

# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## National Urdd Eisteddfod success



Mabon – 1st in solo, Years 5 and 6, and 1st in duet, with friend Iestyn. Member of several other successful groups of Ysgol Pen Barras, Ruthin.



Medi, sister of Mabon – 2nd in solo competition, and 3rd in cerdd dant solo, Year 2 and younger.



Leusa Jên – 1st in solo recitation Years 5 and 6.



Margaret Lloyd taught Ysgol Brynhyfryd's winning recitation party and the winner of a solo recitation competition for learners. The party included Beth and Anna Jên from Llandyrnog.

Several other pupils of local schools were also successful in their competitions – congratulations to you all!

Llandyrnog certainly has talent!



These talented young ladies competed against each other in three groups in a cerdd dant party competition, winning the three main prizes: Gwenan; Gwenan's sister, Nest; Beth, and Beth's sister, Beca.

Gwenan also came 2nd in a folk solo competition and was a member of the group that won a vocal ensemble competition.

## Around the village

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Wendy Grey-Lloyd following her operation.

The members of the church of St Tyrnog were saddened to hear of the resignation of the Rev. Sam Quilty, due to ill-health. Best wishes to Sam and husband, Don, on their move back to Northumberland.

Church services have returned to St Tyrnog's church now the weather has warmed up a bit. Everyone was impressed with the work David had put in to make sure the church was ready. Thank you, David.

Welcome to Ryan Dykes and Bethany Roscoe who have come to live in Maes Erw Isaf. We hope you'll be very happy in our midst.

Congratulations to Mari Williams, Maes Tyrnog, and Elin Wyn Davies, formerly of Hafod y Bryn, on completing the Sheultra marathon on the Llŷn peninsula – 50 kilometres, (or 30 miles to the non-metric generation).



*Elin Wyn (lt.) and her friend, Manon, who completed the course together*

## Summer League

(Details courtesy of the Summer League website)

With Llanrhaeadr, Llandyrnog is one of the two remaining founder members of the Summer League whose catchment area remains unchanged to this day. The League was founded in 1926 with meetings back then being held in the Cocoa Rooms. Over the years the Executive Committee meetings have fluctuated between locations in Denbigh and Llandyrnog.

Llandyrnog is by far the most successful club in the league's history and came to the fore in the 1950s and were particularly successful in the late 1970s and 80s.

One of the main rules of the Vale of Clwyd Summer League which sets it apart is that players must reside within a prescribed boundary for that club. Other Summer Leagues have come and gone but they never had that residential rule. We believe that the longevity of the league is generally due to this rule even though demographic problems have forced some villages to merge teams (and therefore catchment areas) to survive.

The League season starts in April and continues until mid-July.

### LLANDYRNOG's FIXTURES: JUNE

(Kick off 7:15 pm)

- 1<sup>st</sup> June AWAY v Llangynhafal
- 4<sup>th</sup> June HOME v Caerwys
- 8<sup>th</sup> June AWAY v Ysgeifiog
- 11<sup>th</sup> June HOME v Nantglyn
- 15<sup>th</sup> June AWAY v Rhewl
- 18<sup>th</sup> June AWAY v Henllan
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June AWAY v Trefnant
- 25<sup>th</sup> June AWAY v Llanrhaeadr

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## Cocoa Rooms events

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Knitting group	10am
	Trefoil Guild	2pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
	<i>Llais</i> committee meeting	7pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Community Council	7pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	2pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am

## St Tyrnog's

Please note the change of times and that the services are now be at St Tyrnog's

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning prayer	<b>9.30am</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b>
	Messy Church at the Village Hall	3.30pm
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b>

## Dyffryn Chapel

07/06	5pm	Rev. Robert Parry
14/06	11am	Rev. Andras Iago
21/06	9.45am	Rev. Ifor ap Gwilym
28/06	tbc	Family Service

**Capel y Dyffryn Chapel**  
Coffee Morning  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
10 – 11.15 in the Village Hall  
Usual stalls, raffle – all welcome

## Village Hall events

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Craft group	10am–4pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pony Club Committee	7–9pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Show committee	7–8pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning – Dyffryn Chapel	10am–11.30
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Private booking	12–4pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	Astronomy Society	7–9pm

To book the **Cocoa Rooms**, contact Carolyn Langford-Jones: 01824 790122  
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To book the **Village Hall**, contact Ivan Butler: 07799 570549 or by email ivanbutler897@btinternet.com

**Thanks to all who have contributed articles to this month's edition**

# Bike Week *by Steve Juckes-Hughes*

Most of us can remember being given their first bike as a young child, that wobbly feeling as you try to get your balance and pedal at the same time, and the sheer joy when you managed to combine the two!

