

Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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New business in the village

OPENING DAY – Saturday 4th May, 11am to 4pm. Come along – the Prosecco will be flowing!



As the old butcher's shop lay empty, Graham and I wondered for quite some time what would become of it. We started talking to each other with the WHAT IF?? Suddenly Tŷ Ceffyl Bach was happening and Horse Shoe Art became serious. As the venture progressed our very talented friends have joined us (in no particular order):
Vale Crafts – Garry Hession, Llanynys
Maggie's Art – Maggie Roberts, Shropshire

Townscraft Pottery – Kevin, Exmoor
Copperlode – Helen Murphy, Llandyrnog
Claremont Crafts – Kate Carmen, Llanychan
to name but a few – I have to keep some surprises up my sleeve! I have also bought some goodies, greeting cards, mugs, coasters, tea towels and much more.

We look forward to you all joining us and enjoying these wonderful crafts as much as we do. The opening hours will be 11am–4pm Tuesday to Saturday. Phone me if you would like to visit outside these hours.

*Angie Hughes,
Tŷ Ceffyl Bach*



A 'ceffyl bach' that will be for sale!

Best wishes to Angie and Graham with their venture. Pop along to the shop and share their details with your friends and relations on the socials.

Around the village

Some more sporting achievements of the youngsters in our village: Elen McCoole-Jones competed in the National Swimming Championships in Swansea and achieved personal bests in her competitions. Ted Conry was a member of Ysgol Brynhyfryd under-14 boys' hockey team that won the Wales championship in Cardiff. Ted also was runner-up in Ysgol Brynhyfryd's recent chess tournament. Efa Roberts was a member of Ysgol Brynhyfryd's under 18 hockey team that travelled to Swansea for Hoci Cymru's national under 18 schoolgirl semi-finals. Congratulations to all three.

Another sporting achievement was the Golden Lion darts team winning the 9-a-side B League and Nicky Ward won the highest finish award in the B League with a checkout of 130.

Congratulations to Ben Jones, Penprys on graduating with a BSc in policing studies and forensics from Liverpool John Moores University.

We thank Michael and Jane Williams once again for decorating the lions with Easter bonnets – they always raise a smile!

It is sad to report the death of consultant neurologist Dr Gareth Llewelyn BSc, MD, FRCP aged 66 after a short illness. Gareth was brought up at Y Glog, Llandyrnog, where the family were faithful members of Dyffryn Chapel. He became an eminent neurologist and in 2021 he was awarded the MBE for his services to Medicine. We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs Eleanor Llewelyn and all the family.

The appeal for WaterAid by the church of St Tyrnog raised £198 – thanks to all who contributed. The excellent sum of £580 was raised at the coffee morning for the church – thanks to all who supported.

I wish to give thanks for all gestures of kindness on my 90th birthday. Thanks to the chapel for the generous gift. Thanks also for the greetings, cards and gifts, and to those who visited me at home.

It is all greatly appreciated.

Menna Davies, Cilgwyn



Menna (formerly of Bancar), centre front, celebrating her birthday with her sister, Helen, sons Gwyn, Alan and Hywel and their families.

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Sat 4th	Craft Group 10am–4pm
Mon 6th	Private booking – party
Wed 8th	Pilates 7–8pm
Sat 11th	Coffee morning – Christian Aid 10–11.30
Sun 12th	Messy Church 3.30–5pm
Mon 13th	Brownies 5.30–7pm Choir 7.30–9.30pm
Tue 14th	Flower Show Committee 7–8pm
Weds 15th	History Society. Speaker – Wendy Grey Lloyd, 7–9pm
Thu 16th	Pilates 7–8pm
Sun 19th	Craft fair 10am–3pm
Mon 20th	Brownies 5.30–7pm Choir 7.30–9.30pm
Wed 22nd	Pilates 7–8pm
Thu 23rd	Village Hall Committee AGM 7–9pm
Sat 25th	Coffee morning – DPJ Foundation/Air Ambulance
Wed 29th	WI meeting, time TBA

