services

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**St David's Day:** On Sunday, 1 March, the St David's Day children's service was held in the vestry. During the service, Heledd Iago gave a timely St David's message to the children and congregation, followed by solos, duets and recitations by the children and young people. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea with Welsh cakes at the end!

**Y Gyndeithas:** On Monday, 2 March, a full vestry enjoyed a St David's Day celebration supper. A sumptuous meal was enjoyed by everyone, followed by wonderful entertainment provided by the singing duo Toni, sisters Dona and Sandra, which included some beautiful yodelling! A wonderful evening to end the winter programme.

**World Day of Prayer:** This year's service was held at St Tyrnog's Church on Friday, 6 March. Members of St Tyrnog's and St Cwyfan's churches and Dyffryn Chapel took part in this wonderful service led by Mary Steel and Veronica Roberts.

This year's service was prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, with the theme 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. In the service, they shared the challenges that they have met over the years, and hopes that they have for the future. People were encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years and, on hearing their stories, the challenge for all of us is to seek love, peace and reconciliation ... everywhere!

Due to the coronavirus all groups and meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

# Message from your local councillor

It's the evening of 21 March as I'm writing this note. It's probably the strangest time in my life that I can remember. Hilary and I have been told to close the White Horse. We are doing our last takeaway meals tomorrow for Mother's Day and that's it. We're closing until we know it's safe to open.

I hope that you all heed the advice that we're given from Welsh Government and Westminster regarding your own and your family's safety. It's not something we're used to but I'm now convinced that self-isolation and restricting contact with others is our best defence against this horrible virus. We're very likely to have casualties in our local area and taking the advice given is probably the best way of confining this virus. I would like to thank in advance all the key workers that are putting their own safety at risk to help others.

If you have residents that you know are isolating on their own please give them a ring and offer support or maybe just a chat. It's going to be a lonely time for many.

If you do go out to help with shopping or prescriptions for anyone, try not to have contact with them, but just drop it outside their property and ring them to let them know it's there.

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Or leave a message on **Facebook**

Unfortunately, there are always opportunists during a crisis, so please be very careful of offers of help from people you don't know, whether door to door or over the phone. If you're unsure, give me a ring any time.

There's a group page on Facebook that I update on a regular basis regarding local news. Please join the group if you're not already on it ... it's the Llandyrnog Community group. Also feel free to put sensible comments or ask for help. We're very fortunate to live in a fantastic community. Keep up the good work and stay safe.

Regards

Cllr Merfyn Parry



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# Recipe of the month

Now that Easter is nearing, I thought I'd bake an Easter cake.

## Ingredients:

10 oz Stork margarine  
8 oz brown sugar  
4 medium eggs  
8 oz mixed dried fruits  
4 oz chopped cherries, walnuts and other fruits you have in stock  
12 oz plain flour  
1 small teaspoon baking powder and mixed spice

## Method:

- Line a deep 8" round tin with greaseproof paper.
- Beat margarine with the sugar.
- Add the eggs, previously beaten.
- Add dried fruit and previously sieved flour, adding liquid to the mixture if it's too stiff.
- Bake on a baking tray in the middle of the oven at 325°F (165°C) for 1 hour, lowering the temperature to just under 300°F (150°C) for a further 30 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into it comes out clean.
- Decorate as desired.

*Alma Lloyd Jones*

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## Dementia Friends

There are now several new 'Dementia Friends' in Llandyrnog following a recent workshop held in the Cocoa Rooms. The workshop was facilitated by Dilwyn Jones of Dementia Friendly Denbigh and it turned out that we all had experiences to share.

The afternoon was both funny and sad in equal measure but we all learned so much from Dilwyn and from each other. We learned that 'dementia' is an umbrella term and there are many forms of it, such as Alzheimer's disease, frontal temporal and vascular dementia.

