

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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Llandyrnog Community Shop – Launch of Share Offer

(Available from 27 April until 8 June)

On Wednesday evening, April 27, over 70 people from Llandyrnog, Llanychan, Llanyrys, Gellifor, Llangynhafal, Bodfari and beyond attended the launch of 'The Community Share Offer' in the village hall. The invitation was given by the Llandyrnog Community Shop and Post Office Project Directors.

The villagers were warmly welcomed by the Secretary/Director, Emyr Morris, who thanked everyone for their support generally and in the fundraising events that have taken place so far. He explained how to become a shareholder and contribute towards the eventual ownership of the shop by the whole community. The shop has been an integral part of the village since 1841, and the directors' vision is to restore and sustain this community hub and heart of the village.

The directors hope to raise a minimum of £30,000 and a maximum of £70,000 from the community Share Scheme. The minimum payment for a share will be £25, **and the share offer will run from 27 April to 8 June.**

Everyone who attended the meeting was given a very useful booklet that explained everything in detail, and also contains the Community Share Application Form as well.

For more information or if you wish to invest, you can apply by:

- ♦ visiting our website – www.llandyrnogshop.com
- ♦ emailing us at llandyrnogcommunityshop@btinternet.com
- ♦ posting your application form to Emyr Morris, Penisa'r Waen, Llandyrnog, LL16 4HL.



From left: Emyr Morris (director), Jackie Le Fevre (director), Viv Rosser (director), Gina Johnston (director) and Ivan Butler (independent chairman).

Hugh and Veronica Roberts, Hyfrydle, are extremely grateful to all who supported the coffee morning on 22 April and who contributed to it in any way. They are delighted to announce that £1132 was raised for the Cancer Treatment Centre, Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

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

Around the village

Best wishes...

to Iona Salusbury who has recently moved to Dolwen;

...to Glesni Edwards in her new post with RhAG (*Parents for Welsh Medium Education*) as Engagement Officer Promoting North Wales. Glesni will be responsible for North Wales counties.

Congratulations

...to Alisha Whitehead-Hughes, Y Rofft, a member of the girls' Under 16 Genod Henllan football team, who are the champions of the North Wales Girls' Football League (NWGFL). She is the top goalscorer in the League and scored the winning goal in the semi-final of the NWGFL Cup. Best wishes to the team in the final at Caernarfon on 13 May.

...to Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK (Ruthin) who were granted the order of distinction by the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (*RoSPA*). The company, with its headquarters in Ruthin, received the honour, having achieved a 15th consecutive gold accolade. The *RoSPA* Health and Safety awards are one of the most prestigious schemes in the world.

Welcome to Steffan and Zoe Parry, to Croeso, hope you'll be very happy in our midst.

Warning

Following a blatant daylight robbery in the heart of the village recently, the police urge everyone to be vigilant and follow the guidelines on their website: <https://www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime>.

Post Office Opening Hours

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Wednesday & Saturday 9am–12.30pm

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The Unit currently has vacancies for girls aged between 7 and 10 years old. We meet every Monday at 5.30pm to 7pm in Llandyrnog Village Hall.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we do, please contact Brown Owl (Mrs Karen Morris) on 01824 790690 or email her at gingerkaz64@gmail.com.

Llandyrnog Brownies are 60 this year and we would like to share our celebrations with everybody.

Do you have memories of being a Brownie in Llandyrnog? Do you have photos, mementos or even old uniforms? If so, please get in touch with Brown Owl (Karen Morris) – details as above.



