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Around the village

Weddings: Congratulations to...

... Catrin Morgan-Lee, formerly of Nant Glyd, Llandyrnog and Andrew Gale-Hasleham who were recently married in Chester;

... Ben and Beci on their recent wedding at Streatly-on-Thames. Ben is the grandson of Sylvia Evans, Maes Clwyd and he and Beci will reside at Caversham;

... to William Kent and Sioned on their recent wedding at Barton-le-Street, Yorkshire. Sioned is the grand-daughter of Gwilym and Myfanwy, Gwylfan.

Birthday greetings to John Rowlands, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and to Gwilym Williams, on celebrating his 90th.

Condolences to the family of Mark Roberts, a familiar former resident of the village; and to Aeron Ellis, Gader Goch on the loss of his niece.

Welcome to the village to Gwydion, Llinos and Twm to the chapel house, Dyffryn Chapel

Congratulations...

... to Tomos Davies, formerly of Hafod y Bryn, on his appointment as Associate Director of property advisors Cooke and Arkwright, Cardiff;

... to Daniel Lloyd, Maes Tyrnog, director of the play *Constellations/Cytserau* recently staged at Theatr Clwyd. It was a resounding success and received many outstanding reviews;

... to Craig and Pym, Oliver's Row, on the birth of their son.



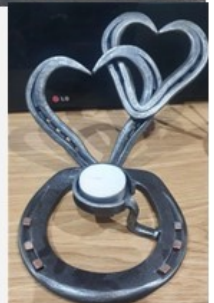
Photo: Llandyrnog FC

This was a historic moment for Llandyrnog FC. In the game against Trefnant in the Summer League at the end of June, Mally Hughes came off the bench at the age of 60, playing alongside his 2 sons, Tom and Sam, for the first time. Mally has played over 40 seasons for the club.

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Mon 1 st	Brownies, 5.30–7pm Choir, 7.30–9.30pm
Tue 2 nd	Flower Show Committee, 7–8pm
Wed 3 rd	Pilates, 7–8pm
Sat 6 th	Craft Group, 10am–4pm Birthday party – private booking, 11am–2pm
Mon 8 th	Brownies, 5.30–7pm Choir, 7.30–9.30pm
Tue 9 th	Ysgol Bryn Clwyd show, 5–7pm
Wed 10 th	Pilates, 7–8pm
Sat 13 th	Coffee morning: Dyffryn Chapel, 10–11.30am
Sun 14 th	Messy Church, 3.30–5pm
Mon 15 th	Brownies, 5.30–7pm Choir, 7.30–9.30pm
Tue 16 th	Tibetan Monks, 6–10pm
Wed 17 th	Pilates, 7–8pm
Sun 21 st	Craft Fair, 10am–3pm
Mon 22 nd	Choir, 7.30–9.30pm
Sat 27 th	Coffee morning: Prostate Cancer UK, 10.00–11.30am
Mon 29 th	Choir, 7.30–9.30pm

Cocoa Rooms Events

Mon 1 st	Craft Group 10am <i>Llais Llandyrnog</i> meeting 7pm
Tue 2 nd	Book Club 10am W.I. 7pm
Thu 4 th	General election
Mon 8 th	Craft Group 10am
Wed 10 th	Mothers' Union 2pm
Mon 15 th	Craft Group 10am
Tue 16 th	Book Club 10am Community Council 7pm
Wed 17 th	Tuesday Club
Thu 18 th	Craft workshop 7–9pm
Sat 20 th	Craft workshop 10am–12pm
Mon 22 nd	Craft Group 10am Quilting group 7pm
Mon 29 th	Craft Group 10am

To book the Cocoa Rooms, e-mail Mrs Emily Williams: emilylloyd1@tiscali.co.uk

Church Services

7 th	11.15am	Eucharist
14 th	11.15am	Eucharist
	3.30pm	Messy Church at the Village Hall
21 st	11.15am	Eucharist
28 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer

Village Hall hiring charges

	UP TO 2 HOURS	PER HOUR AFTER 2 HOURS
MAIN HALL	£30	£10
MAIN HALL AND KITCHEN	£40	£12
LOWER ROOM	£20	£7
LOWER ROOM + KITCHEN	£25	£10
LOCAL COFFEE MORNINGS (hall and kitchen)	£30	

Please note: local coffee mornings to set out tables and clear up at the end. Waste to be taken away, not left on site. To book the Village Hall, contact Ivan Butler: 07799 570549 or ivanbutler897@btinternet.com.