I spent much of my childhood and teenage years living out of town in Prion. One Christmas I was given my first 'proper' bike – a five-speed racer (pre BMX and mountain bikes!). This was the real start of my love affair with bicycles. It gave me independence and freedom to get down to town on my terms, to Bron Dyffryn swimming pool, see friends, get to Air Cadets and other clubs. I spent a lot of time looking in bike shop windows, spending my pocket money on accessories for my pride and joy, and learned a lot about maintenance, mending punctures etc.

One important memory I have is watching the Milk Race coming through Denbigh and seeing a full-on sprint for points on Ruthin Road. I felt the excitement and wondered if I'd ever be able to do anything like that.

Soon there were other 'grown-up' distractions – the car! As happens to most of us, the bike was now parked up in the shed, almost forgotten, as my newfound form of freedom dominated.

Some years later when fitness and sports began to fill my spare time, I sought out my bike again. This time, for me, it was more than just getting around. Trends were changing and mountain bikes were just starting to become popular. This gave me the opportunity to explore different areas off the beaten track and the excitement I'd felt as a child returned. I soon began racing and travelled to many events in the North of England.

I soon started commuting to work which combined training and travel without adding much time to my busy day. 'Free' training, fresh air and the mental and physical wellbeing, and a great way to 'untangle' any

stress built up during the working day. This habit continued for 33 years until retirement.

At the MTB races I started noticing that most of the leading riders were also riding road bikes and riding events for those too, giving them a noticeable fitness advantage. As my commute was on the road, I soon found that I preferred riding the roads. This led to a new purchase (or two!) and eventually joining the Rhyl Cycling Club and entering road races and time trials for quite a few years.

There is an impression in this country that to be into cycling means that you need 'all the gear' – lycra, helmets etc. which may put potential cyclists off. In reality, just as in our youth, bikes can be used for just getting around, and we only have to look at Denmark and The Netherlands for great examples of cycling as a means of travel.

As Bike Week approaches (8–14 June) it is an ideal time to see if cycling could make life better. Maybe just replacing some short car journeys with the greener option and enjoy the physical and mental wellbeing it provides. Today there are options to inspire those who think they may struggle with the local hilly terrain, or those that don't like the idea getting to work sweaty with the rise in popularity of e-bikes (assisted pedalling). Happy pedalling, whatever you choose!



*Steve at Lake Garda*

# The Shop



Have you noticed changes to the Hub room of the shop?! Following a successful bid for an arts grant we are working closely with 3 local artists. The first artist, Emma Holmes, got us off to a wonderful start by sharing her drawing and sketching process with visitors to the shop, as well as with the staff and pupils at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. A video and images of the artist's projects are currently being shown on the new TV monitor in the

hub, whilst the blackboard area is available for people to practise their sketching skills. Pop in to have a look!

The second artist is due to join Llandyrnog community at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd on June 24th, where everyone is invited to join glass artist Verity Pulford for a porcelain clay-making and drawing session. See poster in the shop for more details.

The Shop would also like to say a HUGE thank you to the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape for their generous grant support towards the new solar panels and battery. They are already slashing our electricity bill, making us a greener, more sustainable shop.

As summer approaches we have started to turn our attention to the shop outside space. The back garden is a sheltered and sunny hidden gem in the village and will soon be renovated as the new outside seating area for the cafe. We have started to purchase garden furniture and have begun to turn the bin alley into a prettier space!