To book the Village Hall, contact Ivan Butler:
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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 25 May

10:00 – 11:30

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Cocoa Rooms Events

Wed 1st	Llais Llandyrnog Voice committee meeting 7pm
Thu 2nd	Election: Police and Crime Commissioner, 7am–10pm
Mon 6th	Trefoil Guild 2pm
Tue 7th	W.I. 7pm
Wed 8th	Mothers' Union 2pm
Mon 13th	Craft Group 10am
Tue 14th	Book Club 10am
Wed 15th	Tuesday Club 2pm
Mon 20th	Craft Group 10am
Tue 21st	Community Council 7pm
Tue 28th	Book Club 10am

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

Church Services

5th 11.15am	Eucharist
12th 11.15am	Eucharist
3.30pm	Messy Church at Village Hall
19th 11.15am	Eucharist
26th 11.15am	Morning Prayer

Chapel Services

5th 9.45am	Rev. Andras Iago
12th 10am	Christian Aid service
19th 10am	Circuit service – Gellifor
26th 11am	Rev. Andras Iago

The next meeting of Llandyrnog and
Llangwyfan History Society will be held at
the Village Hall Wednesday, 15 May at 7pm.
The speaker will be Wendy Grey-Lloyd with
the story of Guernsey children who were
billeted in Denbigh during World War 2 –
“Don’t look back”.

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

Although we have only been back at school for a couple of weeks after the Easter break it has been a very busy time.



Year 3 from Bryn Clwyd joined with year 3 from Ysgol Gellifor during this time to make new friends and have lots of fun.



Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Urdd residential centre at Glan Llyn in Bala where they built rafts, canoed, met owls, built camp fires, climbed high ropes and much more!

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd: ctd



We were also visited for the first time by Nell, our new wellbeing dog, who will be coming to school each week.

Summer League fixtures

Fixtures of Llandyrnog and District Summer League in May:

Thursday 2nd: Llandyrnog v Ysceifiog

Tuesday 7th: Henllan v Llandyrnog

Thursday 9th: Llandyrnog v Rhewl

Monday 13th: Llandyrnog v Trefnant

Thursday 16th: Llanfair v Llandyrnog

Monday 20th: Llandyrnog v Cefn

Thursday 23rd: Llandyrnog v Caerwys

Tuesday 28th: Llangynhafal v Llandyrnog

Thursday 30th: Llandyrnog v Clawddnewydd

Support our football team!

James Davies, MP for Vale of Clwyd

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Flower and produce show

This year's Flower and Produce Show will be on 26th August and we are now looking for sponsorship of individual classes. Sponsorship is £6 per class and the sponsor's name appears in the schedule next to the class they are sponsoring. Payment can be made by bank transfer to Llandyrnog Village Hall, sort code 40-19-12, a/c number 51157698. Please use your **name as you would like it to appear in the schedule**, as the reference with the payment.

Alternatively, cash payments can be made to any member of the Flower Show committee, or contact the secretary, Roger Warner, at llandyrnogshow@gmail.com. If you wish to sponsor a specific class, we shall try to accommodate you where possible.



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The Wright life

At last, it's warm enough, so no more winter rugs for Bob – yippee. On a lovely sunny morning I like to turn him out 'naked'; he loves to roll and it helps to dislodge the old winter coat. Patches of white hair appear in the field where he has had a good roll over and over. There is an old saying that a horse is worth a hundred pounds for every time it can roll right over. It is also a sign of a healthy horse with no stiffness as they need to be athletic and supple to roll completely over. To help get the hair out I use a comb to gently remove the hair. It comes out in bundles which I leave to blow away. I have seen birds gathering it up in their beaks for nesting material. It's a lovely thought that Bob's hair has lined a nest somewhere and the chicks are toasty warm. Nature's way of recycling, I suppose.