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May services at St Tyrnog's

7 th	11.15am	Holy Communion
14 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	15.30	Messy Church at the Village Hall
21 st	11.15am	Morning Prayer
28 th	11.15am	Holy Communion

May services at Dyffryn Chapel

7 th	9.45	Rev. Ifor ap Gwilym
14 th	9.45	Rev. Andras Iago
21 st	11.00	Rev. Nan Powell Davies
28 th	10.00	Circuit service – Whitsun



St. Kentigern
HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE
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Tuesday	2 nd	Book Club 10am WI 7–9pm
Wednesday	10 th	Mother's Union 2pm
Tuesday	16 th	Book Club 10am Community Council 7pm
Wednesday	17 th	Tuesday Club 2pm
Monday	22 nd	Block of the Month 7pm
Thursday	25 th	Church committee Meeting 7pm
Tuesday	30 th	Book Club 10am

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

Village Hall Events

Wednesday	10 th	Flower show committee meeting 7pm
Saturday	13 th	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid 10–11.15am
Sunday	14 th	Messy Church 3.30 – 5pm
Monday	15 th	Brownies 5.30 – 7pm Choir 7.30 – 9.30pm
Wednesday	17 th	History Society 7.30pm (Committee 6.30pm)
Monday	22 nd	Brownies 5.30 – 7pm Choir 7.30 – 9.30pm
Saturday	27 th	Coffee Morning – St Kentigern's 10–11.15am

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

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 13th MAY



Village Hall
10am
All welcome



Bryn in the BMW M3

It may come as a surprise to some, but having lived a sheltered life here in Llandyrnog, I have never actually been in a police car. I've sat in my car a few times answering policemen's questions but never been asked to sit in the back of theirs! The last time I was stopped was on the A470 on the outskirts of Llandudno – heading home from a Max Boyce concert. Apparently, the police were concerned about my somewhat 'erratic' driving. I was given a few words of advice and that was that.

I am not going to dwell on that particular incident because Anwen would have told me if she was concerned about my driving but she was very quiet that particular evening – funny how one remembers evenings for different reasons.

My early recollection of a policeman in Llandyrnog was the late Arthur Jones who patrolled the lanes on his motorbike. I can hear the sound now, regularly calling here and there for a brew and a fag and to gather some local intel – like a scene from *Heartbeat*. How lucky was I to be a child of that era, I tell you – happy days.

My daughter Lisa may well have been listening to the conversation about my never having been in a police car and must have had a lightbulb moment on the Christmas present front. Imagine my surprise when I was given yet another experience this year – a 'Police Interceptor Experience' – my very own fully-liveried police car, complete with woowoo's and an open unrestricted road – well, racetrack anyway.

What do the Interceptors do, you ask? Well, they use the latest high speed police cars to follow and hunt down carjackers and drug traffickers – basically anyone who is a danger to the public or a person of interest. They have Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to detect drivers without car insurance or suspected of being involved in any misdemeanour or criminal activity.



The cars need to be faster than any vehicle your average drug dealer would use. The interceptor drivers are trained to the highest possible level to allow them, once they've had clearance from their superiors, to pursue anyone of interest.

Well, this police car was no different – it was a BMW M3 (M3 being a special division of BMW who prepare their cars to an exceptionally high standard) with 424bhp and a top speed of circa 155mph. But according to Terry, my instructor, this car had been altered to ensure it had 500bhp. The car was a six-gear automatic and I was shown how to gently pull the gear lever to 'Drive' position and crawl up to the gate, as they call it – the entrance to the track.

I was told to check my mirrors and then I shot off towards the first corner. It was what I had expected but better – it slid through the gears with ease. Even though this Interceptor had retired from active police service, it was smooth as silk – I was able to talk to my instructor with no need to shout in this car. He talked me through the track, where to accelerate, and where the braking zones were. Having negotiated a slightly tricky right hand bend on the brow of a hill, there was an opportunity (with my instructor's blessing of course, who must have had faith in me) to 'see what it can do'! The speed at which this car could accelerate from 70mph to 120mph

Remember

is nobody's business – I just slid back in my seat. It's road legal – excellent value for money I would have thought. But being that the national speed limit is 60mph and 70 on a motorway, what's the point I hear you say? Well, doing 70mph, the revs were only a tad under 2000 rpm – so the engine should last forever because it's only ticking over.