It is not a natural part of ageing, it is caused by diseases of the brain and is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communication and everyday tasks. But we also learned that it is possible to live well with dementia and that there is more to a person than the disease. The phrase I took away with me was this:

"If you've met one person with dementia ... then you've met one person with dementia."

There are so many people living with the disease but everyone can be affected in different ways so it is important not to pigeonhole the individual.

Dilwyn and his team hold regular courses in Denbigh. If you would like to go along you would be most welcome. We certainly felt it was worthwhile and will wear the 'Dementia Friend' lapel badge with pride.



# Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan Local History Society

## February 2020

The Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society braved the bad weather to attend a talk by Edwin Hughes on 'The Modernisation of Agriculture' and how it has changed over the years. This says a great deal about the popularity of the theme and the knowledge of the speaker about his subject.

Mr Hughes farmed Cornist Ganol in Flint, later concentrating on lamb and beef farming until his recent 'almost' retirement.

Mr Hughes identified key historical events, which he believes continue to be important for farming today:

18th century – the Industrial Revolution, which led to good practices with economic benefits such as crop rotation.

19th century – repeal of the Corn Laws, which had a major positive effect, with tariffs on imports and exports being withdrawn.

1914–18 – World War 1, resulting in the loss of so many horses, was the catalyst for mechanisation and the sending over of tractors, (notably Fordson tractors from the US) to help the war effort.

1920s – the County Council Holdings Act, which meant that men returning from war could obtain starter units of approx. 12 acres.

1930s – establishment of statutory boards, such as the Milk Marketing Board, which saw farmers working together and provided a guarantee of regular payment.



1947 – the Agriculture Act, which provided a tenant farmer tenure of that property for his lifetime and for sons and daughters to have the right to take over the tenancy. It also allowed for deficiency payments to be made if the price of animals and crops fell below an agreed level.

Mr Hughes then gave a presentation of photographs, which showed how farming has evolved. For example, from lambing in the field to lambing inside; from chickens running around farmyards (usually looked after by the female of the farm) to the huge battery houses of today; from the milking stool to the mechanised parlours; from the horse taking a day to cut a field of hay to a contractor finishing the whole farm in less; from the Fordson Bach tractor to the monster John Deere of today. He did admit to owning 40 vintage tractors!

The audience was then invited to identify some historic farming implements. How successful the non-farming members of the audience were is questionable!

**The May meeting of the society has been cancelled due to coronavirus.**

# Ysgol Bryn Clwyd



Wales's Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, recently visited the federation of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor to spend a morning taking part in lessons and speaking with the children, staff and community members.

Arriving at Bryn Clwyd in Llandyrnog the Minister was welcomed by the school's pre-nursery, who sang their favourite Welsh song 'Clap, clap, un, dau, tri'. She then went on to the infant class, where she left her own handprint in the children's stone age cave. In the junior class the Minister joined in with some robotic programming and meditation techniques. Past pupils from the school also dropped by to speak with the Minister.

Ms Williams said, "Visiting schools is one of my favourite parts of the job. On visiting Bryn Clwyd I liked their approach to pupil wellbeing and very much enjoyed participating in their meditation class."

At Ysgol Gellifor, the Minister said, "I was particularly impressed to see how the school embodies cross-curriculum activities with the children learning about historical Welsh mathematicians in their maths lesson!"

The Minister also watched the school choir practise for their Eisteddfod competition and joined the infant pupils who were learning about St David.



Headteacher for the federation, Richard Monteiro, stated, "The pupils at both schools were very proud to share their work with the Minister, and the staff and governors welcomed the opportunity to discuss education in rural schools with her. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the two schools and all they have to offer the local and wider communities."

## Committee Members:

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# Plas Ashpool garden

What changes we are now witnessing since our last edition of Llandyrnog news!

Everything seems so uncertain for people all around the country, whether we are town or country dwellers.