Birds use all sorts of 'stuff' as nesting material including sheep wool, twigs, moss and feathers, but I have also seen nests with plastic, string and discarded manmade items. Birds build a multitude of different nests, from simple hollows in the ground to carefully engineered structures. The size is correlated to the bird's proportion and clutch. Every bird has its own architectural style, from tight balls of intertwined twigs to the moss-lined nest of a long-tailed tit and even the miniscule nest of the wren with the entrance hole less than 2.5 cm in diameter. She loves to build her nest by the midden within the tight ivy that grows along the fence. However, the most engineered, in my view, is the swallow. They stick tiny globules of mud together to create a bowl which hangs from the beams in the stable and even have built a nest on top of the light fitting. These nests are like concrete and some have been used for many years – with the swallows returning to the same nests year after year. I was glad to see the return of the swallows on 12th April. I suddenly noticed two swooping and darting up and down over the house and



flying in and out of the stable, sussing it out.

It is a sure sign that summer is on its way. I have also noticed a robin adapting an old swallow's nest in the safety of the stairwell – she has added her own chosen nesting material between the nest and wooden floor above. It's a safer place away from the buzzard, magpie and carrion crow who cannot reach her. I've not seen where the pied wagtails are nesting yet, it always seems to be in an odd place – in a skip, on the stairs to the hay barn, never a normal place.

The red kites have been flying high above the house, they are easily identified with their forked tail silhouetted against the blue sky. The red-legged partridges have returned for another year to nest in the long grass in the garden. They build a scrape in the ground which is tucked under the hedge and if you look closely, she is currently sitting tight on approximately 15 tiny eggs. Fingers crossed they survive.

Hazel

The cuckoo has been heard during the last week of April above Gader Goch. Summer's on it way!



Llandyrnog Community Shop and Post Office Project

Public Meeting, 17 April

It was good to welcome people to the Village Hall to hear the latest update on the community shop and post office project. As well as updating everyone on where we are up to since the purchase went through on 9th February in regards to building and renovation work, it was great to be able to share the drawings and plans which were available on display.

We were also delighted to be able to introduce our newest director – Patrick Keefe, who brings a wealth of experiences to the project and we greatly welcome his contribution. There is always an opportunity for others to join the team as a director which will help give diversity and also share the workload as we move forward on the next part of our journey.



After a re-cap of our journey since the first meeting on 26th May 2022, it was over to Jackie who gave details of how the project would deliver not just a shop and a post office but a community meeting place. The opportunity to become a director or a volunteer to help the project was presented and we are delighted that some volunteers have come forward to help to tidy the rear garden of the shop – plenty more room if you want to get in touch with us.

Patrick gave us an insight into why he made the decision to step forward and become a director of the project and we hope

that his words will inspire others to come along on our journey.

Ivan led a Question and Answer session with a great range of questions about the new layout plans for the shop and the proposed new external look. We will try and get these onto our website.

A member of the public asked if it was still possible to buy community shares. It is, and we will open up a quick link from our website to make this easy. It will enable people who missed out on the initial launch to become a shareholder. Shareholders were reminded to let us know if there are any changes in their contact details or if they had purchased shares on behalf of a child to let us know when they attain 16 and gain voting rights.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages as work on the building continues.

Emyr Morris

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March the Month

March the Month for prostate cancer was something I did consider last year and when the chance to enrol for it came up this year I decided to give it a go. March the Month is a 11,000 steps-a-day challenge representing the 11K men that prostate cancer kills every year in the UK.

Having enrolled with Prostate Cancer UK, they set me up with a JustGiving page and off I went from the 1st March. I set myself a target of £250 and spread the word about my challenge and chosen charity through my social network channels. It's surprising how many steps I do in a normal working day but if I needed to top them up, I would head out in the dark March evenings with my torch and high viz. At weekends I would make the most of the fantastic walks and views in and around Llandyrnog and up to the Clwydian Range.

My final total while writing this is £2,155 which is amazing. Most of the funding came in through the JustGiving page but I also got some very generous cash donations given to me and I added them to my page.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity but mostly my challenge was to create awareness of this horrible disease. Generally, men are not very good about going to see the doctor, especially if it's a bit of a delicate issue. So please, boys, don't leave any problems you might have unchecked – go and see your doctor as soon as you notice a problem, whatever it is.

