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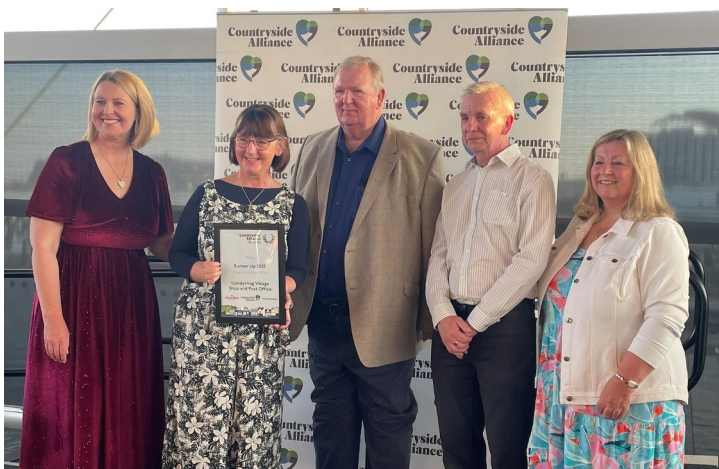
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Awards for local businesses



Congratulations to Angie and Graham Hughes of Tŷ Ceffyl Bach on winning the Gift Store of the Year category in The Wales Prestige Awards. These awards were launched to celebrate the businesses and individuals that consistently offer excellent products and services. Tŷ Ceffyl Bach was also highly commended in the Countryside Alliance Awards. And a happy first birthday to the shop!



Congratulations also to the community shop – runners-up in its category in the Countryside Alliance Awards. The award was presented by Hannah Thomas, rural affairs correspondent for ITV Wales, to (from 2nd Lt.) Jackie Le Fevre, Emyr Morris, Ivan Butler and Viv Rosser.

The new bench

It's good to see the new bench, opposite the former creamery, now Procter Johnson, in its place. The bench was donated to the village by *Llais Llandyrnog Voice*, installed by Jones Bros and the whole procedure co-ordinated by Llandyrnog Community Council. We hope that the residents of Llandyrnog will make good use of it. The installation of a bench was suggested by Diane and Chris Jones, as a half-way resting place for Diane's mother, Gladys Langford Jones, who enjoys walking the main road from the Waen to its centre.



Standing, from left: Ruth Griffith, chair of Llais Llandyrnog Voice committee; Diane and Chris Jones. Seated: Gladys Langford Jones; Gwen Butler, Chair of Llandyrnog Community Council; Huw Jones, Company Director, Jones Bros.

Around the village

Best wishes ... to Jordan Deaves and Undeg Steffan on their wedding at Dyffryn Chapel on Saturday April 19th with Rev. Robert Parry officiating. Undeg is the daughter of the former minister of the chapel, the late Rev. Wayne Roberts. The Piper playing the bagpipes and the Scottish contingency in their kilts added to the occasion. The happy couple will reside in Edinburgh.



... to Laura Godfrey-Brazier in her new home, Brookside;

... for a speedy recovery to Evelyn Weyman following an injury, and Rev. Sam Quilty following her ill-health;

... Leusa Jên Williams, Mabon Evans, Beth Erin Evans, Tyler Chown, and Mason and Lloyd Powell, who will be competing in the National Urdd Eisteddfod at the end of this month.

Coffee morning Thanks to all who supported this event in aid of St Tyrnog's Church – the grand total of £600 was raised.

Community gardens open day Saturday, 10 May, Noon–3pm: Denbighshire Housing will be holding an event at the gardens, near the bus stop opposite Maes Llan. For further details, e-mail community.resilience@denbighshire.gov.uk.

COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday 24 May at the Village Hall
10:00–11:30**

**Come along for a coffee and a chat
Cake stall, raffle etc.**

**Any enquiries,
ring Bryn on 07585 170592**

Events at the community hub

15 May: 2pm, scrabble and other board games.

Fridays, 10am–noon: drop in session with Citizen's Advice.


