

# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## Looking back on an eventful month



Llandyrnog United FC held a very successful Fun Day at the beginning of the month. One of the events was a football match between the Past and Present teams. The Past players won, 3-1.



The Welsh Guards Ride of Respect 2026 came to Guardsman Peter Edwards' memorial at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd.



The Llandyrnog-based Vale of Clwyd tractor run was another successful one, raising £10,000 for Blood Bikes Wales.

# 2026 Show

The schedule for the show is now with the printer and will be distributed around the middle of July. We aim to deliver to every house in the area, but if we miss you, there will be copies in the Village Shop, from the Secretary at Cross Keys (LL16 4HN), or contact [llandyrnogshow@gmail.com](mailto:llandyrnogshow@gmail.com) for an electronic version.

## Around the village

**Welcome** to Andrew and Nanette Davies to Fron Deg, Red Lane.

**Thanks** to all who supported the coffee morning for Capel y Dyffryn, raising £520 towards the cost of the maintenance of its buildings.

**Congratulations** to Beth (Penybryn) and Dafydd, Aberystwyth on the birth of their son, Gronw Emlyn.

**Birthday greetings** to Glenna Benton, who recently celebrated her 90th.

**Get well soon** to Edith Hughes following a fall at home.

**Condolences** to Steve Jukes Hughes, Hamdden Close, and family, on the sudden death of his mother.

### COFFEE MORNING

*Supporting St Kentigern Hospice*

**Llandyrnog Village Hall**

**Saturday 25th July**

**From 10am**

- *Tea, coffee and homemade cakes*
- *Amazing raffle prizes including a wine hamper*
- *Support a great local cause*

Donations of raffle prizes, baking, or help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for your support – I will be doing the Snowdon night walk on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026,**

**Jane Ford**

LLANDYRNOG SUMMER LEAGUE 2026

# FOOTBALL FUN DAY & PRESENTATION

**SATURDAY 11TH JULY**

3:00-6:00PM CAE NANT / 6:30PM-LATE GOLDEN LION



**FUN DAY**

BBQ & REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING ALCOHOL MUSIC BOUNCY CASTLE  
KIDS PRESENTATION PENALTY SHOOT OUT COMPETITION

Men's PRESENTATION in the Golden Lion,  
followed by Live Music from Neal Smith



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## Cocoa Rooms events

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paint and <i>paned</i> <i>Llais</i> committee meeting	12–3pm 7pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group Trefoil Guild	10am 2pm
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and chat	10am–12
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Union	2–4pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee and chat Community Council	10am–12 7pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting group	10am
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm

## Dyffryn Chapel

05/07	10.00	Circuit service
12/07	11.00	Rev. Andras Iago
19/07	10.00	Local arrangement

## St Tyrnog's

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning prayer	<b>9.30am</b>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist Messy Church at the Village Hall	<b>9.30am</b> 3.30pm
Sun 19 <sup>st</sup>	Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b>

**Coffee Morning**  
In aid of St Tyrnog's  
and St Cwyfan's  
Saturday, 18th July,  
10–11.30am  
All welcome!

## Village Hall events

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft group	10am–4pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Show committee	7–8pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning – Dig Deep, Kilimanjaro Climb Fundraiser	10am–11.30
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ysgol Bryn Clwyd, end-of-year play	5–7pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning – Llandyrnog Church	10–11.30am
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning – St Kentigern's	10–11.30am
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Astronomy Society	7–10pm

To book the **Cocoa Rooms**,  
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**Thanks to all who have contributed  
articles to this month's edition**

# Vale of Clwyd Tractor Run

In the first place I would like to thank you all for supporting the coffee morning at the Village Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> May where the extremely honourable sum of £500 was raised for Blood Bike Wales – thank you very sincerely for our generosity.

This was a precursor to the main event on the 7<sup>th</sup> June which was a tractor and Land Rover run from Ruthin to Rhug for lunch, then back. Quite a challenging event to organise – we have ensured that all enjoy themselves but also feel safe. We did a deal with Blood Bike Wales this year on a sweat equity basis – they supply the marshals and the proceeds would be theirs – win win!

And they came up trumps – six Blood Bikers, well-versed with the North Wales rural road network who knew exactly where they were wanted and when. We just left them to it – it went like clockwork, thanks mainly to my friend Huw ‘Warrington’ Williams who co-ordinated the marshalling. Born and bred in Corwen and an avid motorcyclist, he knew the lanes like the back of his hand.

