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The last three months have been very challenging for the community shop project owing to the delay on our Community Facility Programme grant decision.

After pushing for a decision with the support of our local MSs, Monday evening brought a call from Chris Buchan, who we have been liaising with in the Welsh Government, to confirm that the funds of £200,000 have been granted to The Llandyrnog Community Shop Ltd. A huge sense of relief which many of you I am sure will share.

The project can now start to move forward again and we will be working hard to try and catch up on some of the 12 weeks we have lost.

We will now be in a position to issue the Community Share Certificates to investors and we would like to invite you all to a Public Meeting to hear how we will be moving forward to purchase and open the shop.

The public meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday evening 11 October at 7 o'clock. We hope you will be able to join us.

Emyr Morris

As you can see from the heading above, *Llais Llandyrnog Voice* is now entering its ninth year. Thanks to all for the support – to the co-ordinators and committee members, to all who contribute regular and occasional articles, to the advertisers and subscribers, and of course, to you, our readers. We hope that we continue – as in the words of Lord Reith, first director -general of the BBC – to inform, educate and entertain.



Don't forget that the clocks go back one hour at 2am, Sunday 29 October.

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

Around the village

Welcome to Martin and Carolyn Keating to Plas y Nant.

Congratulations to Jane Borthwick, Millbrook on the birth of her grandson, Teifion, son of Gareth and Ursula and little brother of Dorothy.

Also to Erin Lloyd Jones on the birth of a daughter, Tansy Dwywnwen. A little sister for Poppy Gwenllian.

Best wishes to John Ashton on his retirement, and to Karen Messham, who has moved from Dyffryn Chapel House. Also to Gwilym Evans following hospital treatment.

Sincerest condolences to Emyr Morris on the loss of his father; to Bernard Thomas, former Rector of Llandyrnog, and Jennifer on the loss of their daughter, Jane, who lived in the Swansea Valley; and to the family of the late Edwina Wynne, formerly of Kinmel Terrace, Llandyrnog.

Thanks: Gwilym and the family of the late Glenys Evans wish to express their heartfelt thanks to friends, neighbours and family for the sympathy, kindness and support shown to them during their recent bereavement and loss of a most special wife and aunt.

Generous donations of £1500 have been made to MENCAP Denbigh and Ruthin in memory of our dearest Glenys, which are much appreciated.

Cocoa Rooms Events

Monday	2 nd	Trefoil Guild, 2pm Llais Llandyrnog Voice committee meeting, 7pm
Tuesday	3 rd	Book club 10–11am WI 7pm
Wednesday	11 th	Mothers' Union, 2pm
Tuesday	17 th	Book club 10–11am Community Council, 7pm
Wednesday	18 th	Tuesday Club 2–3pm
Monday	23 rd	Block of the Month, 7pm
Tuesday	31 st	Book club 10–11am

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

Village Hall Events

Mon 2 nd	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Sat 7 th	Craft Group	10am–4pm
Sun 8 th	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon 9 th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 11 th	Community Shop project meeting	7pm
Sat 14 th	Coffee Morning – Woody's Lodge	10am
Mon 16 th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 18th	History Society AGM & Speaker: Andrew Hesketh – 'Escape to Gwrych Castle'	7pm–10pm
Sat/Sun 21 st /22 nd	Brownies sleepover	24 hours from 10am Saturday
Mon 23 rd	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Sat 28 th	Coffee Morning – Church	10am
Mon 30 th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm

To book the Village Hall, contact Ivan Butler:
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The committee members of Llais Llandyrnog Voice wish to express their sincerest sympathy with the family of the late Jack Crowther. Jack was a faithful member of the committee from the very beginning, for the first five years of the magazine's existence until the pandemic brought a halt to meetings. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word, and well-respected in the church and the community. His funeral will be held at St Tyrnog's, Thursday 5 October at 2pm.

