

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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Llandyrnog's connection with a mountaineer – see p. 13



From the ground beneath our feet ...



Fun at the Messy Church



... to the skies above



Coffee morning

A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way to the coffee morning. Hope you enjoyed getting together again to socialise. Over £540 was raised towards the costs of printing *Llais Llandyrnog Voice*.

Around the village

Birthday greetings to Edith Hughes, Cwm Tawel, who will be 90 on 5 March.

Congratulations to Harri Rhys, Sgubor Wen, on passing his driving test.

The Tuesday Club will be starting again, Wednesday (!) 16th March, 2pm at the Cocoa Rooms. New members welcome.



John Evans from Cynwyd who is an avid reader and occasional contributor to Llais recently celebrated his 90th birthday amongst family and friends in Bala Golf Club. John used to live at 3 Maes Llan and is a nephew of the late Mrs Blodwen Lewis, and cousin of Glyn Evans, the late husband of Mrs Sylvia Evans, Maes Llan. He therefore has many family connections in Llandyrnog and has a great interest in the village.

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What's on at the Cocoa Rooms

7th March Trefoil Guild
8th March Book Club
16th March Tuesday Club
22nd March Book Club
29th March Llais Llandyrnog committee

Services in March

Dyffryn Chapel

4th March 18.00 World Day of Prayer service
6th March 9.45 Rev. Andras Iago
13th March 11.00 Dafydd Iwan
27th March 11.00 Rev. Andras Iago

Llandyrnog – 11.15am

6th March Eucharist
13th March Morning Prayer
20th March Morning Prayer
27th March Morning Prayer

Llangwyfan – 9.30am

6th March Morning Prayer
20th March Eucharist

Messy Church

13th March 15.30–17.00 at the Village Hall

Thanks to all who supported and contributed in any way to the coffee morning of Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan churches. The princely sum of £400 was raised.

Wendy Grey-Lloyd would like to thank all those kind people who donated money for the purchase of her Christmas story called "The Angel with one Wing". She is pleased to say that all monies received have been sent to the Alder Hey Children's Charity in Liverpool.



Wendy would also like to thank Anwen Davies who gave much time in making the story come alive by inserting suitable illustrations and editing the original text.

At the Village Hall

Every Monday, 5.30-7pm: Brownies

Girls aged 7-10 are welcome to join. Contact Mrs Karen Morris on 07540 146125 for more information.

12th March: Coffee morning, proceeds to WI

19th March: Coffee morning, proceeds to Guide Dogs

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

Village Hall hiring charges

Until the end of March 2022, the main hall and kitchen will be available for hire for a special charge of £28 for two hours but only to people living within the community wishing to arrange a coffee morning to raise funds for recognised charities. The organisers will be expected to lay out the tables and chairs and put them away.

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan W.I.

COFFEE MORNING



at the Village Hall
Saturday 12 March
10-11.30am

Cake stall * Raffle * Body Shop at Home stall
All proceeds to the W.I.

Coffee Morning

Village Hall

19 March, 10.00-11.30

Proceeds to



Contributions gratefully received
for the local produce stall

Contact Bryn on 07585 170592
for further details

The Local History Society

At the February meeting of Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society, Glynis Shaw spoke about historic gardens in the Vale of Clwyd and surrounding areas. Glynis is an art historian and lecturer and has been a member of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust since the 1990s.

Members were shown a copy of the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales: Clwyd which was published by Cadw in 1995. She gave the audience a 'guided tour' of many of the gardens of significance in the publication. These included, Plas Newydd, Llangollen; Llannerch Hall, St Asaph; Wynnstay, in the Dee Valley; Llanbedr Hall, Ruthin; Rhug, Corwen; Nantclwyd, Llanellidan; and the Dr Evan Pierce memorial gardens in Denbigh.

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society is working on a number of projects. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of any of these projects, members would love to hear from them.

For additional details or queries or to join the society, or volunteer to be part of the projects, e-mail the society secretary at llangwyfanhistory@hotmail.com.



Society secretary, Hywel Davies; Glynis Shaw; society chair, Ven. Bernard Thomas.

Messy Church



Messy Church returned in February and it was lovely to welcome some new children.

We learnt about Jesus calling the disciples to leave their fishing nets and follow him, so many of our crafts were about boats and fish. We made little boats – and a very, very big boat.