The photo below shows how well we were looked after in safety terms. I must also thank North Wales Police who were

observing all the way around and assisting.

You would be surprised how many people had never been to Melin y Wig – and that includes our globe-trotting Councillor Parry. The entrants, some of whom had come all the way from Anglesey, were so grateful that we had a steady pace-setter and a plan B. This was yellow arrows on the road – get lost up there and that’s it! A bit like the Llandyrnog–Llangynhafal–Gellifor triangle – there are rural myths of people setting off on that route never to be seen again.

I had sought permission from Lord Newborough to stop at Rhug for lunch – there was an open day and we were very warmly welcomed by all. What is it with children and tractors? As soon as a child waved, some of these massive tractors blew their ear-piercing horns!

It was the highlight of the Rhug year, with farm tours getting people engaged with food production and the realities of farming. If you get a chance, stop for a coffee and visit the farm shop – proper food!

Anyway I personally thanked Lord Newborough for his hospitality and off we went again, fed and watered, for our thirteen mile tour back to Ruthin. We headed off



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towards Gwyddelwern and crossed the A494 at the little hamlet of Bryn Saith Marchog – one of my favourite place names in North Wales. Home of the famous Welsh climber and explorer, Eric Jones, of course. There are differing opinions as to the exact meaning of the name of the place – you will have to do some research.

We were kindly invited to stop at the Glan Llyn, Clawddnewydd, on the way home. However we had to refuse the generous offer, as much as we'd have liked to, since the logistics of parking eighty tractors on a busy main road, with NWP observing, didn't make this possible. But the good people of the Glanny did a whip-round and gave us £40 as we passed, waving and tooting. It's these sort of impromptu gestures that make it all worthwhile, really – we're proud to be part of a community that cares and appreciates.

Through extremely generous commercial donations, the total raised was an amazing £10,000, but you here at Llandyrnog were the first to contribute. As a team we never underestimate your contribution. Thank you all for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Where shall we go next year?

*Bryn Davies*

## Friendship Group

In our June meeting, the speaker was Mrs Mary Steel who told us about her time teaching in Nigeria – the trials, tribulations and often comical moments of working there in the 1960s.

Afterwards tea, coffee and biscuits were served and all enjoyed a good chat.



An event was held at Plas Dolben on Ascot's Ladies' day where the ladies put on their hats and enjoyed afternoon tea.

Next meeting will be 7th July at 7pm in the Cocoa Rooms. Everybody's welcome.

**POLICE SURGERY**  
**CUPPA WITH A COPPER**



**Friday 10th July, 13.00–14.00 at the shop**

**Becky Gittins, MP for Clwyd East**  
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Constituency office: 01352 871130

# Spotlight on... Roger Warner

*Could you give us a little of your background?*

I am originally from Surrey. My father was an optician in London and was promoted to a post in Newport, so as a child I spent five years living in Caerleon before he was moved back to London. That was just after I had won a scholarship to Monmouth School, so I spent the next seven years there as a boarder, before university in Exeter studying law.

Most of my working career was in the police in Wiltshire. We always lived in rural areas and were looking for somewhere with my retirement in mind, mainly in border areas such as Herefordshire and Powys. That is when we found Hafod Elwy, up on the moors (Mynydd Hiraethog to the Welsh speakers), and you don't get much more rural than that. We lived there for ten years running a smallholding and B&B, before returning to civilisation in Llandyrnog.

*You're very busy as the show secretary – how much work does it entail?*

Obviously there are a very busy few days leading up to the show itself, but the preparations start in March: making sure that we have all the classes sorted, judges and stewards arranged, finding advertisers, sponsors, a Show President etc. Fortunately, we have a group of volunteers who all play a part and it always comes together in the end (fingers crossed!)

*What three places have particular significance for you?*

- Monmouth where I spent seven years as a schoolboy in beautiful surroundings, particularly the River Wye, as rowing was my main sport
- Chantmarle, a very small place in Dorset which was a regional training centre for police recruits. I spent two



*Roger and his grandsons*

years of my police career there as a trainer and that's where I met my wife Wendy, who was a new recruit. This of course was a most improper trainer/student relationship, but we managed to keep it under wraps until my two-year secondment was up.