Events being cancelled right, left and centre, but all I do know for certain is that gardening is NOT cancelled, nor is walking in our beautiful countryside or by the sea, keeping in touch with friends and family via the internet or phone, reading a good book, taking up a new indoor hobby, or watching TV programmes that make us laugh.

In fact, plenty to be cheerful about if only we can see our way through the fog of worry and discomfort.

I have just heard on the radio that the National Trust wishes to keep their gardens and open spaces open and are offering free entry to anybody who wishes to escape the confines of home. In the meantime, it is a delight, as always, to see the hedges breaking into leaf and some of the early cherry, damson and almond blossoms putting on their show.

As the weather begins to improve and the temperature rises slowly, so we find that the scent in the garden becomes increasingly strong. At the moment the fragrance from some daphne and viburnum shrubs, along with the scent of hyacinths and narcissus is divine.

As always at this time of year, potatoes are ready and waiting to be planted out and seed packets aplenty are strewn on the kitchen table. A mountain of ironing sits in the basket and the shelves in the pantry need sorting, so even indoors today there will be plenty to keep me busy. I hope that if you are confined to quarters, you too will feel able to remain positive.

So, until next time, let's hope for some more cheerful news and some happy gardening.

*Fiona Bell*

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# From the Rector

Dear friends,

The last few weeks has seen unprecedented times. Many are anxious and fearful of what the future will hold. We are doing our utmost to heed the warnings and take care of those around us. On Tuesday, 17 March we received information that all church services are to be put on hold and no services will take place in any of our churches for the foreseeable future. This includes all services, weddings, funerals and baptisms. Funerals are to take place either at the crematorium or the graveside. In line with government restrictions of 23 March, all Churches are now CLOSED until further notice.

These are indeed challenging times, the likes of which we have not seen in our lifetime. We have just passed the first day of spring but there feels little to look forward to. But spring is a sign of hope in the midst of the gloom. The seasons are still changing and from the darkness of winter comes the light of spring. The light is there even in these most testing of times.

In the Christian calendar we are approaching the end of Lent and looking towards Holy Week and Easter. Throughout Lent, Christians journey with Jesus into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days to prepare for his ministry. By observing Lent, Christians join Jesus on his retreat; it is a time of prayer and contemplation. At the beginning of Holy Week we share the excitement of Palm Sunday but before we reach the joy of Easter Sunday we must walk the way of the cross with Jesus, sharing his pain and suffering, that we may truly know the joy of Easter Sunday.

Easter is our promise of hope. On Good Friday it all seemed to have gone wrong. How could Jesus, in whom the disciples had placed such hope, now be hanging on a

cross. They couldn't bear to watch, and hid themselves away, hiding from the awful events that had taken place, fearful for their future. They did not know, as we do, that three days later Christ would rise from the dead and the glory of the Lord would shine brightly. Even in these difficult times we are reminded that Easter Sunday will always follow the darkness of Good Friday.

We have recently seen some stunning rainbows across the vale. Several people have tried to capture them on camera, some quite successfully, but a rainbow is only there for a fleeting moment, fragile in its intensity. And fragile is how we feel at this time, but in the midst of that fragility we put our trust in God, who brings light and hope into our lives. For where the darkness is at its most intense, the rainbow shines at its brightest.

Please continue to pray for the country and the world as this pandemic unfolds. Bishop Gregory has offered a prayer for us to use on a daily basis ... please see below. These are very difficult times but the church will remain open on a daily basis as a place of solace and peace. There will be no services in church over Easter but the message of Easter remains the same.