Llandyrnog Hub



The Hub ladies want to thank everyone who supported our pop-up on 20th September, it was lovely to see you all. We very much appreciate the kind comments, we were so glad to hear you enjoyed yourselves. It makes it all worthwhile to see people making new friends, catching up with the news and discussing local goings-on. This is what village life is all about and we were particularly pleased to hear that the shop project has received confirmation of the second grant.

The Hub will be open again next month, 25th October from 11 am – 4 pm.

October services at St Tyrnog's

8 th	11.15am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Messy Church at the Village Hall
15 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
22 nd	11.15am	Holy Communion
29 th	10.30am	Mission Area service at St Marcella's, Denbigh

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society

Escape to Gwrych Castle – a little known story

Members of the society are looking forward to their next meeting on Wednesday, October 18th in the Village Hall at 7pm. Author Andrew Hesketh will talk about his recent book, telling the little-known story behind the arrival at the castle of around 200 children rescued from Europe on the Kindertransport just prior to WW2.

A brief Society AGM will precede the talk.

All are welcome to society meetings with members paying only £6 for the yearly programme of 4 meetings and visitors £3 per meeting. Light refreshments are served for all at the end of every meeting.

For additional details please e-mail the Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan Local History Society:

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Ynys Enlli – Bardsey Island

A Visit to Ynys Enlli

On Wednesday 6 September members and friends of the Denbigh Circle of Chapels were fortunate to visit Ynys Enlli, organized by the Rev. Andras Iago. It was a beautiful sunny day, and we had a very smooth crossing by boat from Porth Meudwy, near Aberdaron – thanks to Colin, the captain. On embarking, and walking up the pilgrims' way, we were struck by the tranquility of the island – broken only by the occasional bark of the seals, birdsong, a sheep's bleat or a cow's bellow. We were welcomed at the old farmhouse, Tŷ Pellaf, where we had a cup of coffee (no coffee machine for a cappuccino or latte!) and a home-made scone – delicious! Then we visited the old school where there is an excellent historical exhibition of the island, before reaching the tower ruins of the Augustinian Abbey from the 13th century. Ynys Enlli has been a major centre of pilgrimage since the early days of Christianity, but there are traces of buildings being on the island which date back before then. Pieces of flint were discovered on the western shore which date 2000–1000 BC, indicating that there were people living on the island at least 4000 years ago. Traces of round and perpendicular ruins from the Iron Age (circa 700BC) have also been found.

It is believed that the monastery was founded by Saint Cadfan in the 6th century. The monastery was used until the Dissolution of the Lesser Monasteries Act 1536 and its buildings demolished by Henry VIII in 1537. After this, the island was left to pirates until a community of farmers and fishermen was established in the mid 18th century, the island belonging to Lord Newborough, who built most of the farmhouses, the chapel and houses seen on the island today.

The island is renowned for the burial site of 20,000 saints, and in medieval times three pilgrimages to Ynys Enlli were considered to be of equivalent benefit to the soul as one to Rome! After wandering the island, we had a wonderful short service by Andras at Enlli Chapel. Services are held here by a visiting chaplain throughout the summer months. A tourist from Bristol had joined us for the service, and although he did not understand a word of Welsh, he said he felt an spiritual atmosphere and thoroughly enjoyed the hymn singing!

Soon it was time to depart, and everyone felt that it was a truly memorable visit!

(Iestyn Jones-Evans)



The Llandyrnog contingency on the trip

Ynys Enlli – Bardsey Island: ctd

Ynys Enlli Wildlife

Because of my interest in wildlife and farming, the visit brought back fond memories – in fact an opportunity to re-live my childhood. Enlli is a natural habitat to many species not seen on the mainland. One must remember that this was their home, and we were the visitors. I had hoped to see three species during the visit.



On landing at the harbour, a family of Grey Seals welcomed us, and remembering that we had arrived during the rearing season, they had settled at a suitable site to give birth. We had to keep our distance but listening to them calling/talking to each other was a rare experience. Yes, we were fortunate in that Andras had organized this in early Autumn – the best time to come across seals near the seashore.