We made fish magnets, fish decorations and even a fish made from rice cakes! We also learned a bit more about each of the disciples. The afternoon ended with – yes you guessed it – fish fingers for tea!

Our next session will be on 13th March, when we will be celebrating 10 years of Messy Church Llandyrnog, so it will be a very special day for us. All are welcome; children, please bring an adult with you!

Traces of otters



At the end of January Peter Jenkins, College, spotted what we hope are otter prints on the banks of the River Clwyd, not far from the village.

In early February the results were published of a survey by Natural Resources Wales and Cardiff University showing an unexpected decline in otter populations in Wales. Otters were wiped out in parts of the UK during the 50s and 60s but made a remarkable comeback in the 70s. However there has been a sharp decline since 2010. The worst affected areas are the Teifi, Llŵchwr and Conwy catchment areas.

The otter is a largely nocturnal animal so it is usually only possible to detect its presence by seeing footprints and droppings. So if these are otter prints, let's hope that our section of the River Clwyd is a safe place for them to thrive.



Gardening

I started gardening when I was fourteen when my parents built us a new house in Hafod y Bryn with a large garden. Even better, Dad built me a greenhouse. For those of you who remember the Pendleton family who kept the Kinmel Arms and then moved next door to us at Glan Aber, my mentor was Graham Pendleton. He was an excellent gardener and full of advice and encouragement.

I'm a traditional gardener, digging, making compost and using fertilizers, weeds and pesticides when necessary. I love sharing garden produce with neighbours but not with snails and aphids and so on! I aim to grow most things from seed – there is nothing more pleasing than seeing such productive plants grow out of such small seeds.



The gardening year starts here on the 1st of January, when I put a barrel over one rhubarb plant. Usually, I get this first pink rhubarb by the beginning of March as a special dessert, and at a time when rhubarb is very expensive in the shops. In January I'll be buying early potato plants to put in egg boxes. I just grow early potatoes – they are so tasty. I plant the first ones on 20th March and some like Swift will be ready in about nine weeks.

In mid-February I'll be sowing chilli (on the kitchen windowsill). Chilli plants need a long time to grow and many of them will be used

to make chilli jam. Most will be dried to use in cooking.

I keep a three-year rotation with the vegetables – so in February or March I apply lime to the area where I would plant the brassicas. These need soil with a high pH.

After the chilli, the next seeds to sow in early March are tomatoes – again there nothing tastes better than tomatoes straight from the greenhouse. I grow around five varieties and some 30 plants.

One valuable thing to do is to keep a gardening diary every year, keeping sowing dates, notes of the weather and any problems, what worked well and what not to do again.

The garden requires constant attention, and this month is the start of the season. The trick is to attend to the garden little and often and not to let it become a chore.

Richard Davies



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Three places: Keith and Carol Lester

The Great Orme

It takes Keith one hour and forty-five minutes to walk along the road around the Great Orme, which he has done once or twice per year for fifty years but sometimes varying the route and going over the top. The direction for walking depends upon the wind as it is easier to set off with a following wind. On leaving Mostyn Street and heading for West Shore at times the vicious breeze sandblasts exposed skin. Turning right along the coast, the road passes the former toll gate building. Marine Drive becomes one way for traffic. Facing the traffic there is a steady incline until it bears to the right.

The lower road, Llys Helig Drive, passes a row of large houses looking out at Snowdonia and Anglesey. It leads to a gate and the track continues to the former war time gunnery training area. Only some slabs of concrete remain. More information can be found at the Home Front Museum in Llandudno. The aerial photograph shows the location. The gunnery track goes beyond the remains. For the adventurous there is the steep scramble up to Marine Drive.



Just after the start of the one-way system there is a good trail off to the right. This leads to some small fields and the summit some 207 metres high.

The Rest and Be Thankful café at the end of the Orme appears to be closed these days. One early January day it was bitterly cold and sleety on this exposed side. A strong wind almost prevented forward progress and certainly it was not the place to open an umbrella. Keith was looking forward to a hot coffee and some shelter. Instead he met the owner who complained that the pipes had frozen and there was no water.

The next feature is the lighthouse and the road changes direction. Instead of uncluttered views of the sea there is now a forest of windmills. The cliff scenery on the northwest side of the Orme is fantastic. The ledges and steep land are home to a herd of Kashmiri Goats. These goats recently took advantage of the pandemic and the missing humans in town by invading the gardens.