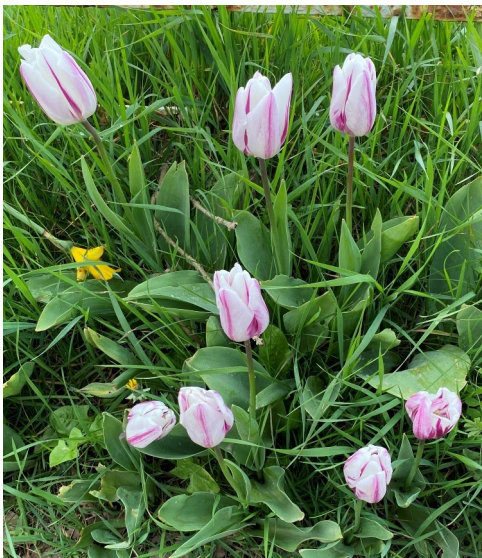
I once owned a little 1000cc Hyundai as a run-around but once decided to go on the A55 – it sounded like a sewing machine and Anwen, thoughtful soul as she is, had to remind me that I had run out of gears. This BMW bad boy has six gears but on a normal road use I doubt if it would ever need the top two!

Driving around this racetrack at Two Sisters in Wigan, I felt like Moses with the sea opening up in front of him. For some reason, when other drivers who were on various experiences looked in the rear mirror and saw a police car with all lights flashing catching up with them fast, they just moved over. I never once had to get in position to overtake, the gaps were just there – an amazing experience.

I finished my laps and to be honest it was a very relaxing experience – fresh as a daisy. Unlike a recent experience I had of driving a race-tuned E Type Jag around a track – very enjoyable but no power steering, no auto box, no antiskid braking and a massive heavy 3.8 litre six cylinder engine roaring away more or less on your lap. The steering wheel was the size of a cartwheel – I was stinking of petrol, my arms were dropping off and I was temporarily deaf and shattered! I raise my hat to the people who raced these cars but give me a modern car any day of the week!

Would I buy a BMW M3 for road use? They are well out of my price range – just a dream. But having said that, I saw a Fiat 500 (electric) for sale in a very reputable garage in Denbigh and even that was £23k – and you need two of those – one for each foot.

Bryn Davies



If you look closely, you will see purple and white tulips, *Flaming Flag*, growing near the Speddyd turning. These were planted on the Llandyrnog roundabout in

2020, the year of the pandemic, and then transplanted here in the same year after wilting.

So every Spring, when you see them as you pass here, take a minute or two to reflect and remember that difficult period – but more importantly, remember loved ones that were lost during the first two years of Covid.

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Llandyrnog Flower Show 2023

The organisers of the Flower Show welcome offers of help with this year's show, which will be held at the Village Hall, Monday 28 August. Preparation includes distribution of the schedule throughout the village, securing advertisers and sponsors, helping on the day, and generally contributing with ideas on how to make a success of the event. Usually this involves meeting as a group, about four times for an hour or so between now and August. If you would like to volunteer, please email the Secretary at the address shown below.

Last year, the show didn't seek sponsorship for individual classes. This was to reduce the need for one-to-one contact when the Covid situation was still uncertain. Some people have asked for sponsorship to be reintroduced, so we're doing so this year. The cost is £6 per class, which pays the prize money for those classes. The sponsor's name will be included in the show schedule, next to the class sponsored. If you would like to sponsor, please email the Secretary. We can accept cash, or payment by bank transfer.

This year we will again be hiring a marquee to use in addition to the Village Hall. The additional space provides an opportunity for us to welcome other organisations or activities to the show. If you're part of a club or organisation that would like a space at the show or if you have an idea for an activity to run in conjunction with the show, please email the Secretary.

Roger Warner, Secretary
llandyrnogshow@gmail.com

Classes in the show's photography competitions will be:

- * Night
- * Lines
- * Life in the Vale of Clwyd
- * A means to travel

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

The pupils at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd were visited by Welsh artist Catrin Williams who worked with both classes on creating drawings and paintings of local landmarks. The children also had opportunities to develop their Welsh language skills during the session.



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Or leave a message on **Facebook**

Memories of the Baptist Chapel



Photograph from Trem yn Ôl – A View of the Past, published by Cymdeithas Hanes Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan History Society.