The chough is a rare coastline bird – although they are found on Enlli, unfortunately we did not see one, but could hear their chee-ow call in the distance. Their chee-ow call is well-known and can be heard from afar. On hearing the call once – never to be forgotten! The Enlli grazing fields are a perfect habitat, as the short grass makes it easier for their long beaks to find insects in the soil.

Manx Shearwaters are also found on Enlli, but not so numerous as on Skomer Island. Our visit this time was a month too late to see the birds rearing their young – they migrate mid-summer for their long journey

to South America – a journey that takes a good fortnight – much faster than the Mimosa that sailed to Patagonia in 1865! They are very interesting birds for several reasons. They cannot walk – they push themselves along on their tummies!

They lay only one egg. They are away fishing all day, landing to feed the young chick during darkness – to prevent being attacked by seagulls. They live in burrows and can live for over 50 years. They are busy fishing all day and the young chick soon grows. Then the parents leave the nest, as by this time the fledgeling is covered in fat and develops quickly, and soon leaves for the shores of South America at the beginning of autumn. Yes we saw their nests, but no sight of the chicks, either comfortable in their burrows or had already migrated! That is the wonder of nature at its best. Yes, there is a splendid habitat on Enlli, and it is a good example of nature and less dense farming coexisting.

For years now, Gareth Roberts, Cwrt Farm, Aberdaron has farmed the 440 acres on Enlli. There are 360 Welsh breeding-ewes – the Tregaron type, with around 35 suckler cows grazing in the summer. Gareth says that Enlli is an extension to Cwrt Farm, with emphasis on rearing alternative sheep. He has made a good profit from the stock over the years. Today however, making enough profit to provide for a family would be a challenge. The emphasis is on the environment, says Gareth, and he is quite happy to farm accordingly. Farming on Enlli is a challenge and costly, where everything has to be transported by boat, which also depends on favourable weather!

Gareth, a former County Councillor, is renowned as one of the Llŷn's characters, wearing his deerstalker hat. By now he has transferred Cwrt Farm management to his son, and he is delighted to be able to spend more time fishing and helping out on Enlli. I was fortunate enough to meet Gareth at the harbour when he also arrived in his boat

Ynys Enlli – Bardsey Island: ctd

having had a very successful catch of lobsters. He had a wide grin on his face, holding a lobster in each hand! There was a family of tourists residing on the island eagerly waiting for the lobsters that evening. Obviously, one must take care when handling lobsters, because a bite on the thumb can be likened to a pressure of 100lb/in², shattering the thumb!

Gareth explained that lobsters can be ambidextrous like us. Their two legs at the front are different – one shatters things and the other is very sharp and cuts like a scissors – it can move this one very quickly and catch fish with it. With this in mind I used to think that the process of killing lobsters by putting them in boiling water was very cruel! Reading more about the process, however, one must realise that lobster's nervous system has only 100K neurons, whereas we have 100bn in our bodies. But, at the end of the day, only the poor lobster could tell us!

Our thanks to Andras for organizing the interesting visit, the beautiful weather and the company of good friends throughout the journey!

Rod Williams



Rod (left) holding lobsters, with Gareth, being mindful of this thumbs



Jimmy McNally recently posted this message: "Kids' football is back on Tuesdays, 6pm–7pm.

This will be for primary school kids ages 6–11. There is no charge for this service. All that is required is that your child is enthusiastic and willing to learn as we go. This isn't for a team, it's for kids to enjoy the game, learn the game and have fun doing it.

Any queries, please drop Jimmy McNally a message via Facebook."

Jimmy is now in his 20th year of coaching children to play football in the village. This demonstrates his utmost dedication to the sport and to the children, and on behalf of all who have benefited from his experience and enthusiasm, thank you, Jimmy!

As Merfyn Parry said on Facebook: 'One in a million, Jimmy. You have given everything to these children – some now old enough to buy you a pint. I know they remember and respect you and your efforts.'

Consultation

The Welsh Government has commissioned Natural Resources Wales, as the Designating Authority in Wales, to evaluate the case for a new National Park based on the existing Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Engagement events will take place in October and November 2023:

Thursday 19 October, 6pm – 7.30pm. Online via Microsoft Teams

Saturday 28 October, 10am – 4pm.