Llandyrnog Shop

Shop opening hours

Monday	8am – 5.30pm
Tuesday	8am – 5.30pm
Wednesday	8am – 5.30pm
Thursday	8am – 5.30pm
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Cocoa Room Events

Fri	2nd	Quilting group 1.30–3.30pm
Mon	5th	Trefoil Guild, 2pm
Tue	6th	Friendship group, 7–9pm
Wed	7th	<i>Llais Llandyrnog</i> Voice committee meeting, 7pm
Mon	12th	Craft Group, 10am
Tue	13th	Book Club, 10am
Wed	14th	Mothers' Union, 2pm
Mon	19th	Craft Group, 10am
Tue	20th	Community Council meeting, 7pm
Wed	21st	Tuesday Club, 2pm
Thu	22nd	Craft workshop, 7–9pm
Sat	24th	Craft workshop, 10am–noon
Tue	27th	Book Club, 10am

To book the **Cocoa Rooms**, contact Emily Williams: emilylloyd1@tiscali.co.uk
To book the **Village Hall**, contact Ivan Butler: 07799 570549 or by email ivanbutler897@btinternet.com

Village Hall Events

Thu	1st	Village shop event	7–9pm
Fri	2nd	Dance class	7–8pm
Sat	3rd	Craft Group	10am–4pm
Wed	7th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Fri	9th	Dance class	7–8pm
Sun	11th	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon	12th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon	12th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue	13th	Flower Show Committee	7–8pm
Wed	14th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Fri	16th	Dance class	7–8pm
Sat	17th	Coffee Morning: Christian Aid	10–11.30am
Mon	19th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
Mon	19th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed	21st	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Fri	23rd	Dance class	7–8pm
Sat	24th	Coffee Morning: Mind and RABI	10am–11.30
Fri	30th	Dance class	7–8pm

Services at St Cwyfan's

4th	11.15	Morning Prayer
11th	11.15	Eucharist
	15.30	Messy Church at the Village Hall
18th	11.15	Eucharist
25th	11.15	Eucharist

Services at Dyffryn Chapel

11th	10.00	Rev. Andras Iago
18th	10.00	Discussion and a cuppa
25th	9.45	Debbie Roberts

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Coffee morning

Saturday, 17 May, 10–11.30am
at the Village Hall

Donations gratefully received to
the home produce stall

Capel y Dyffryn

The Sunday School: 12 children and parents attended the Sunday School on 6 April taking part in Easter activities. They made an Easter garden, coloured the wooden cross, and then the children looked for Easter eggs around the chapel grounds.



Community Singing: Once again, a memorable Palm Sunday Community Hymn Singing was held at the chapel on Sunday, 13 April, under the baton of Trystan Lewis and organist Rhys Roberts. People came from far and wide, and the singing was very uplifting. The soloist was Gwenan Mars Lloyd, Pen y Bryn who sang beautifully. Aeron introduced and thanked everyone. A special thanks go to Bryn and Anwen as chief organisers and all volunteers, and to Llandyrnog Community Council, R W Roberts and Son and Henllan Bakery for their generous contributions towards the costs. Many enjoyed light refreshments and a chat in the vestry afterwards. Proceeds went towards Y Waen Day Care and the chapel's buildings fund.



Birthday greetings to Gwyneth Evans, formerly of Bodfan, who celebrated her 80th birthday in April.

Best wishes to Nest Mars Lloyd who will be competing at the Urdd National Eisteddfod at the end of the month.



Mothers' Union

In our May meeting we welcomed Doro Roberts from Nantglyn, who did a wonderful demonstration of flower arranging. Doro created three beautiful arrangements and as ever, while she was busy with the flowers, she gave a very entertaining presentation. We were all so envious of her skill with flowers – she always makes it look so easy!



We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Welsh Air Ambulance Coffee Morning — your support, kind donations, and lovely company meant the world!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing £2,400 for this life-saving service. Every penny will help keep the Welsh Air Ambulance flying and making a real difference.

When you have a child with additional needs, your biggest worry is always how they'll be accepted and thought of. But seeing the love and support that surrounds Ruby has been truly overwhelming in the best way. It means everything to know she is not only accepted but very well loved by so many.

A special shoutout to my amazing helpers, you know who you are! I honestly couldn't have done it without you. From setting up to serving, baking to cleaning, and everything in between you're all absolute super stars

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Vicky Owen



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Summer League Matches

A few matches have already been played — here are the fixtures in May. The team would appreciate your support.