The multitude of gulls are particularly noisy in the spring when they are nesting. The limestone cliffs are also home to rare alkaline loving plants. Water drips down on to the road and icicles form at freezing temperatures. Half way along there is a junction and vehicles may turn off to a car park at the summit and the road passes St Tudno's church. It is thought that around 500AD an enclosure called a *llan*, was started by a missionary, where the local community gathered. This was the beginning of Llandudno and its patron saint, Tudno.

Continuing along Marine Drive, goats perch themselves in unexpected precarious situations. They are not the only ones, as climbers dangle on ropes from sheer cliff faces. Eventually the road arrives at the toll booth. There is no charge for pedestrians. The route is often busy with walkers and runners. Mostyn Street is soon in sight and Carol's news about the contents of Llandudno's shops.

Cape Town

Just to the south of Cape Town is a small secluded settlement in a valley running down to the sea called Llandudno where we once

stayed in self-catering accommodation. Over the years we had passed by this attractive location and promised ourselves a short stay there.

Our first visit to Cape Town was in 1969 when on leave from Zambia. The picture shows Table Mountain with a 'table cloth' of cloud. There is a cable car to transport tourists to the highest point which is on the right of the flat top. In 1969 Keith walked to the top with a bit of a scramble up a gully. It is not wise to go alone these days.

In 1998 we arrived in Cape Town after driving 11,000 miles from London in 41 days in a Land Rover Discovery. It was a great relief to have arrived safely. We had a few days of luxury in the Table Bay Hotel on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Our vehicle returned to UK by ship, in a container.

The city spreads along the coast and lower slopes of the mountain. Above the houses the scrubby vegetation is known as fynbos. Amongst the vegetation is South Africa's national flower, a protea. Many plants on the tip of South Africa are unique such that it is known as a 'plant floral kingdom', one of six that all plants in the world inhabit. Many of the plants can be seen in the impressive Kirstenbosch botanical garden.

The city is modern with restaurants and shops of well-known brands, tall office blocks and a large port together with older properties from previous centuries. It has an interesting history as Dutch Europeans first discovered the country in the 15th century and over the years new arrivals resulted in tensions between various races. Tourists visit Robben Island, just off Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned prior to him becoming President. Cape Point is a local tourist spot with resident baboons keen to relieve the unwary of their belongings. We were caught out as a bag of coffee and a tin of fish was taken through the window of the car. The animal lost interest in its acquisitions and they were recovered intact.

Many people retire to Cape Town after a

working life further north. The area has a mild maritime climate never too hot nor too cold. However, it is always windy. The photograph was taken from a beach favoured by kite surfers. Kite surfing will be a new competition in the 2024 Olympic Games. There are many enthusiasts for beach and water activities. The Atlantic waters are cooler for swimming than the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula.



A Station?

On the other side of the Indian Ocean the A95 runs from Perth almost to Port Hedland for about 800 miles through the Western Australian outback. Tared roads are known as hard tops and the condition of this 'A' road was good. Traffic mainly comprised of 50-metre road trains thundering along at 80 mph. It was best to allow them plenty of room to overtake.

We had hired a motor home and needed to find a camp site. In this desert region there was little habitation. Somewhere just north of an establishment called Capricorn there was a road sign pointing up a dirt road saying, 'Camping at the Station'. After some five miles a gateway appeared with a track to a house and some cattle yards.

The rancher was pleased to see us as no campers had visited him recently. He allowed us to connect the vehicle to his electricity and water supplies. The borehole water was brownish. Common to Australian camps was a grid and fire place for grilling meat on an open fire with a supply of wood. We liked to grill kangaroo meat. It is very lean and cooks beautifully if the fire is not too hot.

Most days when travelling we generally

Three places: ctd

went for a walk or swim depending on circumstances. Walking at this location was not particularly pleasant as we were besieged by flies. This was not too much of a problem as dusk fell and it was warm enough to sit round the fire. Camping in the outback has its charms!

Electricity was provided by a diesel generator which hummed away somewhere in the background. There were a few cattle around the homestead that made their presence known. The rancher told us he had bought the property five years ago and it had not rained. The stocking level was in the region of one animal for 40 acres or so as the land was akin to a desert. It was a huge ranch. The rancher said he might not see us in the morning as he was going to repair fences. The boundary fence needing repair was 30 miles away and definitely 'off road'! He went on his own with his dog and planned to be away for a few days. His wife remained at home.