Thank you all very much,
Merfyn Parry

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Out of hours: 03001 233068

North Wales Police: 101 (Non-emergency)

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Llandyrnog Hub 2024

The Hwb opened at Cae Nant for the first time this year on April 17th. It was a sunny if cold day but our new heaters were doing a fine job of keeping us warm inside. We had a slow but steady stream of visitors and the soup went down particularly well with those who tried it. This year we also have fresh organic vegetables for sale (see picture below).

Unfortunately the date clashed with other regular events in the village so that inevitably reduced the number of visitors we had on the day. So, next time we will open on 29th May which is during school half term. Do pop in and have a cuppa with us.



Llandyrnog Utd FC

Llandyrnog United are delighted to announce the appointment of Liam Nash as the new team manager. Liam will join the club once he finishes the season with CPD Tref Dinbych Denbigh Town FC , where he is currently reserve team manager.

Liam has had a successful season at Denbigh, and the team is currently third in a very competitive league. Best wishes to Liam for the forthcoming season.

Over the garden fence

I'm not going to mention the weather, but just to say that I have been in the garden today since it's dried a little and not rained. I'm writing this on 19 April and I haven't planted anything in the vegetable garden yet! But there we go, we can't do anything about the weather, can we?



We really like peas and beans and I try to ensure that there are enough in the freezer to keep us going over Christmas, at least. I usually start them in small plastic cells 1 inch square, with one bean (edgewise) and three peas to each one. In a few weeks, they are about 3 inches high with a good root. By starting them in this way, I find that they do well and birds leave them alone. Then I plant them out in a hole made by pressing a spade handle roughly an inch and a half into the soil, and just dropping the seeds into it.

I plant beans some 3 inches apart in a domino shape, i.e. four plants in a square and one in the middle. The three pea plants from the cell are planted together, in a double row, around 4 inches from each other. *Early Onward* is a good variety to plant early and then *Onward* later on.

Usually, I plant beans in November around Guy Fawkes' Day to have an early crop in the spring, again starting them in cells and planting them out as usual. They can stand the winter quite well and give a very early crop. You can be eating these long before those planted in Spring are fully grown. The best variety to sow in November is *Aquadulse Claudia*. *De Monica* is an early one to plant in the spring and then I like Bunyard's Exhibition.

I place small poles every 5 feet or so each side of the row of peas and beans, and tie bale twine from pole to pole 10 inches or so above ground. I find that this makes it easier to keep them up and harvest them. I really enjoy walking between the rows, eating the peas and beans raw.

The cells are also ideal for onions and beetroot. I try to plant the onions in January, four or five seeds to each cell, and planting them out as a cell. They grow slowly in a cluster in each other's company (I believe). *Santero F1* grow well for me. They don't grow too large and keep well through the winter. Beetroots also do well in a cluster, they don't need thinning out, so there's no waste. *Boltardy* is a good variety – I've tried others, but I always to back to my favourite.

I really hope that the weather improves – I don't think that we'll catch up this year, but plants keep on growing and pleasantly surprising us.

Enjoy your garden,
John Mel (Rowlands)

