

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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Champions!



What a way to end the season! The Bridson and Evans Shield champions 2026 – won for the 19th time. All the players, the manager and the committee would like to thank everyone for their support for the season.



Congratulations also to John Mel Rowlands, chair of Llandyrnog Garden Club, for winning a number of prizes: 3 x 1sts, 5 x 2nds and 3 x 3rds in the Sweet Peas competitions at the Royal Welsh Show at Llanelwedd. Excellent!

Llandyrnog flower and produce show

Preparations for this year's flower show on 31st August are well underway. We aim to deliver schedules to every house in our catchment area, but if we have missed you there are additional copies available in the shop.

This year we are offering 146 classes covering fruit and vegetables, flowers, home produce, crafts, photography and 18 classes for under 18s, so there really is something for everyone. Entry forms can be taken to the shop no later than 12 noon on Friday 28th August, or an electronic form is available at llandyrnogshow@gmail.com.

Around the village

Congratulations to Tyler Chown for winning the Denbighshire Music Co-operation's Secondary Schools drumming award. Tyler also had quite a surprise when he saw that his grandfather Iain Brakcen, who is not well, had travelled all the way from Durham to support his grandson. Tyler is also a member of the school rock band and the Co-operative's Four Counties Fusion Band.



Llandyrnog United FC The club is very proud to announce that our own Chris Pengelly picked up Secretary of the Year at the league awards at the end of the 2025/26 season. We finally got the chance to present Chris with his well-earned award.

From everyone on the Management Team,



the Squad and the Committee, thank you for your ongoing hard work, from being the most honest linesman in the league (even when it means our own players spitting their dummies out!) to everything else you do on matchdays and behind the scenes. Cheers, Chris!

Hospital Best wishes to Olga, ger y Llan following hospital treatment.

Best wishes to Chris Palin who is in Llanrhaeadr Hall.

Thanks to all who supported coffee mornings in July: £790 was raised for St Tyrnog's and St Cwyfan, and the coffee morning organised by Jane Ford for St Kentigern's hospice raised £886. Fantastic!

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Mon 3 rd	Knitting group	10am
	Trefoil Guild	2pm
Tue 4 th	Coffee and chat	10am
Wed 5 th	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
	Llais committee meeting	7pm
Mon 10 th	Knitting group	10am
Wed 12 th	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
Mon 17 th	Knitting group	10am
Wed 19 th	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
Tue 25 th	Coffee and chat	10am–12
Sun 30 th	Quakers' meeting	10am

Dyffryn Chapel

No services in August

St Tyrnog's

Sun 2 nd	Morning prayer	9.30am
Sun 9 th	Eucharist	9.30am
Sun 16 th	Eucharist	9.30am
Sun 23 rd	Eucharist	9.30am
	Travelling evensong	5pm
Sun 30 th	Mission Area service	tbc

Coffee Morning

In aid of the Tuesday Club and

hope house **tŷ gobaith**

children's hospices

Saturday, 22nd August,
10–11.30am

All welcome!

Village Hall events

Sat 1 st	Craft group	10am–4pm
Thu 13 th	Flower Show committee	7–8pm
Sat 22 nd	Coffee morning – Tuesday Club and Hope House	10am–11.30
Mon 31 st	Llandyrnog Flower and Produce Show:	
	Open for competitors:	9am–12
	Open to the public:	2pm

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Our day behind the Flying Scotsman

In June this year, we enjoyed a day out that we had all been looking forward to – a trip behind the world-famous Flying Scotsman on the East Lancashire Railway.

Our adventure began at Bury Bolton Street Station, where the magnificent locomotive stood waiting in its famous apple-green livery. Seeing it in person was a thrill in itself. As steam drifted around the platform and excited passengers gathered to take photographs, there was a real sense that we were about to experience something special.

Our journey took us through the beautiful Irwell Valley towards Rawtenstall, passing attractive countryside, historic stations and reminders of Lancashire's rich industrial heritage. Sitting in the heritage coaches while the Flying Scotsman did the hard work at the front made us appreciate just how exciting steam travel must have been in its heyday.