Dyffryn Chapel

7 th	10am	Circuit service
14 th		Pilgrimage
21 st	10am	Family service
28 th	9.45am	Rev. Andras Iago

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Urdd National Eisteddfod, Meifod this year, especially Leusa Jên, Gwenan and Beca for their successes in the stage competitions.

Also to Mary Mars Lloyd on becoming a great-grandmother again, to Leia Haf, daughter of Anna and John of Gwyddelwern, and sister of Gwen.

Preliminary Notice

Capel y Dyffryn, Llandyrnog

Musical presentation by

Rev. Robert Parry, BMus, BD, Liverpool

Sunday, September 22nd at 5pm

President: Professor Elwen Mair Evans, KC

Compere: Mr Nic Parry, Llanbedr DC

Ticket £10, children free

Proceeds towards the Chapel buildings and St Kentigern's hospice

Ride of Respect

On 1st June, the Welsh Guards conducted their Ride of Respect through North Wales as part of the Falklands Ride of Respect 24. The ride started from Boddyfryd in Wrexham at 8am, visiting memorials to their fallen brothers. They called at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd to pay their respects to Guardsman Peter Edwards, who was killed in action at Bluff Cove in 1982.



Thanks to all who attended and supported the coffee morning on 22 June. The grand total of **£330** was raised, which will be shared between St Tyrnog's Messy Church and Shelter Cymru.

Capel y Dyffryn Chapel

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 13 July

10–11.30 at the Village Hall

Usual stalls, raffle

All welcome

Coffee
morning



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The Wright Life



The month of July is a 'waiting' month where everything is planted and finally growing after an extremely slow start with June being so cold and wet.

There are some other jobs I like to do at this time of year, as it's the best time to take softwood cuttings from plants such as buddleia, hydrangeas and fuchsias. You will need plenty of soft and flexible young shoot tips which will hopefully root quickly. I collect my cuttings early before the sun comes out with non-flowering shoots being the best and cut below a node or bud to about 10cm in length. Cutting below a node is where there is a concentration of hormones to start growth.

I put the cuttings in a plastic bag to prevent the ends drying out. I fill pots with well-draining compost and grit (terracotta if you have them for ultimate re-cycling rather than plastic ones). The lower leaves are removed and the top pinched out. Dip the end in hormone rooting powder but I find many shrubs will take without this. Make a hole in your compost with a dibber or chopstick and insert your cutting. Push in till the lower leaves are just above the top of the compost and label, as I always forget what things are. Cover



with plastic and place somewhere warm. They do root quite happily under the staging in the greenhouse, but they must remain moist. If you haven't covered them, mist the leaves regularly. You should see some growth after 2–3 weeks. I test by giving them a gentle tug and if rooted they can be potted up.

I was sadly reminded of the perils of animal husbandry recently. Mr and Mrs Fox, needing to feed their cubs, have found my hens over the course of a week, picking them off one by one during the day. The vulnerable rescue hens were first but then they moved on to my mature laying hens. It is a curse for every poultry keeper, but the situation is still upsetting, discovering feathers scattered in the grass and the rest of the flock traumatised. Chickens are quite vulnerable creatures, they cannot fly to escape danger, nor do they move particularly speedily. They take security from being in a flock. Top of the roost is the cockerel or the oldest and most aggressive hen to whom the rest defer. Bottom are the weakest and youngest, who take their chances when they can. Running the flock on a free-range basis like I do means any squabbles are eliminated, as those lowest in the pecking order can just move away to another part of my garden or field, but now they are all in the one run together making tensions high. I have had to move some of the elderly hens to another spare hut as they were being bullied. The hen house and run have all been 'fox proofed' and unfortunately, they will have to stay in the run until the threat subsides or when the fields surrounding my house have been cut for hay/silage as the long grass gives plenty of cover for predators approaching my boundary fencing. I hope these measures will keep the remaining birds safe.

Hazel

Vale of Clwyd tractor run

Following the coffee morning held on 25 May to raise money for the DPI Foundation and the Wales Air Ambulance, which raised the honourable sum of £450, the lads went on a tractor run the following Sunday, 2 June, to raise money for the same worthy causes.

The 30-mile long journey went via Graigfechan, Pentrecelyn, Cricor Mountain, Moel Morfudd, Rhewl, Llantysilio, Pentredŵr, the Ponderosa, Llandegla and back down the shelf to Ruthin.