- Hafod Elwy. Since buying my first house I've moved nine times, nearly all to nice places, but none really compared with the magnificence of that place, in rain, snow or shine. Despite the remote location we had a good neighbour, Arfon Roberts, who farmed the neighbouring land and supplied us with hay and straw. A lot of hard work was involved but it was worth it.

*What makes you cross and what makes you happy?*

I'm not one to get cross very readily. I suppose I don't have a lot of sympathy for people who are able to work, but choose to live off others. I also get a bit annoyed about greengrocers apostrophe's (see what I did there?).

I think I'm happy most of the time and that

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comes from living in a nice area, having family from 3 generations around, and watching my vegetables grow.

*Who would you invite to your dinner party, whether they're still with us or not?*

As a child and young adult I used to listen to music on the radio, including on the pirate stations like Radio Caroline. I stopped doing that some time in the 1980s as the music changed and so did my commitments, but a couple of years ago I discovered Boom Radio. To my surprise one of the djs was Roger Day who I used to listen to on Caroline, still broadcasting a daily show, now in his 80s, and playing the sort of music I like. He regularly plays songs which I write in to suggest and I think we'd have a lot in common.

*What are you most proud of?*

Probably Hafod Elwy. Turning a large rather rundown building into a successful operation, mainly through sheer hard work. We had 5 gold stars from Visit Wales and reared very good quality Saddleback pigs, Welsh Black cattle, mountain sheep, chickens and geese with which we fed the guests. However, the B&B business can become a bit of a treadmill, having to be available all the time and I'm not sure that I'd want to be doing that now at the age of 70.

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Or leave a message on Facebook

## Messy Church

In our June session we heard the story of Jesus calling his disciples. Some of them were fishermen, mending their nets on the shore and Jesus asked them to leave everything and follow him. They must have seen something very special in Jesus because they did what he asked and followed him. They were just ordinary people but because of Jesus they could do extraordinary things. We did all sorts of crafts to do with fish and boats and then enjoyed fish fingers for our tea!

All are welcome at our next session on 12th July before we have our summer break, with no Messy Church in August.



### Concert

**Côr Meibion Caerwys  
and local young musicians  
Saturday 10 October at 7pm  
Llandyrnog Village Hall  
Tickets £10, children free  
Proceeds to St Tyrnog's Church**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Llandyrnog Utd FC Fun Day 2026

What a fantastic day we had at the Llandyrnog Fun Day! It was brilliant to see so many people come together, and we hope everyone who attended had as much fun as we did.

A huge thank you to the team at All Elite Sports for organising and running the children's football tournament. The standard of football on display was excellent throughout the day.

## Tournament Results



1st Place – The Reds

2nd Place – Llanfair Lads

3rd Place – BeSpoke United

## Player of the Tournament

Congratulations to Gwilym Edmunds of Llanfair Lads, who was deservedly named Player of the Day.



## Past vs Current Players Match

The current side took an early lead thanks to a stunning 25-yard thunderbolt from Alfie Harrison, but the Dyrny Legends showed they still had plenty left in the tank! Goals from Gaz Martin, Simon Brown, and Jonny Slater helped the legends roll back the years and secure victory.

## Special Thanks

### BBQ Team

A massive thank you to everyone who helped keep the food flowing throughout the day, with a special mention to Elfor Morris, who manned the BBQ for over four hours alongside Tuds, Ian and Clive.



## Kitchen Team

Thank you to Selina, Carol, Sarah, Sharon and TJ (Also sold the raffle), along with everyone else who helped behind the scenes in the kitchen throughout the day. Your hard work was hugely appreciated.

## Henllan Bread

A huge thank you to [Henllan Bakery](#) for generously donating over 100 baps and rolls to support the event.

## J.H. Jones & Sons, Denbigh

Thank you to former Dyrny player Dafydd Roberts and the team at J.H. Jones & Sons for supplying the tremendous burgers and sausages that went down a treat with everyone.

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Events like this simply wouldn't happen without the volunteers, sponsors, players, organisers and supporters who give up their time to make it all possible.

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, played, helped, donated or volunteered. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did.