It is nearly 85 years since the photo of Buddug Foulkes, (née Owen), her sister Glenys, her mother Lillian, and members of the chapel, was taken in front of the Baptist chapel, on the road to Llanrhaeadr.

Before the chapel was built, the Baptist preachers would come from Ruthin to preach in the village. There was stern opposition from the established Church, e.g. the story about the Rev John Edwards, the Baptist minister at Ruthin, preaching one Sunday morning by the churchyard gate, in front of John Davies's house. The Rector was furious and ordered the sexton to ring the church bells to drown the preacher's rendering! A room was hired for meetings at the Golden Lion for £2 a year for a short time. Who would have thought of such a thing today?

They then met at various places – Y Felin, Bragdy, Pentrefelin and Trefechan (by Llanynys), where a 'church' was formed as a branch of Ruthin. In the 1830s, land was given by John Maddocks, Glanywern, to build a chapel at the crossroads near the mill. It was opened in 1836, with two houses attached, later becoming one house. Members came from afar for many years to worship at there.

A centenary service was held in 1936, with the renowned Rev. Lewis Valentine as guest

preacher, followed by tea in the Vestry. Over the years, the membership slowly declined as members grew older and people moved away, and the chapel eventually closed in the 1960s and sold in 1977. Today it is a cosy home.

Buddug's memories

My family lived in 1 Bron Dyffryn Terrace for years. Initially owned by my grandparents, my parents and my sister Glenys, myself and Valmai came to live there. As a family we regularly attended Sunday School and services at the Baptist Chapel, and my grandparents are buried there. It was my parents who welcomed the visiting preachers with Sunday tea, which my mother had prepared for them!

To conform with the Baptist tradition, it was essential for the individual to be baptized by immersion before becoming a full member of the Chapel – there were no baptism of babies! When I was 16 years old I was baptized in the baptistery in the Chapel, by the Rev John Jones, Denbigh (*Ieuan Wyn Jones (former MP) 's father*). Water for baptism was diverted from the millpond stream near the chapel. Normally, only a few members attended services on a Sunday, but for this special baptism service the chapel was full to capacity – the village people had come to see me getting baptized in my white gown! It was an experience I shall never forget.

Later, when I moved from the village, I lost contact with the chapel, and very soon afterwards, the doors were shut for the last time.

Buddug celebrating her 90th birthday a few years ago





The Wright life

Owning animals certainly has its ups and downs, they bring us joy and affection with companionship as well as stress and worry. I was reminded how much we as a nation love our dogs after the death of Paul O’Grady who campaigned for years on behalf of Battersea Dogs Home. Our pets are part of our lives, our family and we wouldn’t be without them.

I was brought up with dogs, as my mother bred Shetland Sheepdogs for many years, small and highly intelligent dogs. When we moved to Formby and my father worked abroad my mother decided she needed more of a ‘guard’ dog. We lived in an isolated old rectory, a stone’s throw from the beach and frequently had to deal with people knocking on the door, usually late at night because of some sort of emergency!

There was the young courting couple who had thought it would be romantic to park on the sands at sunset, not realising that the tide came in very quickly. They had to abandon the car that the young man had borrowed from his father to impress the girl and watch as it was taken by the sea. There were always people with cut feet – beaches weren’t as clean then as they are now, and in the 70s glass was an issue. Then there were always lost children and even a lost grandparent.