Loggerheads Country Park, Ruthin Rd, Mold CH7 5LH

Tuesday 14 November, 6pm – 7.30pm. Online via Microsoft Teams

There is no need to book a place to drop by at the in-person events. If you are interested in taking part in one of the online events, email the project team at designated.landscapes.programme@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.

Messy Church

Messy Church started again with our September session when we heard the story of Noah and how he took his family and two kinds of every animal into the Ark, that God told him to build, to save them from the great flood. We did all sorts of craft activities to do with the ark, animals and rainbows and we learned that the rainbow is a sign of God's love for the world he created.



When we started Messy Church back in 2012, Jack Crowther was with us from the beginning and was always one of our most creative helpers. We were not to know that this would be Jack's last Messy Church and we were all so saddened to hear of his death just a few days later. We have such wonderful memories of Jack; we will miss him so much and we send our love and prayers to all his family and friends.

St Tyrnog's Church and the Food Bank
To celebrate Harvest, St Tyrnog's Church has been collecting food items to donate to the Denbigh Food Bank. If anyone would like to contribute, please place items in the box at the back of Church. If anyone in our community is in need of food, please feel free to take what you need from the box. The Church door is open every day.

Dyffryn Chapel

Services in October:

8th 10am Children's Thanksgiving Service

15th 9.45am Family service

22nd 5pm Rev. Morris Puw Morris

29th 10am Circuit Service: Trefnant

Further education Best wishes to Jac, Groes Efa who will be studying at Newcastle University and Nanw, Pont y Tŵr, studying at Liverpool John Moores University.

Gymdeithas The Gymdeithas will restart on Monday 9th October at 6.30pm with Beca, Branwen, Georgia and Hanna, pupils of Ysgol Brynhyfryd who were very successful at the National Urdd Eisteddfod, providing the entertainment.

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The Wright life



The Editorial deadline for this magazine means I am always writing one month ahead, but I felt I needed to mention our cracking village show. It's a familiar event to many of us, but for newcomers the village show can perhaps feel shrouded in mystery – it isn't, and all are welcomed with open arms.

For many villages the show is the social highlight of the year and ours is no different. For me, it starts with the arrival of the show schedule in July. I scour the classes and tick off entries in which I might compete. Of course, this is July – all sorts of man-made, chicken-made (in my case) and natural weather events can change that 'wish list' completely by the end of August. This year, one of my best hens suddenly decided to go off lay, probably due to nerves after I had told her I was entering her eggs. So I was left with Mrs Brown who lays in the raspberry canes – not ideal, but they still came second.

On the morning, we frantically gather the entries and rush to the hall before the 12 noon deadline. Heaven forbid anything gets forgotten, as many a time exhibitors have down-tooled to dart home for some item left on the kitchen table. My brother describes his village show as 'social but with a competitive edge', which I think is right. At 2pm we all eagerly return to see what the judges have made of our entries. A 'well done' as you enter the hall from a well-wisher is a good sign. You dash around in a flurry, disinterested in everyone else's entries, to see how you have done. For many years, my parents received cups for their vegetables and flowers. Being a teenager, it was my job to run around the hall with a pen and paper to tot up the points, not just for my father's entries but for his nearest rivals as well, to see who would get the cup, as he couldn't wait for the announcement at 4pm.

Once the initial look has been done, you can return to reflect and muse at all the tables groaning in wonderful exhibits. The addition of the marquee certainly gives everyone more room to peruse – an excellent addition. The floral exhibits pervade your nostrils with their scent. The vegetables are spectacular – specimens regimentally displayed bedazzle the eye. A short walk, stopping for an excellent cake and tea from the WI and you enter the hall where the cookery and craft sections greet you. The food looks delicious and the craft is pristine with not a dropped stitch in sight. I pause to appreciate all the hours of work people have done, the intricate stitching and fabulous designs. And, of course, you must never forget to purchase a raffle ticket – another village tradition.