According to Emma Grant, Leader of Wales Air Ambulance Public Affairs, the cost of keeping the Air Ambulance service viable is £10,000 per day on average. Therefore fundraising is never-ending.

All had a good time on the run and £3600 was raised in total which will be shared between the two charities.

A very big thank you to the residents of Llandyrnog for your support – it's greatly appreciated.

Bryn Davies



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Trefoil Guild

The Guild enjoyed a visit to Plas Coch gardens which were awash with interesting plants and an orchard of heritage apple trees. The fruit is used for juicing when possible. We were given tea and cake and had an interesting chat, as the grandmother of one of our members was born there when it was a farm.

Our next meeting will centre on Mental Health with a talk given by a professional.

Llandyrnog Utd FC

Llandyrnog FC is looking forward to the new season with a new management structure lead by Liam Nash. If anyone would like to help the club by sponsoring the match ball, a pitchside board and/or a player, or wishes to renew the sponsorship of a pitchside board, then please get in contact through email or messenger. Any sponsorship would be much appreciated. For more information, contact llandyrnogunitedfc@gmail.com.



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General Election 2024

Please use your vote Thursday, 4 July and remember to take photographic ID with you. The constituency boundaries have now changed, and Llandyrnog is in Clwyd East. This includes:

- ♦ In Denbighshire: Dyserth, Llandyrnog, Prestatyn, Tremeirchion, Llanarmon-yn-Iâl, Llandegla, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd, Llangynhafal, Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Gwyddelwern, Llangollen and Ruthin;
- ♦ In Flintshire: Argoed, Brynford, Caerwys, Cilcain, Ffynnonogroyw, Greenfield, Gronant, Gwernaffield, Gwernymynydd, Halkyn, Holywell, Leeswood, Mold, Mostyn, New Brighton, Northop, Northop Hall, Trelawnyd, Gwaenysgor and Whitford;
- ♦ In Wrexham: Llangollen Rural.

The candidates are:

Jeanie Barton – Reform UK

Alec Dauncey – Liberal Democrats

James Davies – Conservatives

Becky Gittins – Labour

Lee Lavery – The Green Party

Paul Penlington – Plaid Cymru

Rob Roberts – Independent

YSGOL BRYN CLWYD



Headteacher: Mr Ben Lindquist

Chair of Governing Body: Dr Bethan Atkinson

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Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

It has been a very busy June for the pupils at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. Dosbarth iau enjoyed a trip to Conwy castle, trying to work out how the supporters of Owain Glyndŵr may have entered the castle.

The whole school worked with Miss Gemma to start setting up our new forest schools area on the field and have had a great time in their first forest school lessons.

Travelling to school by scooter is really popular with the children so we had a special morning learning scooter safety skills.

Finally, Miss Birkett organised a special 'Diwrnod Cymraeg'. Ysgol Gellifor joined us for the day and the pupils had fun at a silent Welsh disco, painting *Croeso* signs with artist Chloe Diamond, learning rugby skills, building a *den darllen* – reading den, and having a special visit from Magi Ann.



We are still looking forward to our end of year play, *A funny thing happened on the way to Camelot*, which takes place on Tuesday, 9 July at 5.30pm. Entrance is free and we welcome everyone to come down and have a fun evening with us.



One of the new Croeso signs

Recipe

Banana Bread

Ingredients:

8oz. self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon of baking powder
Pinch of salt
2oz margarine/1oz margarine, 1oz butter
2oz castor sugar
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1large handful of sultanas
1large handful of currants
1large handful of raisins
1 tub of glacé cherries halved
1 teacup of mashed bananas (over-ripe
bananas tend to give the loaf a better taste)
1 egg
Milk to mix

Method:

Sieve the self-raising flour, baking powder and salt together into a mixing bowl.
Thoroughly rub in the margarine or margarine and butter.
Add the sugar and lemon rind – mix in well using a metal tablespoon.
Add the sultanas, currents and raisins – mix in well to distribute them evenly.
Halve the cherries if necessary and add – mix

in well to distribute them evenly.

Put the bananas through a food processor/liquidiser until all the bits are gone or mash them finely with a fork and add to the mix, stirring in thoroughly to distribute evenly.
Beat one egg in a small bowl and add to the mix followed by a drop of milk if necessary, mixing thoroughly to give it all an even, sticky consistency.

Thoroughly grease a loaf tin and coat it with a light dusting of flour. Put the mix into the tin and cover the loaf tin with foil.