Tuesday 6th May ko 7pm
Llandyrnog v Cefn

Thursday 8th May
Llandyrnog bye

Monday 12th May ko 7.15pm
Henllan v Llandyrnog

Thursday 15th May ko 7.15pm
Llandyrnog v Caerwys

Monday 19th May ko 7.15pm
Llanfair v Llandyrnog

Thursday 22nd May ko 7.15pm
Llandyrnog v Ysceifiog

Tuesday 27th May ko 7.15pm
Rhewl v Llandyrnog

Thursday 29th May ko 7.15pm
Llandyrnog v Llanrhaeadr



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My first motorcycle

Following on from Hazel's interesting article about her first car last month and that of Bryn's motorcycle dream I thought I'd share something halfway between the two –

It is 1977. My dad had given me some money for driving lessons but as I'd just started a job in Wrexham (and being a contrary and independent soul even then) I used the money to buy a Honda C90 Step-thru moped from Wrexham Scooters. This gave me greater independence than the potential car lessons because I could ride it on my own, straight away, on a provisional licence (no CBT back then, Bryn). Dad agreed to this (being a former biker himself) but only if I got "properly trained".

My first ride out after the C90 was delivered was an over-excited tootle round the back lanes near Rhewl. Trouble was, I had not yet mastered the art of leaning into a corner and that proved a problem at the first sharp bend I came to – I simply went straight on! Luckily there was nothing coming the other way and the farmer had left a gate open. Once I managed to stop a little way down the farm driveway, I got off, turned the bike around and went home again. I booked some training.

This little moped was really economical, the half-gallon tank of petrol under the seat lasted for ages. I rode to Wrexham every day, rarely getting above 30 mph. The Nant y Garth Pass and Llandegla moors were a bit of a challenge especially if there was a headwind, but it was still better than going on the bus! The bike did have its shortcomings however, once the novelty of independence had worn off a bit. It was slow, I was being overtaken by everything (far too close usually). The bike had just 3 gears with a centrifugal clutch (no clutch lever – it was throttle off, stamp on the gear pedal, throttle on). Timing of the gear change was crucial, get it wrong and you risk lurching forward – or worse, stalling the bike and looking a right numpty as you try and kick start it at the traffic lights...



Then I spotted a CB 200 Honda in Davies Bros, Chester. This was a proper motorcycle, 198cc, red and black, it had a kick-starter that actually worked first time, a 3-gallon petrol tank, front disc brake and a clutch lever connected to FIVE gears. At the time you could ride up to 250cc on a provisional licence, so this was the one for me. I found this bike so much easier to ride and went everywhere on it, city streets of Chester, country lanes of North Wales, in sun, snow, wind and rain. It was my transport. If I needed

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to go somewhere I went on the bike regardless of the weather.

I gained my full motorcycle licence in 1978 and then started the advanced training course at Gatewen in Wrexham. This was a revelation; I was taught so much about roadcraft, and I took to it like a duck to water. There were not so many female motorcyclists around, I made do with second-hand leathers which were not designed with ladies in mind, but I had found an activity I could really enjoy and seemed to be quite good at for once in my life!

It was a proud day when I passed my IAM advanced motorcycle test. I was also asked to help teach learner riders on a Sunday morning round the car parks and roadways of Shire Hall in Mold and I really enjoyed that.



It was a further 11 years before I learnt to drive a car and a further 25 years before I eventually got round to taking (and passing) the IAM car test. The lessons of self-preservation, observation and roadcraft learnt on these (and subsequently larger) motorcycles have certainly stood me in good stead and I would recommend it to anyone. Just make sure you get “properly trained”.

Gwen Butler

Trefoil Guild

The Guild met at a member’s home in Denbigh where we were shown a video of Denbigh in the past and the building of the town hall. It was very interesting. Refreshments were enjoyed and the raffle drawn. The next meeting will be in the Cocoa Rooms when we will play Bingo!!

Did you spot the April fool story in last month’s edition?! Sadly, the pitch will remain on a slight slope.

Other news

The community has been successful in obtaining funds from the Levelling Up Grant Scheme. In accordance with the terms of the grant it will be put towards the levelling up of Cae Nant football pitch. It has always been a toss-up decision whether to play the first half uphill or down, so this should help the team captains in the future.