*Rhian Pierce*

## Llandyrnog Shop

### Shop opening hours

Monday	8am – 5.30pm
Tuesday	8am – 5.30pm
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Friday	8am – 5.30pm
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## Jubilee celebration



This is a former resident of Llandyrnog, Emlyn bach, pictured during the Queen's silver jubilee in 1977. His bike had a trailer attached at times, decorated with flags and items he'd found. He was quite a character and would greet people with "Are you under pressures, dears?"

# Our first family car – Memories of a Reliant Regal

*by Gwen Butler*

The photo of Emlyn Bach with the old cars behind him sent me down memory lane. The following article is a long way from Bryn's tales of high-speed vehicles, but I thought I'd share my memories of our first family car:

My dad was always a motorcyclist at heart riding everything from a Vespa scooter to a BSA 500. However, a growing family required a rethink. When I was little and we lived in Essex, transport wasn't an issue round town. From the age of 6 I went to school – by myself I should add – on the bus which stopped outside the house (bus fare 1d) or travelled about on a green tartan seat my mum had on the back of her bicycle. Dad toyed with the idea of a sidecar for his motorbike, but he never got round to fitting it, it ended up in the back garden as a refuge for homeless spiders.



When we moved back to North Wales in 1966, he took the plunge and bought a Reliant Regal (the Del-Boy variety). At the time you could drive a three-wheeler on a motorcycle licence and by buying it “ex-works” (I remember going to the factory in Tamworth to get it) you got a discount.

It was a standard beige colour and although it had rear seats there were no side windows in the back. This made it a van, therefore cheaper road tax, apparently.

Of course, my little brother and I always had to go in the back as it meant climbing

in. Once there I could see nothing but the back of my dad's head and it's a wonder I wasn't more travel sick! We used to take our holidays by returning to Southend on Sea to visit the friends and relatives we had left behind. The journey started from North Wales about 10 pm arriving in Essex at dawn. I actually have very fond memories of those journeys through the night. This was mid 1960s and roads were quiet. The route went through all the towns along the way (few were bypassed) – Shrewsbury, Banbury, Aylesbury, – with “Gerrards Cross”, a name that stuck in my head for no good reason. Then we came to the North Circular Road. Skirting around London in the early hours was more fun than today's M25.



Once we got to Ilford and the upside-down onion (no idea what it was, but it was a landmark I always peered round my dad's head to catch a glimpse of) we were on The Southend Arterial Road and almost there. Heading towards the sunrise by then, the last stop was at Ted's Transport Café for a large mug of tea and a fried egg butty. (A quick google search has just revealed that the upside-down onion was in fact a water tower, and it's in Basildon, not Ilford! I always thought it was something to do with

## Memories of a Reliant: ctd

the camera film factory in Ilford – it has only taken me 60 years to find out I was wrong all this time!)

The Reliant Regal had a fibreglass bodyshell which easily cracked if you hit anything but you could get patching kits which smelled of epoxy glue. The car itself was so light I used to hate sitting in it at the roadside as it would rock from side to side if anything passed it at speed. It was very unstable on its three wheels, easily toppling over if you took a roundabout or corner too quickly (but light enough to push upright again). This never happened to us as Dad never went that fast but I'm sure it wouldn't pass any health and safety crash tests these days.

I didn't like the vehicle very much at the time but looking back it represented family freedom and it certainly brings back memories of happy days.

## Friendship Group

The friendship group had an interesting talk from Tracey of the Hedgehog Rescue group. We learnt about their work and how to make our gardens hedgehog friendly.

We also had an outing to Conwy.



Members of the group at Plas Mawr, Conwy

In June, Mary Steel will be the speaker. We are having an Ascot Ladies' Day and joining a mystery trip from Trefnant.

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# Recipe

## Chelsea buns

Ingredients for the starter:

1 large egg  
215ml tepid water  
25 g fresh yeast or (10g dried)  
100g bread flour  
15g sugar

Ingredients for the dough:

400g bread flour  
1/4 teasp salt  
75g sugar  
50g softened butter

Melted butter, cinnamon, sultanas, granulated sugar (quantities according to taste).

Mix together all the starter ingredients to form a batter, cover and leave for about 15 minutes.

Put the flour and salt in a bowl or electric mixer bowl, make a well in the middle and put the sugar in the well. Pour the starter over the sugar and mix it all vigorously (or use a dough hook).