*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

*He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

Please look after yourself and your family as we offer whatever help we can to those around us. With Every Blessing, Val

**DEAR FATHER, WHO CREATED US AND REDEEMED US, AND WHO HAS PROMISED US YOUR LOVE, BE WITH US IN A TIME OF DANGER AND OF WORRY. MAY THOSE WHO SUFFER OR WHO ARE ILL KNOW THE BLESSING OF YOUR GRACE, WHILE WE WHO ARE WELL BE INSPIRED BY YOUR SPIRIT TO BE WISE AND TO BE SERVANTS, WORKING FOR THE HEALING AND WHOLENESS OF ALL, EACH IN OUR OWN WAY. KEEP US CALM AND CAUTIOUS, STRONG AND OPEN TO SERVICE, SO THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THOSE AROUND US, AND ALSO OURSELVES. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS. AMEN.**

# Coronavirus in Italy – Elen Jones-Evans (12 March)

The vibrant country that is usually teeming with excited tourists has gone silent! We have not experienced anything like this since World War 2, so they say. Sixty million people are in quarantine.

The number of people affected by the virus and the number of deaths has risen dramatically in the last few days (at least 500 deaths and over 10,000 infected). Although the schools were closed on 4 March, the government decided on 10 March to take drastic measures to try to curb the spread of this highly infectious virus.

Although we live in Nettuno, 1 km from Anzio, which is at least 60 km south of Rome, this is how life has nearly slowed us down to a halt as a family – me, Matteo, Alaw (10), Seren (7) and Lili (5) – like everyone else in Italy at this point in time.

- No greetings in the usual Italian way – a kiss on both cheeks! No touching of hands.
- All schools closed since 4 March. No after-school activities, no colleges, no restaurants, no church services, and all sporting events cancelled. Because there is no school, our three girls are having e-mails daily from the teachers at school with various worksheets to be completed.
- Everyone to stay within the family unit and to work from home if possible – no friends to visit or children to play together. At least we have an orchard at home for the children to play and have some fresh air. Friends of the children are not so lucky, living in three- or four-storey apartments, with no room to play!
- No evening family celebrations with extended families or friends.
- Matteo and I have had to have special permits to go to work and even to go jogging on the beach.

- Of course, one of us has to stay at home with the children – their babysitter is not allowed to come. The local police check permits of all motorists going in and out of Nettuno!
- Shopping for food is a must, but only ten people are allowed in at the same time, even in large superstores. Inevitably, there is a queue outside the main doors. Every shopper seems to be keeping a certain distance from other shoppers. The worst thing is that look on people's faces – everyone seems to be rather suspicious of each other. The old Italian smile has disappeared!



- Visits to hospitals and care homes are severely restricted. A neighbour of ours is in a hospice and, sadly, the family are only allowed to visit once a week at the moment.
- The situation here is very difficult. We hope that this virus will reach its peak soon and that Italians can gradually slip back to normal everyday living – that in itself would be a great relief!

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# Flying Tortoise

'The little car with the big heart' – that's how the Flying Tortoise was described. The 1953 Ford Popular car with a 1172 side-valve engine travelled all the way from Llandyrnog to Glasgow, from there to Monte Carlo and back to Llandyrnog successfully on the Rallye Monte Carlo Classique at the end of January this year.

At the helm, for the fourth time, was Ian Glass of Llandyrnog with his school friend, Ray Jones (originally from Bryn SM but now living on Skye) navigating.

"The total age of the crew and the car is 204 years," said Ian, "but we had a lot of fun and, although many younger and more powerful cars broke down, the Ford went through the passes in the Alps before descending to the Mediterranean and the famous Grand Prix circuit in Monte Carlo."

The trip was not just fun, Ian always supports a charity. This year it was raising awareness of a relatively new cause in the Wrexham area called Community Care Collaborative and its hub for the homeless. The slogan 'Wrexham Streets – for walking not sleeping' is on the car.

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The one-stop hub, open every Friday morning at the Salvation Army building, enables homeless and rough sleepers to access representatives from a wide range of services such as mental and general health, drug abuse, accommodation, benefits, domestic violence and many more.

Dewi Richards, Service Director, states, "The ethos of the hub is to bring services easily to the people who need them."

Ian and the Flying Tortoise will continue to look for other ways to support the cause.