The Flying Scotsman is much more than just a steam engine – it is one of Britain's greatest engineering achievements. Built in Doncaster in 1923 for the London and North Eastern Railway, it became the first steam locomotive to be officially recorded reaching 100 mph in 1934. It had already made history by hauling the first non-stop passenger service between London and

Edinburgh, thanks to an innovative corridor tender that allowed the train crew to change over without stopping.

We also discovered some fascinating facts about its remarkable career. The Flying Scotsman later toured both the United States and Australia, where it set a record by travelling 442 miles without stopping. It has now covered an estimated 2.5 million miles, and despite being over 100 years old, it still attracts huge crowds wherever it appears.

One fact that surprised us was the Flying Scotsman's close connection with the East Lancashire Railway. Following its purchase by the National Railway Museum, the locomotive underwent its major restoration there before returning to service.

“What is the Flying Scotsman worth today?” No one really knows, because it is considered a national treasure rather than something that could ever be sold. The National Railway Museum bought it in 2004 for around £2.3 million, and its restoration cost about £4.5 million. Railway experts believe that, if it ever came onto the open market, it could easily be worth more than £10 million, with some suggesting £15–20 million because of its worldwide fame and historic importance. In truth, it is probably priceless.

Throughout the day we were struck by the wonderful atmosphere. Railway enthusiasts lined the route with cameras, families waved from station platforms and children watched wide-eyed as clouds of steam rolled through the stations. There is something magical about a working steam locomotive that seems to bring generations together.

We were also impressed by the dedication of the volunteers at the East Lancashire Railway. Their enthusiasm and hard work help preserve an important part of Britain's railway heritage, allowing visitors like us to

The Flying Scotsman: ctd

enjoy experiences that would otherwise belong only to the history books.

Our trip behind the Flying Scotsman was far more than just a train ride. It was a chance to step back in time, enjoy good company and experience one of the world's most famous steam locomotives in action. We came home with plenty of photographs, wonderful memories and a deeper appreciation of Britain's remarkable railway heritage.

Those enjoying the trip were Glesni, Mike, Ryan, Heddwen, Margaret, and young Efan, and we all agreed it was a day to remember.

Ryan Pierce



Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

The end of the school year seems to have arrived very suddenly! There was an amazing turnout to watch the performance of our summer show *The Mystery at Magpie Manor* and the children performed brilliantly.

The time has also come to say goodbye to our current year 6. This year we had two leavers' trips including a trip to Moel Famau donkeys and to Manchester, visiting The Crystal Maze Live Experience and CuppaPug cafe.



Above: The headteacher, Ben Lindquist, addressing the Year 6 leavers

Below: A full stage in *The Mystery at Magpie Manor*



Memories of the hot summer of 1976

One of my most vivid memories of the hot summer of 1976 was spending much of it away from home with Bob Davies (“Bob Ginge”), working in Market Harborough, Northampton and Huntingdon, baling straw for my father, Tom Parry of Dre Goch.

Before 1976, a lot of cereal straw would simply have been burnt after harvest. However, because of the exceptionally dry conditions that summer, the Government banned straw burning due to the risk of fires spreading out of control. That suddenly made straw very valuable, especially in North Wales where fodder was in short supply.

The Massey Ferguson 65 that people still see me driving around the village today, and on the occasional tractor run, was one of the tractors we used for that work. It always brings back memories whenever I climb back on it. The reason we were working so far from home was because my father, together with Glyn Foulkes of Pentre Felin, used to take in-calf heifers down to that area to graze for the summer. Through those farming contacts, my father secured contracts to bale straw, which was then transported back to North Wales. We also baled some threshed grass in Northampton.

By the end of the summer there was an enormous stack of hay and straw at Dre Goch, much of which my father sold throughout the winter of 1976, helping farmers who had struggled to make enough fodder because of the drought.

It’s a summer I’ll never forget.

Merfyn Parry

It was a very difficult and worrying time for us as we had a milk round and the milking cows had to be fed and watered. Because of the extremely hot and dry weather, we had absolutely no grass, just

parched ground. Luckily Elwyn met George Wittingham, Llanbedr Farm at the Ruthin Auction and mentioned our predicament. He came to the rescue, and said that he had an irrigation system that we could borrow. But before we could use the system, we had to have permission to extract water from a stream or river under the ‘Irrigation Act’ – we were very happy to receive a letter from London giving us that permission! Needless to say the system saved us from disaster!