*Sion Morris*

### Pre-season fixtures in July

- 4<sup>th</sup>: CPD Sychdyn United 1.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Llandudno Amateurs (H) 6.45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup>: CPD Cerrigydrudion (H) 6.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Holywell United (H) 1.30pm

To read an excellent feature on Llandyrnog United FC, visit:<https://nwsport.co.uk/2026/04/30/special-feature-llandyrnog-united-football-club-celebrates-its-golden-jubilee-season/>

## Summer League



Huge thanks to all of the players who represented Llandyrnog FC in the under-11s tournament. We had a very competitive group, and they gave their all in every game.

Thanks to Ethan Plumb and Olly Williams for their help throughout the year with the kids' football sessions

*Jimmy McNally*

## Ride of respect



The Welsh Guards Ride of Respect 2026 – an annual event that pays respects to the fallen Welsh Guardsmen of Falklands War 1982 – visited the memorial of Guardsman Peter Edwards at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd last month.



# The Wright Life



2026 marks a ‘special’ birthday celebration for me and I have been pondering whether I am now at that age when we start reminiscing about past events? Nostalgia is a complex emotion combining a sentimental longing for yesteryear but with a wistful sadness that that time has gone and it cannot be physically recovered. My brother and his wife stayed with me recently and we decided to visit the 1950s Museum in Denbigh. I have never been, nor have I ever been interested in going, but whether its my age, I suggested we go. My brother is a child of the 1950s, being several years older than me, and he clearly remembered many of the objects on display. They resonated with me also, as I can remember them in my grandmother’s house.



The yellow 50s kitchen was exactly the same as I recall where, as a child, I used to help Grandma make bread, biscuits and sweets. Coconut ice was always her favourite being made with desiccated coconut, condensed milk (a WW2 essential and on ration she always told me ‘so don’t waste it’) sugar and cochineal colouring (made from the crushed, dried bodies of female *Dactylopius coccus* insects – ugh). This no-bake recipe is quick to whip up and if stored in an airtight container will stay fresh for 3 weeks.

On display were hand mixers and the powerful motorised appliances of the 1950s

and 60s. In 1947-48 Kenneth Wood created the first Kenwood food mixer and indeed my mother had one in the 1970s. It revolutionised cake mixing and electric mixers became a staple of all middle-class households. I was given my own at an early age; although truth be told I’d have preferred a Raleigh Chopper. Launched in 1969 it was at its height between 1972 and 1985. Unfortunately, I never got one, instead being given a Raleigh Twenty in boring brown for my 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1976 (I suppose that’s given my age away). It was Raleigh's biggest seller in 1977, though sales tapered off after this. I am not surprised, as personally it was very heavy and far too practical and sensible for me. I wanted to jump off ramps, do wheelies and impress my friends. The Chopper was a youth icon of the time designed for style and showing off. But my parents being parents settled for a Twenty. I rarely rode it and recently re- discovered it up in the loft unloved and forgotten, but bringing back so many memories.

By the time I was 13 bicycles had been replaced by ‘Dusky’ my first pony. He was



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an ex-riding school pony, stubborn and very naughty. I was first introduced to Dusky when learning to ride as he was stabled overlooking the arena at the local riding school and constantly escaped. Lessons would be interrupted by a shout 'Tina (the name of his owner at that time) your pony is out'. Little did I know Dusky would end up moving from Merseyside to North Wales and living the rural life until the ripe old age of 32, not bad for a 'townie'.

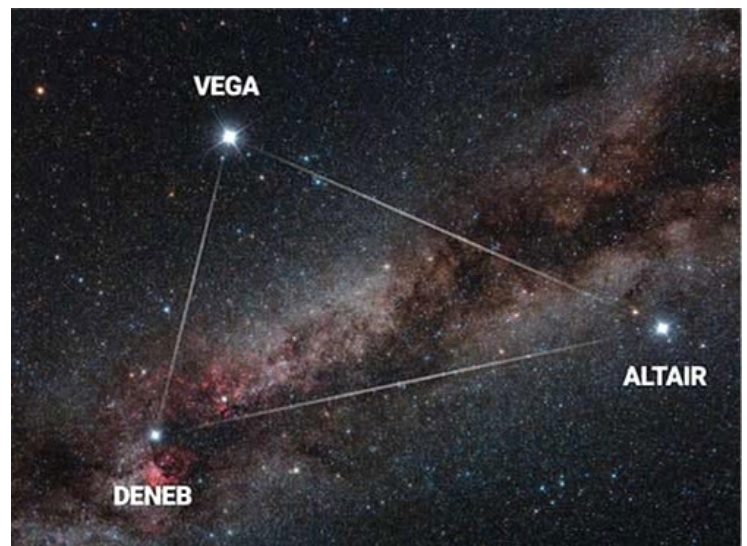
Our past experiences are the basis of our unique identity, allowing us to learn, navigate the world around us and apply these experiences to future situations. Nostalgic items, like those on display at the 1950s Denbigh Museum can trigger long lost memories, good and bad. So, don't be afraid to take a trip down memory lane, dig out those old photo albums, rummage in those forgotten boxes in the loft and see what treasured memories you can discover.

