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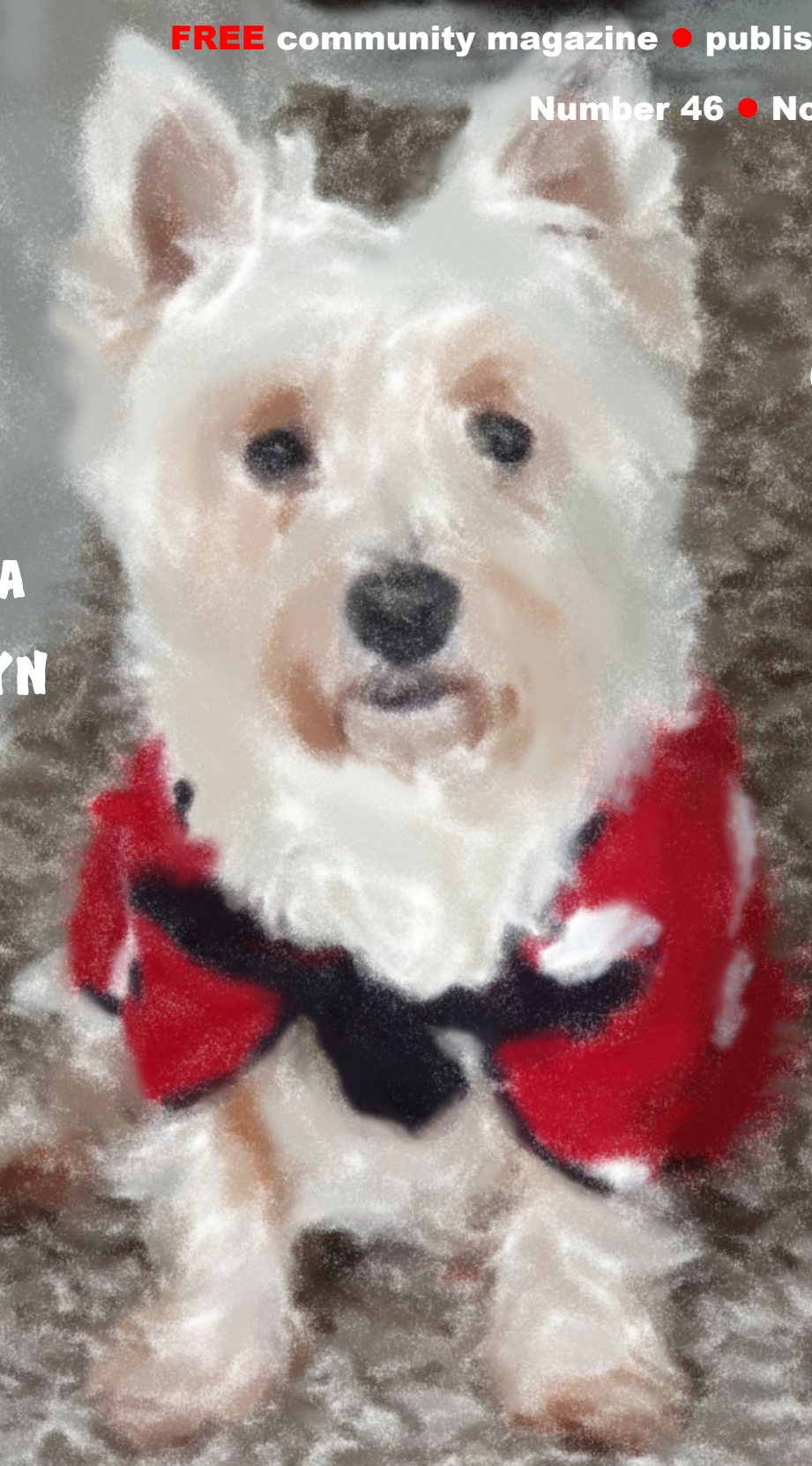
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Imbyism and that speed limit

John Nunn

I think I may have invented a new word.

Most people have heard of "nimbyism": nimby – not in my back yard. This is where we all agree that something should be done about it, but not near us, thank you very much! Whether it is housing refugees, hostels for released prisoners, a new factory: we all agree, all absolutely necessary but not near me. Well, "imbyism" is when you *do* want something in your back yard.

