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The generosity continues



The Charity Football Match on 4th September at Cae Nant was a fantastic success and raised £1178. Organised by the Highfield Park Staff Welfare Group, the event raised funds for Llandyrnog Football Club and St Tyrnog's church. This provided a great opportunity for the people supported at MHC Highfield Park to get involved, enjoy new experiences, build confidence, and be part of a positive community event.

Thanks to everyone who played in the match, helped organise the event, volunteered their time, supported from the sidelines, donated raffle prizes, and helped Residents take part and enjoy the day.



The support given to the Hughes family of the White Horse at the recent coffee morning in aid of Alder Hey Children's Charity was overwhelming. Penny Hughes is extremely grateful for all the donations, totalling £1355.

On average, the sum raised in coffee mornings in Llandyrnog in 2026 is £660 – such generosity.



Around the village

Welcome to Julia Jones to Maes Erw Isaf. We hope you'll be happy in our midst.

Condolences to Llys Aled family in their bereavement, Alun having lost his mother Gwenfyl, Prion.

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning in aid of Llandyrnog Eisteddfod, raising the excellent sum of £424.

Best wishes to Charlie, 2 Maes Clwyd on his travels to New Zealand.

Coffee and Chat: The Book Club which used to meet every other Tuesday at the Cocoa Rooms has been replaced by Coffee and Chat. This is organised by Mrs Wyn Wilson and Mrs Sylvia Evans. So please drop in for a coffee, a warm welcome awaits you.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Drop in for coffee and cake
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Tuesday, 20 October
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at the Village Hall
Friday 16 October
at 5pm

For further details contact
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All very welcome!

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

The first three weeks of the new school year have settled all the children in well.

Dosbarth Tyfu have started their topic on farms and growing with some bread-making and are preparing to visit a local farm.



Dosbarth Hedfan's new topic is magical worlds and they are preparing for a trip to Llandudno to tour the Alice in Wonderland statues.

Congratulations to all the pupils in Dosbarth Hedfan who took part in the Vale of Clwyd Cross-Country competition.



Cocoa Rooms events

Mon 5 th	Knitting group	10am
	Trefoil Guild	2pm
Tue 6 th	Coffee and chat	10am
	Friendship group	7pm
Wed 7 th	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm
	Llais committee meeting	7pm
Fri 9 th	Quilting group	
Mon 12 th	Knitting group	10am
Wed 14 th	Mothers' Union	2pm
Mon 19 th	Knitting group	10am
Tue 20 th	MacMillan drop-in event	10am–1pm
	Community Council	7pm
Wed 21 st	Tuesday Club	2pm
Mon 26 th	Knitting group	10am
Wed 28 th	Paint and <i>paned</i>	12–3pm

Dyffryn Chapel

Sun 4 th	Children's thanksgiving service	3 pm
Sun 11 th	Rev. Huw Pritchard	5pm
Sun 18 th	Circuit service – y Fron	10am
Sun 25 th	Rev. Andras Iago	11am

St Tyrnog's

Sun 4 th	Harvest thanksgiving	9.30am
Sun 11 th	Eucharist	9.30am
	Messy Church at the Village Hall	3.30
Sun 18 th	Eucharist	9.30am
Sun 25 th	Eucharist	9.30am

Village Hall events

Sat 3 rd	Craft Group	10am–4pm
Mon 5 th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 7 th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Sat 10 th	Coffee Morning – Ysbyty Glan Clwyd League of Friends	10–11.30am
	Concert – Côr Meibion Caerwys	7–9pm
Sun 11 th	Messy Church	3.30–5pm
Mon 12 th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 13 th	Garden Club	7–9pm
Wed 14 th	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Fri 16 th	Llandyrnog Eisteddfod	5pm
Mon 19 th	Brownies	5.30–7pm
	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Wed 21 st	History Society – AGM and Landowners of Bodelwyddan Castle Estate	7–9pm
Thu 22 nd	Tremeirchion School event	5.30–8pm
Sat 24 th	Coffee Morning – STAND	10.00–11.15
Mon 26 th	Choir	7.30–9.30pm
Tue 27 th	Astronomy Society	7.30–10pm

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Llandyrnog Shop

It was touch and go whether the electric would be back on in time for the shop AGM. Thank goodness at 6.50pm it returned enabling us to showcase some wonderful photos obtained from various projects carried out at the shop across the last 12 months. We are legally required for 10% of our shareholders to vote on certain actions at the AGM and out of approximately 314 shareholders a fantastic 44 people turned up on the night with 13 voting by proxy.