Add the soft butter and continue until fully mixed in. You can't overdo this. The dough should be smooth and silky. Cover with cling film or polythene and leave in a warm room to rise for about an hour.

Prepare a rectangular baking tin, ideal size 36cm x 27cm and with 50cm sides, but this isn't critical. Butter the tin well; the more butter the richer your buns will taste.

Put the dough onto a clean working surface and shape into a rectangle 23cm x 30cm. Do this by a combination of rolling and shaping by hand. Brush the dough with melted butter, leaving one short edge unbrushed. Sprinkle with cinnamon, sugar and sultanas. Roll it up tightly, from the buttered short edge, stretching the dough slightly as you go and seal the roll by pressing down on the final, unbuttered strip. Use a sharp knife to

cut the roll into 12 thick slices and arrange these in the tin. The buns shouldn't be touching, they will expand later. Cover the tin and leave in a warm place to rise. Bake in a preheated oven at 220 °C, gas mark 7 for about 15 mins. When cooked, immediately sprinkle with sugar, or brush with a thin glacé icing. Best eaten fresh!

*Roger Warner*

## Denbighshire Housing

### Investing in our Communities

#### Llandyrnog Community Garden Task Days

Wednesday, 10 June, 3–5pm

Wednesday, 24 June, 3–5pm

Are you interested in learning how to grow fruit and vegetables or simply getting to know your neighbours?

Llandyrnog Community Gardens is looking to grow its community. Whether you are a keen gardener or not, all are welcome to join us for an afternoon of skill-sharing and conversations as we look to develop the gardens and the opportunities it can offer the village. Opportunities on the day include:

- Learn about the growing space and how you can take part.
- An opportunity to speak to the team about any gardening queries, share your stories and skills.
- Help build a new compost bin.
- Help plant up a new community vegetable bed for all to enjoy.

This event is open to all and is family-friendly, with all tools, training and a hot drink provided.

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# The Wright Life



Some journeys are travelled day after day throughout our lives, be it on the school bus, travelling to work or visiting family. I have been travelling from Llandyrnog to Denbigh on the Whitchurch Road since childhood (I don't think it has B class designation), but have you ever just observed what's around you instead of rushing along?

Early mornings are the best when the mist is hovering over the river and the heron glides across effortlessly in search of a fish for its breakfast. It starts in spring with the cattle returning and fields being harrowed and sown. The resident Canada geese and the orange-beaked Greylag geese can be seen feeding. They graze on the short grass, clover, dandelions, aquatic plants and unfortunately agricultural crops. Throughout the summer the colours change from fresh greens to yellow and browns and by October we see the return of the winter migrants arriving from the Arctic regions to escape the extreme cold. Major species include pink-footed geese and light-bellied Brent geese. These arctic breeders seek milder Welsh coastal wetlands and mudflats.

Apart from the wildlife, traffic density has increased from the quiet roads of the 70s. Do you remember the milk tankers which transported dairy products from the Creamery up until 2018 when Arla Foods closed its cheese production? The factory was originally established in 1920s, a search on Google states, 'Its early origins were from local farmers, including Mr Salt of Plas Ashpool and Colonel Vosper of Plas Coch, who started a cheese-making business in the area around 1916/17.' If anyone has any more interesting facts about the creamery let us know. (The Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society book, *Trem yn Ôl*, has an excellent section on The Creamery but more personal memories would be very interesting. Ed.) My memories were the

ever-present threat of meeting one of the enormous milk tankers on the 'blue bridge' – it's not quite wide enough to pass, is it?

The tankers operated 24/7, thundering their way through the village and beyond. One autumn I assisted a farmer evacuate their stock from the low-lying fields due to a flood warning. On a long and wet night, I stood waiting for the animal transport to arrive, they loaded a few cows at a time and took them to higher ground. Of course, I had to wait on my own for the transport to return. It was an eerie night with the splashing of the rising flood water and the rumble of approaching milk tankers passing me high up on the road and then the stillness. By dawn, finally all the stock were safe and I went home to a hot bath and a well-earned bacon buttie.