At 10pm the hum from the generator died and all the lights went out. There was no moon, cloud layer or light pollution. Darkness descended. As eyes became used to the dark, a multitude of stars shone incredibly brightly across the clear sky. The Southern Cross, visible from everywhere in the country, is the emblem on the Australian flag. It was a humbling thought, living on our small planet, that we are all creatures of a vast universe.

Keith Lester



YSGOL BRYN CLWYD

The infants have been learning all about the Chinese New Year.

They made

decorations and had a Chinese banquet as

well as a parade! *Gon hay fat choy* – this is Happy New Year in Chinese.

As part of their current topic, dragons, the children have been learning through role play, with the appearance of a huge dragon footprint on the field. This started the investigation!

This week the Juniors have been learning about the Age of the Princes as part of their history work. There was a lot of interest in class about the battles the princes had with England as well as the constant fighting amongst themselves. They also learnt that during this period, the first Eisteddfod was held and that some historians believe the idea originally came from France. Their work will be compiled in their own history of the world book.

In Big Maths, the challenge was to make the 3x table out of coins.

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Dark sky project

Living here in Llandyrnog we know we live in a beautiful place during daylight hours but we can also see so much more of the glorious night sky than those who live in towns. As a child growing up in the city I spent many an hour outside on a cold winter's night with my *Ladybird book of the Night Sky* trying to learn the constellations but struggling with the intrusion of street lights. So I am still in awe by the sight of our skies here and how much more can be seen.

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) believe our dark skies are worth protecting and are on a mission to gain official status from the International Dark Sky Association. Reserve status is only given to those areas that enjoy exceptional starry skies and pledge to protect and improve them for future generations.

There are only 195 Dark Sky Places in the world and the UK holds 11 of them. Exmoor was one of the first in 2011 followed by Brecon Beacons in 2013 and Snowdonia in 2015. Cranborne Chase near Salisbury is the first AONB in UK to get Dark Sky Reserve status in 2019. It hosts stargazing events drawing people to the area, as did the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley during the Welsh Dark Sky Week in February.

Dark skies have more importance than just stargazing. Too much artificial light has a negative impact on many creatures including us humans! We have evolved to the rhythms of the natural light-dark cycle of day and night. Research suggests that artificial light at night can negatively affect human health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer and more. For our local wildlife, of which around 60% is active at night, too much light can affect behaviours such as nourishment, sleep patterns, reproduction and protection from predators.

Llangwyfan and Moel Arthur car parks are

described as Dark Sky Discovery Sites – safe places to park that have good sky quality. Prosiect Nos—the North Wales Dark Sky Partnership wants to create the largest areas of protected skies in the world! This would be made up of our AONB area alongside the AONBs of the Isle of Anglesey, the Llŷn Peninsula and Snowdonia National Park. For more information on this and the success of the bid go to the website for Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB, <https://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/projects/dark-skies/>.



Interesting fact: Did you know that the Celts had their own names for the stars and constellations? They used names from the Mabinogion and other folk literature. For example, the constellation 'Lyra' (above) has the Celtic name 'Telyn Idris' (Idris' harp).

Catherine Howarth

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A word from the Priest

As we come in to March it's time to consider enjoying again the delights of Spring. Many people own or work on farms in our area and lambing season is of course in full swing. New life, like the delights of nature in Spring and the infectious joy of life witnessed watching lambs, is of course the Christian theme which reaches a climax this year on April 17th. This is when we celebrate Easter Day and the new life for us all and the liberating goodness of the truth of Jesus conquering death.

The Messy Church on 13th February was a great occasion and it was lovely to see a new family in the village joining us and taking part in this community activity to which all families are warmly welcome. The theme was the calling of the followers of Jesus and as Christians we believe that God calls us all in to recognise the depths of his love for each of us. He wants us to respond to it by following him where he continues to lead as a joyful response to the life which he gifts us. Of course we don't stay as joyful as new-born lambs always, but for anybody who does enquire in to the faith and welcomes the rays of light which are the truth of God reaching out to us, life becomes filled with hope and spiritual awakening all through as bounteous as those lambs in their joy.

As a new family too, Vicky and I believe we are called to be among you and are looking forward to journeying with you through life as a community. The next messy church on 13th March will mark the 10th anniversary of the church launching this initiative to serve the wider community and help bring families together and learn something of the wonder and mystery of the faith and all the good that comes with responding to the calling. Do join us and the many regulars who have been coming over the last ten years when we meet at 15.30 in the village hall. We will hear from Mary who has been there from the start to conclude the activities before the children's food.