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Messy Church

In our April session we learned about how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people waved palm branches, which is why we call it Palm Sunday. They all cheered and shouted 'Hosanna'. We made palm leaves and waved them while we sang 'Cân Hosanna' and made a huge palm tree, which the children really enjoyed. We also made palm trees out of fruit which we then ate with our meal. We heard the story of how Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and then returned alive on Easter Sunday. We all enjoyed our Easter eggs which not only taste delicious, but also represent new life in Jesus.

Our next session will be on 11th May and everyone is welcome to join us – children bring a grown-up with you!



Recipe

Chinese-style braised beef one-pot

Serves 6

3–4 tbsp olive oil

6 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

Good thumb-sized piece fresh root ginger, peeled and finely chopped

1 bunch spring onions, sliced

1 red chilli, deseeded and thinly sliced

3lb 5oz braising beef, cut into large pieces

2 tbsp plain flour, well seasoned

1 tsp Chinese five spice powder

2 star anise

2 tsp light muscovado sugar

3 tbsp Chinese cooking wine or dry sherry

3 tbsp dark soy sauce

18 fl oz beef stock

Steamed bok choy and steamed basmati rice, to serve

Heat 2 tbsp of oil in a large shallow pan. Fry the garlic, ginger, onions and chilli for 3 minutes, until soft and fragrant. Tip onto a plate. Toss the beef in the flour, add another 1 tbsp of oil to the pan, then brown the meat in batches, adding the final tbsp of oil if you need to.

Add the five spice and star anise to the pan, tip in the gingery mix, then fry for 1 minute, until the spices are fragrant.

Add the sugar, then the beef, and stir until combined. Keep the heat high, then splash in the wine or sherry, scraping up any meaty bits. Heat oven to 150 °C/fan 130 °C/Gas Mark 2. Pour in the soy sauce and stock, bring to a simmer, cover tightly, and transfer to the oven. Cook for about 2 hours, stirring the meat half way through.

Add the cooked bok choy to the pan and serve with basmati rice.

This is a family favourite. I also use chicken thighs instead of beef, and chicken stock instead of beef stock. Both are delicious!

Lyn Rose

The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group met at the Cocoa Rooms on Tuesday 1st April. Jackie Le Fevre gave an interesting talk on the Magic of Story, followed by a quiz on storytelling.

It is most probably impossible to prove, but it has been suggested that storytelling developed not long after the development of language itself. We do know that all cultures have told stories. Some of the earliest evidence of stories comes from the cave drawings in Lascaux and Chavaux, France, dating back over 17,000 years.

However, the way we communicate with others has changed drastically over time. Storytelling originated with visual stories, such as cave drawings, and then shifted to oral traditions, in which stories were passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. You know that book that you can not put down, the one where you always want to read another chapter, or the book that draws you in the moment you read the opening

paragraph. How to keep your reader interested, not too many facts and figures to complicate the story. We learnt a lot! You never know, we may have budding storywriters in our group now.

The outing was to the Empire Theatre in Liverpool, to see *War Horse*. We all had a lovely day.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th May at 7.00pm. The speaker will be Anwen Davies, talking about coincidences.

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SAVE THE DATE!

A family reunion

An enquiry from a Wrexham man in July 2024 who was researching his family history including the links to Llandyrnog, has led to a family reunion in the house where their relatives lived from sometime from 1910.

Ryan Edwards contacted members of the Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society via the *Llais* Twitter account originally, after a visit to the church in Llandyrnog to see the war memorial. He purchased a copy of *Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Y Rhyfel Mawr 1914 – 18 The Great War*. The book contained a section on his late great- great-uncle Frank Owen who is commemorated on the Llandyrnog war memorial.

Ryan was eventually put in touch with three relatives, from Australia and the UK, and this enabled him to find out even more about his family.

Ryan's great-grandmother, Ellen, was Frank Owen's sister. Frank was always held in high regard by his family and Ryan has known about Frank from a very young age. This was because his grandmother kept a matchbox holder (trench art) on the fireplace with a dedication on it.



He also has pictures of Frank, of Frank's original grave headstone in France later replaced by a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone, and two of Frank's medals given to him by one of Frank's nieces, an elderly aunt.