The other crucial problem we had was stopping the milk from turning sour. We overcame that problem by covering the milk bottles in blankets soaked in cold water very early in the morning, before starting the milkround. It was a very, very difficult time!

Elwyn and Olga Evans

I lived in Clwyd House with my parents, and my daughter was born July 1975. The summer of 1976 was so hot I couldn’t put nappies on her, so I just folded the terry nappy in a square and just let her lay on it and changed it every time it was wet!

Susan Danson



Thanks to Fiona Evans for sending this photo of her as a baby with her great-grandmother, Mrs Ellen Williams, formerly of Gales Bach. The photo was taken outside 5 Gladstone Terrace on 9 July 1976.

The Tuesday Club

Members of the Tuesday Club enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Cherry Pie in Melin y Wern, and had a good time in each other's company. Many thanks to Simon, Eleri, and the staff for their usual warm welcome. We send our regards to Bernard Thomas, wishing him a speedy recovery.

We will not be meeting at the Cocoa Rooms in August; instead, we will hold a coffee morning Saturday, 22 August, to raise funds for the club and for Tŷ Gobaith, the children's hospice. We would greatly appreciate contributions to the home produce stalls. Please come along to the only coffee morning in August!

Mothers' Union

In our July meeting, Revd. Juliet gave us a very interesting account of how she came to ministry, following a career in social services. We are so blessed to have Juliet living in Llandyrnog and she is so supportive of everything we do.

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Astronomy Society

We welcomed Clwyd Wynne from Denbigh Museum to our meeting in June to talk about our forthcoming joint venture with them to raise the profile of the most notable astronomer from Denbigh – Isaac Roberts (1829 – 1904). Isaac was born in Groes Bach farm in the village of Groes and was a pioneer in astrophotography. He famously took the first clear photograph of the Andromeda Galaxy on 29 December, 1888. He did this by inventing a method to keep a camera perfectly aimed at a star for hours.



Clwyd announced that the museum was recently awarded a Royal Society Places of Science grant to celebrate Isaac Roberts. The title of the project is '200th Anniversary of Isaac Roberts – the Welsh astrophotography pioneer'.

The project will serve to inform and educate the public about Isaac Roberts through exhibitions, workshops, activities associated with astronomy and his connection with Denbigh. The museum

hopes to inspire young people especially to take an interest in science and to believe that they can achieve, by offering opportunities to learn about astronomy, history and acquiring skills in making things. The project also hopes to highlight the Welsh language, which was so important to Isaac who, despite moving from Groes as a child, maintained his ability to speak Welsh. The project will be centred on the museum but will also use other facilities in the town combined with the wealth of knowledge the Astronomy Society can offer.

Denbigh Museum together with Llandyrnog Astronomy Society will be carrying out some local workshops to promote Isaac's work. The aim is to get his powerful 20-inch telescope back to Denbigh and display it in the museum but there is a lot of work to be done before that can happen. Keep an eye out on the socials for upcoming events during the summer months.



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Isaac Roberts's telescopes, in the Science Museum, London

We are all hoping to enjoy the partial solar eclipse on August 12th, so we will be having a special meeting (weather dependent) – keep an eye out on the socials. Our normal monthly meeting will be in the Lower Room of the village hall at 7pm on Tuesday 25th August ‘Keep looking up’ everyone.

P.S. Part of Bryn’s article which mentioned Isaac Roberts in *Llais Llandyrnog Voice* June 2023

When you lean over the fairly fresh stone parapet wall of Pont Parc Canol, you will notice that it’s a very basic concrete slab – so what’s so interesting? Quite frankly, nothing, unless you have an interest in astronomy and have heard of the famous Welsh astronomer, Isaac Roberts. The original Groes Bach farmhouse where Isaac was born in 1929 was demolished in the early 1970’s and the council bought the stones and built this bridge. There is something new to learn every day!

Trefoil Guild

Trefoil members celebrated an 80th birthday party of Lyn Denny who has spent over 50 years in girl-guiding. Mostly with the Brownies and Guides in Henllan. Other Guild members were present the Cocoa Rooms which looked very decorative! We meet again in September.