*Hazel*

## Astronomy Society

### The Summer Triangle

July skies offer incredible stargazing with the Milky Way stretching above us to the prominent Summer Triangle. To find the Summer Triangle, face east on summer evenings and look for three of the brightest stars in the sky: **Vega**, **Deneb**, and **Altair**. Together, they form a massive, easily identifiable triangle overhead.



As darkness falls, look up to spot this massive, easily identifiable asterism (a pattern of stars) dominating the night sky:

- **Vega:** Shines brightly overhead in the constellation Lyra.
- **Deneb:** Found to the lower right of Vega, it anchors Cygnus, the Swan.
- **Altair:** Sitting to the lower left, this bright star belongs to Aquila, the Eagle

Our next meeting is in the Lower Room of the village hall at 7pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

There is lots to look forward to in the night sky so 'Keep looking up' everyone.

### Useful telephone numbers

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# The Local History Society

The May meeting was held in Capel y Dyffryn, Llandyrnog when Emrys Wynne gave a talk titled Capel Y Dyffryn - From its humble beginnings.

Emrys Wynne was brought up in the Graigfechan and Pentrecelyn area where his father was minister of Capel Bethel Pentrecelyn. He is a county councillor since 2017 and, amongst other responsibilities, Chair of the Welsh Language Steering Committee.

The Calvinistic Methodist Movement was started in the Vale of Clwyd in 1749 when Robert Llwyd and his wife Dorothy moved to Plas Ashpool, having been evicted from their home in Cilcain due to his religious beliefs. Robert Llwyd was an unassuming, humble, devout Christian, who preached simple sermons and was a faithful member of the Parish church. Dorothy was against further trouble and refused her large house to be used for services. However, Edward and Magdalen welcomed all to their small cottage, Tŷ Modlen, with an adjoining barn. The services were arranged so that they did not clash with church services.

Many eminent preachers came to minister to the few members, 22 by 1776. By that time, Tŷ Modlen was in need of much repair and a chapel was built on the roadside leading to Bodfari. The first service was held Easter Sunday 1777.

When Robert Llwyd died in 1792, membership was 43. A plaque in his memory is to be seen on the front of Dyffryn chapel and also at the Parish Church in Llandyrnog.

By 1836, Capel Cefn Bithel was too small, and land on Waen Common was exchanged for the old chapel. An agreement was drawn for 2000 years, the rent 1d (one old penny) per annum. The present chapel, Capel y Dyffryn, opened in March 1837 at a cost of £534-6-4.

In 1861 the chapel house was built to provide a home for the minister and his family. By 1864 there were 218 members in the Sunday school with 21 teachers. For 108 years the chapel was led by the Elders, but in 1901 the Rev. J. D. Jones was appointed minister at a stipend of £25 yearly.

In 1927, a spacious vestry was built and then a large kitchen and a games room.

In 1935, to commemorate the first meeting place in the Vale of Clwyd, two large boulders (suitably inscribed), from the original Tŷ Modlen site were dedicated in "Cae Hir" field, Llangwyfan Farm. These are still in place alongside the footpath on the Tynog walk.

In 1949 a series of services were held at Capel y Dyffryn to commemorate the 200 years since the first meetings at Tŷ Modlen. Electricity was connected to the chapel in the same year.

A young people's guild – *Urdd y Bobl Ifanc* – was started during the ministry of Rev. J.O Ellis Jones. Meetings at that time were for prayer and discussion. This society has evolved to include many social and cultural activities for all ages.



*Socialising and looking at the exhibition of photographs and documents following the talk*

## Village Hall AGM

The annual general meeting of the village hall was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The officers elected were Chair: G.Butler; Vice Chair: R.Griffith; Secretary: B.Davies; Treasurer and Booking Clerk: I.Butler; Auditor: S.Davies

The Treasurer presented his audited report and was thanked for his meticulous work during the year.