But then you turn a corner and one of your entries has the certificate 'Secretary's Favourite', it lifts the heart and you feel elated floating on your achievement. It was a late decision to enter my footstool but isn't that how it all works – village shows – they always surprise you. That prize makes you feel wonderful standing with the winners on the stage all proudly clutching their trophies whilst the endless raffle tickets are drawn. Did I win? No, I never do.

Then in a blink of an eye the hall is void of

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the day's produce and chatter as everything is whisked away. There is a single rose someone dropped, or a lone apple forgotten in the haste to pack up. The ever-enthusiastic committee fly around in a whizz of activity clearing the tables, stacking them away and soon the hall is still and empty. People go back to their homes with a renewed vigour for next year maybe dreaming of a cup.

And what about my brother, Peter? Well, he got Best Exhibit in the Craft Section of his show. 2023 was indeed a good year for the Wrights.

Hazel

Connecting with the past



Newlyweds Jill and Ian Wear from Cumbria were spotted at St. Cwyfan's Church, Llangwyfan on Thursday 21st September following their marriage in Llansannan earlier that day.

The bride was placing her bouquet on the grave of her grandparents Humphrey Glegge Thomas (died 4th April 1974) and Nell (died 30th January 1994).

Jill's link to the area is that her grandparents lived in Forest Cottage, Llangwyfan for many years, from the 50s through to the 70s. Jill (whose middle name is Glegge after her grandfather) was born in St Asaph and formerly lived in Gellifor, then Llansannan.



Probud Club

Denbigh and District Probud Club is a group of business or professional men and

women either approaching or enjoying retirement. Join us for lunch, friendship and talks once a month at the Oriel Hotel, St. Asaph. New members are warmly welcomed.

The AGM will be held in November and in December the speaker will be Gareth Foulkes who will talk about modern old-fashioned farming.

For more details contact membership officer Gareth Williams julmwilliams1974@gmail.com or visit www.denbighprobud.com.

A huge thank you to all who attended the coffee mornings in September. The sum raised for the Samaritans was £335, and £675 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.



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A message from our priest as the autumn season arrives

We are encouraged to open all our senses to what each season teaches. *"If you want to know the Creator, get to know his creation."* (St. Columbanus)

October is the month for *diolchgarwch* – thankfulness – and we can never give thanks enough for all that God provides for us. There's enough to go around in the world from God's provision, but what we do with it and how we make that work, compared to how we could, leaves something to be desired.

We take heart from the many wonderful projects that have evolved to help people through the financial difficulties we have all either noticed or been seriously affected by them.

Of course, where we live in the countryside, harvest is very much still a way of life on the many farms around us, so we celebrate it still with full purpose as do the children in schools. We are fortunate here in Denbigh Mission Area to have good relationships with many of the schools who will be celebrating with us in churches and chapels too. Some will also host services themselves in the school.

The quote I started with is evocative and invites us to enter into this autumn season, taking long deep breaths in through the nose and out through the mouth, aware of the cosmos in each of us and how we are engaging with our surroundings.

Just as the natural seasons change, so do the inner seasons in our lives. Each season can teach us lessons on strength, endurance, growth, faith and trust. *"All of creation is a song of praise to God."* (Hildegard of Bingen)

So let us be alert and praise God together as we journey into another season of our common life. We give thanks for so much and we turn to Jesus for the peace and the goodness that blesses us so much as we look on God who created all that is.

In this month's message which has focused on observation and thanksgiving as we journey into another Autumn season, I'd like to finish

with a peace from Patrick O'Sullivan to help us on our way:

Autumn invites us to listen and observe.

It is the season of harvest, transition and letting go.

It represents the natural cycle of growth, death and renewal that we experience in our lives.

Flaming Autumn, season of bountiful harvest and surrender, time of wisdom and transformation.

Autumn colours, morning frost, falling leaves, transient beauty, death and dying.

Nature has music for those who listen and beauty for those who observe.

"The senses may be seen as the nurturers of our spiritual, emotional and intellectual being."