Thanks to all who have contributed articles to this month’s edition

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The Wright Life



We all know what it's like when you get unplanned visitors, there is a rush around tidying up, working out how you will accommodate them and will they enjoy their stay. Of course, you are pleased to see them, but it's also nice when they return to their own homes and I can have the house back to myself. Well, one evening I had several unwelcome visitors.

Watching tv, one of my dogs leapt off the couch and started growling at the windowsill. My house has walls approx. half a meter thick so the windowsills are quite large. Behind my house plants was a small, tiny 'rodent'. It looked like a small mouse but its behaviour was odd, it didn't react like a mouse, was slow moving and couldn't see very well. I grabbed a pair of gardening gloves and my trusty towel. In Douglas

Adams's cult classic *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, a towel is hailed as the "most massively useful thing" an interstellar hitchhiker can carry. Well, it worked and I caught it, upon further examination I found it was a shrew.

Shrews are small, aggressive, mouse-like mammals known for their voracious appetites. Despite their rodent-like appearance, they are not rodents; they belong to the order *Eulipotyphla* and are closely related to moles and hedgehogs. The lack of eyesight was explained by Google: 'They have tiny eyes and generally poor vision, but they compensate with an exceptional sense of smell and hearing. Some species even use echolocation to navigate their territory.' It was a common shrew.

In the UK, all shrews are protected under the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**. It is illegal to intentionally trap, kill, or keep them without a specific licence. I released it outside and returned to my tv programme, and then, suddenly more growling and both dogs rushed into an adjoining room. Yes, another one, trying to climb the stairs! That was caught and freed outside. What on earth was happening? Well that must be it, I thought, then a plop and one had fallen into the dog's water bowl and sadly drowned. After that I tentatively sat down, cautiously watching for anymore. Happily, that was it. I presume they had nested in the thick stone walls and fallen onto the windowsill or slipped in through cracks in the stonework as due to building works my internal walls are exposed.

The second unplanned visitor was at work, on one of those very hot days. We had all the doors open in the cabins and suddenly a pigeon strutted into the corridor. I immediately saw it was a racing pigeon as it had two rings on its legs. It was exhausted,



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desperately thirsty and very quiet. I caught it quite easily using the trusty towel method again. I have never experienced a bird drink from a bowl whilst being held – so trusting of a human. My colleague ‘googled’ what to do and using the Royal Pigeon Racing Association Stray Reporting Wizard she located the owner and phoned him.

The bird had gone missing five days before in Stoke on Trent on a training flight and the chap was heartbroken to think he had lost it – he was elated we had found it in North Wales with no injuries. How lucky was that bird to walk into our cabins. They came and collected him that day and were so grateful.

We never know when unexpected visitors are going to arrive in our lives – but they certainly can surprise you.

Hazel

Llais Llandyrnog Voice has apologised to Hazel – gremlins in the printing process of last month’s edition inadvertently deleted the remainder of her article, along with her report from the Astronomy Society. We thank her for graciously accepting the apology.

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Cambodia trip update



Lloyd, Mason and Tyler have spent the first week helping build a chicken coop in a small village and have been working hard mixing concrete and helping with local projects to improve conditions for locals. Very hot and humid with some wet weather. Tyler especially enjoyed, I think, the physical labour and has been a shock to the system but they are all having an amazing time. Thanks to everyone who helped get them on this trip. They’ve also completed a 5-day trek in the jungle and tried lots of cuisine including deep-fried frogs. They’ve been teaching local children some Welsh words and

meeting some snakes hidden in the hotel room! They also figured out the local hotel did laundry so got away with not doing their own washing.

Thanks again for all the support and messages asking how they are doing. Very lucky boys.
Diolch.

Heather Powell

The Local History Society

Annual trip - Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society

Members and guests from the Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan Local History Society enjoyed a fantastic visit to Brynkinalt Estate, Chirk at the beginning of July.

Kate, wife of current custodian Iain Hill-Trevor, welcomed everyone to their home and gave a wonderful guided tour followed by tea and cake in the stunning Great Hall. Members and guests then enjoyed exploring the formal West Garden and woodland Shrubbery Garden.