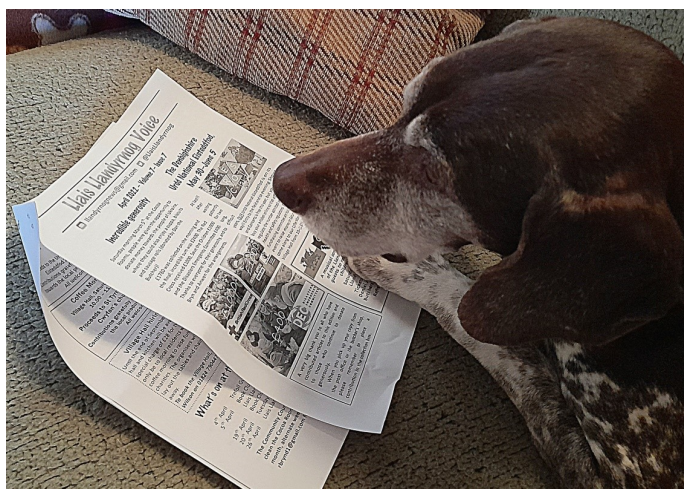
Anyway, mum decided she needed a ‘fierce’ dog, so we got our first German Shorthaired Pointer. A loving and loyal dog and yes, she barked when required. She soon had a litter of 13 puppies (Shelties only ever had 2 or 3). My mother was exhausted caring for 13 and they constantly escaped out of the garden running down the road towards the beach. On many occasions the postman delivered puppies to the house not letters. GSPs are companionable and loyal pets and want to be with you all the time, but what endears them is at the end of the day their favourite pastime is to curl up in

front of the fire, usually taking the whole sofa.

The old lady is now 14 and has had a life battling arthritis after being diagnosed as a puppy. She has been on pain relief for years, but on a recent trip to the vets it was suggested we try Librela – a new innovative drug that contains a canine antibody which targets nerve growth. This then inhibits the pain signals to the brain and hence provides relief from the pain. I was apprehensive about it, but with guidance from my vet we went for her first injection. Within days I had the old girl back; she is now extra naughty as I think for years she had thought – if I could jump up, I’d get that food, but I can’t jump, but now I can, so I will, and with a swift whoosh the food has gone. I certainly have to keep alert as pointers do love their food and now her main mission in life is to grab anything she can, including Bob’s tea and the odd carrot. The old girl is determined to make up for years of missing out.

How amazing it would be if this drug was available to other animals or even to us humans. What an era we are living in. When she was diagnosed 14 years ago none of this technology was around. It will be interesting to see what awaits us in the next 14 years!

Hazel



Our readers come in all forms!

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Recipe

Banana Bread

Ingredients

8oz /250g sugar (any type, but I prefer soft brown sugar)
4oz /125g softened butter or margarine
2 eggs
3 tbs milk
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
8oz / 250g self-raising flour
2–3 very ripe bananas
1 tsp vanilla essence

Method

Preheat oven to 160 °C (fan oven).
In a bowl, cream the butter/margarine with the sugar and vanilla essence.
Beat in the eggs, one at a time.
Sieve in the flour and bicarbonate of soda.
Mash the bananas until there are no big lumps, then add the bananas and milk to the bowl and mix.
Line a 2lb loaf tin with baking paper or a loaf tin paper case.
Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for approx. 1 hour or until the top of the cake bounces back when pressed and a cocktail stick/skewer comes out clean. It should be a golden brown colour.
Cool the banana bread in the tin on a cooling rack.

NB If you do not have any baking paper, then grease the tin well, and then when the banana bread comes out of the oven, turn it upside down onto the cooling rack, as the steam will help release the cake from the tin.

Rhian Jones

Llais Llandyrnog Voice Committee

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

Send all news contributions and articles to llandyrnognews@gmail.com.

Tuesday Club

The guest speaker at the April meeting was Jane Ford, practice manager of Lôn Ganol surgery, Denbigh. She came to live in Llandyrnog from Wirral four years ago, and enjoys living in Llandyrnog.

Jane explained that there is more than meets the eye in the work of GPs, a lot of administration and management work is involved, not only appointments with patients. Lôn Ganol Surgery is busy and successful and also offers a pharmacy service.

The pressures facing surgeries were outlined, and the difficulty in attracting new doctors. An education, recruitment and staff retention strategy is the way forward to improve the situation.

Despite all the bad stories about surgery services, the good stories are far more numerous and patients value their GPs and the services of the NHS very much.

Jane was thanked for her presentation and light refreshments were served. The members were reminded that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 May.

Trefoil Guild

We have enjoyed the last two meetings. Ysgol Bryn Clwyd pupils sang for us for St David's Day celebrations and then we enjoyed homemade Welsh Cakes.