The National Eisteddfod was a highlight in 2001 and then returning in 2013. It seemed to take weeks for the event to be set up with the Pavilion, which is the centre



piece of the Maes, rising in the fields at Kilford Farm. In those days it was pink and was a landmark

wherever it was hoisted for over a decade becoming a familiar sight on the Maes. The distinctive, pink-peaked marquee was replaced by a new structure called "Evolution", starting in 2016 to improve seating views and reduce noise.

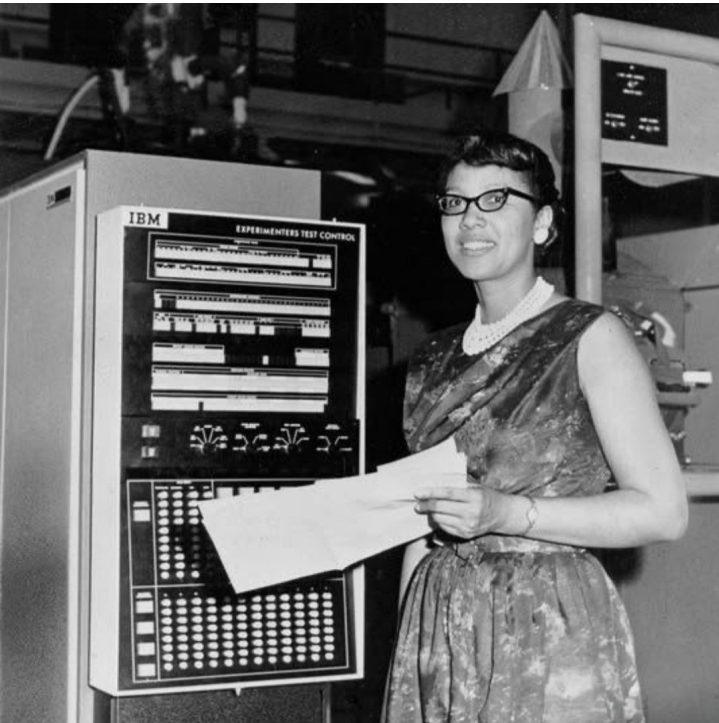
I am sure we all travel along this road and on a quiet stretch with no traffic, take time to look beyond the tarmac and enjoy your journey.

Hazel

# Astronomy Society



Great to see some more new faces at the April meeting. Our Artemis special featured our four astronauts (picture above) mocking up an approximation of the living space on the real Orion capsule and demonstrated the launch and journey the astronauts took. As ever, it was all good fun and informative too.



Continuing our theme of groundbreaking women in astronomy, we had a talk on Dorothea Vaughan (1910 – 2008), a pioneer in mathematics and computing who broke racial and gender barriers and left a lasting impact on NASA and STEM fields. She was a key figure in the transition from human

computing to electronic programming, becoming an expert FORTRAN programmer, and was one of the "Hidden Figures" who helped launch satellites into space.

‘Our Sky this Month’ feature included the constellation Leo, more galaxy talk and on top of all that, we still managed to get the scopes out for some great views of a 93% lit moon, Venus and Jupiter. A very busy night.

What to see in June – Noctilucent clouds are visible throughout June and July, look to the northern horizon after sunset or before sunrise for these rare ‘night-shining’ clouds. Mercury is best viewed in the evening sky during the first half of June while Venus begins re-emerging in the morning sky from mid-month. With the shorter nights The Milky Way is best viewed during the twilight hours rising earlier as the month progresses.

Our next meeting is in the Lower Room of the village hall at 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

There is lots to look forward to in the nights sky so ‘Keep looking up’ everyone.



**Paul Clark**

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# Talented musicians

Lloyd Powell is 15, lives in Tŷ Capel Isa, a pupil in Ysgol Brynhyfryd, and is studying his grade 7 percussion having attained a Distinction in Grade 6.



Lloyd is the kit player with Wales' finest Youth Band – Seindorf Beaumaris. Lloyd travels sometimes twice a week to Beaumaris for rehearsals. In April he competed in Linz, Austria in the European Youth Brass Band Championships – he played a challenging 20- minute programme. The band finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Europe – one of the youngest bands to compete. It was an impressive award!