Put the tin in the centre of a pre-heated oven at 375 °F or 190 °C for about 40–45 minutes. Take the foil off towards the end of cooking to brown the bread.

Use a skewer to check that it is cooked and add some more time if necessary.

Use a knife around the inside edges of the tin to release the bread when it is cooked and place it on a cooling rack.

Slice, butter, and enjoy your banana bread!!!!

Julia Hughes

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Spotlight on... Jane Borthwick

This month we get to know more about Jane Borthwick who was recently elected vice-chair of Llandyrnog Community Council.

Where was your first school/further education?

My first school was Ysgol-y-Ddôl in Rhydymwyn. It's no longer there but it was very similar to Ysgol Bryn Clwyd where I am now privileged to be a school governor.

The ethos in the 1970s was similar to the ethos of the new curriculum in Wales now, lots of learning outdoors, project work and sports. I loved primary school and that is where my love of learning began. I went to Chester college to study to be a teacher – I wanted to be a barrister but it seemed like a big task in the 80s so I trained at Chester with some successes and some failures. On my last teaching practice I nearly gave up as it was tough, but I'm glad I didn't – I wouldn't have had the chance to be a headteacher, inspector and primary school officer, my current job which I love.

What is next for you?

As you may know I like a challenge, so who knows what is next for me? When I retire in a couple of years, I hope to visit more Scottish islands, wild camp and travel. After visiting Denmark this year, Scandinavia is on the horizon. I'm sure I will do more charity fundraising for Doddie Aid and cancer research and maybe finally learn to run a race!

If you have any spare time what are your interests?

The outdoors mainly – biking and hiking and wild swimming, being with my grandchildren, reading and supporting the local community. Since moving to the village I have become more interested in gardening with some rather wild results. I love living in Llandyrnog



and really enjoy supporting the community council, the WI and the school.

What makes you really angry?

What makes me angry is politics and the lack of decency in Westminster and devolved parliaments, I so wish politicians would set a better tone and example. Feminism seems to be going backwards – that makes me angry too, and the rise in child poverty and abuse is tragic in this day and age.

What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of speaking Welsh – Cymraeg Ysgol Maes Garmon. My Mum and Dad sent me there even though they were from the Wirral and I fell in love with the language and use it whenever I can. When I sang badly at the Cymanfa Ganu at the chapel recently, I felt like I'd come full circle from my days of being told off for chatting at the chapel in Mold back in the 80s.

I am also proud of being on the British team for barefoot waterskiing back in 1982, I didn't win but competing in Germany at age 17 was my sporting high point!

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan WI

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan WI General meeting was held on 4 June at the Cocoa Rooms. The committee reported on a group meeting held at the village hall on 29 May which was well attended by 21 visitors as well as members of our own WI. The feedback was really positive – everyone enjoyed the cake and sandwiches and loved listening to the talk from Wendy Grey-Lloyd.

The seven ladies who ran the meeting did an amazing job and we received lots of praise and thanks.

The WI has used a donation of £100 from the community council to provide a number of hanging baskets around the village which look very colourful.

The main speaker at the June meeting was Mair Dowell with two friends who came along to talk to us about nursing through the ages.

At the age of 16, Mair wrote to the matron of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Rhyl to say she wanted to be a nurse, and became a cadet nurse when she was 17. She completed her three months of pre-nurse training learning the basic but very important elements of care. The training was based on patient-first fundamentals.

Mair told us how nurses were charged with cleaning in the wards every morning and at the same time they would chat to patients and see how they were and got to know them. Matron insisted that a clean environment was a must!

Nurses these days have more academic training, and the job is much busier, so they have less hands-on experience in some ways. This is a shame as Mair explained how much of the care was based upon looking at and interacting with the patients and taking their observations. There were fewer scans, which are a marvel but don't always tell the full picture. Another change is that now nurses don't accompany the doctors on the wards and they wear more practical clothing.

Nurses now have to re-register every year

and this takes up time and some of the role has become more administrative with the advances in technology and records for care, much needed, of course.

Mair recalled night shifts where only one staff member would be on duty with no breaks, she also recalled how much the matrons knew about the antics of the student nurses, of course they didn't let on! Many members had praise for the NHS and the care they have received with lovely, committed staff. All thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

Next speaker on 2 July is Tracey Pierce from the hedgehog rescue, all very welcome.

Jane Borthwick
Secretary

Llandyrnog Horse Show



What a fantastic day – thank you to all who supported us. How lucky were we with the weather!