We were also given a talk by Mrs. Turner – 'The travels of a handbag around the world from Cardiff to Australia' – all photographed on the way. May will feature a coronation tea party with music and crowns, flags and bunting.

Useful telephone numbers

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Out of hours: 03001 233068

North Wales Police: 101 (Non-emergency)
Report dog fouling free 0800 2300 2345

Sponsorship

Llandyrnog's Summer League football team was excited to hear that Chef Bryn Williams has sponsored the team's football shirts for the next 3 years. The team received the shirts at a friendly match in Rhewl. Thanks to Bryn for his generosity, and best wishes to the team in their smart outfit! The kit is based on the Holland away shirt in the 1988 World Cup – perhaps replicas of the shirts can be sold in the near future!

In appreciation of the service given by Ethan Plumb, and his support to Jimmy and the two teams over the years, Bryn also presented a full kit to him – you deserve it Ethan!



The club will be selling Bryn's Kitchen products at home games – the only place in the village where you can buy honey from Llandyrnog bees!



Bryn Williams presenting shirt to Jimmy McNally, manager; vice-chair Russ Jones, and president Mally Hughes.

Bank Holiday, Bank Holiday...

Just think – for the first time in living memory, we'll have three Bank Holidays this month: Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and the extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation.

A legislation was passed as far back as 1871 stating that 4 more days of public holidays in Wales, Northern Ireland and England would be added to Christmas Day and Good Friday, namely Easter Monday, Summer Bank Holiday (August), December 26th, and Whit Monday – making a grand total of six in all. We are indebted to one person in particular for suggesting the proposal and guiding the act through parliament in 1871 – the MP for Maidstone, Sir John Lubbock. He was also a scientist who is reported to have studied ants and tried to teach his poodle to read! He was a renowned banker as well – which, of course, explains the name he adopted for these new public holidays! At the time, people were so grateful to have four more short breaks from the drudgery of work, they used to call them Saint Lubbock's Days.

Fast forward 100 years, and it was decided in 1971 to add another day – January 1st – how surprising is that! – that made it 7 Bank Holidays. In 1978, yet another day was added – the early May Bank Holiday. And then we had 8 – this is the usual number unless there is a Millennium celebration or a royal event. Scotland has 9 Bank Holidays – an extra day for St Andrews in November, and Northern Ireland have two extra days – St Patricks and the Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in July.

These 8 days sound generous till we start comparing with other countries: Italy – 12, Iceland – 16, Egypt – 22. But we should all consider moving to Nepal to live – they have a whopping 35 days!!

Despite all efforts in the past, it's sad to think that we are not allowed to have one bank holiday to celebrate our Welsh identity on Dewi Sant's special day!

An Easter message from our priest, Martin Pritchard

Some people upon reading this title may think it to be an error because it says an Easter Message just like last month. In fact, in the Christian calendar, except for the last Sunday of the month, which is Pentecost and onwards, all of May is in the Easter season. A time of celebration as we marvel afresh each year at the wonders and liberating truths of Jesus, defying death on the cross and appearing in different ways to his followers who, whilst knowing him well, didn't always recognize Jesus. What ways do you or have you in your lifetime recognized Jesus? Why not take some time to think over this question?

On the afternoon of Pentecost itself, as Denbigh Mission Area, we celebrate the Confirmation of Cari-Ann and Erin in St Asaph Cathedral. If baptism or confirmation is something you or someone you know is considering, then do get in touch. With confirmation there is always, and in baptism too by request, a period of teaching first which lays the emphasis on everyone of an appropriate age, personally recognizing the invitation of Jesus to follow. It's not something anyone else can choose for us, people are there to help us, but the decision to follow, should be entirely our own to want to embark on a lifetime of growing closer to God. God in the power of the Holy Spirit is working with each of us in our lives and gently calling us. It is our responsibility to recognize it and our free will to respond. In last month's magazine I wrote about new life ahead of the Easter event itself. We had a great dawn service at Denbigh castle on Easter day. We've been very fortunate with good weather for the sunrises the last two years. I also shared about a trip to Jerusalem and seeking out the kind of new life I experienced when I went there with a group on an organized pilgrimage in January 2017. This paradigm shift did take place throughout the weeklong retreat and as I process it back in everyday life and service of God, it is indeed

a deeper, more holistic and new way of recognizing the nature of God and a rich evolution of our relationship.