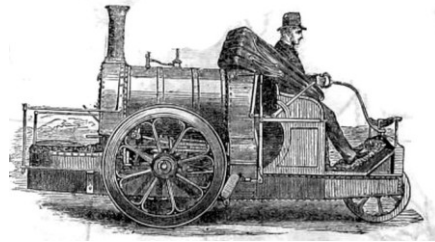


By the time you read this we shall all be well into our new 20mph limits in certain built-up areas. According to the leaflet which we have all received, 63% of the population of Wales support the idea of a reduced speed limit near where they live; however, everyone I chat to seems very concerned about the inevitable delays and seem to adopt attitudes quite incompatible with the Welsh Government survey. I am not cynical enough to assume that the survey results are made up. It's just that we like the idea of slower traffic "in my back yard" but not in places where we need to drive.

Within a week of moving to Llangoed I was done for speeding. I was clocked by the mobile traffic camera which was parked below Plas Cadnant. I hadn't even registered the speed sign for Porthaethwy/Menai Bridge, assuming it was nearer to the town proper. I was clocked at 35mph and, to be honest, was pretty cheesed off to be booked for being so little over the limit. I was offered a course instead of a fine, and learned that if you are hit by a vehicle travelling at 35mph you are twice as likely to die than if you are hit at 30mph. Suddenly I wasn't so cheesed off; and now, the Welsh Government leaflet shows that you are five times more likely to die if you are hit at 30mph than at 20 mph. If that is correct it at least needs careful thought.

Undoubtedly, the new limits will make a difference to our lives. Certainly there will be delays, though how long the average delay will be is a matter of debate. If the statistics are correct, and there is no reason to suppose they are not, lives will be saved. It is fairly obvious that if you are a pedestrian and hit by a vehicle, the faster the vehicle is going the more likely you are to die; however, saved lives from collisions do not tell the whole story. Will emergency vehicles be delayed and, if so, will that affect survivability? Will there be an increase in atmospheric pollution as a result of vehicles being on the road longer? If so, how will that affect life expectancy? At the moment there are no

real answers to these questions, but they do at least show that the issue is not entirely straightforward. It is also worth remembering that as experience of the limits is gathered undoubtedly there will be changes.



A steam road locomotive, built by Mr Rickett of Buckingham for the Earl of Caithness, in which the Earl and Countess and the Rev W Ross drove over 120 miles from Inverness to John o'Groats, Caithness, in two days in 1860; what a hair-raising journey it must have been! (Universal History Archive/Universal Images Group via Getty Images)

Debate about the imposition or abolition of speed limits have been going on for a very long time. Perhaps we can learn from the past because, of course, we have been here before. The history of motoring in the UK has been one of changing speed limits, often accompanied by cries of outrage. In 1865 the famous Red Flag Act or Locomotive Act required a pedestrian to walk 60 yards in front of a road steam locomotive waving a red flag to warn of its approach. In the light of the unreliability of these machines (sometimes a boiler would blow up) it was probably a wise precaution. An Act of 1878 laid down a speed limit in towns of 2mph (and yes, I do mean 2mph). On country roads you could veritably speed along at 4mph. In both cases, though, a pedestrian "escort" was required to walk 20 yards in front to warn folk that you were coming (no red flag anymore, though).

The Locomotives on Highways Act 1896 finally released poor frustrated drivers from the tyranny of the law as national speed limits were abolished and local authorities empowered to make their own. The average is usually accepted as being about 14mph. To celebrate, an "Emancipation Run" was organised in that year in which vehicles engaged in a mad dash from London to Brighton. It is reported that some of the participants managed to sustain an average mind-blowing speed of 20mph!

In 1927 the drive was revived as the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (not a race, incidentally) open to cars built before 1905, and has been held in virtually every year since when the country was not at war: the famous London to Brighton rally for classic cars.

The absence of a national speed limit did not last long and in 1903 was introduced at 20mph. In 1930, however, all speed limits were once again

abolished. Be wary of what you ask for, though. A spate of road-related injuries and deaths soon brought a return to limits with the now familiar limit of 30mph being introduced in built-up areas. These limits were every bit as popular in some quarters as the return to the 1903 20mph limit is in some quarters today, with a spate of incidents where the new 30mph signs were torn down and thrown in fields or rivers.