Frank Owen was born 12th December 1888 and lived with his parents William and Margaret and siblings in Abergele. By 1911 the family had moved to Pen Llwyn where his father continued to work as a gamekeeper at Fron Yw.

There was no mention of Frank as part of the family in the 1911 Census as he had emigrated in 1910 to Sydney, Australia. He gained Australian citizenship as he enlisted in the Australian Army four years later. Frank joined up with the 20th Battalion of the 1st Australian Imperial Force (AIF) and his battalion left Australia by ship and arrived in France on 25 March 1916. They took part in numerous battles on the Western Front.

On 11th November 1916, Frank was wounded and admitted to the 1st Anzac Main Dressing Station but died and was buried the same day in Dartmoor Cemetery, Bécordel-Bécourt, Plot 11, F2 (his headstone is incorrectly marked as Owens).

Following further research with Ryan's relative Jane, via Ancestry, she put him in touch with Greg Jones, from Australia. Greg's grandfather was Tom Owen, one of the brothers who had also emigrated to Australia. Greg then gave Ryan the exciting news that he and his wife had planned a trip to the UK, one of those weeks staying in Llandudno.

On Monday 31st March 2025, Greg and his wife Kerrienne, arrived in Wales and met up with Ryan, his father and other family members. It was the first time the family had met in over 100 years.

Ryan, his father David aged 78 (who last visited Pen Llwyn when he was 19), Greg and his wife Kerrienne, were welcomed to Pen Llwyn by the current owners and occupiers, Cindy and Miles Courtney, for a tour and refreshments. Stories, information and many details were shared revealing even more about the family history and the history of Pen Llwyn.

On the Wednesday the family met up again in The Dinorben Arms, this time joined by Jane

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Greg, Cindy, Miles, Ryan and David at Pen Llwyn

and another cousin, Gareth Owen, who still resides in Abergele.

On Friday of that week Greg, Kerrianne, Ryan and David once again met up, this time in Wrexham. They visited various locations connected with Margaret and William and met David's brother, and sister, Jillian. She showed Greg and Kerrianne a collection of family pictures of Margaret, William and their children, some of whom Greg had never seen before.

Tom Owen had sent over a piece of lace work to his mother and this was eventually given to Ryan's Aunty Jill. She gave the lacework to Ryan after all his efforts in finding the family out in Australia. The piece has the words 'Hands Across the Sea' on it and these words were finally realised with Greg, David and Ryan having their pictures taken holding it during Greg's visit to Wrexham.



Victory in Europe

When Nazi Germany finally surrendered to the Allies on 7 May 1945 it marked the end of six long years of fighting in which the UK suffered approximately 450,000 deaths – of which around 70,000 were civilians.

To celebrate 80 years since VE Day, 6th May will see historic buildings lit across the UK, including Denbigh Castle.

On May 7th, Wales First Minister, Eluned Morgan, will lead a National Service of Thanksgiving at Llandaff Cathedral, which will bring together senior Welsh, military, community, faith and political leaders alongside our veterans, Bevin Boys, Land Girls and other representatives of the home front to thank them for their service.

And locally, on Thursday, 8 May there will be a VE Day commemoration at St Mary's Church, Denbigh, 7–9pm. Items will include music by soloist Kathryn Nash and Local schools, and poetry readings. Tickets £5 to include refreshments, from Lle Llinos a Kerry and Siop Clwyd (cash only).



Celebrating VE Day in Llandyrnog in 1946. On the stage, from left: Derek Parry, Ann Evans, Joyce Hughes, Alma Lloyd, Shirley Evans, Len Wynne, George Pritchard, Merfyn Langford. (Photo courtesy of Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society).

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The Wright Life



This year, so far, we have had a pleasantly warm and dry spring with the daffodil and tulip bulbs taking full advantage of this weather, giving us fantastic displays. May heralds a transformation – with the early woodland wildflowers finished, we now start to see the leaves on the trees opening and the landscape greening as the canopy closes over the bluebells, primroses and cowslips. It's a time to enjoy the eruption of colourful flowers in our hedgerows and roadside verges. Cow parsley seems to appear overnight; Bob the Cob loves to grab mouthfuls of these light feathery flowers which must have a sweet taste as he passes by. He catches me by surprise when I am not concentrating and pulls us both into the nearest hedge.