The Trevor family descended from Tudor Trefor and Angharad, daughter of Howel Dda, King of Wales who married in 942. Both Tudor and Angharad trace their pedigrees back to the marriage of Severa, daughter of the Roman Emperor, Maccsen Wledig (Maximus) who died in 388 and Gwrtheyrn Gwrtheneu (Vortigern).

Brynkinalt has been the home of the Trevor family since it was built in 1612 by Sir Edward Trevor. It has passed down through various generations including Sir John Trevor, Speaker of the House of Commons (1685) to Sir Edward's great-great-grandson Arthur Hill-Trevor in 1771.

Another notable connection to the family

is Arthur, 1st Duke of Wellington whose mother was Anne Hill-Trevor. The Duke is said to have visited his maternal grandmother in Brynkinalt on a number of occasions and society members and guests were shown a sword reputed to have belonged to Wellington himself.

Each generation, including the current one, has tried to maintain the estate and preserve the historic house and landscape – a huge challenge which requires massive investment in both time and money. They have carried out a number of projects in the gardens which can be seen during their annual charitable open garden event for the National Garden Scheme.

Kate explained how they provide a unique setting for a variety of bespoke corporate and private events. The house is open for visits by arrangement. The estate has also been used as the venue for a selection of television programmes and films including the 2022 Netflix film *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.

Kate Hill-Trevor was thanked for the really warm welcome she extended to all and was presented with a Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan Local History Society publication *Trem yn ôl – A View of the past*.



Messy Church



In our July session we heard the exciting story of how the young boy David defeated the Philistine Goliath, even though Goliath had armour, a shield and a sword and David had only a slingshot and smooth pebbles from the river. David said that he was not afraid because God gave him courage. We learned that, although we might never have to face Goliath, God will give us courage in difficult situations we might meet.

There will be no Messy Church in August but we will be back on the 13th September so look out for a special announcement!

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Lemon and chilli chicken breasts with couscous salad

Serves 4

- 2 red and 2 green peppers
- 3 garlic cloves – without skin
- 4 chicken breasts
- 2 red and 2 green chillis
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 9 tablespoons olive oil
- 120g cherry tomatoes – chopped in half
- 1 lemon
- 200g couscous
- 6 tablespoons of fresh chopped coriander

Good for a picnic and you will need to prepare the chicken to marinade in advance as it's served cold

Method

1. Put the chicken, half the lemon juice and skins, chillis and 4 tablespoons of oil in a non-metal dish and marinade for 2–3 hours
2. Roast the peppers with garlic in 4 tablespoons of oil until soft or lightly charred
3. Fry the chicken breasts skin side down 3–4 mins until crisp. Turn and fry for 2 mins. Put in oven dish with the marinade and cook at 190 degrees for 7 mins. You may need a little longer depending on the size of the chicken breasts. Check they're cooked all the way through.
4. Allow the chicken to cool in its juices.
5. Make the couscous, following the instructions on the packet add the remaining oil, a lemon juice, cumin, salt and pepper and fluff with a fork.
6. Chop the roasted peppers and garlic plus the tomatoes and coriander and add to the couscous.
7. Place the cold sliced chicken on the couscous and garnish with watercress.
8. Enjoy!

Louise Eccleston

Dyffryn Chapel

Jack – Watch Out!

We enjoyed a wonderful service led by the Sunday School children on the last Sunday morning of June. Their theme was “*The Wonders of Our World*” – that the world was not created by chance, but through God's deliberate act, and how important it is that we respect and care for His marvellous creation at all times. The children shared fascinating facts about amazing creatures and plants. For example, one species of fish in Antarctica can survive in freezing water because it has a substance similar to antifreeze in its blood. The children also had fun asking the congregation whether various facts about the natural world were ‘true’ or ‘false’ (see *Dyffryn Children's Quiz*). They thoroughly enjoyed holding up the ‘True’ and ‘False’ signs in front of the two teams to show who had answered correctly!

We then learned about an invasive plant called Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), known in Welsh as *Jac y Neidiwr* or *ffromlys chwarennog*. Iwan Edwards, Education and Community Officer with the North Wales Wildlife Trust, explained that it is a tall, annual plant originating from the Himalayas, introduced to the UK in the nineteenth century as a garden plant. At first glance, it is quite an attractive plant, with pink flowers that have a slight fragrance and star-shaped leaves that glisten in the sunshine. It grows mainly along riverbanks and in woodland, but can

spread to almost any damp location. It has fleshy, brittle stems and relatively shallow roots. Some people eat it, and it is perfectly safe for cattle to graze.