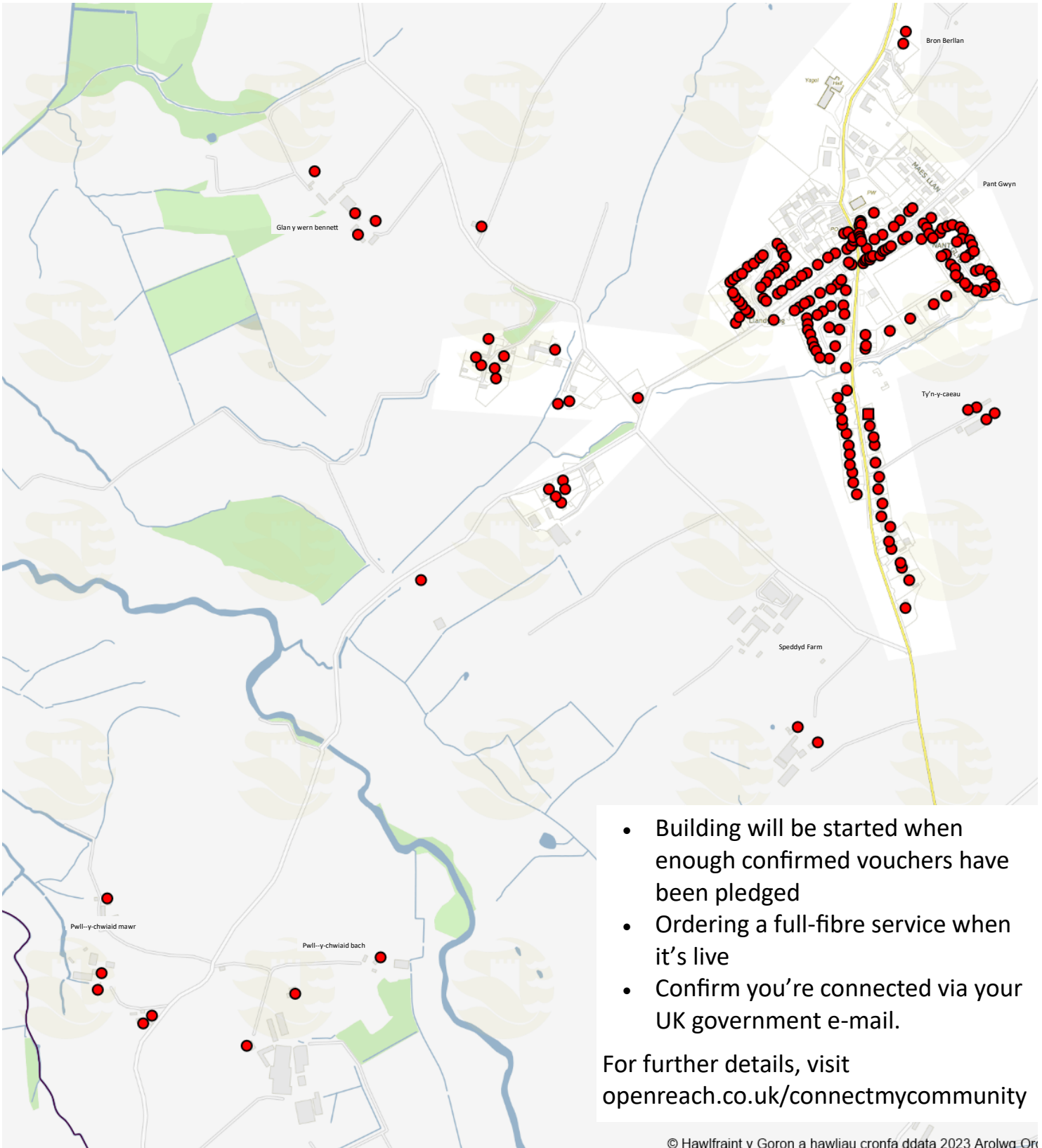


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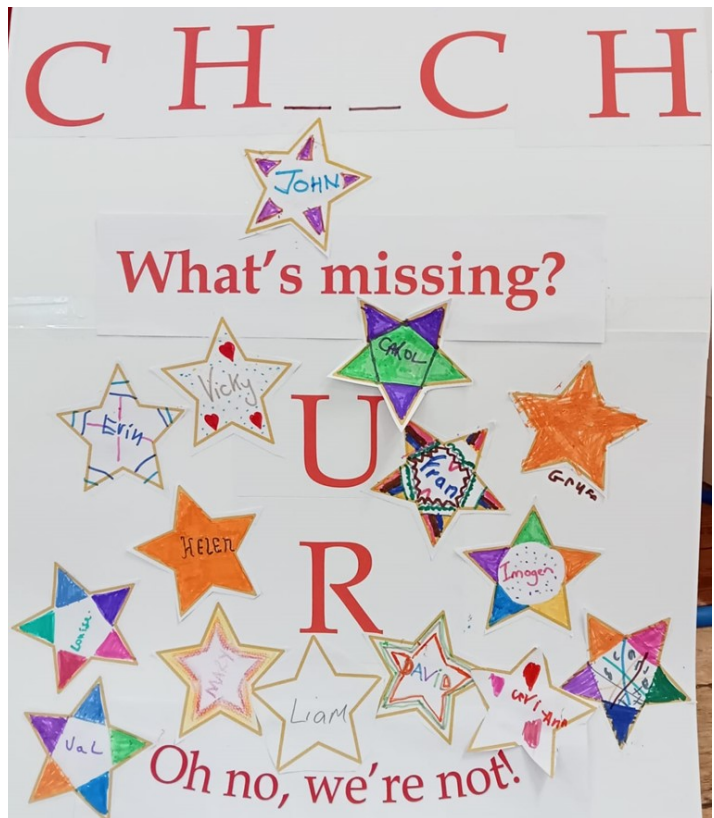
- Visit the website and pledge your voucher towards the community's target
- Encourage others to do the same
- Look out for your UK government email to validate your voucher



Messy Church

In our April session we learned that the Church isn't really the building where we meet, however beautiful it is. It's the people who make the church and so our theme was 'We are the Church.' We decorated people-shaped biscuits, and scratch-art people and we made stained glass windows both big and small. We did a lovely activity making a church of an envelope and putting in the people made from lollipop sticks.

The next session will be on Sunday, 12 May – all welcome, but children to be accompanied by an adult, please.



Mothers' Union

In our April meeting we welcomed volunteers from Therapy Dogs Nationwide, who gave us a very interesting talk about the work they do. They visit hospitals, hospices, care homes, schools and prisons, where their dogs offer comfort and support to a wide range of people. They also brought one of the dogs with them and Barney was definitely the star attraction, as you can see!



Tuesday Club

The guest speaker in the April meeting of the Tuesday Club was Gwen Davies of Vale Vineyard, the first grape farmers in the Vale of Clwyd. Gwen and her husband, Rhys, have established a thriving vineyard on the lower



slopes of the Clwydian Range, between Llandyrnog and Bodfari. It was quite a venture, but the micro climate and quality agricultural land combine to make an excellent location.

8000 vines grow there and a lot of hard work is involved in preparing the vines to give the best crop. Harvest days involve family and