As you live your life this May, I pray for you in your memories of collecting eggs as a child. I pray for your love for history and football and knitting. I pray for you and the grandfather clocks that refuse to work no matter how many times they are fixed once they get back home. I pray for you in your weeks away to wherever they may be, and I thank God for you. I pray for your relationship with God and I pray that you recognize God afresh this May. May God bless you abundantly!

**Priest for Mission and Community
Engagement – Denbigh Mission Area.**

Llandyrnog WI

Sharon Newell and Glynis Lloyd Wallis attended the April meeting to give a talk about St Kentigern's Hospice.

Sharon, the volunteer co-ordination covered the range of volunteering opportunities and how much the hospice needs to raise every week. She explained what the updated hospice now looks like, how welcoming it is to all and how successful the Café Cariad is turning out to be.

Glynis talked about the art sessions she runs for patients and carers. It was a very interesting talk and WI members were invited to come and visit the hospice and have a tour.

For anyone interested in volunteering, Sharon's e-mail address is:

s.parry@stkentigernshospice.org.uk.



Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society

'Herbert Lewis – The man behind the politician.'

The speaker at the March meeting was Mr Paul Broadbent, who lives at Plas Penucha in Caerwys, and is married to the great granddaughter of Sir Herbert Lewis.

Sir John Herbert Lewis (1858–1933) was born in Mostyn Quay, Flintshire and educated at Denbigh Grammar School and Exeter College, Oxford, graduating in 1879. He became a solicitor and established a law practice in Liverpool.

An MP for 30 years, and a contemporary of Lloyd George, he was a keen supporter of all things Welsh. He had an important role in setting up and maintaining a National Museum and National Library for Wales, he helped to develop the University of Wales and grants for ex-servicemen and free education, and to carry the Education Act through Parliament.

His roots were firmly linked to Plas Llangwyfan, the home of his grandparents Moses and Jane Roberts and of his mother Catherine. When Plas Llangwyfan was demolished in 1914, Sir Herbert asked for permission to take the Oak Wainscot panelling from the front parlour to Plas Penucha, Caerwys and is still there today!

Herbert first married his cousin Adelaide who was from an influential family of Welsh publishers, Hughes & Son of Wrexham. However, she unfortunately died in 1895 and in 1897 he married Ruth Caine. Although originally from the Isle of Man, Ruth learnt Welsh, and began collecting, recording, and publishing Welsh folk songs and was the founder of the Welsh Folk Song Society.

Sir Herbert Lewis was involved with the initial sourcing of the site for the King Edward VII Memorial Sanatorium in Llangwyfan and was one of the speakers at the Royal opening of Llangwyfan Sanatorium.

Sir Herbert fell when walking in the hills above the National Library in 1925 and hurt his back. He was bedridden for 8 years in Plas

Penucha and he died in 1933, buried in Afonwen.

Julia Hughes, Chairman introduced the guest speaker and Rona Aldrich gave a vote of thanks.




Paul Broadbent and Julia Hughes

The next meeting of the society will be on Wednesday 17 May at 7.30pm when Mrs Elizabeth Benson will be talking about the 'Daily Crafts of our Ancestors' and give a practical demonstration on spinning, weaving and basket making.

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Messy Church



Our April Messy Church session was on Palm Sunday and we heard again the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, while all the people lined the roads and waved palm branches. We made palm branches, and palm trees made of fruit, which we then enjoyed after our meal! We made crosses covered with sequins, which the grown-ups found quite difficult! We also looked forward to Easter and made Easter baskets to hold the Easter eggs we found on the Easter egg hunt.



Our next session will be on 14th May at 3.30pm in the Village Hall. Children please bring a grown-up to share the fun.

Meet your Community Councillor

Arwyn Evans

I was born and brought up in Llandyrnog Parish, halfway between the village and Llangwyfan. I attended the local Welsh primary school to the area and then Ysgol Glan Clwyd in St Asaph.