Before Easter, of course, we have the six weeks of Lent which start on Ash Wednesday following Shrove Tuesday or pancake day. This year it's the same day as St David's day, the first day of March. St David of course advised people to do the little things they'd seen him do. Since the New Year perhaps you've had resolutions which you have failed to keep or life has got too busy again and it's become too difficult to stay true to your desired goals. During Lent, which starts on 2nd March and ends on 17th April this year, as Christians we traditionally give up or take up something during this period of time as daily practices. These help us to draw closer to God through our commitments and dedication to him like the many many people that have gone before and of course the billions that believe around the world, this very day.

Perhaps you might like to reset the compass and do something for Lent. After all if we are to listen to St David's advice about doing the little things, we could even apply it less literally to how we manage our time or approach a project – just like the old African proverb which says that the only way to eat an elephant is one mouthful at a time. Breaking up a project, an aim, a goal over time can be more effective and less overwhelming for our daily minds and the ever-changing challenges we often face.

May your month of March 2022 be one which is full of blessings and delight, filled with the awakening qualities of the lighter days and the early signs of Spring. May you know the love of life in your daily life and the source of that love in Jesus Christ. If you don't know him in your life already, I hope you see sense to turn and face him and know those spiritual fireworks visible in and akin to the hopeful and happy lambs in the fields that surround us.

*Martin Pritchard,
Mission Area Priest
for Mission and Community Engagement*

Recipes of the month

Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto

Ingredients

Butternut squash
Bouillon powder to make stock (4 level tsps to 1 litre hot water)
Ground cumin
Ground coriander
Olive oil / vegetable oil
Risotto rice
Onion
Garlic
Parmesan cheese
Coriander leaves (optional)

Peel and de-seed the butternut squash and cut into approx 1–2cm diced pieces and place on a baking tray.

Coat the pieces with olive oil / vegetable oil, 1tsp ground cumin and 1 tsp ground coriander. Mix thoroughly.

Place in preheated oven at 200 °C and roast for approx 30–40mins or until butternut squash is soft. Stir occasionally.

Cooking of the butternut squash can be done ahead of time.

To make the risotto

Finely dice the onion and place in a large frying pan with a small amount of oil. Cook slowly until soft but don't brown the onion (this can be prevented by adding a small amount of salt). When the onion is soft, add chopped garlic and risotto rice (rough guide: 1 handful of rice per person). Stir to coat the rice.

Add hot stock (about 100ml at a time) and stir the risotto rice until the liquid is absorbed. Continue until the rice is cooked (the amount of stock will vary depending on how much rice you have).

Add roasted butternut squash (the amount you put in is up to you) and stir to heat through. Add grated parmesan to taste (I usually add approx. 1 handful), stir until melted in. You are looking for a creamy consistency.

Serve with a further sprinkling of parmesan or a few chopped coriander leaves.

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients

Leftover roasted butternut squash as described in the previous recipe or follow the previous instructions to cook from scratch.
Vegetable stock.

For 400g of roasted butternut squash, add 1 litre of hot vegetable stock.

Place in a pan and blend with a hand blender until smooth.

Warm through and season to taste. Serve with a few leaves of coriander (optional).

Ed Howarth



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Election fever at Llandyrnog Parish Council late 1940s

Candidate	No. of votes	Elected
Arthur Amos	235	yes
Colonel Barton	102	no
Miss Behrens	164	yes
R.J. Davies	54	no
R.M. Davies	192	yes
Roderick Davies	215	yes
T.R. Davies	201	yes
T.H. Evans	197	yes
G.H. Ffoulkes	172	yes
E.G. Gibbs	176	yes
Leslie Griffiths	184	yes
Rev J. Hughes	190	yes
Mrs.O. Hughes	63	no
Robert Hughes	161	yes
E.D. Lloyd	225	yes
Harry Owen	219	yes
James or Jim Williams	194	yes

candidates for the eleven seats on the Community Council. Candidate packs, a timetable and all details will be made public on 18 March on the Community Council website.

Thank you, Rod and Gwilym Evans (son of T.H. Evans), for your sharing and researching respectively. Incidentally both Rod and Gwilym's fathers were successful candidates!