Authorities continued to tinker with the rules, and when the 70 mph limit was introduced on motorways in 1967 there were howls of protests from the owners of high-powered vehicles, with accusations that these were "dawdling limits". BBC archive material shows hundreds protesting at this new limit on the M1. In 1974, while 70 mph remained the limit on motorways, the limit for other dual carriageways was reduced to 60 mph and to 50 mph on all single lane (in each direction) roads. Before these latest reductions to 20mph, which apply only to Wales, the last alterations were in 1977, when the limits became 30ph (in built-up areas), 60mph (on single-lane highways) and 70mph on all dual carriageways (motorways and non-motorways).

So, if we learn anything at all from all this, it is that speed limits have frequently been changed; ostensibly, in the interests of road safety and latterly air quality, but often, when one probes a bit deeper, for reasons related to the price or supply of fuel. On the rare occasions when limits are raised there are celebrations, but when limits are reduced, there are howls of protest initially, but gradually the limits become normalised and accepted, and at the end of the day, it does seem that if the Welsh Government statistic – that you are five times more likely to die if you are hit by a vehicle doing 30mph than by one doing 20mph is correct – the reduction in the speed limit should save lives (never start a sentence with a conjunction, my English teacher used to say...what did he know?).

I have raided a fair variety of sources publicly available on the internet to compose this epistle. I am grateful to all of them.



Our Christmas front cover

Andrew Perrott

Once again, we should make it clear that no Westies were harmed during the production of this Christmas cover. There wasn't even any bribery involved; Tilly just decided to sit in front of me and think deep thoughts...

The picture is another of my famous/infamous art forgeries, and features Tilly posing in a little red just-on-the-shoulder number just after Christmas 2023. The number in question is a rather chic

handmade fleece coat with sheep on it. It was bequeathed to Tilly after her friend, Beti, went to the Great Kennel in the Sky a couple of years ago. Tilly and her best friend Edie (she of the hat and sunglasses in The Puffin 45, page 31) were enjoying a post-Christmas breakfast with their friend Daisy.

The year 2023 was notable in all sorts of ways, not least for the appalling summer that we had to endure: a lovely May and June were followed by what seemed like week after week of nothing but wind and rain. I'm typing this towards the end of August, having just watched a weather forecast on TV which gave little hope of anything other than 'more of the same'. Never mind...

Now, all that remains is for Tilly, and all of us at The Puffin's Editorial Team, to wish you all...

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

What's happening where?

What's happening where? continues to grow, and we hope that you find it useful.

If you think that an event is missing and should be mentioned, do make sure that you let us know in good time.

Our 'submissions by' dates are:

- 1 January for February
- 1 April for May
- 1 July for August
- 1 October for November

Our contact details are always given in *Editorial information and other 'useful to know' stuff* on the back page.

We want to support you, but we can't do so if you don't support us by feeding information to us...support us to support your community!

Keep an eye on websites, local advertising and social media, Facebook and the like, because changes can affect events either way, some happening suddenly or being cancelled just as suddenly:

- Check beforehand to make sure that an event is happening.
- Remember to take a mask with you.

Attention, voluntary groups! If your organisation has opportunities to fill, think about placing an advertisement in The Puffin.

Our contact details are always on the back page.

Some useful local services

- **Cashpoints:** there are now no banks in the Seiriol area, but we

puffinpages@gmail.com

know of two cashpoints:

- **Jolly's**, 5 Bulkeley Terrace, Beaumaris LL58 8AU, outside, at what used to be the NatWest bank
- **Spar**, 11 Castle Street, Beaumaris LL58 8AB: inside, during opening hours

Please let us know if you know of any others so that we can list them here.

Post Offices: note also that you can withdraw cash with your bank card at any Post Office counter (Spar, Beaumaris, and Morrisons Daily, Llangoed, for example) free of charge.

- **Beaumaris library:** Beaumaris library is at:

David Hughes Community Centre
Beaumaris
Anglesey
LL58 8AL

Opening times are:

Monday 2.30pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-12.30pm
Friday 9.00am-1pm

☎ 01248 810659

✉ ddxlh@anglesey.gov.wales

- **Mobile library:** the mobile library visits communities which are more than ¾ mile from one of Anglesey's libraries. It carries a small but comprehensive selection of books and tapes, and also provides a gateway to other library services.

The mobile library visits the following communities on the third Friday of the month:

- **Llanddona:**
Neuadd Bentref Llanddona
Village Hall
11.30am-12.30pm
Maes Gwyn
1.10pm-1.45pm
- **Llanfaes:**
Siop Llandêg
9.30am-10.00am
- **Llangoed:**
Pont y Brenin
10.10am-10.40am
Aberlleiniog car park
10.45am-11.15am
- **Llansadwrn:**
Tan-y-Ffordd
2.00pm-2.30pm

☎ 01248 752093, 01248 752095

Telephone Llangedfni Library if you would like more information about the doorstep delivery service.