Sadly Denbighshire County Council has used elsewhere the money allocated for painting the hall. It is a general maintenance pot and not earmarked for Llandyrnog.

The hall is extremely well-used with several regular users meeting there, and coffee mornings held on a regular basis, fundraising for various charities.

It is also becoming more popular for children's birthday parties during weekends. The no-alcohol covenant is certainly no barrier to the success of the hall.

We are extremely grateful to our caretaker, Lyn, who ventures out in all hours and weather to arrange everything for these events.

We have a good working relationship with the school that ensures the hall is ready every day after 5pm for use by others.

There was a report from the Flower Show which is affiliated to the hall committee and John was thanked for his report. The show is very popular and the committee's thanks was extended to Roger Warner who works quietly and diligently in the background.

To close, we do need more people to become involved with the village hall – we are over-dependent on very few people. It's not a massive commitment – two meetings per year. If you are interested and would like to share with us your ideas, experience and vision, by all means contact Gwen or Bryn (rbrynd1@gmail.com).

## Recipe

### Two quick summer puddings

#### Lemon Syllabub

¼ pint white wine  
Juice of 2 lemons  
3oz caster sugar  
½ pint double cream  
2 egg whites (whipped)

Put wine, lemon juice and caster sugar in a bowl. Leave for approximately 15 minutes. Whip the double cream and slowly add the wine, lemon juice and sugar.

Whip egg whites in a clean bowl and slowly mix all ingredients.

Decorate with fresh fruit and enjoy. Will not keep for long.

#### Mousse

1 block of jelly – any flavour  
150 ml hot water  
2 small tins evaporated milk

Melt the jelly and leave for an hour to cool. Whisk/whip the evaporated milk until doubled in size – around 6 minutes.

Mix with the jelly and place in refrigerator overnight.

Decorate with any fruit.

*Mary Mars Lloyd*

## Trefoil Guild

In the June meeting we played bingo and won chocolates! The raffle was drawn and tea enjoyed. The next meeting will be a birthday party.

On Wednesday, 22 July, the Lions Youth Brass Band will be performing at St Mary's Church, Llanfair Talhaearn. The proceeds will be shared between the church and Tŷ Clwyd, Girlguiding Clwyd's Residential Centre and Campsite.

# Garden Club

Our summer trip was to Tony Burrows' garden in Ffordd Las. Despite the chance of showers, we all enjoyed Tony's abundant garden with so many plants delighting the eye and with their soft aromas picked up in the damp evening air. The tall specimen trees, blooming shrubs and sprawling perennials created a depth and lushness whilst you meandered up towards the summer house. It's a garden created by a true 'gardener'. Refreshments were savoured on the patio amidst the hum of bees on the lavender and the song of a male blackbird perched on the fence. Conversations over a cuppa were plant-based, of course, and we all left with our minds buzzing with new ideas for planting in our own gardens.



*John Rowlands, Chair of the club (lt.) with Tony Burrows*

Llandyrnog Garden Club wishes to thank Tony for the wonderful tour of his garden. His hard work and love of plants really shows. He made us feel so welcome. Thank you, Tony, for sharing it with us.



The club will be sending £100 to Vale of Clwyd Mind from donations received on the night.

Our main programme re-starts on September 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:LlandyrnogGardeners@outlook.com)

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# Hello from the Rectory



We are now in the season of British Summertime and the gardens are blooming. In the Spring, seeds were sown which have been fed and watered by God's sun and rain, taken root and thrived in the care given to them. They are rooted and grounded in the love of those who have sown them.

Trees have particularly good roots, they anchor the tree firmly into the soil, absorbing water and nutrients which the tree needs to enable it to grow healthy and flexible, swaying in the wind, yet, on the whole, not succumbing to it.

In time we see the spring blossom and then summer/autumn fruit before trees cast off their leaves, only to be renewed with life when spring come around again. Through all the changing seasons, the tree's strong roots keep it grounded, and healthy.

Scripture tells us that we too, can be firmly rooted and grounded – in love – through the grace of God. In God's love we have all we need coursing through us, for growth, healing, and vitality, enabling us to produce fruit of our own – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

God's love is the constant that allows us to weather every season of our lives, it transforms and renews us over and over again.