Our chair, Dr Patricia Mackinnon-Day delivered a great summary of the year's successes and progress such as the warm space project, grants for new solar panels, art activities and the newly furnished outside garden space. Tricia emphasised that the organisation's greatest strength remained its people and paid particular tribute to Emma, noting the warm welcome she provides and her ability to know and remember customers by name!

The Company Secretary's Report was delivered by Ian Wilson covering the financial and administrative sections of the meeting. Ian paid tribute to the extensive network of volunteers, including Ivan Butler who provides the shop with impeccable financial expertise saving a lot of money which would otherwise need to be paid to accountants. Ivan was shown great appreciation from the shareholders by an impromptu round of applause!

Ian identified several priorities for the coming year such as:

- Recruiting additional volunteers.
- Encouraging new people to join the Board.
- Maintaining and developing trading.
- Continuing to secure grant funding.
- Progressing the roof replacement.
- Considering further solar panels.
- Developing additional community projects.

Perhaps you would like to join the board and

share additional skills and experience with us to help continue the good work to date?!

The official duties were carried out swiftly with shareholders all voting to approve the accounts and to reinstate the existing board of directors.

Finally, the carrot provided to encourage as many shareholders to the meeting as possible was one of Kayleigh's wonderful hampers. Each shareholder was immediately entered into the raffle which was aptly won by Jackie Le Fèvre who surely deserved it following her hard work as the chair in previous years!!

For a full copy of the minutes from the AGM please see our website, www.llandyrnogshop.com.

Llandyrnog Shop

Shop opening hours

Monday	8am – 5.30pm
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Dyffryn Chapel

We had the opportunity on a beautiful late-summer morning to go on a pilgrimage to Tŷ Mawr Wybrnant, a place of great importance for Welsh-speaking Christians.

After carefully making our way down the slate steps through the small woodland, we first explored the gardens outside and visited the house, before listening to a fascinating talk by Fflur who works for the National Trust. She explained that it was here, at Tŷ Mawr, that William Morgan was born around 1545 and brought up. According to tradition, he was educated at home at Tŷ Mawr Wybrnant by an elderly monk who had apparently found refuge there following the dissolution of the monasteries. It is also said that he was able to join the children of the Wynn family of Gwydir and receive a better-than-usual education.

By 1565, he was on his way to St John's College, Cambridge, where he developed his knowledge of languages and theology. It is possible that he began the work of translating the Bible to Welsh before leaving college, but it is certain that he completed his great achievement at Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, alongside his duties as vicar of the parish. He was in London from 1587 until the end of 1588 to oversee the printing, staying at the Deanery with the family of the then Dean of Westminster, Gabriel Goodman of Ruthin, who assisted him.

Fflur explained that there were only around a dozen translations of the Bible before 1588 (for example, French, Italian and English), and that it was remarkable that Queen Elizabeth I gave her permission for a Welsh translation. Her intention was to use Welsh as a temporary bridge towards Protestantism and the English language. However, the decision had exactly the opposite effect, helping to preserve the

Welsh language by giving it high official status and standardising the written language. According to Wyn James, "If the Bible had not been translated at that time, it is doubtful whether Welsh would have survived."

We then went to the new Library, next door to the house, where Bibles from different countries around the world have been donated by various pilgrims over the years. The local school had undertaken a wonderful project focusing on individual donors and the motivation behind their gifts. Among all the Bibles, we found the Italian Bible brought over from Italy by Elen, Berth and her husband Matteo in 2005, simply because there was no Italian Bible there at the time.

In the library, we had a short service, along with some interesting facts from our Minister, Andras. For example, by 2025, 197 million people had a Bible in their own language, and Bible sales are increasing – almost 400,000 were sold last year.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious Sunday lunch at the White Lion, Cerrigydrudion on the way home, and warm thanks were expressed to Andras for organising the Pilgrimage.



The Gardening Club

Our winter programme started in September with a thrifty talk by Dawn Gough. Dawn gave everyone lots of ideas to save money in the garden. From washing out your milk cartons and using the milky water to feed your plants to using old jumpers to line hanging baskets.



There were plenty of craft ideas too; with using washed out baked bean tins, hung in your trees and filled with seeds to feed the wild birds and

clear plastic containers as mini greenhouses to help seeds germinate.