☎ 01248 752093

📱 Mobile and Home Library Service
www.anglesey.gov.wales/en/Residents/Libraries/Mobile-and-Home-Library-Service.aspx

- **Household waste recycling:** Anglesey residents do not need to book a slot to use the Penhesgyn Household Waste Recycling Centre (Menai Bridge LL59 5RY):

Vehicles must be no longer than 5.0m and no higher than 2.1m, including any attachments.

Householders must produce proof of residency on the Isle of Anglesey, such as a current Council Tax bill, driving licence or recent (less than 3 months old) utility bill.

Opening times are:

Monday 10.00am-4.30pm
Tuesday 10.00am-4.30pm
Friday 10.00am-4.30pm
Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm
Sunday 10.00am-4.30pm

📄 Penhesgyn Household Waste Recycling Centre
www.anglesey.gov.wales/en/Residents/Bins-and-recycling/Recycling-centres-and-recycling-banks/Penhesgyn-Household-Waste

☎ Waste Management
01248 752093



- **Mobile banking:** NatWest appears to be alone among the main banks in providing a mobile banking service.

A Mobile Branch visits Beaumaris and Menai Bridge every week:

- **Beaumaris:**
Castle Square
LL58 8DA
Wednesday 10.30am-11.15am
- **Menai Bridge:**
Wood Street car park
LL59 5QW
Wednesday 3.35pm-3.55pm

📄 A directory for your local banking services
www.natwest.com/banking-with-natwest/other-ways-to-bank-with-natwest-banking-me.html#mb



- **Mobile Post Office:** the Post Office provides a mobile service across Anglesey.

It makes the following weekly local stops at Llanddona and Llangedfni:

- **Llanddona:**
Neuadd Bentref Llanddona
Village Hall
LL58 8TS
Tuesday 2.30pm-3.00pm
Maes Gwyn
LL58 8TP
Tuesday 3.05pm-3.30pm

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- **Llandegfan:**
Bro Llewelyn
LL59 5UP
Tuesday 3.45pm-4.15pm
Maes Ffynnon
LL59 5PS
Tuesday 4.15pm-4.45pm

All the usual Post Office services are available.

Visit Maesgeirchen Mobile Post Office's Facebook page for up-to-date information about the mobile Post Office service.

- 📧 Maesgeirchen Mobile Post Office
www.facebook.com/people/Maesgeirchen-Mobile-Post-Office/100057490246225/



Anglesey, Gwynedd

- **Anglesey & Gwynedd Widowed Group:** please note that this is *not* a dating site; the organisers are volunteers and the group is not a charity.

It is a group for widows and widowers aged over 50 (suggested age only) who live permanently in the Anglesey, Bangor and Caernarfon (Gwynedd) areas.

We meet for regular get-togethers: coffee, lunch, days out, leisure activities, evenings out, theatre, concerts, coach trips and so on, and have a zoom meeting to chat every fourth Saturday evening of the month.

This is not a support group, just a group of people who have been through the loss of a spouse or long-term partner, and who can empathise with each other but are ready to start enjoying life again.

We use www.meetup.com for information about events and to keep in touch.

If you'd like more information please contact me, Lyn Roberts.

- ☎ 07474 224246
- ✉ lyn2910@yahoo.co.uk

Beaumaris

- **RNLI: volunteers wanted!** The RNLI is working hard to make itself inclusive, with the Fundraising Team, shop helpers and crew all working together as a team. We'd give a big welcome to anyone who would like to volunteer in any capacity.

Like most charities, we do need more volunteers to help with our shop and events.

200th anniversary! Next year will be the RNLI's 200th anniversary, a very special year, with national and local

celebrations being planned, as well as many extra events.

If you are interested please call in at the RNLI shop or contact Valary Wakefield on 01248 811375.

Keep an eye on social media and **The Puffin** for updates.



Lifeboats

- **Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club:** Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club fielded eight teams this year, in five different Leagues, and would like to welcome new members, young or old, male or female.

The Club is at Happy Valley, by the beautiful Beaumaris Castle. For more information and/or a taster session please contact Dave Mathias, Secretary.