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Arthur Amos	235	yes
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R.J. Davies	54	no
R.M. Davies The Bee	192	yes
Roderick Davies Rhiwbebyll Bella	215	yes
T.R. Davies Coediog	201	yes
T.H. Evans Fron Yw Cottages	197	yes
G.H. Ffoulkes Ty'n Llan	172	yes
E.G. Gibbs Min y Rhiw	176	yes
Leslie Griffiths Speddyd	184	yes
Rev J. Hughes Monfa	190	yes
Mrs.O. Hughes Pen y Groes	63	no
Robert Hughes Ty Gwyn	161	yes
E.D. Lloyd Glan y Wern Isa	225	yes
Harry Owen Glan y Wern Farm	219	yes
James or Jim Williams Fron Gelyn	194	yes

Rod Williams, Rhiwbebyll Isaf, came across some very interesting archive about an election held for the Parish Council. No-one is quite sure of the year, but it could be the very late 1940s, since Rod's father, Jim Williams, passed away in 1952.

There were eighteen candidates for fifteen seats and seemingly an excellent turnout.

Those of us fortunate enough to have lived here long enough will recognise most of the names on the above roll of honour. All of them, irrespective of whether or not they were elected, were pillars of the community and extremely well-respected. It goes without saying that they have all passed away by now. However Les Griffiths was with us until late 2021, so he would have been the youngest candidate

We have included this simply to highlight the fact that on 18 March all eligible will be invited to put their name forward as

Extract from *A view of the past*

Ffordd Ddŵr Cottage



The cottage (a timber-framed building) was built around 1623 as seen on a plaque above the doorway. The wattle and daub is probably encased in stone since

the 19th century. There is a well near the house.

The late 1700s Parish Records show that John and Mary Williams were farming at Fforddŵr, but early census records show more than one entry for Ffordd Ddŵr. These probably included another nearby site as shown on the 1839 Tithe Map, where today only stones mark the location. A farm of 9½ acres in 1861, Ffordd Ddŵr later became a gamekeeper's cottage.

Documents in 1924 record the death of A.C. (Sandy) Irvine, who lost his life on Mount Everest, along with George Mallory. The Irvine family used Ffordd Ddŵr Cottage as a holiday cottage during the 1920s, before they moved from Birkenhead to Cynwyd, around 1927.

(An extract from Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan – A View of the Past, published by Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society, and on sale at the Post Office)



Ffordd Ddŵr Cottage as it is today. Unfortunately there is no date for the photograph of the cottage shown on the front cover.

Winter of wellbeing for children and young people in Denbighshire

Denbighshire County Council is providing a range of free sporting, cultural and play-based bilingual activities as part of the Welsh Government's Winter of Wellbeing Programme. For further information visit www.denbighshire.gov.uk/winter-of-wellbeing.

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Matters discussed in the February 2022 meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

- ◆ It was with regret that we received a letter from Helen Jones who does not wish to continue with her caretaking duties due to other commitments.
- ◆ The County Council has offered to plant two trees to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and it was decided to accept the kind offer – location and type to be decided. A similar kind offer has been made by the Rowley-Williams family.
- ◆ Sadly, the efforts by Denbighshire County Council (DCC) to bring full fibre to the Cocoa Rooms seemed to have ground to a halt due to the funding being discontinued. However, it was decided to revisit to see if the Community Council could assist in any way.
- ◆ It was disappointing that DCC had not attended to deep ruts in the road by the sewage plant despite confirming receipt of the complaints. Similarly, gullies around the Llangwyfan area had not been emptied
- ◆ A very generous community-minded family that wishes to remain anonymous has given the community council a donation of £100 towards spring bedding for the roundabout
- ◆ A full report was given on the recent MHC Residents Liaison meeting attended by two councillors.
- ◆ The bus stops will be given a coat of paint in Spring.
- ◆ Confirmation was given that road surfacing works were soon to commence between the village and down to Maes Clwyd. Similarly some works are going to be carried out soon on the B5429 between Waen and Aberwheeler.
- ◆ Planning applications discussed included:
 - Extension to Arosfa
 - Demolition of barn and extension to Plas Llangwyfan
 - Extension to Rofft
- ◆ Approval of reserved matters – land opposite Cwm Tawel
- ◆ Request for financial assistance – it was decided to offer financial assistance to the following who had requested during the year:
 - Tuesday Club £100.00
 - Llandyrnog Brownies £100.00
 - St Kentigern £100.00
 - Ty Gobaith £100.00
 - Urdd £100.00

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