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# Science knowledge

1. Water contains the elements hydrogen and oxygen. What is its formula?  $\text{HO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{H}^2\text{O}$ ?
2. Which gas is used in dentistry and makes you laugh?
3. What is the name of the chemical present in snowdrops and used as a treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease?
4. What inert gas was discovered in 1898 and is used in car headlamps?
5. Air is a mixture of gases. Which gas comprises 78% of the air?
6. What is the chemical symbol for the element gold?
7. Which metal is the only liquid at room temperature?
8. Which famous chemist discovered many elements, including sodium and potassium in 1807?
9. Brass is an alloy made up of two metals. Copper is one, what is the other metal?
10. Which letter in the alphabet does NOT appear in the Periodic Table of Elements?
11. Which element has the highest melting point and is used in light bulbs?
12. What is the common name for ascorbic acid?
13. Who was the scientist who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962?
14. Ernest Rutherford is known as the 'father of nuclear physics'. In which country was he born?
15. Which element was named after the 'Pallas' asteroid?
16. What device/part of modern cars uses mainly the elements 'platinum, palladium and rhodium'?
17. Generally, how much salt (sodium chloride) is in the human body? 10g, 100g, 250g or 500g?
18. What is the name given to elements that glow in the dark?
19. Which element is used in pencils?
20. What is the name of the gas that is used in balloons that makes them rise into the air?
21. Why should a honeybee sting be treated with an alkaline substance?
22. In which fruit does the chemical capsaicin appear that burns the tongue?
23. Why does the Mars planet appear red?
24. Which element is the most abundant in the universe?
25. The air appears to be 'fresher' following a thunderstorm. Why is this?
26. Which gas helps fruit to ripen?
27. Why do water pipes (without lagging) burst following severe frosts?
28. Which scientist is recognised as the discoverer of gravity in 1687, according to legend, after he saw an apple falling from a tree?
29. What famous Italian scientist has the 'middle finger' of his right hand on display in the University of Padua, Italy?
30. How many more bones do babies have compared to adults?

## Answers

1.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
2. Nitrous oxide
3. Galanthamine
4. Xenon
5. Nitrogen
6. Au
7. Mercury
8. Sir Humphrey Davy (1778-1829)
9. Zinc
10. J
11. Tungsten
12. Vitamin C
13. Linus Pauling (1901-1994)
14. New Zealand
15. Palladium
16. Catalytic Converter
17. App. 250g or ½ pound
18. Radioactive Carbon (graphite)
19. Helium, lighter than air
20. Helium
21. It is acidic
22. Chillis
23. Contains iron oxide
24. Hydrogen
25. Ozone is produced by the high voltage (app. 50,000v) – the lightning reacting with the oxygen in the air
26. Ethene (ethelene)
27. Water expands on freezing
28. Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)
29. Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)
30. 100

# Urdd 2020 coffee morning

Saturday, 14 March, a few days before the sad decision to postpone the National Urdd Eisteddfod 2020 at Kilford fields was announced, a very successful and well-attended coffee morning was held in the Cocoa Rooms. The Llandyrnog, Llangwyfan and Aberwheeler Appeal Committee had a target of £8,000, and this was reached and surpassed with the £294.60 proceeds.

Rhys Davies, Vice-chairman, thanked the three communities sincerely for their support of various events to reach such a high target – there was plenty of hard work



and plenty of happy socialising for the three communities during the last two years. A sincere thanks to everyone once again!

## Note received from Sgt Peter Evans, North Wales Police

In light of the ongoing situation, some of North Wales Police's plans will be put on hold to concentrate on essential services. We will no longer be sending members of the neighbourhood policing team to community events or meetings for the foreseeable future. This does not mean that we will stop engaging or working with the community, just that we will be working slightly differently. If you have any community-related concerns that have been passed to you, please contact us on [lpssntconwyrural@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lpssntconwyrural@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)



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# Village Hall AGM – 5 February 2020

It was proposed and seconded that both Gwilym Evans and Gwen Butler be co-opted to the committee.