- ✉ davemathias49@gmail.com

☎ 01248 490222, 07712 121147

- 📧 Beaumaris Bowling Club
<https://beaumarisbowlingclub.yolasite.com/>

- 📧 Beaumaris Bowling Club
www.facebook.com/people/Beaumaris-Bowling-Club/100063490482942/

There's more to read on page 25.

- **Clwb Rhwyfo Beaumaris Rowing Club:** there's a long history of competitive rowing on the Menai Strait.

The Club runs taster events during April and September for people to learn about, and have a go at, rowing a Celtic. It doesn't matter if you've never rowed before; we'll show you the ropes.

Visit our website if you'd like to know more about us.

- 📧 www.beaumarisrowingclub.org.uk/



- **Beaumaris Cricket Club:** we welcome new members; our average age is somewhere around 50, a few younger and some older!

If you'd like to join us give one of us a call:

Chairman: Ian Gorst Jones,
☎ 01248 811248

Captain: David Graves,
☎ 07851 632881

Vice-Captain: Evan Hughes,
☎ 07999 505001

Match organiser: Philip Lewis,
☎ 07484 262297

- 📧 www.facebook.com/people/Beaumaris-Cricket-Club/100057043976040/

- **Beaumaris Film Night:** put the first Thursday of every month in your diary! Have a look below at what's coming this autumn/winter.

Refreshments are available from 7.00pm; the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are still just £5 each, and are available in advance from reception, or telephone to book.

☎ 01248 811200

2 November: *Living* (2022): London, 1953: Bill Nighy is a reserved accountant who works to strict routine. Faced with a dire medical diagnosis, he learns to live life anew and find meaning before it's too late (1h 42m).

7 December: *Bank of Dave* (2023): True story: a Burnley van magnate wants to open a community bank to help to fund local businesses. To do so he must battle London's elite financial institutions and compete for the first banking licence in over 100 years (1h 47m).

Volunteers are always welcome at Beaumaris Film Night; please contact Stephen Marsden to find out more.

☎ 07774 699685

- **Beaumaris Over 50's Club:** Club meetings take place at 2.00pm on the last Monday of the month at:

The Iorwerth Rowlands Centre
Steeple Lane
Beaumaris
LL58 8AE

We extend a warm welcome to new and old members.

Put these dates in your diary!

- **30 Hydref/30 October:** Fiona Braithwaite, siaradwr o Erddi Bodnant/Fiona Braithwaite, speaker from Bodnant Gardens
- **27 Tachwedd/27 November:** Canu ar gyfer Pleser ac Eitemau Nadolig/ Singing for Pleasure and Christmas Items.
- **Rhagfyr/December:** dim cyfarfod/no meeting.
- **29 Ionawr/29 January:** Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol a Bingo/ Annual General Meeting and Bingo Session.

For more details and bookings, please contact the Chair, Mike Davies.

☎ 01248 812157, 07483 827069

- ✉ dmikedmail@gmail.com

We ran two trips in September:

- **14 September:** to the Golf Club, Caernarfon, where we had an

www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

2ND AND 3RD DECEMBER



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AN ASSORTMENT OF SANDWICHES
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CONTINUING THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

* 30 Castle Street, Beaumaris, Anglesey LL58 8AP *
* ☎ 01248 810645 * ✉ beausteshop@outlook.com * 🌐 www.facebook.com/beaustearoom/ *

excellent lunch

26 September: to the Llangollen Canal, with lunch on the canal boat.

• **H'Artworks:** Anne Snaith is 'Artist in Residence' at the Bulkeley Hotel, Castle Street, Beaumaris.

Go to page 6 to read about the workshops that Anne runs, and read her article on page 22.

• **Seindorf Beaumaris Band:** come along to hear some excellent music! We'll be holding a Christmas Fair, with live music, crafts and cakes to buy, in Beaumaris Town Hall on Saturday 25 November (11.00am-1.00pm).

Our Christmas Concerts will be held at the Canolfan in Beaumaris on Friday 8/Saturday 9 December (times to be confirmed; watch out for more information locally or follow us on Facebook).

Do come and celebrate with us!

Are you interested in music? We have a range of bands catering to all levels of musical ability, including absolute beginners! All rehearsals take place at the Band Hall in Beaumaris (next to the fire station):

- The Junior Band rehearses on Mondays, 5.30pm-6.30pm (conductor: Maggie Williams)
- The Intermediate Band rehearses on Mondays, 6.45pm-8.15pm (conductor: Maggie Williams)
- Youth Band rehearses on Tuesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm (conductor: Pete Cowlshaw)
- LSW ('Last of the Summer Wind') rehearses on Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm (conductor: Fred Evans)
- Senior Band rehearses on Thursdays, 7.30pm-9.30pm (conductor: Bari Gwilliam)

Contact the Band at post@beaumarisband.org.uk for more information, and read more about it on page 12.