In a world where we often find ourselves being tossed about by the storms of life, we need roots, that will hold us firm when life is challenging. Scripture teaches us how to remain steady – rooted in the firm love of God, enabling us to withstand the storms that come our way; anchored in Jesus, as St Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:16–18)

Let us pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through His Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Let us pray that being rooted and established in love, we may all have power together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. May this season be a blessing on you all.

*Rev Canon Juliet Fraser*

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# Art Engagement Project



Llandyrnog's Art Engagement Project Creativity came to life across Llandyrnog as pupils from Ysgol Bryn Clwyd, residents, supported participants, care and support workers, volunteers, teaching staff and professional artists came together for a programme of inclusive art workshops. Hosted at the school and at Llandyrnog Community Shop and Post Office, the project created welcoming spaces where children and adults could meet, learn and make artwork side by side. Participants explored observational drawing, clay, natural materials, glass, storytelling and illustration — discovering that there is no single 'right' way to be creative.

Professional artists Emma Holmes and

Verity Pulford helped participants look closely, experiment confidently and trust their own ideas. At the Community Shop, Emma's sketching sessions turned an everyday local setting into a place for cultural participation and conversation. Verity's practical making activities gave pupils focused, hands-on support and the freedom to develop their own responses. A heartfelt thank you to every pupil, participant, artist, member of staff, volunteer, support worker and partner who helped make the project possible — and to **Arts & Business Cymru, Procter Johnson, Llandyrnog Community Council and Ruthin Craft Centre** for their support.

*Patricia Mackinnon-Day*



## Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

Things are super busy at Bryn Clwyd this half term with swimming sessions, Year 6 transition, play rehearsals and lots more.

Years 2 and 3 went to Pentrellyncymer to have a first go at canoeing. and exploring the forest.



We went on a whole school trip to the World Museum in Liverpool where Dosbarth Hedfan practised their sketching skills for an art project they are involved in with Llandyrnog community shop. Dosbarth Tyfu explored dinosaurs and space as part of their time travel topic.

Finally, we were third time lucky with the weather on sports night and summer fayre. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and congratulations to the Creative Connie team, who were this year's sports night winners.



We will be performing our end-of-year play on Tuesday, 14 July at 5.15 in the Village Hall. All welcome!

## Llandyrnog Eisteddfod

A committee meeting was held Wednesday evening, 3 June, to arrange the 2026 eisteddfod. Ten members were present, with Fiona in the chair. The eisteddfod will be held this on Friday, 16 October at the village hall. Homework entries to be presented by Wednesday, 7 October. The eisteddfod offers the opportunity to children and young people perform to an audience and nurture confidence. We look forward to your support, hoping that we shall have a successful eisteddfod again this year.

A coffee morning will be held at the village hall on 12 September to raise funds for the eisteddfod. Come and join us – the usual stalls will be there.

## Fundraising lunch

Louise Eccleston hosted a fundraising lunch for the churches of St Tyrnog's and St Cwyfan. In beautiful weather, it was a very pleasant and heart-warming event, and raised £320 towards the churches. Thanks to Louise for the excellent food!



# The Community Council

The following matters were discussed in the June meeting:

- ◆ Reported incidents from North Wales Police included:
  - ◆ Suspicious vehicle visiting rural properties – report any such behaviour to 101 to see if there is an emerging pattern
  - ◆ Burglary – intruder in house, possibly mistaken address – nothing taken
  - ◆ RTC involving delivery vehicle
  - ◆ RTC involving moped – no injuries
  - ◆ ASB between neighbours over parking issues – advice given to both parties.
- ◆ Operational Atal: This is part of the Go Safe scheme. Following issues raised about speed of traffic around the area, Operation Atal was present outside Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and several speed checks were carried out. Offending cars were

stopped and offered advice – the highest speed was 32mph in a 20mph area.

- ◆ Planning: There were no objections to a revised application to extend Llwyn Helyg.
- ◆ Co-option: Three applicants provided sufficient information for consideration for the two vacant seats. Following a vote it was decided to offer Heather Powell and Dafydd Roberts the vacant seats.
- ◆ Audit update: Members requested further clarity before the return could be submitted.
- ◆ Cae Nant: Awaiting confirmation from DCC about the commuted sum before fencing works can start.
- ◆ Biodiversity Pack: The Community Council has been successful in its bid for an autumn-planting wildlife flower pack. This will be delivered in due course and arrangements will be made for planting, etc.

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