I have lived in Llandyrnog for a total of 40 years with a small sabbatical from the area for 12 years whilst we lived as newlyweds in Ruthin. Our three children have been brought up in the area in the same tradition as my father and grandfather.

I have worked in the construction sector all my life, being involved in design teams for schools, sports centres, environmental enhancement projects, extra care projects, nursing homes, housing refurbishment, new-build housing and I'm currently working in the housing sector.

An old and wise member of the family suggested that I apply for one of the vacant seats on the Community Council (in 2017), which in turn would allow me to get involved with all matters within the community and provide a fair and honest opinion as a representative of the parish.

I have represented the Llandyrnog United winter league football team and the Llandyrnog summer league team over the years and I am now an avid supporter when time permits.

I take a keen interest in sport and enjoy taking walks around our country lanes and on occasions get up to Pen y Cloddiau to take in the fantastic views of our local area.

There is an outstanding vacancy on the Council waiting to be filled. Do you believe in supporting your community and sharing your expertise with a team of 10? If so, apply to join us via Bryn Davies, Clerk of the Council – rbrynd1@gmail.com.

Llandyrnog Community Council

Matters discussed at the April meeting of the Community Council: (minutes of the March meeting are available on the website)

- ⇒ Serious concerns have been expressed about the safety of children who seem to be playing on the road in front of Cae Nant rather than on the field itself. It was decided to approach the PCSO to see if during his patrols he would be able to have a quiet word with the children or their parents and see if there is a possibility of Road Safety Officer attending the school to try and be proactive.
- ⇒ It was disappointing that the Welsh Auditor, despite having received all the required information since June 2022 and additional information requested January 2023, had responded to say that due to other priorities most community council's reports were on hold. It was decided to approach One Voice Wales to see if they could assist.
- ⇒ It was agreed to donate £100 towards the Brownies as a recognition of the excellent work they are doing.
- ⇒ It was agreed to donate £400 towards the Churchyard Maintenance Fund. This will allow for servicing equipment and purchasing fuel and as a recognition that the community really appreciates the good work done by the few volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy.
- ⇒ Despite a request being made to Denbighshire County Council, no speed monitoring equipment has been laid on the road between Waen and Brynlllys to monitor the speed and justify any additional signage etc.
- ⇒ A verbal report was given by Cllr Morris about the upcoming community share issue – more details to be made available on-line and in the local press.
- ⇒ It was requested that MHC holds another Liaison Group to keep the community updated following two incidents recently of confrontation between service users and residents.
- ⇒ Two planning matters were discussed:
 - ⇒ The formation of enlarged door opening and windows within detached garage at Old Coach House, Plas Bennett
 - ⇒ The erection of agricultural building at Cwm Hyfryd. The councillors expressed concerns about the size and location of this building.
- ⇒ The coronation mugs will be presented to the pupils of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd at a service in the school on Friday May 5th. They will also be available at 4pm in the Cocoa Rooms to those who do not attend Ysgol Bryn Clwyd but are of primary school age.
- ⇒ The Community Council decided to donate a food hamper to the Coronation Party to be held at Cae Nant on 8th May.
- ⇒ There were concerns again about potholes around the Groes Efa area and although repaired at least once, warranted a further repair. The public is also encouraged to report potholes etc direct to DCC via <https://myaccount.denbighshire.gov.uk/en-gb/Pages/Form-Pages/Pothole.aspx>.
- ⇒ Despite requesting a repair for the roundabout railings since early 2020 in readiness for the then Eisteddfod, they have still not been repaired and are also in dire need of a coat of paint. It was hoped that those who have had a community sentence will be able to undertake the work and this has been requested through the proper channels.
- ⇒ Despite DCC indicating that they were dealing with the empty listed properties In Church Square directly with the agents, there has been no update from DCC.
- ⇒ It was decided to do a communal litter-pick at the end of May or beginning of June to coincide with planting of summer flowers on the roundabout.
- ⇒ Arwyn agreed to prepare his profile for *Llais Llandyrnog Voice*.