📧 Seindorf Beaumaris Band www.facebook.com/beaumarisband



• **Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre:** There's so much happening at Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris that we don't have room for it here, so see our centre-spread

on pages 16-17 and the article on page 21 to find out what's going on, and keep up-to-date with everything via social media.

📍 Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre
Rating Row
Beaumaris
Anglesey
LL58 8AL

☎ 01248 811200

✉ enquiries@canolfanbeaumaris.org.uk

🌐 Canolfan Beaumaris www.canolfanbeaumaris.org.uk/

🌐 Canolfan Beaumaris www.facebook.com/canolfan.beaumaris.7/



• **Seiriol Good Turn Scheme:** if you live in the Seiriol Ward area (Beaumaris, Glanrafon, Llandegfan, Llandona, Llanfaes, Llangoed, Llansadwrn and Penmon) the Seiriol Good Turn Scheme may be able to help you.

Hello...I'm Anne Snaith; I'm 'Artist in Residence' at the Bulkeley Hotel, Castle Street, Beaumaris, where I run a variety of workshops and much more besides.

I have lots of wonderful things planned for the Christmas season 2023!

There will be different activities for children and adults alike, with a selection of fun festive workshops available.

Tuesdays
4.30pm-5.30pm

Children's Art Club for ages 7-12: the cost is £15.00 per head, and includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media.

Running now; contact me for more details.

Limited spaces still available.

Wednesdays
1.00pm-3.00pm

Watercolours: beginners and intermediate: it's fun and friendly, and a block of ten sessions costs £150.

Each session is 'stand alone', so people can join later and create a picture each session.

If you are late joining the course, fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Spaces still available.

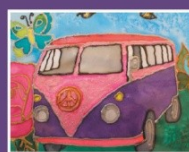
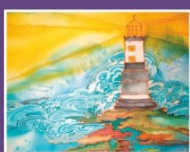


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Thursdays
1.00pm-3.00pm

Watercolours and mixed media: it's fun and friendly, and a block of ten sessions costs £150. Each session is 'standalone', so people can join later and create a picture each session.

If you are late joining the course, fees will be adjusted. The class is now full but I can put your name on my waiting list.

Thursdays
4.30pm-5.30pm

Young People's Art Group for ages 12-18: The cost is £15.00 per head, and includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media. Materials are included.

Fridays
1.00pm onwards

One-to-ones: spaces are available for one-to-one private tuition in 1- or 2-hour blocks to suit.

For more information...

Keep an eye on social media, such as Facebook and Instagram!

If you would like more information or would like to book a place please contact me, Anne Snaith:

☎ 01248 810631 or
07531 384434

✉ hartworks@btinternet.com

🌐 www.facebook.com/anne.snaith.1

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I'm running art events and workshops during the Beaumaris Victorian Christmas weekend, 2-3 December; see below.

It's advisable to book ahead for these workshops. More details will be released soon.

The services offered by the Scheme are provided by volunteers, and offer help to any person living in the Seiriol Ward who, due to illness, incapacity or some other need, may benefit from the help that is available.

If you feel that the Scheme could help you please telephone us and we will arrange a home visit to discuss your needs.

☎ 01248 305014

Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm



- **Beaumaris Victorian Christmas:** Saturday/Sunday 2-3 December.

There will be lots to see and do for all the family, including:

- Santa's Grotto
- Carriage rides
- Music

- Games
- A Parade
- Stalls
- Fancy dress competition

...and much more!

The event is in aid of charity, and the funds raised will be distributed thus:

- 50% for the national charity, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
- 50% between local charities

The event will take place over the whole weekend, with additional entertainment, competitions, etc., on the Sunday for, and by, the local community.

📄 Beaumaris Victorian Christmas
www.beaumarisvictorianchristmas.com

Make a note in your diary!

- **Beaumaris Makers Market:** Castle Square, Beaumaris LL58 8AL (in front of the Castle Court Hotel, and

adjacent to the castle).