However, because it is a non-native invasive species in the UK, it has a significant impact on the environment. It outcompetes native plants, slows the flow of rivers, and increases the risk of flooding and riverbank erosion. Under the legal status in England and Wales (*Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*), it is now an offence to plant it or allow it to grow in the wild.

Its greatest problem is the speed at which it spreads. It reproduces by producing small seeds that are carried by the wind or by water. From mid-July onwards, the seed pods can burst open at the slightest touch, scattering their seeds over a wide area. A single plant can produce as many as 7,000 seeds.

Following the service, a group of us went to try to make a small difference in helping to stop the spread of this Himalayan Balsam on the banks of the River Clwyd.



Dyffryn Chapel



For an hour and a half we pulled as many plants as we could - even the youngest children were able to pull the plants up by their roots! Iwan emphasized that it was important to separate the root from the stem below the first node, pile the plants together in one large heap, and leave them there to rot completely.

The children particularly enjoyed using Iwan's special boot-cleaning apparatus, eagerly taking turns to clean the mud from their boots. Thanks to Glesni for preparing the service and organising the event, and thanks to Iwan for teaching us so much and for showing us that clearing even a small stretch of riverbank of this invasive plant is not an impossible task.

Creature quiz

by the children of Dyffryn Chapel

True or False (Answers on page 18)

1. Kangaroos can't walk backwards.
2. Camels have three eyelids.
3. A goldfish's memory lasts 5 seconds.
4. Every zebra has the same stripe pattern.
5. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
6. Snails don't sleep.
7. An octopus has two hearts.
8. Sea otters hold hands while they sleep.
9. Koalas have fingerprints that are very similar to humans.
10. Elephants can hear by using their feet.

Friendship Group

We had really interesting, informative talk from NEWSAR (*North East Wales Search and Rescue*) at our July meeting. Chris gave us an insight to all the work they do as volunteers. Saving and rescuing people who have had accidents, medical issues or simply got lost on the mountains and in the area.



Our visit this month was to Moel Famau Donkeys on Wed 22nd July. August is afternoon tea on the 12th and a visit to Mostyn Hall on 26th.

The friendship group would like to thank Haydn Roberts for not only supplying the flowers for the village hanging baskets, but also planting them up for us. They look really lovely this year. Thank you so much.

Gardening Club

On a beautiful evening in July, we met at Nantclwyd y Dre for a private tour of the house and gardens by Kate Thomson, Site Manager. Nantclwyd y Dre is a historic house and garden in Ruthin. Recognised as one of the oldest timber-framed townhouses in Wales, its construction dates to 1435.

The restored walled gardens represent three historical periods. The Medieval area features “flowery meadows” and wildflowers. We found wild carrots growing in the meadow with a variety of butterflies enjoying the evening air. *Daucus carota*, whose common names include wild carrot, bird’s nest, bishop’s lace, carrot flower, and Queen Anne’s lace, is a flowering plant in the family Apiaceae.



The 17th-century section contains a nuttery and vegetable beds. The 19th-century additions include a glasshouse and herbaceous borders. The elevated Lord’s Garden offers unique views of the Clwydian Range.



We enjoyed refreshments on the patio by the old pool which had been filled in to create a lawned area. Discussion centred around the

hot weather and how all our plants are suffering, with members looking forward to the Flower Show at the end of August.

We hope to see you all again on September 8th with Dawn Gough talking about The Crafty Gardener. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Llandyrnog Village Hall, so if you are interested in joining the club, why not pop along or email us at

LlandyrnogGardeners@outlook.com

Tan y Graig culvert (London Bridge) reconstruction

Work to undertake a culvert reconstruction is due to start on 3 August for approximately 9 weeks. From the second week, the road will be fully closed and there will be no through route. There will still be pedestrian access to Coed Llangwyfan via the public footpath which will be clearly signposted. If you have any concerns or questions about the proposed works, please contact the engineer, Philip Billington:

Philip.Billington@denbighshire.gov.uk.