A sure sign of spring, for me, is the hawthorn blossom with its white and pinkish hues and slightly sweet smell; but a true smelly springtime flower to look out for, is the gorse. Our hillsides begin to turn yellow as these vibrant drifts appear. The flowers are a sunny golden colour and resemble pea flowers. It's the aroma that I eagerly wait for as Bob and I brush past or when walking the dogs, your nose picks up that coconut and vanilla scent as it pervades the air on a hot sunny afternoon. It appears along our hedgerows, margins and field edges.



The flowers are edible but taste bitter. They are best foraged on a sunny evening with thick gloves as the bushes have razor sharp

spikey needle-like leaves or thorns and can give you nasty scratches. I pick them to make into home-made wine which is golden in colour and with a medium sweetness and distinctive floral flavour with a hint of coconut.

Once successfully picked, without injury, I steep the flowers in boiled water over night and then add sugar and simmer until dissolved. When cool I add lemon juice and the yeast to ferment the mixture. This bucket is then put in a warm place like an airing cupboard to ferment. Fermentation is a natural process that has been used for thousands of years. Yeast with airborne bacteria produce enzymes that break down carbohydrates releasing energy. This process converts the sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide. You will know this initial process is working as a brewery smell will fill the airing cupboard and it's time to sieve the contents and add to a demi-john to continue its fermentation. This liquid will be left to distil in the demi-john with an airlock. The airlock is vitally important. It is filled with water and will bubble away slowly releasing the carbon dioxide gas but is there to prevent oxygen entering which will affect the fermentation and the brew will be spoiled. When it's finished bubbling and the liquid is clear, there will be a thick sediment on the bottom and it can be sieved and siphoned into bottles to be stored for approximately 9 months and then enjoyed.

I have made wines out of many foraged foods – oak leaves, nettles, blackberries and elderflowers. Elderflower champagne is a particular favourite and makes a lovely light summer sparkling drink. There have been mishaps, with bottles unexpectedly exploding to exuberant dogs knocking over the demi-johns and spilling the contents, but it's all part of this rewarding hobby and we can all enjoy the end result of it.

Hazel

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

April started with a huge celebration as Ysgol Bryn Clwyd won the e-steddfod! This is an online version of the traditional eisteddfod in which schools from all over Wales take part via zoom. We had a huge success with our homework entries and stage results, including



Lettie winning the Crown trophy for English creative writing. Pupils from nursery to year 6 took part and we had the best day supporting our friends and

watching the competitions and results roll in.

Dosbarth Babanod ended their stone age topic with a visit to see a real cave at Loggerheads Country park, whilst Dosbarth



lau went to Llyn Brenig to see the ospreys, experience pond dipping and explore the Alwen water treatment centre.

Dosbarth lau ended their topic on landmarks with a project to design a landmark to bring tourists to the area. Councillor Parry came along to listen to their presentation and picked the winning group who designed a Ferris wheel in the shape of a daffodil.



A huge DIOLCH to Keep Wales Tidy – North East Wales, Y Tŷ Gwyrdd and Denbighshire County Council for the Easter Trail and

Community Garden planning event! It was a perfect opportunity to bring our Llandyrnog Community, Cymuned Llandyrnog members together to discuss plans for the use and upkeep of our amazing new community garden here. The children loved the egg hunt (with a twist!) Please get in touch if you would also like to get involved or support in any way.



The Easter Bingo in the village hall was very enjoyable – thanks to all who supported the event.

Local History Society

Thomas Pennant naturalist, traveller, and writer in the Vale of Clwyd

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan Local History Society Members and visitors enjoyed a fascinating talk in March in the village hall, Llandyrnog on Thomas Pennant and his rambles through the Vale of Clwyd. It was delivered by speaker Dr Paul Evans.

There was a bumper turnout, numerous questions and discussions and the majority stayed for refreshments and a good chat and catch up after the talk.

Dr Paul Evans' interest and passion for history is renowned and he has written 29 textbooks and revision guides on Thomas Pennant. His doctoral thesis was 'The life and work of Thomas Pennant' and was the co-founder of the Grŵp Thomas Pennant Group. Paul is currently writing a biography on Thomas Pennant (Volume 1) which will be published in 2026 to coincide with the 300-year anniversary of Pennant's birth and a Volume 2 will follow later.