Did you know that white spirit removes sticky sap from tools? As we head into the winter, store your garden tools in buckets of sand with WD40 to keep them clean and rust free over the long winter months.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm. There will be a short AGM at the start of the meeting. If you have any questions or comments please get in touch. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session with our very own 'panel of experts'. Email us your gardening questions and our panel will answer them.

If you are interested in joining the club, why not pop along or email us at LlandyrnogGardeners@outlook.com?

The Astronomy Society

October brings longer nights and a strong lineup of celestial events and meteor showers. The Draconid Meteor Shower (6 – 10 Oct, peaking around 9th Oct), is produced by dust from comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner and is best watched in the early evening. Venus will pass between the Earth and the Sun in October, temporarily shifting its visibility into the morning sky as a bright crescent object. We hope to get some observations done at our next meeting on 27th October at 7.30pm in the Lower Room at Llandyrnog Village Hall where Chris will be giving us an Astrophotography talk and update on the workshops/Denbigh Museum involvement.



We will also learn more about Mary Anna Draper (September 19, 1839 – December 8, 1914), also known as Mary Anna Palmer Draper. She was an American astronomer and philanthropist who made pioneering contributions to the field of astronomical photography. Working alongside her husband, Henry Draper, she was instrumental in the early development of stellar spectroscopy—the practice of photographing and analysing the light spectra emitted by stars.

'Keep looking up' everyone.

Recipe

Curried Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

1kg/2lb 4oz pumpkin, peeled, seeds removed and flesh cut into 7cm/2¾in chunks
3–4 tbsps olive oil
1 tsp salt, plus extra if desired
1 tsp chilli powder
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp ground cumin
1 onion, roughly chopped
3 tomatoes, cut into quarters
6–8 garlic cloves, flattened and peeled
400ml tin coconut milk
freshly ground black pepper

For the tarka

4 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tsp cumin seeds
1 tsp black mustard seeds
4–6 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1–3 green jalapeño chillies, thinly sliced

Method

Preheat the oven to 180 °C/160 °C Fan/ Gas 4. Rub the pumpkin with the oil and sprinkle with the salt, chilli powder, ground coriander and ground cumin. Add to a large roasting tin along with the onion, tomatoes and garlic. Roast for 1–1½ hours, turning every 30 minutes to make sure everything is soft and caramelised (pumpkins vary hugely in how long they need to be cooked for, the more water they contain the longer they will take). Once the vegetables are tender, tip everything from the roasting tin into a food processor and blend with the coconut milk until smooth. Pour into a large saucepan or casserole and keep warm. Season with salt and pepper. Add a splash of water if needed to thin the soup.

To make the tarka, heat the oil in the smallest saucepan you have and add the cumin seeds. Once they start to pop, add the black mustard seeds, garlic and chillies. Cook for 1 minute until the garlic is just lightly browned then take off the heat. Immediately spoon the tarka over the soup and cover with a lid. Leave for 5 minutes before mixing the tarka into the soup and serving. *Enjoy!*

Iestyn Jones Evans



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The Wright Life



Turning 60 is a milestone that marks a shift towards deep personal freedom, self-acceptance and a renewed focus on what truly matters. Many say it can be the beginning of a new and exciting chapter, after all, 60 is just a number. For my 60th I decided to do something a bit different and booked two trips – a peaceful one along the Llangollen Canal over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and a steamy one on the Llangollen Railway.

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is a navigable aqueduct that carries the Llangollen Canal across the River Dee. The 19-arched stone and cast-iron structure is for use by narrowboats and was completed in 1805 having taken ten years to design and build. It was designed by civil engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop and is a hugely impressive sight. Although you do need a head for heights.

We joined the canal boat at Froncysyllte, after a short bus trip from Llangollen Wharf and straight after setting off we were approaching the aqueduct. It's the highest canal aqueduct in the world and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site at 126 ft / 38 m. That full height doesn't become apparent until you start to travel

across; there is no rail on one side, and the boat appears to squeeze into the trough (made from cast iron plates) and frequently buffets the sides, causing jerks and everyone initially holds their breath. One lady, behind me, screamed and spent the whole trip under the table. She hadn't realised how high we were and her husband comforted her until we were safely across. But I took in the scenery, with the River Dee way below us and in the distance the historic Pont Cysyllte (also known as the Cysylltau Bridge or locally as The Bont) which also spans the River Dee.