friends to pick the grapes by hand.

Vale Vineyard has won many awards already with the Vale Solaris – a still white wine, the Vale Rondo – still rosé wine, and the Vale début sparkling rosé. Gwen now runs the day to day management of the vines and business and has developed a guided tour of the vineyard, which includes tasting four of its wines and a cheese platter in the restored barn or on the patio with marvellous views across the Vale of Clwyd. The cellar door is also open occasionally to sell wine – check the website: valevineyard.co.uk and Facebook page for details.

March was a special month for Gwen and Rhys – attending a reception at 10 Downing Street which celebrated community food and farming champions (although they did not meet Rishi Sunak!), and the first Welsh wine showcase in London.

Gwen was thanked for her very interesting talk, and light refreshments were served. The raffle was drawn and the members reminded that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 May. New members are always welcome – a warm welcome awaits!

Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May

With your help, Christian Aid can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions.

Contributions can enable more families to build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

Coffee morning

Saturday, 11 May

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Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan WI



We had another enjoyable W.I. meeting at the Cocoa Rooms on 2nd April. The group planned some upcoming activities and trips before the main speaker of the night from Blood Bikes Wales. Neville Owens joined us along with colleagues Huw, Wayne and Clive. We had a very interesting presentation and also a chance to sit on the motorbikes for a photo opportunity!