Lloyd is considering a career in music and will be attending the Royal Marines Band training course soon to see if this is an option for him to continue his drumming



*An aptly named place in Linz to provide refreshments for Lloyd and his fellow percussionists*

professionally after school.

Lloyd's brother Mason is 16 and his friend, Tyler is also 16. Along with Lloyd they competed and won the percussion section of Chester Music Festival – well done, boys!



Mason and Tyler are also members of the band Ambrose, who played during the recent visit of King Charles to St Asaph cathedral.



*Lloyd and Mason hoping for a ride in the royal car*



*Their mother, Heather, head of Service of Denbighshire Music Co-operative, also met the king*



# MHC

## Celebrating Staff Appreciation week

At Mental Health Care UK (MHC), providing meaningful, person-centred care is at the heart of everything we do. Central to this is the dedication and compassion of our exceptional staff, who support our residents every day.

To recognise their invaluable contribution, Highfield Park recently hosted a Staff Appreciation Week, focused on wellbeing, creativity and team spirit. The management team organised a varied programme of activities designed to give staff time to relax, connect and enjoy themselves.

Highlights included canvas painting sessions, allowing staff to explore their creativity, and relaxing massages from our in-house masseuse. A shared cultural lunch showcased a range of delicious dishes, reflecting the diverse backgrounds of the Highfield Park team.

Outdoor activities brought plenty of energy and laughter, with a human hamster ball race, tug of war and a lively game of rounders in the sunshine, alongside other activities throughout the week.

Staff feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their appreciation for being recognised in such thoughtful ways. At MHC we truly believe our staff are the foundation of our success, and this week was a small way to say thank you for all they do.

Thanks to Community Councillors Elaine Williams and Gwen Butler, and the clerk, Bryn Davies, for ensuring another beautiful display of plants for the summer. Thanks also to Graham Pickles, Green Fingers, and Haydn Roberts for the supply of the plants, and for the generous donation towards the purchase of the plants.

## Denbighshire County Council

**Merfyn Parry**



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A huge thank you to all who attended the coffee morning in aid of Blood Bikes Wales, raising £500 for this worthy cause.

**Becky Gittins, MP for Clwyd East**

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## Garden Club

Our May meeting welcomed Jozsef Vass to talk about Resource Micro Gardening. Like the intrepid explorers, we were taken into the future exploring how indoor gardening can give us greens all year-round. He explained how plants function and what we can provide for them to thrive indoors. We learnt about how the hydroponic shelving system fits into our homes and can provide us fresh herbs and salads all year round and beyond. From the familiar Lollo Rossa lettuces to kale as well as microgreens like radish, pea shoots and coriander which produce young, tender shoots of vegetables which can be harvested 1 – 3 weeks after germination.



Our coffee morning and annual plant sale (keep an eye out for this next year) was highly successful. We raised a massive £557.39. Thank you everyone for supporting us and we will be announcing our 2027 programme very shortly.

Our June meeting will be a garden visit to the home of Mr Tony Burrows at Castanwyddan, Ffordlas so no meeting in the Village Hall.

Our main programme re-starts on September 8<sup>th</sup> with Dawn Gough talking about The Crafty Gardener.

If you are interested in joining the club, why not pop along or email us at [LlandyrnogGardeners@outlook.com?](mailto:LlandyrnogGardeners@outlook.com)

## Mothers' Union

Our speaker in our May meeting was Gaynor Kumria, who came to tell us about the Henllan Warm Space where she is a volunteer. It started during Covid, with a table outside so people could come together for coffee and cake. Then it moved inside and it grew and grew until now the team provides a two-course meal for up to 70 people every Thursday, with deliveries of meals to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for lunch. The food is provided by supermarkets, who would otherwise be sending it to landfill and so the project fulfils two aims: it brings people together for companionship and a meal and it prevents a huge amount of food waste. Any food not needed for the meal is offered to the community, who simply come to collect it.

It is an amazing initiative which has won several awards and has attracted funding for two years. We were full of admiration for the team and just kept thinking about peeling potatoes for 70 people!

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# Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

There have been lots of visitors to school this half term. Dosbarth Hedfan is involved in an exciting art project with the village shop and Ruthin craft centre. As part of the project they enjoyed their first visit from artist Emma who taught them sketching skills.