A huge thank you to the Jones and Evans families for use of and prep of the field; the judges and stewards; the sponsors who donated to the show or donated prizes – there were some lovely stalls. And a massive thank you to the competitors for a fantastic turn out, especially the amazing fancy dress competitors for some fabulous outfits! Thanks finally to the committee and families for organising and setting up the show.

Iona Pierce

Flower and produce show



This year's Flower and Produce Show will be on Monday, 26 August and preparations are already well under way. This year's Show President will be Bryn Williams, chef and author, who will open the show. There will be an extended marquee this year, incorporating a craft fair and additional stalls. There will also be a dog show again. Entry to the show will be free, but donations will be welcome.

Schedules for the show are currently with the printer and are fully bilingual. We aim to distribute them to every household in our catchment area (3km or less from the Village Hall) during the first half of July. If we miss anyone, additional hard copies or an electronic schedule will be available from the Secretary, Roger Warner, at Cross Keys or on the Community Council's website, llandyrnogcommunitycouncil.co.uk.

Entry forms are included in the schedule and there are 141 classes in the show covering categories for fruit and vegetables, home produce, flowers, floral art, children's classes, craft and photography. You don't have to be an expert to enter exhibits in the show; all are welcome and entry is free. There will be a box in the porch of the Church for entry forms, from the beginning of August. Alternatively an electronic form can be obtained from the Secretary at llandyrnogshow@gmail.com.

Messy Church

In our June session we heard the story of the boy Samuel who lived in the Temple to serve God and to help Eli. Each year his mother Hannah would visit him and take him a new coat. One night Samuel thought he heard Eli calling him, but in the end he realised that it was the voice of God and Samuel said 'Speak Lord, for I am listening.' So we did activities to do with listening and we learned that God speaks to us in different ways and we need to be ready to hear his call.

Our next session will be on Sunday 14th July at 3.30 in the Village Hall and all are welcome. Children, please bring a grown-up to share the fun!



Samuel's coat, decorated by the children at Messy Church

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club members had their summer lunch at the Drovers Arms in Rhewl last month. Sam and Sion Hilditch Roberts were excellent hosts as always and the food was excellent.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 July at 2pm at the Cocoa Rooms. New members will be given a warm welcome.

Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society

“Don’t look back” – a talk by Wendy Grey-Lloyd

A very well-attended meeting of the Society took place in May in Llandyrnog Village Hall where speaker Wendy Grey-Lloyd gave the story of Guernsey children who were billeted in Denbigh during World War 2.

Since Wendy’s retirement as Head of Speech and Drama at Howell’s School, Denbigh, she has found more time to devote to her interest in writing. Celebrating 150 years of Howell’s School, she was asked to write a history of the school and during her research, she learnt that 60 girls from the Ladies’ College Guernsey, were billeted in Denbigh, with their lessons in Howell’s School.

In 1940, Holland and Belgium falling to Germany, followed by the evacuation of Dunkirk, spread anxiety amongst the 43,000 residents of Guernsey. In June 1940, the Heads of Guernsey schools were told that the schools should go to England, each school in the charge of its own staff. Schools had to be ready to leave within 24 hours and 4000 children and teachers were evacuated.

The girls left from the harbour on the cargo boat *Batavier IV* in the middle of the night on Thursday, June 20th. Young children were being led by older pupils to the boat and they were told by teachers not to look back (they feared the children would be too distraught seeing the distress on their parents’ faces and not go onto the boat). They arrived in Weymouth and were transported to Oldham, Lancashire. Two colleges from Guernsey moved to Derbyshire. After the remainder of the summer in Derbyshire, the College’s final wartime move took place in September 1940 with the move to Howell’s School, Denbigh.

Wendy has managed to meet with some of the Guernsey girls and discuss their experiences and has collected heartwarming and heartbreaking personal accounts.

They were billeted to live with local families and were really well looked after.



From lt.: Gwen Butler, Wendy Grey-Lloyd, Ven. E. Bernard Thomas

Many maintained links with the families long after the war years. Certificates from the late Queen Mother were presented to members of the public in Denbigh who were responsible for finding homes for the Guernsey Girls, thanking them for their service.

After the war, when the girls returned to Guernsey, many did not recognise their families as they had aged so much and endured starvation during the war years. Some of the girls on their return, following the war years, felt no longer at home on the island and a number returned to the UK to live and spend the rest of their lives there.