Here are the dates for the remainder of 2023; all times are 10.00am-4.00pm:

November: 26
December: 10

📄 Beaumaris Makers Market
www.facebook.com/beaumarismakersmarket/

- **Beaumaris Artisan Market:** Rating Row, Beaumaris LL58 8AP (in front of the David Hughes Community Centre).

It's open every Sunday until the end of the year, 10.00am-4.00pm.

📄 Beaumaris Artisan Market
<https://beaumarisartisanmarket.blogspot.com>

✉ beaumariswelshartisanmarket@outlook.com

- **Artists & Makers Collective:** Winter Fair, Saturday/Sunday 9/10 December, at the David Hughes

www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/

Community Centre, Rating Row,
Beaumaris LL58 8AF (the old
grammar school), Saturday
10.00am-5.00pm, Sunday 11.00am-
4.00pm.

Eleven artists and makers...

Jo Alexander
Jay Butters
Jane Evans
Maggie Evans
Sally Fairclough
Lille Latham
Lydia Latham
Marion Rose
Lynne Stuart
Mary Thomas
Cara White

...have come together to exhibit their
unique work for sale for one
weekend only.

Read more about the Winter Fair on
page 25.

Keep an eye on social media; for
more information please contact
Sally Fairclough at Stiwdio
Biwmares, 17 Margaret Street,
Beaumaris LL58 8DN

☎ 07971 602325

- **Beaumaris Rotary:** go to page 26 to
read about Beaumaris Rotary's
recent activities.

All Beaumaris Rotary news can also
be found on our Facebook page.

- ☑ Beaumaris Rotary
www.facebook.com/beaumarisrotary/



Llanddona

- **Act of Remembrance:** there will be
a short Act of Remembrance at the
War Memorial outside Capel Peniel,
Llanddona, on Sunday 15 November
at 2.30pm.

The War Memorial has a special
place in the hearts of many people
living in the village.

After the closure and sale of Capel
Peniel this year it will be a fitting
tribute to honour and respect our
local fallen in the two World Wars at
the much-loved and well-tended War
Memorial.

We ask you to join us on this special
day of national Remembrance.

If poor weather threatens our
service, the new owners of Capel
Peniel, James and Helen, have
given their kind permission to allow
us to shelter and hold it in the old
chapel.

We do hope you can join us.

Contact Lucy Low, Church Warden,

puffinpages@gmail.com

for more information.

☎ 01248 490167.



- **National Open Garden Scheme
2024:** here's an appetiser...

The National Open Gardens Scheme
is coming to Llanddona next

*Award-winning
pizzas, burgers & cocktails*
*Vegan & gluten-free
options available*
Dog-friendly
Black Point, Penmon,
Anglesey LL58 8RR
☎ 01248 490140
☑ www.pilothousecafe.com/

summer, on Saturday 13 July, with
nine gardens participating. Put the
date in your diary!

There'll be more news in the next two
numbers of The Puffin. In the
meantime, turn to page 20 for a
flavour of what will be happening.

- ☑ National Gardens Scheme
<https://ngs.org.uk>

- ☑ National Gardens Scheme: Open
your garden
[https://ngs.org.uk/get-involved/
open-your-garden/](https://ngs.org.uk/get-involved/open-your-garden/)



- **Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village
Hall:** we are a small and dedicated

group of Committee Members and
volunteers, and we would love to
welcome more people on board!

Please contact us if you'd like to
become involved in any way.

The Hall is available for hire. Please
contact us if you would like more
information or to make a booking.

- ☑ secretary@neuaddbentrefllanddona.co.uk

☎ 07733 176004, 07768 018370

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- **Caffi Ni:** every Friday, 11.45am-
2.00pm, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona
Village Hall.

Come and enjoy a home-cooked
two-course meal and a drink in a
relaxed and friendly atmosphere for
only £8 per person.

A special roast chicken dinner is
available on the first Friday of every
month.

All food is freshly prepared on the
premises by volunteers.

Booking is advisable; please
telephone Pat on 07768 018370.

- **Paned a Sgws:** every Tuesday,
2.00pm-3.00pm, at Neuadd Bentref
Llanddona Village Hall.

Improve your Welsh-speaking skills
with this small, friendly group over a
complimentary paned/cuppa and
biscuits. All levels of Welsh speakers
are welcome.

Sessions are informal so that people
can 'drop in' for a quick chat or stay
for the full session if preferred.

For more information contact Gill
Vaughan or Sheila Healey.