Our sports night and summer fayre event is early this year – the date to be confirmed. There will be races from 5pm and fayre straight afterwards, a warm welcome is extended to all our community members.



PC Craig is our new school liaison police officer and he has spent time with both classes.



Denbighshire Music Co-operative came and did a samba drums workshop with Dosbarth Hedfan.



Pupils in Dosbarth Tyfu have made such amazing progress with their reading that they have been awarded tokens for the book vending machine – da iawn chi!

# Hello from the Rectory

Across the fields and lanes around Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan, the paths are well trodden at this time of year. Here, where the Offa's Dyke path passes by, footsteps carry stories—of those walking with purpose, with questions, with hope. The evenings grow longer, the air softer, and we find ourselves lingering a little more. Early mornings bring birdsong over the hedgerows, the quiet rhythm of boots on earth, the gentle warmth of the sun on our faces. Walking has a way of slowing us just enough to notice what is around us—and perhaps what is stirring within us too.

For many, walking is accompanied by sound. Music in our ears, something familiar that matches our pace. It can lift our spirits, steady our thoughts, and give space to all we carry. We know, perhaps more clearly now, that music nourishes something deep within us. It eases stress, brings a sense of wellbeing, and connects us to something beyond the immediate moment.

And yet, the Offa's Dyke path also offers something different. Space for quiet. Moments without interruption. A chance simply to listen.

In a world that rarely pauses, silence can feel unfamiliar. It is easy to fill every step—with music, with words, with distraction. But there is a quiet gift in choosing, even for a short while, to walk without it. To hear the wind moving through the trees, the call of birds overhead, the steady beat of our own footsteps. To allow our thoughts to settle, rather than be hurried along.

The Christian life has often been described as a journey, and pilgrimage is one of its oldest expressions. Not grand or complicated, but simple: people walking, reflecting, praying, sometimes together, sometimes alone. And often it is not at the beginning or the end of the journey that something changes, but somewhere along the way—a moment of clarity, a sense of

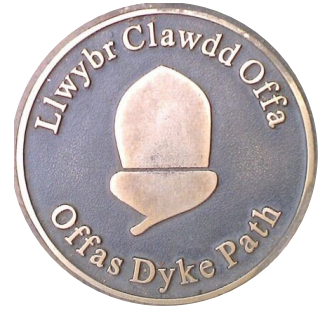
peace, a renewed awareness of God's presence beside us.

Here at St Cwyfan's and St Tyrnog's, we are reminded that we are part of that wider journey of faith, shared across time and place. Whether you are walking the Offa's Dyke path or simply taking a familiar path close to home, there is an invitation in each step: to notice, to listen, and to give thanks.

As the weeks of summer unfold, there will be times to gather, to celebrate, and to share in community. But alongside these times of togetherness, there remains a quieter call—to walk, to be present, and to receive the gifts of creation that surround us.

And perhaps, as you go, you might find yourself joining in with that great, ongoing song of creation—whether in silence, in footsteps, or even, now and then, in a voice raised gently in song.

With every blessing,  
Rev'd Rebecca



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## Trefoil Guild

Members met at Tŷ Clwyd, the Clwyd Girl Guide Outdoor Centre, to see the newly-planted environmentally friendly garden – including a pond, various plants, an Anglesey apple tree and a Denbigh plum tree. All this was possible with a grant. Afternoon tea was provided by the chairman.

The next meeting will be a visit to a donkey sanctuary. New members always welcome.

## Messy Church

In our May session we heard the story Jesus told about the mustard seed. It is a very small seed but it grows into a big plant and birds can shelter in its branches. We also heard about St David who said 'Do the little things' and we looked at how even small acts of kindness can grow and create a friendly, welcoming community. We all promised to make a note of an act of kindness every day during Christian Aid Week.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 14th June at 3.30pm in the Village Hall and all are warmly welcome.