It was soon over and then we enjoyed a pleasant trip at 4 miles per hour back to Llangollen Wharf. The canal narrows on the approach to Llangollen because it was originally built as a water feeder channel rather than a commercial freight route. We did cause a bit of a 'traffic jam', passing several boats here. Boaters usually deploy someone onto the tow path to look ahead for oncoming boats, but we pressed on.

Back in Llangollen, I joined another historic form of transport – the Llangollen Steam Railway. This nostalgic journey through time captured the sights, sounds and charm of steam travel. We started in the beautifully preserved Llangollen Railway station situated beside the rushing rapids of the River Dee. I was greeted by the smell of coal smoke and the hiss of escaping steam. It was packed and the only seat I could find was in the guard's van, where I met a local lady from Carrog, who travelled regularly, this was her 'commute' – and what a 'commute'. There were pull down windows in this carriage and you can pop your head out and watch the engine puff a trail of white smoke and feel the soot in the air; I just need to remember to pull my head in before the Berwyn Tunnel. It did prove to be a good place to sit to enjoy the scenery, as the train



The Wright Life



hugs the river Dee for almost its entire length and you can enjoy the rolling parched 'brown' (not green) hillsides and farmland.

After the 10-mile journey into the historic town of Corwen and back, it was over far too quickly, and I was soon back in Llangollen. A truly memorable 60th.

Hazel

Messy Church



In our 'back to school' September session we talked about weddings. One of our faithful Messy Church supporters, Rachel, is getting married in October and so it is a special time for her. Doesn't she look just lovely in the photo? As well as the floral arch, we made cake-shaped coaster, bunches of flowers, tealight holders decorated with hearts and we decorated gingerbread men and women as the bride and groom. We heard the story of the wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle when he turned the water into wine.

We will be back on 11th October so why not come along and join in the fun? Children, please bring a grown-up with you.

We were very sorry to hear that a stalwart of Messy Church, Wendy Redfern-Evans, hasn't been well – we wish her the best so that she can enjoy Rachel's wedding!

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Mothers' Union

In our September meeting we included in our prayers a very special prayer which commemorated an amazing anniversary of Mothers' Union. Active for 150 years, with over 4 million members in over 80 countries, MU works with people of all faiths and none, transforming lives and strengthening families and communities. Rooted in kindness, faith and compassionate action, MU seeks to create a better future where everyone has the opportunity and resources to thrive.

We are very grateful to Carolyn for organising a very thought-provoking craft activity when we could let our imaginations loose to help us to create something we had probably never thought we could!

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Trefoil Guild

Trefoil members had a very interesting talk about a vase which was taken to the BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*. It is a rare Davenport's pottery vase, one of only three ever made. We heard all about the roadshow experience and the research which went on into the vase's history. The raffle was drawn and tea and biscuits enjoyed. Toiletries will be brought to the next meeting for the food bank.



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World Quaker Day, 4 October

On Sunday 30 August, Quakers met for the second time in the Cocoa Rooms. We usually meet in the Naylor Layland Centre in Ruthin at 10:30 every Sunday morning, except when there is a fifth Sunday of the month, when we meet in Llandyrnog.

The Quaker movement began in the sixteen hundreds as a religious movement of people who had become convinced that the individual is able to connect directly with God and does not need an intermediary. The Quaker movement therefore has its roots in Christianity, and as was common at that time, when people chose not to conform, they were persecuted.

Love your neighbour



Quakers today are a diverse group that does not sign up to a specific set of beliefs and emphasises inclusivity. We are a group of friends on a spiritual journey in each others company, who have no hierarchy, only individuals with responsibilities and roles who facilitate meetings. However, even though there are no set beliefs, there is a

particular set of values which Quakers work towards and aspire to – a simple life, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship in caring for the planet. Therefore people of differing personal religious beliefs are found in every Quaker group – traditional Christians, theists, non-theists, agnostics and those from other groups, such as Buddhists. ‘Worship’ takes the form of centring down to a place of stillness within oneself, (a practice found in other religions), but also recognising the power of doing this practice in community with others. Personal views and beliefs can be freely expressed.

There is a strong emphasis too on listening, whether it is to any promptings that come from the inner stillness or listening to whatever another person may want to share with either an individual or the group. It may be something sad or troubling or something happy and joyful, or even just plain interesting – the conversation is wide-ranging and there is often plenty of laughter. The meetings in the Cocoa Rooms last for 40 mins and are followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Do feel welcome to come along to the meeting next time we are there, or just join us for a cuppa afterwards if you wish.