The facts we learned were:

- Blood Bikes was set up in 1962 from a house in London.
- Blood bikes did not come to Wales until 2011
- The local Wrexham and Bangor teams work 24 hours a day.
- In 2020 the teams covered 440,000 miles
- All riders and controllers are highly trained and committed volunteers.
- Riders transport blood and plasma as well as milk for premature babies, emergency

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- Blood bikes support the air ambulance at the site of serious incidents
- Blood bikes won the Welsh charity award in 2019 and a Queen's Award in 2021 for services during covid
- All the liveried bikes are named – Netty D, Chloe Lou, Carina and Buddy are named by the charity donors
- The team are happy to give talks and show the bikes at any community events. Contact them via www.bloodbikes.wales
- Friday 9th August 2024 is national Blood Bikes Day – all donations welcome for a fantastic service

The next W.I meeting is on the 7th May at 7 pm in the Cocoa Rooms – all welcome. The speaker will be Rhian Pierce from the RSPB and there will be tea and biscuits and a raffle as always!

Trefoil Guild

At our last meeting we played the card game Happy Families. Our county chairman visited us, to thank us for the refreshments we had provided for the guests at the Wales AGM in Connah's Quay. The speakers were from Blood Bikes Wales and over £800 was raised for their charity. There were over 150 members present.



Ruth Griffith, 2nd right, with friends at the Wales Annual Meeting

Spotlight on... Vicky Lyon

Last month we met the headteacher of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd – now we meet the assistant headteacher.



What are your earliest memories?

My first memory is playing on the front step of our home whilst my dad was cutting the grass. The smell of cut grass still brings

back this happy memory to this day.

How did you choose your career?

Teaching was originally suggested to me after a work experience placement in a nursery when I was at high school. I really enjoyed working with the children and the tutors gave me a lot of freedom to try out planning different learning experiences, which I also enjoyed.

What do you enjoy most about teaching at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd?

There is so much to love about working at Bryn Clwyd, I am so lucky to work with such highly skilled and caring professionals. It's also incredibly special to have children in my class for 4 years at a time. It means I miss them lots when they leave but I am always super proud of them going on to continue their learning journey.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I particularly love to read and my husband and I like to travel.

Who is your hero?

I am fortunate enough to have many heroes. My parents have always been very supportive and I admire them so much.

I have fond memories of Mrs Lis Morris

(who has sadly now passed away), helping me learn Welsh and the ways of competing in the Urdd as well as being a person that everyone was always happy to see. We have an outdoor stage at school in her memory and I am always talking to the children about her.

Mr Gwilym Evans and the late Mrs Evans epitomise everything that is good about village life and the amount of community spirit and care for others they have always shown is something we can all learn from.

What annoys you and what makes you happy?

I do get annoyed when people don't treat others with kindness and respect as it's such an easy way to make a positive difference in the world.

Small things make me very happy, it sounds very corny but having a cup of tea listening to the birds sing in my garden is heaven!

Parakeets



And talking about birds... just in case you go looking for parakeets in Llangwyfan Forest, that

article was the fruit of the imagination of our April Fool story writer. Although these birds are a pest in London, Llangwyfan remains safe from them for the time being.

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A message from the Priest

A word to say for the month of May

This time three years ago, we had seen society begin to move around again at what seemed like a quick rate following the lengthy winter lockdown we had all endured. Of course for some of us it hadn't gone quick enough, especially those with family living in different parts of Wales for whom the month of May brought about the welcome relaxation of bubbles being permitted within households once again. For many, May 2021 was a special month of being reunited with loved ones.

In the previous month that year, after a rigorous vetting and challenging interview process, I had been on a transition course to qualify as a chaplain in the British Army and commissioned to be a Padre in the reserves. One of the main purposes of a Padre is to serve the needs of soldiers in the British army in the unit where we are placed. One of the major needs which is obviously prevalent in a military context comes about from soldiers on operations for long periods and the families and soldiers missing each other. Of course, it is their job but essentially military personnel do this for our sake, a self-sacrifice for the good of others. Whatever your opinion of which wars we engage with as a nation, without some kind of protection and security personnel, we would become vulnerable and taken advantage of, one way or another.