# LLANDYRNOG UNITED FC 50th ANNIVERSARY FUN-DAY

**Saturday 6th June from 11am**

## Fun-Day Timeline

**09:00 - Gates Open**

**10:30 - Last Call for Team Registration**

**11:00 - Junior Tournament Starts**

**14:30 - Past XI vs Current XI**

**Food & Games on all day**

in collaboration with



## Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and attended the coffee morning, raising £360 to Campfire Cymru. Once again Llandyrnog dug deep into its pockets and gave generously.

*Carolyn Langford Jones and family*

Having complained about the potholes for so long it is only right that we publicly thank Denbighshire Highways and the contractors Hogan's on the almost motorway standard of tarmac on the "Llandyrnog By-Pass" (Celynog crossroads to the Kinmel Arms roundabout). It was worth having the road closed for a few days to have a proper job done. Thank you!

## The Tuesday Club

Rhian Pierce, farming adviser with the RSPB was the guest speaker in May's meeting. Some of Wales' farmland birds, like the Lapwing have suffered severe declines. These birds have traditionally relied upon farming systems that provided a habitat for nesting, food sources and cover for chicks. Understanding and addressing the factors leading to these declines, and how to rectify them, could help prevent them in the future. She also spoke about other projects that involve protecting birds facing extinction.

Rhian was thanked for her interesting and informative talk. The next meeting will be at the Cocoa Rooms, Wednesday 17 June at 2pm. New members welcome.

# LLANDYRNOG FUN-DAY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Saturday 6th June from 11am  
in collaboration with



## Junior Football Tournament Entry Conditions

Maximum of 8 per Team (6 players, 2 subs.)

Maximum Age of 11 Years Old

£20 Entry Fee per Team

To Enter a Junior Team, contact:  
[allelitesportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:allelitesportscoaching@gmail.com) or 07717 001 576

Teams to arrive no later than 10:30am for  
registration

# Llandyrnog Community Council

## AGM of the Community Council

The community council held its AGM in May. Cllr Gwen Butler was nominated as Chair and Emyr Morris as Vice Chair.

In her report Cllr Butler referred to the year's achievements which included additional equipment at Cae Nant and thanked Vicky Owen for her determination to see the project to fruition, STAND NW for practical advice on type of equipment, a commuted sum from Denbighshire County Council (DCC), and generous grants from Clocaenog Wind Farm, the National Lottery, and MHC. Also a new bench and accessible picnic bench will be placed soon.

Cllr Butler referred to the sad fact that two members have tendered their resignations within a very short space of time. However the Council is in the process of seeking permission from DCC to co-opt two new councillors.

The Community Council, through Cllr Borthwick, secured two biodiversity/wildflower packages and involved the school with planting these in Cae Nant and Parc Tyn Llan. Hopefully in the future these will self-seed and we will see more native perennials.

Our biodiversity report was prepared and has been adopted by One Voice Wales. This is now a statutory requirement and biodiversity issues will be considered alongside any planning application. Our business plan has also been adopted and is a blueprint for future investments.

Following the AGM, the monthly meeting was held and among matters discussed were the following:

- ◇ The local PCSO attended and reported that there were few very reported incidents. However he was aware of a

white van in the area with a registered address in the Midlands and had been seen in an adjoining parish emptying a skip of scrap metal. Everyone should be vigilant and any suspicious incidents involving such a vehicle should be reported immediately to 101 along with its registration number.

- ◇ It was decided to proceed to co-opt two new members onto the Council. The co-option notices will be published and displayed as soon as DCC has given the go-ahead.
- ◇ The clerk has negotiated a three-year payment plan with Welsh Audit, however it was decided to pay the total amount outstanding.
- ◇ The agreement with the current internet supplier is due to end in June and it was decided to seek another provider.
- ◇ The fencing material for Cae Nant has been delivered and an order placed with John Morris to erect the fence. This work is in hand.
- ◇ Cllr Butler attended a meeting in Ruthin on 27<sup>th</sup> April to meet the new Chief Executive Officer and a renewed charter between the county council and community council was on her agenda. This will provide clear lines of communication.
- ◇ Cllrs Butler and Morris represented Llandyrnog at the National Landscape (AONB) forum at Tremeirchion on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## Co option

**There are two vacant seats on the community council. If you feel you would like to apply, and see if you qualify by virtue of living or working in the Community, contact Bryn – [rbrynd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrynd1@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> June.**