☎ 07925 184476 Gill Vaughan
☎ 01248 810619 Sheila Healey

- **Caffi Cofio:** the first and third
Wednesdays of the month, 2.00pm-
4.00pm, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona
Village Hall.

Caffi Cofio is provided by Carers
Trust North Wales Crossroads Care
Services. It's a friendly service for

people who live with memory loss, and their carers.

Transport to and from the group can be arranged, organised by the Seiriol Good Turn Scheme for a small fee.

Please telephone for more information or to book a place.

☎ 01492 542212



- **Gong Bath:** the first Tuesday of the month, starting at 7.00pm, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

It's relaxation and meditation through sound...lying on a mat, you close your eyes and relax for an hour whilst being bathed in powerful sound waves.

Please contact me, Steph Healy, for more information or to book a place.

☎ 07534 118899

✉ pure.sound@outlook.com

- **Free guitar lessons:** Monday evenings, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall:

- Under 10s: 5.30 pm
- 11+ years: 6.00pm

You don't have a guitar? That's not a problem; we have some guitars available for use in the classes.

Please contact Miriam Williams for more information.

☎ 07733 176004

- **Clwb Ffermwrwyr Ifanc Llangoed/ Llangoed Young Farmers Club:** meets every Monday, 7.45pm, at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall (not Llangoed!).



- **Llanddona Table Tennis Group:** we meet every Monday at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Please contact Kirsty Simpson if you're interested.

✉ kirstyalisonsimpson@hotmail.com

- **Llanddona Writers Group:** thinking of a family memoir, or short story, or just the chance to do a little writing alongside friends?

We meet every three weeks on a Friday at 11.00am.

We enjoy hearing from and encouraging each other, and maybe having a try at something new.

Why not come along and see...

If you'd like to know more, please contact Stephen Marsden.

☎ 07774 699685.

- **Village Knit Club:** every Monday at the Owain Glyndŵr, at 7.15pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

For more information contact Meg Marsden.

☎ 07913 223435

- **The Owain Glyndŵr:** there's always a lot happening at the Owain Glyndŵr.

Contact us for information about what's on.

☎ 01248 810710

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- **Llangoed Village Hall:** Llangoed Village Hall is available for parties, functions and weddings.

Please contact us for more information or to make a booking.

✉ llangoedvillagehall@gmail.com

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- **Llangoed WI:** we meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Llangoed Village Hall; meetings begin at 2.00pm.

We're a lively group of mixed ages, so, ladies, do feel welcome to join us.

Go to page 11 to read about our recent activities.



- **Yoga:** Llangoed Village Hall, Mondays 6.30pm-7.45pm: just right for beginners as well.

For more information please contact emilykyleyoga@gmail.com.

- **Camu Bach:** Llangoed Village Hall, every Friday during term-time, 9.30am-11.00am: for children and their carers.
- **Zumba:** Llangoed Village Hall, Wednesdays, 6.30pm-7.30pm.
- **Seiriol Men's Shed:** we meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00am-1.00pm, in our workshop adjacent to Haulfre Residential Home, Llangoed.

To find us from the direction of Beaumaris:

- Go through Llangoed, past Morrisons Daily on the right, and down the hill
- Go over the little bridge over the stream at the bottom and up the hill for about 200 yards
- Turn right at the *Gerddi Haulfre Gardens* sign into the Haulfre Residential Home car park and walk down the slope (to the right if you're facing Haulfre) towards the gardens
- Our premises are very close; our workshop is on the left, and our other premises are on the right.

PS: it's men only!...and please park thoughtfully; the car park is used by others as well.

For more information, or if you'd like to join us, please contact:

☎ Steve Jones 07368 219048

☎ Mike Thomas 07941 103386

✉ mensshedseiriol@gmail.com

Go to page 23 to read something about our projects and activities.



- **Llangoed Knitting Club:** we meet at the Pont y Brenin Hub on the third Monday of the month, 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Please contact Elizabeth Roberts, Bodwyn, Llangoed LL58 8NP if you'd like to join us.

- **Halloween Crafts:** Llangoed Village Hall, Tuesday 31 October, 1.00pm-3.30pm. Come for a spooky craft session!

For more information please contact sioned.elen.roberts@gmail.com

- **Halloween Party:** Llangoed Village Hall, Friday 3 November, 6.00pm-10.00pm.

The famous Llangoed Village Hall Halloween Party is here! Do join us.

- **Christmas Market:** Llangoed Village Hall, Sunday 18 November, 2.00pm-5.00pm.

www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/