Sian Gwyn Ifan



Let Peace Be Among Us



Coffee morning

**Saturday, 10 October
In the Village Hall**

at 10am

Usual stalls and raffle

**Proceeds to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd
League of Friends**



A word from our County Councillor



deserves our continued support.

We mustn't forget the excellent Tŷ Ceffyl Bach craft shop, which Angie runs with the help of Graham. It is another great example of the enterprise and community spirit we are fortunate to have here in Llandyrnog.

At the September meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council, it is hoped that another Community Councillor will have been co-opted. There is also another vacancy being advertised, so if you feel you would like to become involved and help represent the community, please contact Bryn Davies, the Clerk, for further details. Local councils depend on people being prepared to give some of their time and play a part in village life.

At Denbighshire County Council, there has also been a significant change. On 8 September, Cllr Hugh Evans was elected as the new Leader of the Council. I wish him well in the role. There are some major challenges ahead for the authority, and I hope the new leadership will bring stability and a strong focus on delivering for our communities.

As always, if there is anything I can help with as your County Councillor, please do get in touch – details below.

*Cllr Merfyn Parry
Llandyrnog Ward*

I had the privilege this year of being asked to serve as President of the Llandyrnog Flower Show, and I was both pleased and honoured to accept.

The standard of the show was exceptional, particularly considering the summer we have had, which made growing almost anything a challenge. The flowers, vegetables and other produce were a real credit to everyone who entered, while the crafts, art and photography sections were equally impressive. The outdoor dog show was also a great success and added to what was a thoroughly enjoyable community event.

Events such as the Flower Show really do bring the village together, and the organisers deserve enormous praise for the time, effort and enthusiasm they put into making it happen each year.

By the time this magazine goes to press, the Llandyrnog Community Shop AGM will also have taken place. A quick look at the figures beforehand certainly made encouraging reading, and the shop appears to be going from strength to strength. It remains an important part of village life and

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Walking in the Llandyrnog area

I travel to Llandyrnog on a regular basis to see my parents, Chris and Ruth Griffith. The joy of arriving in the village and seeing the white railings by the Kinmel advertising a coffee morning – such a relief after the chaos of the M62. I know every inch of that horrible motorway!

In the last few years, I have done many local walks – I don't think there is anywhere more beautiful than the Vale of Clwyd. You are all so privileged to live here.



Lady Bagot's Drive is one of my favourites. The drive was built by Lord Bagot in the 1850s as a private carriageway along the river Clywedog between Pool Park and Bontuchel to allow his wife to drive her carriage after church on Sundays.

I park in the free car park in Rhewl and go over the road to the start of the drive – a stunning walk of around 2½ miles following the banks of the river Clywedog. The path is

enclosed by a tunnel of tree branches – the light patterns formed on sunny days is just stunning. The river bubbles away and I have spotted kingfishers.

The top of the drive is reached, and a right turn takes you on the return journey through the majestic pine forest. The silence and the smell of the trees is something else.

The end of the walk is marked by a stunning Smartflower. This is an iconic moving sunflower structure providing energy to the home whose garden it is situated in.

A must-do walk if haven't already done it!

Caroline Allison



An example of a Smartflower. It provides 40% more output than static rooftop panels. Its petals open in the morning and track the sun throughout the day to maximise absorption of light.

A word from the priest



Autumn is now with us and as always at this time of year we can see how busy the farmers are gathering in their crops. So far, the days have also been mild with sunny spells giving us the opportunity to make the most of our beautiful countryside before the winter sets in.

With its vibrant colours, crisp air, and a gentle whisper of change, autumn serves as a poignant reminder of the ever-present hand of our Creator. Let us pause and reflect on the spiritual lessons that autumn graciously offers, as we reflect on the beauty of autumn and discover the ways it speaks to our faith:

With the gathering of the Autumn harvest celebrated in our Harvest Festival Services and Suppers, we can be absorbed once more into the wonder of God's goodness. Every year, we experience the abundance of the earth, from the crops we harvest to the blessings we often take for granted. It's easy to overlook the small things, but when we take time to be still and reflect, we see that God's hand is in every part of our lives. His faithfulness provides for us, and His love is a constant presence.