So may you have a blessed October contemplating the mystery and the wonder of life in this enchanting season that is Autumn.

The Reverend Martin Pritchard



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Recipe

Pumpkin pasta

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
500g pumpkin or squash, peeled and cut into roughly 3cm cubes
50-100ml whole milk
2 tbsp tomato purée
2 tbsp mascarpone
350g short pasta (rigatoni or penne work well)
40g grated parmesan or vegetarian alternative, plus extra to serve

Heat the oil in a large, shallow flameproof casserole or frying pan over a low-medium heat and fry the onion with a pinch of salt for 10–15 mins until softened and translucent. Add the garlic and fry for 1 min more. Remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly. Meanwhile, cook the pumpkin in a pan of boiling salted water for 10–15 mins until tender when pierced with a cutlery knife. Drain and tip into a blender (or use a hand-blender). Blitz with 50ml milk and the onions until completely smooth, gradually adding more milk until the mixture is thick enough to just coat the back of a spoon (you may not need all the milk). Tip into a large frying pan with the tomato purée and mascarpone, and bring to a simmer over a low heat. Cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling, salted water following pack instructions. Drain, reserving a cupful of the cooking water. Toss the pasta with the pumpkin sauce, parmesan and 50–100ml of the reserved water to loosen. Season and scatter with extra parmesan.

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd



John Rowlands, chair of the Flower and Produce Show committee, and his wife, Olwen, visited the school at the beginning of the term to present prizes to the winners of competitions at the show. They also gave a rosette and wild flower seeds to all the children and told them a little about the show. Hopefully more children will compete next year – a chance to win a little pocket money!



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Bryn 'Butler' Davies drives a bus

I will have to start now where I left off last month – apologies, I got a bit carried away.

I spent many hours as a kid watching *On The Buses*' Stan, Olive, Inspector 'I 'ate you Butler' Blakey, Jack, and of course Mabel. They were hilarious and because they used Pontins Prestatyn as a base for one of their films, got the sidecar stuck on Rhuddlan Bridge, and Mabel – or Doris Hare – lived in Denbigh, to us as kids, they were very credible characters.

Anyway I digress. Although I spent many, many hours on buses, then coaches, did I ever look longingly at these massive expensive coaches, like I do at trucks – expensive trucks, top of the range trucks – and feel the need to drive one, on my ownsome, over the horizon? Well actually, no – never!

Why? Well, put it like this. I have very little patience. If I'm loading sheep into my trailer and the one in the very front and out of reach decides not to 'move up', preventing the last one on from being loaded properly and stopping me from closing the door, then I can usually use my crook to poke the offending sheep forward, put some gentle weight onto the door, and 'persuade' them to move up.

Now if I was loading a lot of old ladies onto their Saga Holiday bus in front of their hotel in Llandudno, I would not be allowed to do that, would I? I would not be very popular, and rather than getting a tip, I would probably get a slap – and a well-deserved one at that.

Anyway despite never having had a burning desire to drive a bus, I was given the opportunity, thanks to Ifan. I opened a card and there it was – 'The Italian Job' experience – what had I let myself in for this time?

It was an opportunity to drive the legendary Harrington Legionnaire bus, as seen on the 1969 film, *The Italian Job*, snaking down the Nivolet Pass in Italy. I will not dwell on the Harrington issue, but it was a Sussex-based coachbuilder founded in 1897 and ceased trading in 1966. The Legionnaire was only built between 1963 and 1965 and was not one of

their best sellers – apparently there are only three left!

So off Anwen and I went early and within an hour straight into Storm Antoni – 70mph gusts and rain like stair rods. Anyway, by the time we had reached the highest point of M62 – that place with the farm in the middle of the motorway – well things were looking up. There was glorious sunshine over Yorkshire.

Sure enough, as soon as I saw the bus it looked truly authentic with Turin and London above the windscreen. However the only giveaway was the number plate – of all places it was a Denbighshire number. I wonder where this bus started its journey?



In order to be more authentic, they had stripped all the seats out and had hinged doors in the back in order for the Minis to drive onto the bus, but I had a sense somehow that this was not going to happen this time!