Thomas Pennant, naturalist, traveller, and writer in the Vale of Clwyd was born and lived his whole life at his family estate, Downing Hall, near Whitford, Flintshire, in Wales. The talk covered the historical context of the time of Pennant's travels and his views and opinions as a travel writer, the places Pennant travelled to, what was written about them and how they were portrayed and influence Pennant's tours had. The places visited included Prestatyn, Dyserth, St Asaph, Lleweni, St Marcella's Church, Gwaenynog, Llanrhaeadr, Ruthin; Bodrhyddan Hall, Rhuddlan; Llannerch Hall, Trefnant, and Bach y Graig, Tremeirchion. Paul also shared the references about Llangwyfan including the Fron Yw mansion, the church together with the details about Llandyrnog and Llangynhafal that were in Pennant's book.

All are welcome to society meetings with members paying only £8 for the yearly programme of 4 meetings and visitors/non-



Lt-rt: Julia Hughes, Chair; Dr Paul Evans with Pennant's book; Rona Aldrich, Business Officer

members £3 per meeting. Light refreshments are served for all at the end of every meeting.

For additional details please e-mail Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol Llandyrnog & Llangwyfan Local History Society on llangwyfanhistory@hotmail.com.

Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol LLANDYRNOG & LLANGWYFAN Local History Society

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:
LLANDYRNOG CHURCH
Wednesday, 14 May at 7pm**



**The Church of St Tyrnog Story
by Ven. E. Bernard Thomas**

Tuesday Club

The speaker at the April meeting was the Police's Community Support Officer, Dave Jones. He had been invited to the meeting to talk about fraud and scamming, as this is a growing problem in our society.

He gave very valuable information and advice about how to ensure that no one is defrauded and the members showed great interest in his talk. He also gave details of organizations and charities that can help if you are worried about fraud.

Light refreshments were served and the raffle drawn. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 May at 2pm.



1. Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, e-mail or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
2. Make sure your computer has up-to-date virus software and a firewall installed.
3. Banks and Financial institutions will not send you an e-mail asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Do not trust such e-mails, even if they look genuine.
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7. If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for things you haven't bought, or hear from financial institutions you don't normally deal with, or they contact you about outstanding debts, take action. Your identity may have been stolen.
8. Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or e-mails offering you business deals out of the blue. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Always question it.
9. If you have been a victim of fraud, be aware of fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters pretend to be a lawyer or a law enforcement officer and tell you they can help you recover the money you've already lost.
10. If you need Advice about fraud or cyber crime, contact Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre, on 0300 123 2040. For further details, visit <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>.

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Matters discussed in the April meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

- ♦ The community policeman sent details of two reported incidents since the last meeting, that included theft from a holiday home by a guest and a road traffic accident with no injuries.
- ♦ There were some concerns though that had been raised on social media about some possible anti-social behaviour and the PCSO would be made aware of this.
- ♦ We were reminded that the current arrangement using the Denbigh County Council server at the Cocoa Rooms was due to end in June and alternative arrangements needed to be considered.
- ♦ There was a letter of thanks from Capel y Dyffryn thanking for the generous donation which led to a very successful event.
- ♦ A consultation has been received about tree-planting in the Fron Gelyn and Llangwyfan Farm area and there were no concerns, but to ensure it did not affect any public footpaths.
- ♦ The Community Council has taken delivery of two raised beds and many bags of peat-free compost and topsoil to fill them. One was given to the school to add to their existing raised bed garden, and the other given to the Allotments Project.
- ♦ Denbighshire Housing has organized an event for the Allotments Project on 10 May. Details to follow from DCC.
- ♦ The bench has been positioned and need to arrange a photo opportunity – this is in hand.
- ♦ Community involvement survey – forms will be available in the shop so that residents can have a say in what they would like to focus on in the village to make it a better and nicer place to live – within a limited budget.
- ♦ A very generous donation of £250 has been received from a family that wishes to remain anonymous, towards purchasing bedding plants for the boxes around the area and roundabout. It was gratefully received and a card to thank the family will be sent.
- ♦ It was decided to seek two quotations for decorating the bottom room of the Cocoa Rooms following the refurbishment.

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