Many of you may know and have possibly experienced unusual harvest traditions around the world. In Japan, there's a festival called "Oeshiki" where; to celebrate the rice harvest, people walk through the streets with massive lanterns, spinning them like helicopter blades! Meanwhile, in some parts of Spain, they celebrate the grape harvest by jumping into vats of grapes and stomping

them barefoot. It's a bit like making wine, but also kind of like extreme squishing!

And how about this one? In Switzerland, there's a tradition where children dress up in leaves and branches, parade through the town, and then... the villagers chase them with cowbells! I'm not sure what that has to do with harvest, but there you go. They make decorating the church with harvest gifts a little tame, I guess.

But while harvest traditions vary around the world, they all have something in common: thanksgiving. Whether it's rice, grapes, or wheat, harvest time is when we pause to give thanks for what the land has produced.

Let's take a moment to look at how a harvest actually works. The farmer doesn't just sit at home and hope the crops gather themselves in. There's work involved—tilling, planting, watering, and finally, the actual gathering. In the same way, Jesus has prepared and nurtured hearts, but He's asking us to do the gathering.

At Harvest we thank and praise God for all his gifts of food and weather, especially his plants which mature in autumn and nourish us and farm animals all year. Harvest is also an opportunity to give thanks and to praise God for all creatures which move in the waters, fly in the sky and live on the land.

Harvest reminds us that all earth's creatures are a community created to praise and glorify God.

As we immerse ourselves into this beautiful season, let us open our hearts to the profound messages this season carries. May this Autumn be a time of spiritual renewal and a reminder of God's unending love and faithfulness. Let us rejoice in the beauty of autumn and carry its lessons with us throughout the year, continually growing in our relationship with our Heavenly Creator God. Amen.

Rev. Canon Juliet Fraser

The Tuesday Club



In our September meeting, we heard about our treasurer, Margaret Williams' journey with her family to Egypt, following her

ancestors, the Davies Bryan brothers, who were very successful business people in Cairo, Port Said and Khartoum. The story was very interesting and almost unbelievable, such was their Welshmen's success.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 October at 2pm in the Cocoa Rooms. We look forward to a talk by former Chief Inspector of Police, Mark Owen, a tractor enthusiast and owner of a herd of alpacas! A warm welcome awaits new members.



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Friendship Group

The September meeting took place in the Community Shop. We were given a talk on a recent trip to Mongolia by Helen and Steve Jukes-Hughes, which gave a fascinating insight into the country and its people.

Next meeting will be held at the Cocoa Rooms on Tuesday October 6th at 7 pm.

The group also had a day out and lunch at Moreton Park.

Coffee morning

Saturday, 24 October
in the Village Hall at 10am

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The Community Council

Cllr Powell was warmly welcomed to her first meeting.

- ♦ The community policeman attended the meeting. Of the twenty reported incidents in the immediate area only two were in Llandyrnog – one for a road traffic accident and the other a report of a gentleman offering to dispose of tarmac surplus from a local job. North Wales Police appreciate local intelligence to allow them to trace the vehicles and maybe there is a pattern occurring in the area. Incidents of this nature should be relayed on 101 or preferably on-line.
- ♦ It was decided to offer MHC full support with their Christmas tree project and offer any advice or guidance necessary.
- ♦ Cllr Patricia Mackinnon-Day had offered her resignation from the council. Tom Ward's application to become a community councillor was unanimously accepted. That still leaves two vacant seats and DCC has given the go-ahead to co-opt. A notice will be posted on the website and community council notice board.
- ♦ Cllr Parry gave a brief update on the North Wales Hospital site. This is not progressing as well as had been anticipated due to further issues with conservation matters, but it is hoped to be resolved soon.
- ♦ Cllr Butler attended a MHC Liaison Group meeting and Llangwyfan is running at full capacity of 72 residents and circa 300 staff.
- ♦ Works to Cae Nant have been completed and Cllr Morris has undertaken an user survey. A very positive feedback has been received. Cllr Parry kindly offered to sow seeds

on the areas of soil that have been disturbed and the LFSA will purchase locks for the gates. The dangerous benches have been reported to the Llandyrnog Sports and Football Association who owns them and arrangements have been made for their removal.

Co-option

There are two vacant seats on the community council – if you feel you would like to apply and see if you qualify by virtue of living or working in the community contact rbrynd1@gmail.com by 9 October.

Works to London Bridge / Tan Y Graig Culvert have now been completed. The road was opened to traffic on the evening of Friday 25th September.