Anyway, not one to miss an opportunity and to say that I had driven one of the only three Harringtons left in the whole wide world – let's give it a go.

Maybe the bus in the film went quickly down Nivolet Pass, because it was steep and probably – if this bus was anything to go by – had dodgy brakes. But this lady was a bit, let's

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say 'tired'. I don't think I went over about 30mph and there was half a yard between first and second gear, and third was there somewhere. I don't think I found fourth gear. But you know what? After a while it was quite comforting – it took me right back to my days on a school bus and the old boys driving, pressing the clutch, lowering the engine revs then finding another gear – a real sense of 'no rush'! A different era.

[Those of you reading the electronic version and able to zoom into the photo will notice that the numberplates don't match!]



Anyway on the way home the sun was still shining and we found a picnic bench by the river Wharfe in Wetherby.

What a lovely town and a fabulous day out! And as soon as we crossed the border, it started raining again. Welcome to Wales!

Bryn Davies



Bryn at the river Wharfe in Wetherby

Tuesday Club

Members of the Club were saddened to hear of the death of Glenys Evans, former organizer of the club. She and Gwilym worked tirelessly over the 17 years that they ran the club, organizing talks, meals and days out for the members. She was a great asset to the village as a whole, her administrative talents being used by many societies and groups.

Glenys will be missed by many and the club sends its sincere condolences to Gwilym and the family.

We wish a happy birthday to former member Joyce Catteroll who will be 95 this month. Due to ill health she has now moved to live with her daughter in West Kirby.

The September meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather, but the next meeting will be held Wednesday, 18th October at the Cocoa Rooms. A warm welcome awaits new members – come along and join us.

Trefoil Guild

We had a session of armchair yoga with Sadie Williams, leaving us all feeling very relaxed, after which we enjoyed tea and biscuits. The meeting ended with Taps. We were reminded to bring tins of meat or fish for the food bank to the next meeting which will be Harvest.



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- The meeting was chaired by Gwen Butler who offered the Community Council's condolences to Cllr Evans on the loss of his wife, Glenys, and Cllr Morris on the loss of his father.
- Although the community policeman was not present there was a report of a planned, rather than opportunist, theft from a local building site and the Police have been informed.
- It was reported by the owner of empty properties in the village that work to bring some of them to a habitable standard was to commence shortly.
- Denbighshire County Council is requesting information about ancient trees in the vale in order to protect their heritage. It was decided to suggest the famous sweet chestnut opposite the White Horse – one of the Three Kings of Pentre Mawr, and the spider tree at Pen y Cloddiau.
- To date no speed monitoring equipment has been placed leading to and from Green Farm – this would need to be a joint agency approach and it is unsure whether or not North Wales Police and Denbighshire CC see it as a priority.
- It was reported that thankfully the additional funding from Welsh Government has been received which will allow the shop project to be a step nearer to fruition.
- Planning matters discussed included Certificate of Lawful use at Maes y Wern, additional information regarding the Creamery site, amendments to the replacement dwelling at Celynog Cottage and retrospective application regarding the dog care facilities at Wern Farm.
- Parking in front of Oliver's Row was still a problem and the PCSO is aware of it.
- Denbighshire County Council has been requested to attend to defective fencing at the Nant Glyd allotment site.
- It was reported that there were concerns about the surface of the pavement between Kinmel Terrace and the school. Due to current financial constraints, again it is doubtful whether DCC sees this as a priority. However it will be reported.

Pilgrimage to St Cwyfan's



Members of Bethania Chapel, Ruthin, walked from Llandyrnog, past the monument of Tŷ Modlen, where Methodism was established in the village, to St Cwyfan's church. John Rowlands met them there to give a short history of the church. The visit was organised by Iona McKee (2nd left), formerly of Bodfan.

And finally ...

Steve Jukes Hughes will be performing in the evening of live music at the Guildhall, Denbigh – Folk at the Plum, on Saturday, 7 October. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Admission £5 by the door.

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