Many of us had gone a long time with the pandemic restrictions living without real life contact with people we love and as a result we couldn't help but realise and begin to measure from grace brought about by the absence where we have, too often, taken close relationships and even everyday encounters with people for granted.

There is a well-known parable which Jesus tells that shares the story of when we spend time away from God, in the way that many of us were separated from our loved ones during coronavirus and increasingly more military personnel in today's climate are separated

from theirs as many tensions mount! No matter how far we go, the parable of the prodigal son teaches, no matter how much we go wrong and squander the goodness gifted to us, God is always there waiting for us, with arms open wide. His love is so complete that he will not only welcome us with open arms, he will put on a ginormous, lavish banquet and affirm us in our worthiness with great joy and complete forgiveness. Perhaps you'd like to read the scripture as a reflection to help you have this conversation of separation and return, to reflect on how we have gone back to taking others for granted as though coronavirus never happened, have unhealthy attitudes towards others too often for too long and to feel something more of the love of God for you. It can be found in the bible in the book of Luke, Chapter 15, verses 11–32.

I hope you have a joyful month of May 2024. Do join us at St Dyfnog's church Llanrhaeadr where there is a communion service each Wednesday at 10:30am or each Sunday morning for a service starting at 11:15am in either St Dyfnog's, St Tyrnog's, Llandyrnog or many other options across the mission area. These are available to see on the Mission area newsletter in either of these two churches porches each month. It is in these gatherings that all continue to learn to grow in graciousness and love for the other. In a world filled with too much tension, I highly recommend the peace and goodness freely given.

The Reverend Martin Pritchard
Denbigh Mission Area Priest



Llandyrnog Community Council

The following were the matters discussed at the April meeting of the Community Council:

- ◇ The new screen and camera have been fitted and thanks to go John McGuire for enabling this work – we will now be able to have hybrid meetings. A request has been made for a film club using the new equipment. The Community Council are in favour of the principle, providing evidence is available of the support before purchasing the licence and equipment to enable this to happen.
- ◇ A motorcyclist had unfortunately come off his motorbike as a direct result of hitting the mud and debris on the road by Cross Keys on April 6th – luckily the person was relatively unhurt. The Community Council is to put pressure on the County Council to get to the root of this problem of excessive surface water runoff. This water had also caused sub-floor flooding to Tŷ Capel Dyffryn.
- ◇ The managing director of Procter Johnson has agreed to raise the D-Day commemorative flag on the site of the former creamery as we head towards 6th June.
- ◇ It was decided to donate £100 to the WI to buy bedding plants – members of the WI are going to work in conjunction with homeowners and ‘adopt’ some hanging baskets around the village to brighten the place up. It was also decided to purchase two planters for either side of the bench at Celynog crossroads to make it more balanced and remove the timber one.
- ◇ A meeting was held on 18th April at the Cocoa Rooms with Mr Shuker who advised how to access funds for better heating and insulation.
- ◇ Cllr Williams and McGuire reported on a One Voice Wales meeting they had recently attended.
- ◇ An approach had been made to the school suggesting the Community Council could supply it with a flagpole to commemorate the numerous official days. They would be delighted and will be a real educational aid and an asset – to be discussed at a future meeting.
- ◇ A drop in session on the new bin collection is to be held at Caledfryn on 24th April – the Community Council has asked for Denbighshire CC’s policy re unadopted roads but no response has been received. It is believed, however, that individual householders affected would have received a letter explaining what is expected of them.
- ◇ An amendment to the application for a replacement dwelling has been received and was discussed. Although the access was an improvement on the previous application, the Community Council’s views regarding whether or not the amendment to the overall size of the dwelling was ‘minor’ was subjective. It is a matter for the Case Officer to decide whether or not it is in line with the technical advice note regarding replacement dwellings.
- ◇ There were concerns about water ponding by Maes y Wern and also the surface water runoff around Glan y Wern Isa/the sewage treatment plant and the concerns will be relayed to the relevant authorities. Although the Community Council appreciates the restraint on the local authority, councillors feel a responsibility to raise such matters.