Gwen Butler was at the talk, the daughter of Edward Watkin (Ted) Evans B.E.M. O.St.J. (1922–2021) of Rhewl. He sailed with the Merchant Navy on the *Channel Queen* many times to the Channel Islands with much needed supplies for the islanders. His regular holiday in later life was in May when he travelled to Guernsey for the Liberation Day celebrations.

Most of the Guernsey girls have now sadly passed away but it is so important that their story is preserved and available for current and future generations.

The next history society event is the summer visit on Saturday 20th July to St. Dyfnog’s Church, St. Dyfnog’s Well and the Alms houses in Llanrhaeadr, followed by a visit to the Laundry Garden, Llanrhaeadr for a tour, talk and tea. Cost £10 per person.

For additional details e-mail the Society on llangwyfanhistory@hotmail.com.

A message from the Priest

There seems to be a lot going on in life at the moment. With the General Election on the way, we're likely to face some changes UK-wide. We also have European cup football still rolling until mid-July and Wimbledon too. Then of course it's the Olympics in Paris towards the end of the month. Even though it's been strangely cold, we've started getting a hotter summer and before long it will be the summer holidays in the academic year.

Change is something we experience all of the time in life. A well-known riddle given to students starting on philosophy degrees is, "Why can you never step in the same part of a river twice?" Some people get it, I guess many google it these days, the answer is, "because the current always flows, it is always moving".

The Bible, which seems to have changing qualities with all of the huge varieties of translations in all the different versions and different languages, is full of wisdom. Many Christians believe that a lot of the text in its 66 books is inspired by God and that when we read it God can communicate through it. Ecclesiastes, written around 3000 years ago, has a deeply moving and capturing section all around this topic:

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace

There is a season for everything in life and it can bring great comfort knowing that King Solomon wrote this text all that time ago, gifted with the wisdom of God and that it is just as true now as it was then. Whatever we face in life, no matter how difficult, reading through this text and believing that there is a season for all things will bring the peace, the deep peace, *shalom* which is from God. Whatever you face in this ever changing life, good and bad, you can mark the moments with reflections like this one – in all desolations and consolations, God is with us. In fact more often than not, when we look properly, God whose ways are not equal to our ways, has gone before us. Every blessing to you with whatever changes you face, now and always.

**The Reverend Martin Pritchard,
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Llandyrnog Community Council

Some of matters discussed at the June meeting of the community council

- ♦ It was disappointing that DCC had not responded to a request to cut back the verges on the pavement between the village and the creamery site. A case was made on safety grounds – people have to walk on the road to avoid the overgrowth. Similarly DCC had not responded to a request as to when the overgrowth at the junctions would be cut back to improve visibility.
- ♦ Neither the portfolio holder nor the Head of Service had replied directly to the community council as to why they had decided to stop using a local contractor who had a vast local knowledge to open and clear roadside ditches and what alternative was being offered.
- ♦ DCC had reported that the deep ruts on the road between Rhiwbebyll Isa and Gwynfa would be filled as and when resources permitted.
- ♦ Nathan Harvey is the new Inspector of North Wales Police and would like to visit the community council in due course.
- ♦ It was decided to apply for a licence to place a bench opposite the former creamery which would allow people to rest when walking between the roundabout and the village. If the verges were cleared, it would encourage people to take a stroll during the summer months.
- ♦ It was decided to partner up with DCC and get mains water into the allotments owned by the council to the rear of Nant Glyd – it was felt that the lack of mains water was a barrier to their use. DCC to take the lead to pay for all installation works and the community council to pay standing charge and water usage for five years.
- ♦ There was an amended planning application regarding 4 and 5 Church Square – DCC highways had objected to an access onto Parc Ty'n Llan and this had lead to an amended application. The community council was disappointed that the solar panels had also been omitted.
- ♦ It was decided to trial Zoom as a platform for hybrid meetings – a trial meeting would be held for members in July and aspire to full access in September.
- ♦ The finance team had met prior to the main meeting and felt that an investment plan was needed. The clerk to arrange a meeting at Cae Nant 11 July to discuss options.
- ♦ There was no further development with the Kinmel Arms application – the site has been simply fenced and boarded to protect the property.
- ♦ It was hoped that the Dark Skies Officer would be able to attend a future meeting to give an overview of their work.
- ♦ It was decided to present Cllr Griffith with a card and flowers as an appreciation of her long reign as Chair.
- ♦ Cllrs Butler and Wright and the Clerk were thanked for their work planting the roundabout.