Gwilym Evans expressed condolences to Ivan Butler who had recently lost his father and also referred to the passing away of Doreen Humphreys, who had been a very active member of the committee and had over the years contributed in many ways.

## **Election of officers**

Chair: G. Butler

Vice Chair: R. Griffiths

Secretary: B. Davies

Assistant Secretary: W. Wilson

Treasurer: I. Butler

Booking Clerk: W. Wilson

Auditor: A. Pritchard

## **Other representatives**

Llandyrnog Community Council: R. Griffiths

Llandyrnog Church: W. Evans

Llangwyfan Church: W. Wilson

Capel y Dyffryn: A. Jones

Women's Institute: R. Jones

Eisteddfod: J.H. Roberts

Football Club, Summer League: Vacant

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd: Richard Monteiro

Flower Show: H. Roberts

Astronomy Club: Vacant

History Society: H. Davies put forward

Brownies: K. Morris

## **Treasurer's report**

Ivan gave a very comprehensive written financial statement and raised no matters of concern. The income from the Flower Show was instrumental. Ivan was thanked for his meticulous work.

## **Booking Officer's report**

Winnie reported a number of groups regularly used the hall: Crafts, Astronomy, Messy Church, WI, Brownies, History Society. There had also been seven birthday parties and occasional craft days.

The Mission Area met quarterly and occasional users included Merched y Wawr and Menter Iaith.

Winnie was thanked for taking the bookings and ensuring that all monies are in hand.

## **Flower Show report**

It was an excellent show last year and thanks to Haydn, John and the team for ensuring continued success.

Haydn reported overall entries for 2019 were down by 160 on 2018. Although they no longer had Arla as main sponsors, new sponsors were found for the classes and there was an excellent turnout on show day – sales of raffles was excellent and catering went well.

## **Honoraria**

It was proposed and seconded that the honoraria remain the same as previous years for the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Booking Clerk and Flower Show Secretary.

## **Caretaker**

It was decided to increase the Caretaker's remuneration to reflect the National Minimum Wage from April 2020.

## **Hiring charges**

It was decided not to increase the hiring charges, which are still at the 2017 level.

## **Other business**

Mr J. Molloy of DCC Education had approached the committee to see whether a room could be used to provide schooling for youngsters with additional educational needs. It was subsequently decided to use the top room, which is part of the lease but DCC may consider a contribution towards using the toilets and main foyer.

The committee decided to delegate the ultimate decision to the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

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Bowls Equipment (unused): It was agreed that unless someone wanted it, this could be disposed of. It was decided to advertise the equipment locally and if no one wanted to make use of it, then it would be disposed of.

The Secretary reported that he had fitted barrel bolts to the ladies and gents downstairs WCs, a new handle to the gents downstairs WC and pictograms on the main WCs. A local joiner has been asked to fit a new lock to the cleaner's cupboard in the main ladies WC.

Kitchen: Karen reported that some Brownie groups were hesitant to stay over because the cooker in the kitchen was not of a sufficient capacity. It was suggested that if a range-type electric cooker was fitted it may be possible to attract groups, which would increase the hall income. It was decided that Karen should research an appropriate model of cooker and the committee would seek quotations.

Wi-Fi: There was a query about whether Wi-Fi was available in the lower room. Karen is to see whether the DCC Wi-Fi is available.

## Hiring Charges 2020

	FIRST HOUR	UP TO 2 HRS	UP TO 4 HRS EVENING	AFTER 4HRS PER HOUR	DAY
MAIN HALL	£14	£28	£36	£6	£60
MAIN HALL +KITCHEN	£19	£36	£45	£12	£70
LOWER ROOM	£12	£17	£25	£6	£40
LOWER ROOM + KITCHEN	£17	£20	£35	£12	£50
UPPER ROOM	£12	£17	£25	£6	£40