Upgrade to water network

Over the next coming months Welsh Water will be investing approximately £2 million to upgrade the water network in the Waen, Aberwheeler and Llandyrnog area. Over the next coming months, contractors (OCU Group) will begin the work within the area replacing approximately 8.3km of water pipes in the Waen, Aberwheeler and Llandyrnog area. If all goes to plan, the work should be finished by the end of spring 2027.

A newsletter that will be sent to customers who reside in the area and will keep customers up to date via Welsh Water’s website and social media pages. You will be able to find updates by visiting the webpage on dwrcymru.com/inyourarea.

Llandyrnog FC Summer League

Llandyrnog enjoyed a memorable weekend after winning the Bridson and Evans Shield Final on 10th July against Llanfair. The match began in difficult circumstances when Leo Jones and Liam Roberts suffered a clash of heads after just 10 minutes. Leo was taken to ED with a cut eye, and Liam bravely carried on for another 10 minutes before also having to come off.

With several senior players including Chris Williams, John Jones, Russell Moorecroft and Jack Crompton stepping up, Llandyrnog showed great spirit. Llanfair took a 1-0 lead, but Josh Jones levelled from the penalty spot before Craig Jones scored a dramatic winner with just five minutes remaining, sparking celebrations that continued long into the night.



The shield on display at the shop, with some of the products of the team sponsor, Bryn Williams.

The following day, Cae Nant hosted a well-attended Llandyrnog Fun Day in glorious sunshine. Families enjoyed the bouncy castle for the children, live music and a barbecue featuring outstanding burgers and sausages kindly provided by our sponsor Bryn Williams and Porth Eirias.

The weekend concluded with the awards presentation at the Golden Lion.

Congratulations to all the winners:

- ♦ Supporters' Player: Craig Jones
- ♦ Club Person: Jimmy McNally
- ♦ Top Scorer: Craig Jones
- ♦ Young Player: Callum Whitehead-Hughes



Medals were presented to the under-11 team for participating in their competition



- ♦ Players' Player: Eddie Evans
- ♦ Manager's Player: Callum Whitehead-Hughes

♦ Goal of the Season - Emanuel Ruiu

Special thanks were also given to Selina Humphreys for her hard work on refreshments throughout the season, Sam and Mark for their hospitality, and Mike McCoolle for producing the club's social media graphics. The evening finished in true Llandyrnog style, with more singing, laughter and celebrations continuing deep into the night.

The Community Council

The following matters were discussed at the July meeting of the council.

- ♦ Operation Atal, a multi-agency approach to speeding, has been outside the school on the 9th June and offending cars were stopped and offered advice. Despite this, concerns were still expressed about speeding traffic.
- ♦ Unfortunately one of the candidates for the vacant seat on the council had decided not to proceed. The Council had been advised it would be in order to appoint anyone else who had shown an interest and qualified. Therefore, following a vote, it was decided to offer Mr Ally Bennett a seat on the community council.
- ♦ Following a request for financial assistance, it was decided to offer the Llandyrnog Eisteddfod £100 and wish them well with the upcoming Eisteddfod.
- ♦ The work of placing fencing around the play equipment will – weather permitting – start the week commencing 3rd August.
- ♦ Denbighshire Summer holiday play sessions will be available at Cae Nant 12th 19th and 26th August – no charge.
- ♦ There was a report on the Art Engagement project in the Shop which had been a great success and well-received by all. Thanks to Cllr Mackinnon-Day for her hard work and vision and of course all who offered financial support.
- ♦ Cllr Williams had attended a One Voice Wales meeting where a number of initiatives were discussed, ideas exchanged and sources of small grants which community council will be looking at in more detail once a project has been identified.
- ♦ The contract with Jangala the internet supplier was due to end and it was decided to see what alternatives were available to ensure that we can have hybrid meetings if need be in the future.
- ♦ Dŵr Cymru has given notification that major works are to be carried out to the infrastructure which involves renewing water mains and installing pressure reducing valves – works to be started asap.
- ♦ Cllr Parry and the Chief Executive Officer of Denbighshire County Council, Helen White, visited the area Friday 17th July.

Quiz answers

1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. True



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♦ Survey, supply and fit:

- ♦ conservatories
- ♦ orangeries
- ♦ verandas
- ♦ porches
- ♦ windows
- ♦ doors

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